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# Heartbeat

## Sunday School Service

Pastor Scott Roberts

Consider the impact that 1 hour each week could have on the life of a child? Can an hour really affect the future of a child? Absolutely, around the country, non-profits build their programs around 1 hour of interaction with an adult each week because they know that such an interaction can change the trajectory of a child. Groups like Kids Promise or the Boys and Girls Clubs utilize these types of patterns. But the truth is that being a Sunday school teacher in a small church like ours gives the teacher and helper a great opportunity to influence kids. Children come to faith in Christ and comprehend the gospel. They find answers to questions and learn that it is okay to not always be able to answer a question.

Through that weekly interaction, the teacher and helper are able to reinforce any teaching a family is giving in the home. Through that weekly interaction, there is the opportunity to display a love for the Lord, a love for the Word, a love of worship, a love of prayer and a love of serving others. Our church has 26 students in grades K-12 and our students are eager to learn and know about Jesus. And we have made a promise as congregants, when each child was baptized to help train them up and serve in their development.

In order to facilitate this, we are using a curriculum that helps students to see Jesus and the gospel all through the Scriptures. There is a great teachers guide which will help you in presenting the stories and showing you how to present gospel truths. Would you give of your time to instruct or to serve as a helper? If so, please sign up in the foyer to serve as a teacher or a helper for one of the grades we have.

## Friendship: Covid and beyond

By Tanya



18 months – the time between Friendship’s pre and post Covid bible study. WOW! Many of our Friends were hit hard. They lost volunteer and paid employment, Max Higbee – a favorite place to find activities and outings – closed their doors and went on zoom, group homes couldn’t allow residents to visit family and friends unless they were masked and 6 feet apart outside, and to top it all off Friendship stopped meeting too. Just a slight change in routine can be hard for our Friends to adjust to, and COVID was no ‘small’ change!

Many phone calls, a special September hand-delivered care package, monthly postcards, and Christmas and Easter mailings kept Friendship bible study ministering to our Friends over the last 1.5 years. Recently at a Bellingham Bell’s game many of us finally saw each other for the first time since March 2020. The smiles and excitement couldn’t be contained! A picnic celebration is being planned for August 9 – we can finally be together again!

“WHEN?” That was the big question repeatedly asked while connecting with our Friends at the Bell’s game. “When is Friendship bible study going to start again?” It’s a question I’ve been asked countless times over the past 18 months, never with a definitive response to give. This time, however, they liked the answer: “Lord willing, this coming September.” More smiles. More excitement bubbling out.

“HOW?” Those are the questions I’m asking along with many other questions. How many Friends will be returning or newly joining us? How many mentors do we need? How many changes are necessary? How is all the planning ever going to be done in time? And then I stop, grateful that I don’t have to know the answer to any of my questions – God has a plan and a purpose. He led to the decision to start the ministry again and He can be trusted to lead, guide and provide what’s needed to make it happen.

“YOU?” Maybe you’re the answer to some of my questions and many prayers. While I expect other needs to arise, here are some I’m currently aware of:

**Prayer** – **1.** for time and wisdom in the plans that need to be made, **2.** for new and returning Friends to feel welcomed, to accept the changes being made, and to grow in faith and understanding, **3.** for God to be the one who speaks and works through new and returning mentors as they minister to our Friends, and **4.** for God’s Holy Spirit to be at work in and through the Friendship ministry to all those it reaches.

**Small group leaders/helpers** – we’re in need of a few new people to join our team

**Transportation** – to and from Friendship for Friends who cannot attend otherwise.

Lord willing, Friendship Bible Study plans to meet over the coming school year, September through May, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of most months from 7:00 – 8:15pm. If you have any questions or sense God calling you to be a part of this ministry in some way or know someone who would like more information, contact Tanya Obbink. Phone: 360-393-5171. Email: [friendship@hopeinchristchurch.org](mailto:friendship@hopeinchristchurch.org)

## Serving Schedule

### August 2021

#### Greeter Schedule

- 1 Len & Terry
- 8 Clair & Hildred
- 15 Gina N & Joe
- 22 Jerry & Faye
- 29 Lanny & Christine

#### Prayer Room

- 1 Ida
- 8 Chuck
- 15 Tanya
- 22 Alice
- 29 Lou

#### Cookie Schedule

(Please bring 4 dozen cookies)

- 1 Elaine S, Terry , Connie K Ruth
- 8 Hildred A, Pat B, Alice , Diane B
- 15 Lisa D, Karen F, Ann G, Gloria G
- 22 Fay , Avis K, Marilyn K, Melissa K
- 29 Winnie K, Ev K, Linda M, Tanya o

#### Communion Prep

- 1 Diane B; Katie & Sarah

### September 2021

#### Greeter Schedule

- 5 David & Ida
- 12 Len & Terry
- 19 Lou & Ev
- 26 Clair & Hildred

#### Prayer Room

- 5 Terry
- 12 Ken
- 19 David R
- 26 Lanny S

#### Cookie Schedule

(Please bring 4 dozen cookies)

- 5 Delores P, Mona R, Darlys R
- 12 Jen R , Rockelle , Jan S, Rochelle
- 19 Jolene S, Karen S, Megan S Christine
- 26 Donna Vk, Esther Vs, Tena , Barb

#### Communion Prep

- 1 Doug & Winnie K

*Not able to  
serve when  
scheduled?*

*Please call  
someone to  
take your  
place.*

*Thank you for  
your help!*



**God's Work  
Our Hands**

*"to serve the  
Lord our God  
is the heart-  
beat of our  
mission,  
the spring  
from which  
our service  
overflows"  
- Steve Green*

## Men's Thursday Evening Bible Study and Fellowship Resumes!



After a long hiatus due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, I am pleased to announce the resumption of our Men's Thursday Evening Bible Study and Fellowship!

