



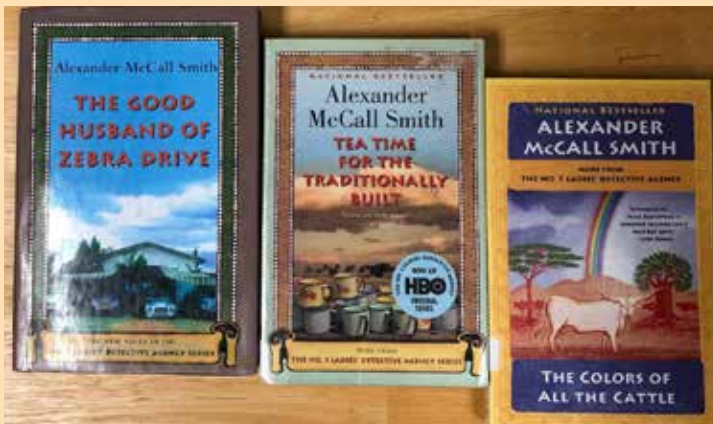
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THE NEWSLETTER OF BOULEVARD PARK CHURCH

Check Out What's New in the Church Library!

Drop by on Sundays in the MPR, Room 242, to browse and borrow new and well-loved items.



New titles in the church library, clockwise, from upper left: children's books; non-fiction books; CDs; fiction

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This monthly PAGE 2 column reminds us that a partnership takes two. We should all be active, on-going SENDERS partnering with the SENT.

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A New Season for the H.* Family

By C.H.*

Hello Boulevard Family,

By the time you are reading this, we should be back in Indonesia after a few months of state-side home assignment. We were so grateful for our time back in America, and were privileged to travel around much of Washington, Utah, Colorado, and even Texas to share updates with the people and churches who partner with us.

We also were thankful for the time that A.'s and my parents were able to spend with their grandchildren. You can imagine the sad goodbyes when it was time for us to return to the work abroad. In summary, January marked a peaceful end to a fruitful and much needed home assignment, and we praise the Lord for each precious moment.

This upcoming term will be a new chapter of ministry, as C. will be working with the next generation of Indonesian Church leaders at a Bible College. This school is located in the same large city where we initially studied language when we first moved to Indonesia together in 2018.

This opportunity feels like God is opening a strategic door to partner more closely with the Indonesian church. Because of persecution, language and culture barriers between different people groups, and government policy, the local Indonesian church has not always taken an evangelical stance. We believe the Spirit is moving there and we are excited to have the opportunity to model and encourage an evangelistic outreach heart amongst future local church leaders. Our conviction that God uses His Church to defend the Truth and reach the lost has only grown in the last few years and our family's commitment remains the same — to see mature churches planted and unreached souls meet Jesus.



On January 13, 2025, the youngest H. Family global workers are ready to fly!

Photo Credit: C.H. Family

Please pray:

- That we find a suitable house to rent
- For neighbors who would have children that could be good companions for our kids
- For A. as she starts homeschooling
- For C. as he learns the rhythms of working as a faculty at the Bible College

We are encouraged for the work that the Lord has put before us, and we pray that Jesus' Kingdom would make big advances in this city in the years to come. Thank you again for your continued support. We love you all.

Grace and Peace, C. & A.

Baby Shower

A shower is being given to welcome **Jacob and Hannah Barton's baby boy, Lionel**. It will be held on **Saturday, February 8, 2025, at BPC in Room 151 at 10 a.m.** The shower is being hosted by Brenda Partridge. All ladies are invited to come. Hannah is registered at Amazon.com and BabyList.



Loving God and Others

By Pastor Bud

Have you ever wondered what God's greatest commandment(s) was to us? Mark 12:28-31 records the account of a scribe (in ancient Israel, scribes were learned men whose business was to study the Law, transcribe it, and write commentaries on it) asked Jesus that very question. Jesus answered the question, saying, *"The foremost is, 'Hear O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these"* (Mk. 12:29-31). These commands must be important, so it would be to our advantage to think briefly about what they mean.

