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BPC Trustees, back row, left to right: Larry Bretz, Sarah Struble, Dave Will, Randy Sneesby, Darrell Storvick; front row, l to r: Annette Lowen, Marty Bennett, Dave Huck, Donna Lightfoot

## The Value of Dividers

By Peggie Recker

Back in my 1950's elementary school days, BPC served very large numbers of children in the Sunday School which met in the church basement (pre-MPR!) This fellowship hall was a large open space and very useful for many church activities. Sunday School, however, needed to sort children into smaller teaching groups. To accommodate that need, the men of the church constructed many movable room dividers. Placing them at right angles to the outside walls, created "portable classrooms" around the perimeter of the big room.

Suffice it to say, I am a **long**-time fan and frequent user of room dividers so it delights me to introduce you to our new and beautiful set of eight room dividers.

### The Need and the Construction

After the BPC Trustees identified the need for new dividers, they collected input from a variety of ministries, and tasked Darrell Storvick and Marty Bennett to design them and procure materials. Darrell designed a prototype and Marty solicited opinions on fabric choice.

Marty Bennett, Annette Lowen, Sarah Struble, and Darrell Storvick spent three Saturdays assembling the panels. (Marty has expertise as an upholsterer.) Then, Darrell cut and painted all the frame and footing pieces and the crew spent three more work days assembling the eight dividers.

### The Divider Design and How to Use

Each divider consists of a two-sided upholstered panel surrounded by a wood frame. One side of each panel is plywood which can be nailed into, and the other side is tack board which uses push pins. Note that there are extra braces at the feet on the plywood side to absorb the hammering. The dividers have double casters on the feet, one side with locking casters.

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Photo credit: Peggie Recker

Above: The lower brace marks the plywood side of the divider.

At Left: Dividers can be aligned side by side with no space between them.

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## PAGE 2: YOU AND YOUR GLOBAL WORKERS Twosomes Partnering with God around the World

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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## “The Brand on My Heart Is Still Hot”

By Ellyn Roe

Last fall, BPC global workers Cliff and Cheryl Reynolds felt led by the Lord to step away from full-time global ministry service. Cliff announced their “retirement” by reflecting as follows:

“Fifty years ago, two days before Thanksgiving in the U.S., my late wife, Nancy and I and our son Aaron, crossed the US/Canada border to become missionaries with North America Indian Mission later to be called North American Indigenous Ministries (NAIM).

“What a life of adventure God had planned for us. As I look back, so many words come to mind. . . . uncertainty, wonder, change, fear, new friends, failure, new life, growth, death of a spouse, peace, sorrow, blessing, remarriage, grace. . . the list could go on and on I suppose.

“Over all of these 50 years was the certainty and peace that our God directed, protected and sustained us for His glory. Psalm 23:3 says, ‘He has guided us in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.’ Cheryl and I now find ourselves at a new crossing in life. God is directing us to retire from NAIM at the end of this year. Notice we didn’t say retire from ministry. Once God has placed His call on our lives, he keeps sending us to people, or people to us, who need His truth in their lives.”



After their marriage 20 years ago, Cheryl and Cliff Reynolds have continued their work with NAIM.



Photos courtesy of the Reynolds Family

Nancy and Cliff Reynolds with their son Aaron began their mission work with NAIM in 1974. Nancy died suddenly in 2003.

NAIM’s Executive Director Ron Hartwig wrote, “The Reynolds’ commitment to serving at every level in NAIM has been exemplary. Front-line relationships of evangelism and discipleship, teaching, mentoring younger staff, and providing supervision and member care for their fellow staff members are just a few examples. I know Cliff and Cheryl are hoping that some of you will continue to pray and support NAIM’s ministries — especially on the Saskatchewan prairies. I know they will continue to serve the Lord and do ministry no matter where they go — they just won’t be full-time NAIM staff.”

Cliff is in agreement, saying, “The brand on my heart is still hot so we will continue to serve our Savior, but on a more relaxed basis.”

The Press and all of BPC salute Cliff and Cheryl, and look forward to seeing what “relaxed” service to the Lord looks like for this fantastic couple. And meanwhile, let’s continue to partner with them in friendship and prayer.



## Vista Mission Needs Glasses

By Mary Miller

Vista Mission travels to the Mazatlan area twice a year for one week, and to Paraguay once a year for one week to provide free dental care, eye exams, and glasses to neighborhoods near the churches that hold volunteer clinics. You can help Vista Missions by donating your old eyeglasses. There is a collection box in the church office. Thank you.