The first meeting will be on Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 starting at 7:00 pm at church.

I welcome any suggestions on study materials- feel free to please let me know by September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Otherwise I will choose something for us. I look forward to seeing everyone return and maybe some new faces who are always welcome to join our usual good spirited discussions!

Lanny

*My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12*



### Giving in June 2021

	<u>June</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Designated Fund Offerings:	\$ 3,179	\$ 23,295
General Fund Offerings	\$ 24,387	\$164,504
Rent / Utilities Income	442	15,521
PPP Loan Forgiveness	-	26,700
Interest Income - Undesignated	18	123
Total Undesignated Income	24,847	206,848
General Fund Expenses	(16,069)	(130,613)
Income Over(Under) Expenses	<u>\$ 8,777</u>	<u>\$ 76,236</u>
Total 2021 budget, including ministry quotas	\$281,796	
Year-to-Date Budget for 7 months	\$164,381	
Total Undesignated Income	206,848	
Income Over (Under) Budget	<u>\$ 42,467</u>	

#### Loan Balances:

Classis: \$ 10,000

**Faith does not make things easy, it makes them possible**

Luke 1:37



*You crown the year with your bounty,  
and your carts overflow with abundance.* Psalm 65:11



Let this day  
be full of joy  
and  
celebration!

## Message from Northwest Hispanic Ministries

It took Jana 3 trips from Lynden to the ICE office in Tukwila to finally get Yorvelis released from a Federal Prison in Louisiana. The office has changed a lot because of COVID. So when Yorvelis came to church last Sunday, I asked her to say a few words to our Amor Viviente Church. Yorvelis is about 22 or 23 years old. She came up front and said that she needed a Bible in order to start. Of course, that made an immediate hit with me. She read a verse from Job, then talked about how her faith in Jesus grew while being locked up for 3 months. I have heard that story before. Our church is full of younger people and what a pleasure to be there Sunday mornings. There is a lot of energy. Last Sunday morning, we had a 3 hours service which seemed like 1 hour.

Rebecca found true love on a Christian dating site on the internet. The man was a person who did mission work and was a worship leader. She is from Venezuela and speaks Spanish and he spoke English. She has been in our country for about 1 1/2 years. After dating for several months, he left for Colorado and before I knew it, Rebecca left to be with him. They started living together. I thought, this is not right, so I began to pray for her. After a month in Colorado, Rebecca was contacted by a sheriff's department there about this man. Rebecca really only knew him from what he said about himself. She decided to return to Washington and this man decided to go with her. Two weeks later, the Whatcom County Sheriff's Department along with the Colorado sheriff's department arrested this man for first degree murder of another woman. He was a con man. He played the part of being a man of God in order to find his women. The police told Rebecca she was fortunate to be alive. Rebecca cried and cried when she found out. I have been working with Rebecca and she is growing. Pray for her.

Yazil (23) has attended our church in Lynden for 4 years. She started when she was participating in YWAM and has continued after she left YWAM. Recently, she accepted a job offer from the Light House Mission in Bellingham to be the assistant Manager of Outreach. This brings another dimension to our church. We support her. Pray for Yazil. Thank you for supporting this exciting ministry.

## DidacheM News

The early past May the 4th wave of Covid 19 has hit hard the major cities of Vietnam. Cities were locked down again and gatherings of more than five people were strictly banned. The number of the infected have been and is still steeply growing. Contrary to the situation here where a large number of Americans have been vaccinated, Vietnam is still in the process of getting the vaccine, and people's lives are only getting worse.

### Prayer Requests and Concerns

Pray that...

- Vietnam be freed from the terrors of virus and return to the normal life soon.
- the remaining training meetings of the three campuses be held as planned without any difficulties and interruptions
- the students under training become more and more strong in faith in knowledge of God to be equipped and ready as leaders of churches
- the anointing of the Holy Spirit be upon pastor Nhat, pastor Tam, pastor Cong, pastor Quang and missionary Kim and Woo as they strive to bring out the best quality education possible in their teaching ministry
- Didachem may continue to provide our sponsoring indigenous church planters, missionaries,

seminarians the best we can to assist them working through their callings

- Special Prayer Request:

God has placed in my heart a vision to reach out for the Tay tribe in Vietnam. A good number

of students in Hanoi campus are with me in this and praying for God to open the way for us.

The Tay are the biggest ethnic minority group in Vietnam with about 2 million people.

They

live mainly in Vietnam's northern and northwestern provinces - Cao Bang, Bac Can, Lang Son,

Ha Giang, Lao Cai. These are the provinces where the homes of our Hanoi students are, not

by chance. Our missionary Dung reports that the mission activity to the Tay people has been

very low. The Tays are known as one hardest ethnic group to reach out. Only few churches

have been built in their communities. I ask that you pray for God who's the subject of the mission would unfold this vision and for us to obey his calling with grateful hearts.

Thank you for reading this newsletter and partnering with us!

In Christ,

Gilbert

# August 2021



**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

1 9:30am Worship Service - Communion	2	3	4 Elder Mtg Deacon Mtg	5	6	7
8 9:30am Worship Service	9	10	11 Council Mtg	12	13	14
15 9:30am Worship Service	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 9:30am Worship Service	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 9:30am Worship Service	30	31				