



Bethany Banner

[Bethany Community Church, 201 Birch Avenue, Grandview, Washington—July , 2018](#)

“When he had finished speaking, He said to Simon, ‘Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.’ Simon answered, ‘Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.” Luke 5:4-6

As an ex-fly fishing guide, I completely understand Peter’s response to Jesus. After a tough day of fishing, the last thing I wanted was to head back out on the water believing the results would be any better than earlier in the day. Simon and his buddies were in the process of cleaning their nets and putting their gear away for the day. They were probably ready to enjoy some much deserved Hammock time, and a nice cold glass of iced tea.

Here again, is Simon’s statement to Jesus. “We’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything.” The fisherman fished during the night for several different reasons. But the two most important reasons they were fishing at night was (1) the sun drives the fish deeper down the water column during the daytime and (2) it was almost impossible to sink the nets that deep without getting them snagged on something.

A few of my guide friends and I would often head out at night during a full moon. We did this because we knew the bigger fish would feel more comfortable to move out of their day-time holding lies to feed freely without concern. It was during these twilight times that we often landed Rainbow and Cut Throat trout that were almost never seen by another fly fisherman. Most times we were not even able to see the trout but only feel the tug on the end of the line or hear the pounding of a trout slapping the surface of the water, after doing aerial acrobatics that would amaze any Olympic diver.

The reason the fish we’re driven deeper was because the sun exposed the fish to predators from the air. Fish are easy to spot when the sun is up. This drives the fish to seek deep, dark areas of the water where they can hide. We are not much different than these fish and here’s why. When we sin, we often hide from others. We make excuses to ourselves why we can’t come on Sunday mornings and why we can’t make it to Bible study.

Like the fish, Jesus calls us up out of the depths of our sin, into the bright “Son-light”. It is the light of the gospel that shines on our sin and shows us what they really look like. When we see our sin for what it is, is when we have a choice to make. Swim towards the “Son-light” or stay in the darkest depths of our sin.

When we tell others about Jesus, we need to remember that it is the light of the gospel that is penetrating the dark depths that they are in. Not us. We are called to put our boats out a little further than where we are and “let down the nets for a catch”. Jesus told Peter, “Do not be afraid, from now on you will fish for people”.

When we put our boat out just a little further from shore (our comfort zone), watch with amazement just as the disciples did, as Jesus fills your nets with people. Remember, boats were made for the water, not for the trailer. We were saved through the light of the gospel (Jesus), to shine the light of the gospel (Love, Grace, and Mercy) for others to see the way out of the darkest depths. In Christ, Danny

WORSHIP HELPERS – JULY, 2018

<u>Lay Assistants</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Communion Servers</u>
7/1 Lorri Dillman	7/1 Carolyn Bren & Betty Minnich	7/1 Mark & Trish Drollinger	7/1 Carolyn Bren, Bev Rider, Gretchen Lange
7/8 Gretchen Lange	7/8 Fela & Refugio Lara	7/8 Bill & Polly McKinney	<u>Children's Church</u>
7/15 Terry Dahlstrom	7/15 Gay & Peggy Brewer	7/15 Dave & Maxine Ballinger	7/1 none
7/22 David Rider	7/22 Bill & Polly McKinney	7/22 Don & Barbara Olmstead	7/8 Bonnie Copeland
7/29 Barbara Olmstead	7/29 Jim & Judy Rice	7/29 YOUTH	7/15
<u>Head Usher:</u> Tim Smith			7/22
			7/29

SPEAKERS FOR JULY

July 1: Jorge Sucre (Fortune's son-in-law from Panama.)

July 8: Danny Snider; Minute for Mission: Scott Perry from "To Every Tribe".

July 15: Injerds from Ecuador.

July 22 and 29: Danny Snider

Friday Family Food and Fun

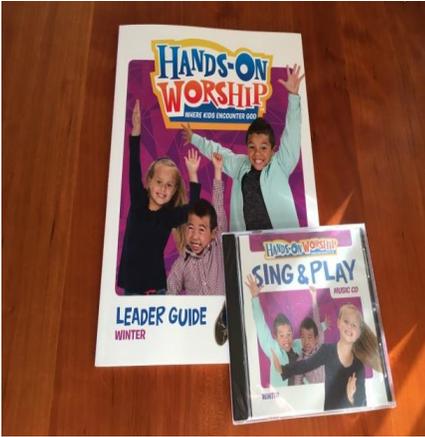
Friday, July 20th

The Outreach Team is planning a "hotdogs and movie" night for families in the neighborhood. Please let Alix or Janet know if you can help cook, setup, pass out invitations, etc. We will start at 6:00 p.m. outside with hotdogs and the movie will be inside.