# The Reapers

By Pastor Bud

I know from the title of this article one would expect to read a horror story filled with alien abductions, body snatchers, and an apocalyptic extinction of the human race. But that is not what I want to think about. Instead, I want us to look ahead to the judgment when “*the reapers*,” introduced to us by Jesus in His parable, gather the tares and bind them to burn but gather the wheat into God’s barn (Mt. 13:30).

A **parable** may be defined as a story cast alongside a spiritual truth. The spiritual truth is encapsulated in a simple, earthy story. To understand the point of the story is to understand the truth. The parable of the wheat and the tares is a simple story that teaches us about the kingdom of heaven (Mt. 13:24-30).

The richness of this parable is revealed when we hear the story, understand the truth alongside the story, and respond to the implications.

## The Story (Mt. 13:24-30)

A man sowed seed in his field. After sowing good seed, an enemy sowed tares among the good seed. Let’s understand these two elements:

- “*an enemy*” – in an agrarian society, revenge was often sought by sowing weeds among the good seed of your nemesis. Interestingly, this is not just an ancient crime. In 1976, a man from Gaddesby, Leicestershire, UK, was victimized by an enemy who maliciously sowed tares over his wheat field. The man took it to court and was awarded heavily for the damages he suffered.
- “*tares*” – we might know the name of this weed as *darnel*. The Latin is *lolium temulentum*, which means “drunken weed.” It possessed narcotic properties that made one feel drunk. Some referred to it as

false wheat because it looked identical to wheat until the last stages of development.

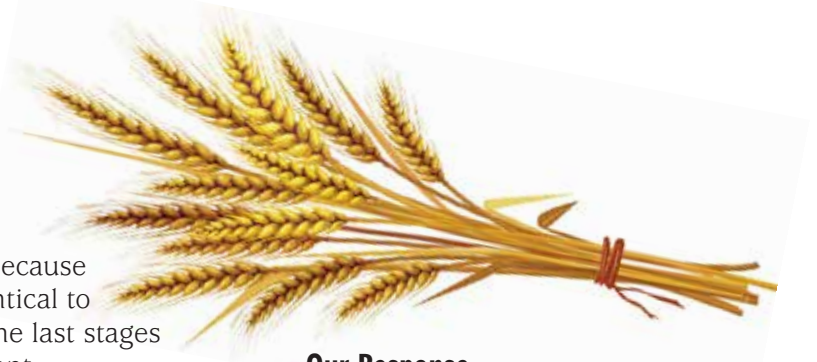
When it became evident that an enemy had sown tares among the wheat, the servants asked if they should tear out the weeds. Given the extensive intrusion of the tares, the owner wisely told them to allow both to grow up together. In the end, the reapers would sort out the wheat from the tares when the harvest time came.

## The Truth (Mt. 13:36-43)

Thankfully, Jesus provides us with the truth that lies alongside this story.

- “*the one who sows*” – the Son of Man (vs. 37). This is Jesus, the Messiah (Dan. 7:13-14).
- “*the field*” – the world (vs. 38). It is not the church.
- “*good seed*” – believers or sons of the kingdom (vs. 38).
- “*tares*” – sons of the evil one or unbelievers (vs. 38).
- “*the enemy who sowed*” – the devil (vs. 39).
- “*the harvest*” – the end of the age (vs. 39).
- “*the reapers*” – the angels (vs. 39).

The destination of the tares is the “*furnace of fire*” where there is “*weeping and gnashing of teeth*” (vs. 42). But, the destination of the wheat is the kingdom where we will shine forth like the sun (vs. 43). This is the truth. There is no alternative truth. Jesus wanted to communicate the presence of false believers in the world and warn of the stark contrast of their subsequent destinations. He also made it clear that the separation of the wheat and the tares would not be made until the end of the age. However, when the separation occurs, it will be clear, decisive, and drastic.



## Our Response

We may draw three application points from Jesus’ parable.

- *Be aware that because the church is in the world, the world is in the church.* Only the Lord knows the true believers from those who only look like believers (2 Tim. 2:19). Therefore, we should never assume anything based on external cues. The result of this application is that we must preach the gospel to everyone.
- *Don’t rip out the tares.* In other words, don’t assume the reapers’ position and begin reaping prematurely. God patiently delays the reapers’ coming so that more wheat can be harvested (2 Pet. 3:8-9).
- *If you are wheat, bear fruit like wheat.* The difference between wheat and tares becomes evident when the wheat bears grain, and the tares do not. Be sure that the fruit of your life is not that of a noxious weed. Instead, live so others see your good works and glorify your heavenly Father (Mt. 5:16).

However, there is good news. Unlike tares, we have been given the gracious invitation to become sons of the kingdom (Jn. 1:12; 3:16). “*Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts*” (Heb. 3:15). Why? Because there is no doubt that the reapers are coming.