Loving God

To love God entirely is to bring every part of ourselves into a relationship with Him. It means letting our affections and desires align with His will, embracing His character and attributes, and extolling His greatness. When our love for God captivates our hearts, we prioritize our relationship with Him in how we spend our time and energy.

Loving God with all our souls calls us to worship Him wholeheartedly. It calls us to pursue Him through spiritual disciplines (e.g., prayer, Bible study, worship, giving, service, etc.).

Loving God with all our mind leads us to renew our mind through His word (Rom. 12:2). Our mindset is rooted in truth, seeking wisdom, guarding against distractions or ideologies that pull us away from His truth (2 Cor. 10:4-5).

Loving God with all our strength challenges us to offer our physical energy and resources for His glory. Paul urged the Corinthian believers that *"whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God"* (1 Cor. 10:31). Every action, whether big or small, can be an act of God-glorifying worship when done with love for Him.

Loving Others

In the Mark passage, Jesus linked loving God with loving our neighbor, showing us that these commands are inseparable.

Consider the words of the apostle John, *"If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen"* (1 Jn. 4:20). To love your neighbor is to reflect God's love in practical ways. This includes showing kindness, offering hospitality, and extending forgiveness.

Loving our neighbor as ourselves requires us to understand and accept the love God has for us. When we embrace His grace and truth, we are better equipped to love others from a place of abundance. It is evidence that the love of God has been spread abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:5).

John Calvin, in his "Institutes" work, said the following about loving our neighbors:

Because we are by nature all too much inclined to self-love, we need to concentrate on loving God in a way that places the love of self in the background, thereby cultivating in our relationships with other people a pattern that transfers to others the emotion of love that we naturally feel toward ourselves. The neighbor whom we are commanded to love includes even the most remote person, extending beyond the ties of kinship, or acquaintanceship, or of neighborhood. It is a love that should embrace the whole human race without exception in a single feeling of love, with no distinction between barbarian and Greek, worthy and unworthy, friend and enemy, since all should be contemplated in God, not in themselves.

As a church, we have the opportunity to embody these commands in powerful ways. Imagine the testimony of a community of believers that loves God passionately and loves others selflessly! Let's encourage one another to grow in our devotion to God and in our acts of love toward our neighbors. We can be the salt of the earth and the light of the world that draws others to Christ for His glory.

Milestones

Births

Lydia Raelle Diener
January 11, 2025
Parents: Luke & Cayla Diener
Grandparents: Pastor Bud and Teresa Diener
Be sure to look at Lydia's photo with Mom and Grandma on the page 1 banner!

Engagement

December 28, 2024
Marguerite San Martino
and **Justin Armstrong**

Deaths

Lois Esser
December 24, 2024
charter member of Boulevard Park Church

Linda Rice
December 25, 2024
mother of Larry Rice and Dorothy Rice

Thank You

Thank you to the church family for having Harry Hearns help me with my move to California to live near my daughter. I am so grateful to Harry for all his help.
— Ruth Sievert

Note: Harry Hearns attends BPC and works helping people move and clean out spaces. If you need that kind of help, he can be reached at 206-914-1143.

Come and join us for our February Women's CONNECT event!

Join us on

Saturday, February 15th

from 10:00 am to noon in room 431

It's all about

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

We will be having a

BOOK EXCHANGE and a

BOOK RECOMMENDATION chat!

You are invited to bring up to 20 books that you would like to pass along for someone else to enjoy, plus have a chance to find yourself something new and exciting to read!

Then, after we've had time to "peruse and choose" from the books that were brought, we'll sit around the table, and share about a favorite book we've read recently and a just little about it...giving others some info about a book they might enjoy reading!

Come spend a relaxing morning and spend some time together with friends!