You are invited to a wedding shower for Trish Drollinger's daughter, Morgan Rogers, on Saturday, July 21st at 1 pm at the church, in the Fireside room. Please RSVP to Sue Johnson, 840-2190 or sjohnsonspencer@embarqmail.com.

Questions???? Call or e-mail Sue.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



Children's Church
Will continue through July

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

for children ages 4 to 4th grade. Teachers will be using "Hands-On Worship".

Sue Will be sending teachers mate

Adult Sunday School will be ending.

The study "To Live Is Christ, To Die is Gain"

by Matt Chandler; Last class is July 8th

If you work with children or the elderly, you are REQUIRED to take this class: For the Vulnerable Population: This class will be held July 19 at 9:30 a.m. It takes about 2 hours. If anyone cannot make this time, we can schedule another one for you. See Sue or Danny.

TO LIVE

IS CHRIST

TO DIE

IS GAIN

By

Matt Chandler

MISSIONS

Bethany helps support the ECO church planting effort. Following is information about a new church plant in Ashland, Oregon.

“Ashland, Oregon, is a beautiful town with a university, an arts and drama scene, and outdoor enthusiasts. Only 10% of the 27,000 residents identify as Christian. That means 90% are in need of a relevant & relational representation of the Gospel message.

Eden Grace Church will be a missional simple church planted in Asland with a focus on sharing the Gospel relationally, forming people spiritually, and impacting the world for the sake of Christ. We will embed ourselves into the community through friendships, social justice activism, the arts, creation care, and serving the poor. Our purpose is to be a community of people who reflect the love of Jesus to those around us, to invite them to receive His love.

One of ECO’s strong values is church planting, because planting new churches is one of the most effective strategies for evangelization. Whereas most existing churches receive 80-90% of thei growth from church transfers, new church plants receive 60-80% from people who area currently not part of another worshipping body---including non-Christians. Planting new churches is a vital part of our calling to make disciples of all age groups.

The Church Planter: Erin Crowley: After completing seminary at Azusa Pacific in 2015 I moved to Portland work as a Missions Director. About a year ago, I sensed a calling to plant a church in Ashland and as I stepped out in faith I have watched the Lord orchestrate this church planting journey. He is constantly faithful to align our hearts with his hand and I am excited to see all that he will do in Ashland! I am currently in the ordination process with ECO and am excited to be part of the ECO family as I live out God’s calling.

FROM JOAN SOUDERS, Visitation Pastor:

Here is a brief note about my visitations for the month of June.

I have been sharing with those assigned to me by Pastor Mike the scripture Ephesians 3:14-19. One day as I went to make a visit this scripture came to me. As I was getting out of the car, I quickly found and marked its place. I had planned to use a different text. However, I knew this sudden change of plan was a "God thing". I am so grateful for this prompting of the Spirit. As I have read it to those I have seen they comment on how touching it was to think of how much God loves us.

I have broken my visits into 3 a week . I find this very manageable and reassuring for those who are no longer able to get out. I have found that I not only spend time with those on my list. I often have the privilege of sharing with their friends.

To God Be the Glory for what He is doing to encourage His people.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Robin Smith
- 4 Becky Boose
- 9 Dora Smith
- 20 David Skinner
- 27 Diane Fortune
- 28 David Rider
- 28 Josh Schlegel
- 29 Alix Carlson

ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 George & Edie Graf
- 29 Refugio & Felicitas Lara

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p>1 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship and Communion Jorge Sucre - message.</p>	<p>2 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>3 8 a.m. Souders Men's Bible Study 1 - 3 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Scouts</p>	<p>4 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study 5-8pm Engage</p>	<p>5 8:00 a.m. Prayer team 5:15 pm-PNT</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (last class) 10:00 a.m. Danny Snider Scott Perry— To Every Tribe</p>	<p>9 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>10 8 a.m. Souders Men's Bible Study 1 - 3 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Scouts</p>	<p>11 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study 5-8pm Engage</p>	<p>12 8:00 a.m. Prayer team 5:15 pm-PNT</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
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