



# Update on Envision

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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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## Praises and Prayers

Please mark your calendars for **October 24 Friday at 6:30pm** as **Kellie-Anne from the Lighthouse Mission will be leading a training called “Understanding Relapse” at the Bridge church in Bellingham.** We had to change the date to a Friday, but we hope many of you can make it. If you’ve known loved ones who have gone through addiction, are interested/involved in discipleship partnership or just want to learn more about it you will not regret coming. We should be finished by 8pm. We also have other events coming up: A Summit house celebration September 25, 6:30pm at 2<sup>nd</sup> Church in Lynden and a staff retreat in early December at Cedar Springs.

In the next months **we are excited to share the stories of folks who have completed the program** in the last year or two. Praise God with us and also pray for them to keep going strong:



Tony Bowen, one of our friends who completed the program, has been through the ringer, but come out the other side well because of Christ. After completing the program he went through mental and addiction challenges. But with some assistance he got an intake appointment with a local mental health organization and then got into housing. He is very serious about his faith and seeking to live a healthy lifestyle. We just praise God for his time with us and how he is growing in Christ to this day after being at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Church Summit house. **Please pray that he can stay the course and keep thriving in Christ.**

With all of the men’s houses full we would ask that you pray we can have some ladies come into the Ladies house this year. We hope that by the new year we can fill that house too, or sooner. **Then we can start praying about starting another house, hopefully next year.**

### From Aaron’s desk...

“...A wonderful gift and challenge to witness the Lord fill our homes to capacity and even a little beyond! Loosening our belt... like attending a summer BBQ potluck where burgers, sides and desserts are a-plenty and you go back for seconds, even thirds, and afterwards, must be rolled out.

What a harvest of redeemed and maturing souls that we’ve been so fortunate to receive. Each of these men have successfully completed and graduated from the Lighthouse Mission’s Ascent Program and are unusual examples of significantly transformed lives, following Jesus

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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

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Our vision: to seek the face of Jesus!

Christ into a new life beyond the structure of institutional dynamics and into life on life's terms, while practicing the application of new beliefs, using effective recovery tools and with the support of a growing faith community that offers ongoing and increased accountability.

I also recognize there's a "honeymoon" period to this influx of community. With more people comes a greater variety of personalities, opinions, convictions and the potential for conflict. Thankfully there's a Biblical directive on how to approach resolving conflict.

**My hope for our men and their house community, is that they'll, with their growing faith, new tools, some support and a little counsel, not view conflict as merely negative or threatening, regressing to treat it with avoidance or attack, but to instead see it as an opportunity to know each other more fully.**

The spiritual and even holistic exchange of old wounds from negative experiences when faced with conflict requires a willingness to face our fears, step out on faith and obedience to Christ, believing that his ways lead to transformation and healing. The invitation by Jesus is to trust Him enough to venture the risk of being more truly known by others. This requires communication, which is often messy. To become vulnerable enough to express thoughts and feelings that may be complicated, confusing or painful and to also and hopefully, with equality, allow the other person to feel, communicate, question, accept or reject their own imperfect attempt at seeking understanding, forgiveness and if possible, greater intimacy through the power of the Holy Spirit as the grace of God sanctifies and redeems our past.”



We had a wonderful **barbeque at Berthusen Park in Lynden on July 17 at 5:30pm**. Many of our volunteers attended and with much celebration, food and fun we expressed appreciation to them and the staff/board as well. Many thanks also to those who couldn't make it.

**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)

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