Questions? Contact Lisa Bowen at 206.354.0339 or by email at lisa.bowen@bpcburien.org





“The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” – Psalm 34:18

By Katy Lynch

We are honored to provide support for those who have lost a loved one and are looking for help navigating the challenging landscape of grief. Guided by experts in the field and testimonies of those who have walked through their own valleys, this video-assisted program is grounded in biblical truth, and provides practical tools and strategies to help with healing.

WHAT: Grief Share Support Series

WHEN: Monday Nights 7 to 8:30 p.m.
February 24 to May 19, 2024

WHERE: Boulevard Park Church in Room 431

WHO: YOU!

- If you have experienced the death of a loved one
- If you know someone you can invite to Grief Share
- If you desire to learn how to help others in their grief
- If you would pray for those leading and attending

INFO: Register via website: www.griefshare.org

Participant guides can be purchased online or in class.

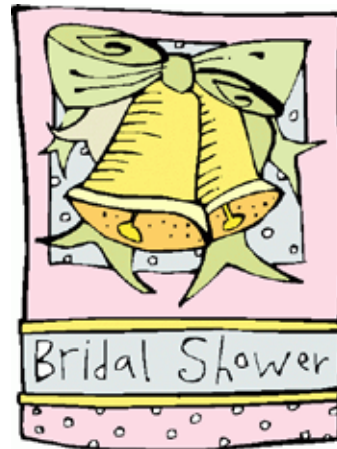
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MEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8
8 a.m. MPR



Enjoy a hot breakfast and fellowship with other men.



Ally Henderson is hosting a bridal shower for Marguerite San Martino on Saturday, March 8, at 1:00 p.m. at BPC. If you'd like to attend, please call Ally at 206-832-6849.

Calendar Events

FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

February 2, 9, 16, 23
9:00A Adult Sunday School
9:15A KIDS Sunday School
Youth Sunday School
10:30A KIDS Church
10:30A Worship in person & Livestream

Sunday, February 2
9:00A Prayer Meeting
9:15A KIDS & Youth Sunday School
10:30A KIDS Church
10:30A Worship in person & Livestream/Communion

Monday, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24
6:30P Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, February 4 & 18
6:30P Ladies Bible Study

Monday, February 10
11:00A Ladies Circle

Tuesday, February 11 & 25
9:30A MOMLife

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26
9:30A Women's BSO Bible study
10:00A Women's Lighthouse Bible Study
6:00P Wednesday Night Dinner
6:30P Youth Group
6:40P Adult Bible Study

Saturday, February 8
8:00A Men's Breakfast
10:00A Baby Shower/
Hannah Barton

Friday, February 14-17
Youth Winter Retreat

Saturday, February 15
Press Articles Due
10:00A Women's Connect

Thursday, February 20
3:30P CarePartners

Monday, February 24
7:00P Grief Share

Tending the Flock

Love Your Neighbor

By David Siedenborg, Elder

New Members

On Sunday, January 26, we welcomed into fellowship at Boulevard Park Church the following new members:

Ally Henderson

Ron Knight

Staci Knight

Sharon Lipa

Anna Nordblad

Dan Nordblad

Marguerite San Martino

Dan Teeler

Katie Teeler

*“And behold, a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, ‘Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’ And He said to him, ‘What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?’ And he answered, ‘**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.**’ And He said to him, ‘You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.’”*

Luke 10:25-28 (NASB 1995)

It seems to me that the world corruptly exploits the “love your neighbor” command from Leviticus 19:18. While I do find it funny that the culture unknowingly quotes the much-hated book of Leviticus, mostly I find it demoralizing how the verse is subverted. I frequently hear it quoted outright or directly alluded to as a promotion of the latest ideological concept. Recently, I heard this verse alluded to as I was called to respect the “choice” of one’s “gender identity.” It is maddening to see an aberrant ideology—a II Corinthians 10:5 type “fortress” of “speculations and lofty things raised up against the knowledge of God”—packaged in a way that makes those around us say “Hmm, I guess that is loving your neighbor.”

Culturally, “loving” my neighbor now requires me not only to believe things that are both evil and objectively not true, but

also requires me to ignore my God-given powers of observation of the created order and believe anti-truth things that clearly are 180 degrees not true. Crazy, and evil.

