



Update on Envision

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Envisioning what God can do in Whatcom County

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The Mission of Envision is to:

- build authentic community by:
- proclaiming the gospel
- and making disciples of Jesus Christ
- in Whatcom County
- especially within the downtown culture of Bellingham
- as a church missionary effort working in conjunction with local churches.

(Goals/Values and Budget Report Available Upon Request)

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Vision 2022

The theme for this year at Envision is the Church, and our vision is to strengthen the Body of Christ in Whatcom County.

Our house church network will be talking about these ideas, and you might find them encouraging and helpful for your church as well.

Acts 2:42 is our house church network's theme verse and here is a breakdown of how these values can strengthen the Body this year. Expect to hear about these in Mitchell's preaching, in discipleship classes and in this newsletter:

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is of foremost importance! Flowing out of that truth, we are devoted to-

- 1- **The Apostle's Teaching:** All believers are encouraged to share God's Word with one another in our meetings according to their gifts and with the oversight of elders
- 2- **Fellowship:** It's not about programs, but rather relational discipleship one with another with transparency
- 3- **The Breaking of Bread:** We eat meals in each other's homes often(including communion)
- 4- **Prayer:** We pray for the power of the Holy Spirit

So for our partner churches this kind of thing can happen in small groups, with discipleship partners, in prayer meetings and organically.

In terms of **goals for this year for Envision** they are these three:

- 1- We would like to **start a women's Summit House** in Whatcom County
- 2- We would like to do **an outreach at Bellingham Technical College** or have BTC students join us for an outreach event on the streets (or both)
- 3- We would like to strengthen the Body through **preaching, discipleship partner classes and another CD of Scripture songs** from the Senti's and a corresponding concert of music

BTC Salt is starting off this year well with small groups and looking to do a audio/podcast discussion. We are able to meet on campus and very excited to see what the Lord will do. Thank you for your prayers!

Thank you for those who stepped forward to **sponsor one of our guys at the Summit house for one month.** He has since also gotten COVID, pneumonia and the flu, so he is grateful for the help and has come through his sicknesses well, praise God!

The guys at the Summit houses are all doing well, **getting work, plugging into churches** and growing in Christ. There are always struggles- not the least of which is Covid limitations with quarantines, etc- but we are grateful to see the growth on every level. Keep praying for them to continue walking in the truth. Pray also whether your church will be the next place for a women's house. All glory to God.

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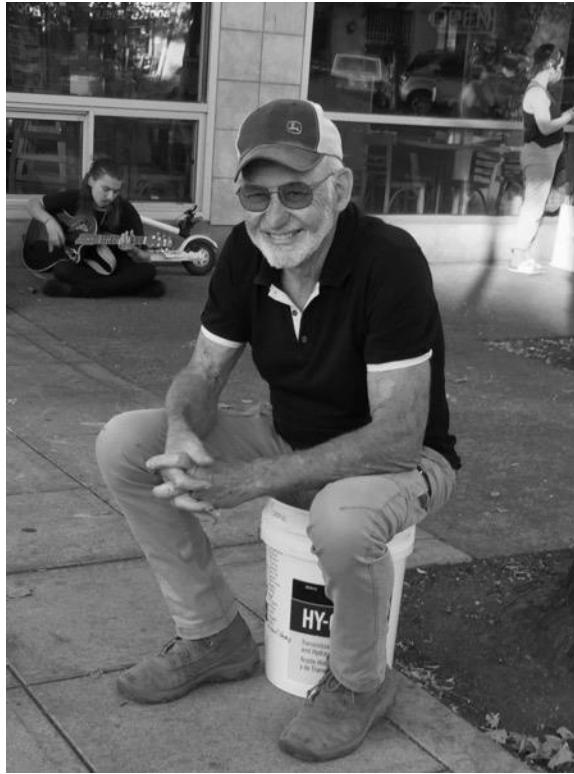
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“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”
Ephesians 3:20-21

We appreciate your generosity so much! (Mitchell doesn't see how much each of you gives, but he sees who gives.)

If you'd like to make a donation, please send checks to: Envision Mission, 710 E. Sunset, Bellingham, WA 98225

Our vision: to seek the face of Jesus!



And all glory to God for the crew that leads Street night on Tuesday nights. Gene Tinklenburg is pictured left on his bucket that is usually full of items for the homeless. The other “bucket boys” are Cal Buys, Rob Smith, Glen Blankers and Jerry Meenderinck. Cal leads every week, but all of these guys faithfully hit the streets, passing out helpful items, praying with folks and even sharing the Word of the Gospel when they can. They all say they've learned so much and are blessed in doing this work. Most of these guys are from 1st Christian Reformed Church in Lynden. We pray they may inspire others to step out and do outreach not only with us but in our own neighborhoods. We don't have to go overseas or very far to do the work of ministry. Recently a small group of gals from the church known as My Church also have started joining us once a month. Ladies

on the street open up more readily when they are with us and willing to pray. What a blessings these folks are and we are so thankful for their service in the LORD on the streets of Bellingham. Whether putting socks on a man with a walking disability's feet who smelled of urine, praying for a family in a tent, or with folks lined up in sleeping bags outside of a medical facility these folks minister to the least of these as unto Christ Himself by the grace of God alone and for his glory alone.

Please **also be praying for the Senti family's health** and strength as they seem to be facing difficulties in that arena lately.

Rochelle's CD is available this month in hard copy form! It's called “Hymns” and is taken from older hymns with new arrangements. We hope many of you will enjoy it!

The main way we hope to strengthen the church this year is by calling us all to be the Church that Christ intended us to be, encouraging and challenging so more on that next time! Shalom in Jesus.

Our Weekly Schedule:

Tuesday: Street Night Tuesdays (5:30-7:15pm), starts at 1st Baptist on 110 Flora St.

Thursday: Men's group at Woods Barkley at 7am.

Friday: Prayer at the Light of the World Prayer Center (3-5pm)

Saturday: House churches meet

Sunday: Jesus Gathering at Hope in Christ on the 2nd Sunday of each month (5pm) Jesus Study at the Majestic all other Sundays (5pm)