For His glory alone,  
Pastor Bud

## Milestones

### Baptisms

February 23, 2025

Leo Ponce

Karl Johnson

Kayti Johnson

Jaden Johnson

Jakob Johnson

Jaxon Johnson

Jonah Johnson

### Dividers, continued from page 4

Please also note that the dividers can be butted up against each other seamlessly. They fit into the elevator. They fit through all the doors on all the floors for use in other rooms besides the MPR. Just be sure to avoid the hardware in the very middle at the top of the big double-entry doors. Just steer the divider to one side or the other.

We are grateful to our Trustees for bringing us such useful dividers. They are beautifully matched to our renovated MPR and will serve us well in dividing space, displaying decorations and information, muffling sound, providing backdrops for programs, directing foot traffic, etc. The possibilities are endless!



Above: Marty demonstrates the ease of moving a divider into the elevator.

At left: Your dividers at work.



## Crock Pot Potluck

**Sunday ♦ March 9th** after the worship service

We are looking forward to sharing a wonderful time of fellowship and good food. We pray that our time together will strengthen our relationships and glorify God.

**Volunteers are needed** for setup at **10:15 a.m.** and cleanup afterward. If you can help, please contact the office.

### Here are a few important details:

- **Salads and crockpots** should be placed along the north and south walls of the Multipurpose Room.
- **Desserts** go on the tables in front of the kitchen.
- **Serving utensils** will be available, but bringing your own is appreciated.
- Please have **meals and salads ready to serve** when you arrive.
- Use the **provided labels** for meals and allergens (e.g., nuts, dairy, fish, shellfish, wheat, soy). Mark gluten-free bread clearly.
- **Coffee hour** will end at the start of the worship service.
- **Water is provided**, but feel free to bring your own drink.

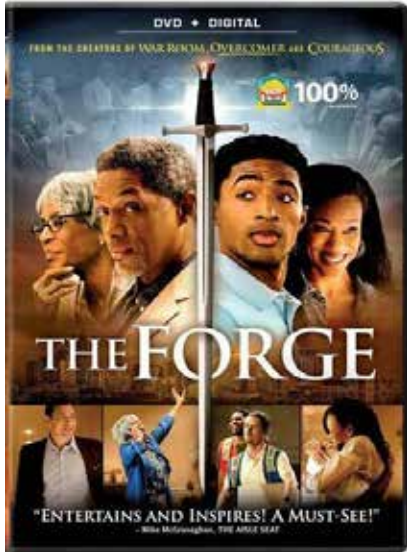
### Immediately after the worship service:

1. Put your name on a nametag and wear it.
2. Find a seat in the Multipurpose Room.
3. Pastor Nate will pray before the meal.
4. Women and children will go through the line first.

# PIZZA/MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>

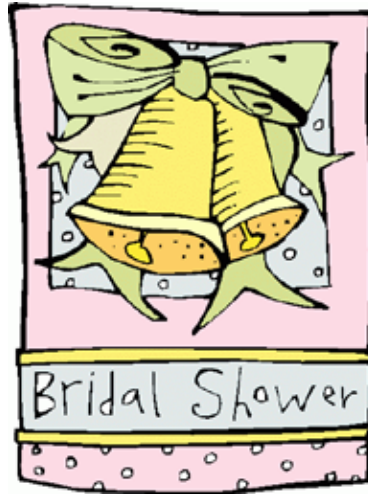
6:30 p.m. MPR



*How do you deal with a son who has no direction and no motivation?*

**EVERYONE'S INVITED**

*Sponsored by Men's Ministry*



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.

*Trustees ask you to Save the Date*

**All-Church Breakfast 8 a.m.**  
followed by  
**ALL-CHURCH YARD CLEAN-UP**

**Saturday, April 12**

## Calendar Events

### MARCH 2025

#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

- 9:00A Adult Sunday School
- 9:15A KIDS Sunday School  
Youth Sunday School
- 10:30A KIDS Church
- 10:30A Worship in person & Live Stream

#### Sunday, March 2

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

#### Sunday, March 9

- 12:00P Crock Pot Potluck

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#### Mon., March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

- 6:00P Men's Bible Study
- 7:00P GriefShare

#### Tuesday, March 4

- 6:30P Ladies Tuesday Night Bible Study

#### Wed., March 5, 12, 19, 26

- 9:30A Ladies 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, March 8

- 1:00P Bridal Shower

#### Monday, March 10

- 11:00A Ladies Circle

#### Tuesday, March 11 & 25

- 9:30A MOMLife

#### Friday, March 14

- 6:30P Men's All Church Pizza/Movie Night

#### Saturday, March 15

- Men's Breakfast/Pancake Chef

#### Thursday, March 20

- 3:30P Care Partners

# Getting to Know You

By Eva Lee Henderson

Josh and Priscilla Richins have been busy getting to know their Boulevard Park Church family and they have jumped in with both feet. It's clear that they love being with people and are quickly becoming a part of our family.

