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Envisioning what God can do in Whatcom County

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# Update on Envision

## Vision 2025

The Mission of Envision is to:

- build authentic community by:
- proclaiming the gospel
- and making disciples of Jesus Christ
- in Whatcom County
- especially through Summit discipleship houses
- as a church missionary effort working in conjunction with local churches.

(Goals/Values and Budget Report Available Upon Request)

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*The theme for Envision Mission for 2025 will be “more grace”.* When Paul writes to the Roman church in chapter 5:20 he is making the case that God put the law into effect so that humanity might see its sin all the more clearly. But as sin is seen more clearly, grace is seen *even more clearly* for those who receive it. So it is with us. When our friends falter in addiction it is obvious to everyone around them, but when they repent and come clean instead of hiding it, we have learned to give grace. But we also need to receive grace. We must always remember that our friends in addiction are just a mirror for us all. We all have sinned and God has given us more grace. It is because of this Gospel we can extend that grace to others. But when we hide it, there is no way for grace to take effect. James too, as an Apostle writes in his letter chapter 4:6: “but he gives more grace.” He goes on to say that God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble. So again, if we are proud we cannot receive grace, but if we humble ourselves more grace is given.

In that light, we also propose three goals for Envision in 2025:

- 1- **To fill all four Summit houses at some point this year**
- 2- **To encourage our men and ladies to involve themselves in discipleship through Street night, their jobs and leading/joining Bible studies**
- 3- **To host events such as trainings, a retreat and celebration of the program**

The overall vision for the coming years would be for us to have **12 men and 12 women being made disciples in 7 or 8 houses**, but that may take many years to accomplish. For now we content ourselves with these three goals for the year.

We trust that by the time this goes to print, our **trauma workshop with En Gedi refuge has been a success** and the first of many such events for the year in reaching goal number 3 on the list.

**We still need socks for street night** so if you want to donate please let us know. Thank you to those who have already given towards that.

**A couple personal notes from Mitchell:** We’ve had visits from friends who have been a part of us in the past, including Glenda Price and Jashuva Kattaverapu. Glenda was on staff with us for a couple years as a wonderful Stephen Servant. **Joshuva came from India to visit us and encourage us in our ministry** as his family does their ministry to the poor there in Southeast India. Jashuva pictured with Mitchell on the left.



Also Mitchell was privileged to go to Israel with a group of **15 other pastors from Whatcom County** and what a wonderful experience of learning and personal encounter with God it was! (Mitchell pictured on the right at the Sea of Galilee)

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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.)

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### *From the Desk of Miles Davis:*

Discipleship can be a challenging yet rewarding journey, as one of our Discipleship Partners, Darryl Kooiman, has come to understand through experience. Speaking with him the other day, we spoke about some of the ups and downs of his involvement. Initially, his relationship with his fellow partner felt forced.

It was particularly difficult to establish another connection with somebody in one of our houses after his first partner left the program. Despite that discouragement, Darryl continued to be open to having another partner. Now, with his current Discipleship Partner, the routine feels more established. They meet regularly, text throughout the week, and have built a good rhythm.

The pair often go on walks, engaging in conversations both mundane and deeply spiritual. There's no formal study or strict agenda; instead, their discussions flow organically, addressing whatever comes up. This unstructured approach allows for authenticity, fostering a space where neither feels like they're trying to "fix" the other.

Over time, their relationship has grown beyond the program itself. They've gotten to know each other's families and work, deepening their understanding of each other's lives. One memorable moment for Darryl was being introduced to his partner's workplace and colleagues, a gesture that demonstrated trust and openness.

Though there are still challenges and frustrations, as with any relationship, the journey has been good for both. "It's hard to imagine meeting him if it wasn't for The Summit House," he reflected. The experience has also shown him the importance of organic discipleship that can look and feel different for each person. "Sometimes a walk will work; other times a more formal setting, like a Bible study," he noted. "Discipleship looks different for everyone."

Ultimately, the relationship between Darryl and his Discipleship Partner is a testament to the different forms discipleship can take. It may not always involve deep dives into one another's histories or intense spiritual study, but it's a journey of mutual support and growth. As he puts it, "There's always some place we want to be because of what Jesus has done in our lives."



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### **Our Weekly Schedule:**

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

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

**Sunday:** Jesus Study at the Majestic (5pm)