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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 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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# Update on Envision

Envisioning what God can do in Whatcom County

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## Happenings And Trainings

Mark your calendar for a roundtable discussion on **mental health for April 10, 6:30pm at Bethel Church in Lynden.** Last year Envision hosted a presentation on Mental Illness. At the end of that presentation we didn't feel like there was enough time for discussion on how to apply what we learned. Thus we propose a roundtable discussion on mental illness and how to navigate it in the church. Our staff, two of whom have over twenty years of experience with helping folks that have mental illness, will host the discussion. We are not accredited to be experts on the topic, but this will be more of an application based on what we learned from a local counselor in our previous discussion. If you're interested please join us that Thursday night. The set up will be more casual and interactive but we believe very helpful in terms of what is helpful for us as church folks in the day to day.

We will also have another **discipleship partner training with lunch provided at Northwest Baptist church on Sunday after church on May 4 at noon!** This will be a great opportunity to learn about discipleship, particularly discipleship partnership, but it is open to all who are interested in learning more about Summit houses too, so please mark your calendars if you are so led.

We are still doing **Street night on Tuesday nights at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist starting at 5:30pm.** We sometimes have the opportunity to pray with folks, even share the Gospel, or at least share a free Bible and some items like socks or water bottles. See some of the street team singing on the corner of Railroad and Holly pictured below:



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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  
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Our vision: to seek the  
face of Jesus!

We want to be sure to let supporters know again that the “Shorts” album is available on [www.envisionmission.org/media](http://www.envisionmission.org/media) **Scroll down and if you've donated any amount online you can get a code to download the album.** If you can't afford a small donation please let us know and we'll just send you the code anyway.

**Volunteers are needed for the Summit thrift store.** Feel free to walk in and inquire about what times and jobs would be the most helpful as that changes frequently depending on the needs. We're so excited about how well the store is doing as it provides about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of our budget.

### From Miles' desk:

Have you ever heard about Charlie Helms? Well, back in the 50's, Charlie wanted to be a professional pianist. He was no prodigy, but he was good—the kind of guy who practiced every single day, rain or shine. He played in restaurants, hotels, even cruise ships. But no big break. Years went by and eventually Charlie just settled into a routine of playing for a bistro in a little hotel downtown. Nothing fancy, just showing up night after night, playing for a few tourists and the local regulars. One night, a big-time producer came in and heard Charlie playing. Immediately he was taken by his skill. He went up and offered him a record deal right then and there. And do you know what Charlie said?

He said, “No thanks, I'm happy where I am.” It turns out, after all those years of showing up and playing, Charlie was living his dream; just not the way he originally pictured it. Success didn't come to him by luck or a big break. It came about by his showing up, day after day, until one day, he realized he was exactly where he was supposed to be.

I grew up wanting nothing more than to be a missionary. Every day I went to church, I was sure that I would be sharing the notes I was taking with somebody in some far-off country someday. Instead, those notes would remain unshared in my journals for many years as I experienced a falling away from God.

It's been some more years now, and I find myself going over them and gleaning insights into what I'm doing here in the Summit Houses. And it occurs to me that I may not be in some distant, foreign land, but I am absolutely a missionary. Just as I would be if I were working in another job. The mission isn't the location, but the message. **And as long as I am actively in God's word, and allowing it to live and move through me, I'll be a missionary every single day for the rest of my life.**



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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)