Starting off it was the all-church potluck on Sunday, January 26. Then packed into just one week in February, they met with

several groups within the church. First, the couple joined the Voyagers on Thursday for a "meet and greet" over coffee with an impromptu show-and-tell of hymnals and chorus books used at the church during the past 70 years or so. On Saturday, Josh shared at the Men's Breakfast. Finally, on Monday, Josh and Priscilla joined the Ladies Fellowship meeting for an informal Q and A plus a tour of the church facility.

The Richins have graciously answered questions and shared their stories with us. Josh also has expressed an interest in knowing some of our preferences for worship songs and hymns. Josh and Priscilla are a joy to talk with so be sure to get to know them. They will listen and laugh along with you – no matter what age group you represent!

Photo credit: Steve Rower



## Tending the Flock

# Spring Is in the Air!

By Doug Barton, Elder

Genesis 1:14 tells us that seasons were a part of God's perfect creation: *"Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and they shall serve as signs and for seasons."* And just as the light of Christ came to shine in a dark sin-filled world (John 1:5), the days become lighter as Spring approaches and the longer daylight shines through the gloomy dark days of Winter. Longer days are a clear sign that Spring is just around the corner. Spring reminds us of renewal, growth, God's provision, and new life.

### Spring Is a Time for Renewal.

Plants are transformed by the increase in sunlight and warmer days; they are renewed as they come back to life. Likewise, our minds need to be renewed by the Word of God. In Romans 12:1-2, Paul urges, *"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."* And, in Psalm 51:10, David cries out to be renewed after committing sin: *"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."*

### Spring Is also a Time of Growth.

Trees and grass that have been dormant begin to blossom and grow once again (not such good news for dads without kids at home to mow the lawn). This growth reminds us that we need to be continually growing in Christ. *"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity"* (2 Peter 3:18). We are to be striving constantly to become mature Christians and to grow in our understanding of God. There are times when we may slip into a Winter season in our walk with Christ, but then allow Spring to be a reminder to strive to grow in relation to our loving and caring Father.

### Spring Reminds Us of God's Provision.

In Spring we see God's provision for the whole earth and so much more so for us. *"Ask rain from the Lord in the season of the spring rain, from the Lord who makes the storm clouds, and he will give them showers of rain, to everyone the vegetation in the field"* (Zech 10:1). In Deuteronomy 11, God promised to provide for his people if they obeyed his commands. Verse 14-15 says, *"he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, that you may gather in your grain and your wine and your oil. And he will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you shall eat and be full."* Also, we are reminded how much more important we are than the lilies and grass for which God provides. *"Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown in the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!"* (Luke 12:27).

### Spring Shows Signs of New Life.

In Spring the first signs of new life begin to appear. Small buds begin to form on trees and plants. Early spring flowers like tulips and daffodils break through the dirt reminding us of new life in Christ. God sent his Son to die for us and be raised from the dead so that we could have life. *"We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life"* (Rom. 6:4). *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new"* (2 Cor. 5:17).

So, I encourage you to spend some time as Spring approaches to contemplate what it means to be renewed, to grow in Christ, trusting God for your needs and celebrating the new life we have in Christ.

## Celebrations!

### March Birthdays

- 2 Don Jones  
Kathi Nagy
- 6 Teresa Diener  
Michelle Harder
- 8 Joanne Mackey
- 10 Lisa Martinez
- 11 Roger Gillihan
- 14 Mark Parish
- 19 Callum Kowallis
- 20 Anthony Moore
- 21 Madeleine Borer  
Juliet Faulkner  
Gary Moseley
- 24 Lori Neumann
- 26 Pam Stariha
- 27 David Gonzalez
- 29 Tim Bryce  
Declan Kowallis
- 30 Harry Burlingame  
Kara Siedenburg

### Early April Birthdays

- 2 Marlene Burton
- 3 Dave Huck
- 4 Tyler Siedenburg
- 6 Madison Burt  
Ellen Jackson  
Joel Nordtvedt
- 8 Anita Dakin
- 9 Penny Clifton

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



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World for Christ*



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OF DATE!**

# Swing for Life

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Monday, July 21**

Registration opens on March 15 at [supportcnps.org/events](http://supportcnps.org/events)

