



# Tower Talk

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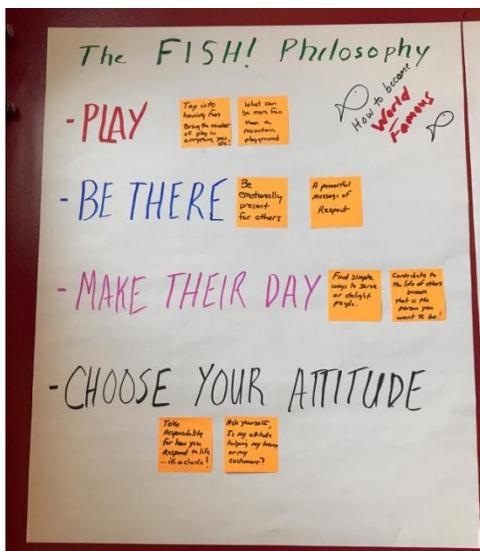
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**Matthew 4:18–20** As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him.

Have you heard of the “Fish Philosophy”? It is not, as you might think, a reference to Jesus’ call to Simon and Peter.



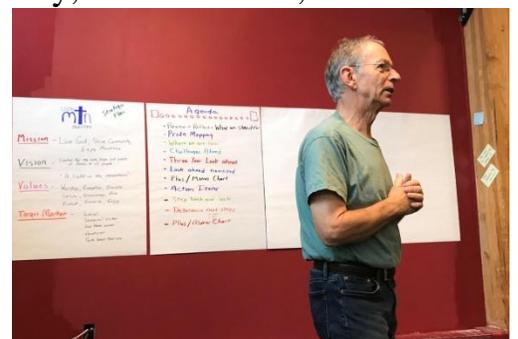
This week-end I attended the annual Board of Directors Retreat for Loon Mountain Ministry (<http://loonmtnministry.com>). Nelson Bowden introduced us to the “Fish Philosophy” in our Saturday morning workshop. The Fish Philosophy, modeled after the Pike Place Fish Market, is a technique to make happy individuals alert and active in the workplace. He shared the four basic elements of the Fish Philosophy; “Play, Be Present, Make Their Day and Choose Your Attitude.” We spent the morning exploring how to embody those four principles in our ministry at Loon Mt.

Being intrigued by this concept, I started to think about how we might apply this to the church and our lives as Christians. As I played with different ideas and approaches to the

problem I went to God’s Word and found that Paul taught the Fish Philosophy principles to the Church in Rome...

Play, Romans 12:12; Be Present, Romans 12:13; Make Their Day, Romans 12:14; and Choose Your Attitude, Romans 12:21.

**Romans 12:9–21 - 9** Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. **10** Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. **11** Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. **12 (Play)** Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. **13 (Be Present)** Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality. **14 (Make their Day)** Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. **15** Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. **16** Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. **17** Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. **18** If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. **19** Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. **20** On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” **21 (Choose Your Attitude)** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



Nelson Bowden

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Photos to accompany this text can be seen at [jrsmithblog.wordpress.com](http://jrsmithblog.wordpress.com)

P.S. To be continued...Worship with us this Sunday at 10:45, as we explore Romans 12:9–21 “Be Joyful.”

## NEXT TWO WEEKS AT WSBC

### **Saturday, November 10**

9:00-3:00 PM 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Fair

### **Sunday, Nov. 11**

9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:45 AM Worship Service  
12:15 PM CoffeeTime Fellowship  
12:30 PM Cantata Choir Practice  
1:00 PM Church Choir Practice

### **Tuesday, Nov. 13**

6:00 PM Trustees Meeting

### **Wednesday, Nov. 14**

7:00 PM *Live Out Loud* Youth Group

### **Sunday, Nov. 18**

9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:45 AM Worship Service  
12:15 PM Special Business Meeting  
12:30 PM CoffeeTime Fellowship  
12:30 PM Cantata Choir Practice  
1:00 PM Church Choir Practice

### **Wednesday, Nov. 21**

7:00 PM *Live Out Loud* Youth Group

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Nov. 4, 2018    Worship:    51

## CHURCH SERVERS

Nov. 11, 2018

**Nursery:** *Donna Pleasant*

**BLAST:** *Evonne Malcolm & Marquis Lockhart*

**Worship Assistant:** *Nick Nofi*

**Coffee Time Hostess:**

## SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, after the worship service, we will have a special business meeting. The Search Committee and Trustees have proposed a compensation package for the new minister and are awaiting approval from church membership to share this with potential candidates. Current members should have received an email with the proposed pastoral salary. Please review this budget and pray for wisdom as we move forward in the search for a permanent pastor.

## 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

*This Saturday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-3:00 PM.*  
Come see the vendors' unique goods, fill a basket with cookies, and bid in the silent auction!

We're still looking for volunteers to help set up Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM, during the fair, or to clean up afterwards from 3:00-6:00 PM. We are also looking for people to bake or bring cookies for the cookie walk. Please contact Marilyn Geldart or Evelyn Panias if you're available to help out. Please bring your cookies for the cookie walk on Friday.



## CHRISTMAS VESPERS

Mark your calendars for this year's Christmas Vespers program: Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. The children are working hard to get ready for the program. Come out and let the children lead us in pondering the wonder of Christmas anew!

## KIDS CLUB

Because of Tuesday's election, the kids had the day off. When they returned on Wednesday, we talked about the structure of the US government and watched *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*. We're also learning how to deal with bullies and people we just don't get along with. Please continue to pray for growth and maturity in these kids, as well as a sense of empathy for others.

- *Laura Johnson*



## CHRISTMAS AT GROTONWOOD

Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 PM, Grotonwood is hosting a Winter Wonderland. They will have a live-animal nativity scene, a festival of lights woodland trail, and a Christmas concert in the evening. The event is free and open to all.



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### Mission Statement

We are a family of faith, bound by God's love, following our Lord Jesus Christ as we worship and grow together. Called to join God in God's saving mission to the world and relying upon God's empowering Spirit, we go forth to serve and build the Beloved Community in Jesus' name.

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