So, when I hear, “love your neighbor,” the first thing I think of is, “How is this verse being dishonored this time?” as opposed to thinking, “That is a great exhortation! I should pursue sanctification in that direction.”

I think my typical reaction needs work as it begins grumpy but wise, and ends incomplete. How should I approach this? Well, I do know that in Genesis 3 when the serpent asks, “Indeed, has God said you shall not eat from any tree of the garden?” he subverts God’s Word by reframing it. And when someone reframes (i.e. changes the meaning of) God’s word, we need to recognize and challenge that. Here is my attempt at how to initiate that challenge.



Light & Life
FUNDRAISER

Saturday, March 15, 2025

NEW THIS YEAR

LUNCH — or — DINNER

Register by March 1! supportcnps.org/light-and-life or scan the QR code.

Questions? 253-383-6033



I believe the culture “reframes” this verse in at least two destructive ways:

1) When you hear the world say only the last part, “*love your neighbor as yourself*,” it is always completely separated from the first part, “*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind.*”

Worse than getting the cart before the horse, this is more like shooting the horse and shoving the cart over a cliff. Removing all the limiting principles contained in the beginning of that verse, combined with a grossly distorted “love,” changes the meaning entirely. It makes the end of that verse an open season to worship and serve “the creature rather than the Creator” (Romans 1:25).

Love as defined by our Maker includes His limiting principles. The culture throws away most of the verse and redefines love to fit the desires of man’s sinful nature; the created creature is then emboldened to worship himself. Handle this verse with care. It is meant to provide the loving instruction and discipline of our Shepherd’s loving staff, not to be given to the world as a distorted weapon to attack His sheep.

2) When you hear the world say only the last part, “*love your neighbor as yourself*” quoted, it is always completely separated

from the context of Jesus’ answer to the lawyer who wanted to know what he needed to do to inherit eternal life. Jesus told the lawyer this: all he needed to do to earn eternal life was to love the Lord with all his heart, all his soul, all his strength, and all his mind, and his neighbor as himself, perfectly, every second of his life—with no sin, ever. That, of course, was impossible for the lawyer. Which is the point. Only the Man before him could do that and provide the gift of imputed righteousness for those who repent and seek God’s mercy.

So, when I hear the term “love your neighbor,” I need to quickly remind myself of two things. First, this phrase is the “cart” that needs the “horse” correctly hitched to convey the meaning. I need to love the Lord (which John 15:10 tells us is submitting to God’s word continually) and let that love guide and direct my love for others. And second, this love is always bounded by, informed by, conformed to, and situated underneath the protection of the Gospel—that no man may do anything to save himself and is therefore desperately dependent upon the grace of God to escape the hell of eternal separation from Him.

Reclaim the biblical meaning; reclaim the frame of “love your neighbor.” Then it is beautiful.

Celebrations!

February Birthdays

- 1 Anita Coffman
Donald Ellefson
- 3 Aidan Conroy
- 4 Debbie Bryce
- 5 Scott Boone
Jim Buck
- 7 Sherry Clemons
- 8 Elijah Wagner
- 12 Donna Lightfoot
- 15 Daphne George
- 16 Emelita Moore
Carol Roenicke
- 19 Mara Oldroyd
- 21 Wilder Faulkner
Marybeth Nordtvedt
Lindsay Werle
- 24 Stan Noble
- 26 Sharon Brown
- 28 Brenna Arnesen

Early March Birthdays

- 2 Don Jones
Kathi Nagy
- 6 Teresa Diener
Michelle Harder
- 8 Joanne Mackey
- 10 Lisa Martinez
- 11 Roger Gillihan

If your birthday is not listed, and you would like it to be, please contact the church office.

CARE NET 101 INTRODUCTORY WEBINAR

February 11, 2025

6:30-8:00 PM



Register online at supportcnps.org/events
or scan the code.





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World for Christ*



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