

# Missions Committee – Help Wanted

## Do You Need a House-Sitter or Car-Sitter this Summer?

BPC's Papua New Guinea global workers Noe, Lisa, Naya and Jocie Martinez will be in Seattle June 8-July 31 as they bring Naya home for her transition to college in the USA. Although they can live with Lisa's parents, the "luxury" of a house or apartment in which to spread out and chill is always nice, even for part of that time. If you have an option for this family (Naya and Jocie are teenagers), please contact BPC Missions Chair Randy Boyd. Similarly, if you have a car they could borrow...



Noe, Lisa, Naya and Jocie Martinez

## Support Global Work with a Car and Housing!

The Jared Garcia Family, BPC Global workers in the Philippines, would be helped enormously if they could borrow a car from May 6 – 29, 2026, when they are in the Pacific Northwest on home assignment. Additionally, they would benefit from Seattle area housing May 6-12.

If you could help with all or part of this time, contact Missions Committee Randy Boyd ([randyboyd@hotmail.com](mailto:randyboyd@hotmail.com)). Jared (and Laurie, Carson and Duncan) will thank you!



Jared, Laurie, Carson and Duncan Garcia

## 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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## Losses And Blessings

By K.D.\*

I've now arrived in Kampala, Uganda, where I plan to base myself for now, given the ongoing US-Chad visa situation. This has been a hard season, having currently lost home, colleagues, team, friends, neighbors, church, practical items, aspects of my job, routine, familiar surroundings, and life and ministry that I've invested so much in over the years. Yet I also recognize blessings during this time, and I am particularly thankful for recent weeks in England as I've continued working remotely, for a good situation in Uganda under the circumstances, and for the chance to still serve the work in Chad from a distance. For now, I plan to continue much of my AIM Chad finance/admin work as I work alongside others serving the AIM regional office here, and I'll likely eventually also help with some regional admin work and consider other ministry opportunities. Thank you for your prayers in this difficult season.



Photo: K.D.

At the regional office in Kampala with a couple of my new colleagues

## To Move or Not to Move – THAT is the Question

By Mark and Joanne Mackey

Zaporizhzhia Bible Seminary, ZBS, is located very close to the front lines of the war between Russia and Ukraine. Should the Seminary relocate to a safer location? THAT is the question!

### Considerations:

- ✓ Some ZBS personnel would leave behind ailing or elderly family members who depend upon them.
- ✓ Spouses of personnel who have jobs to supplement the family income would need jobs elsewhere, which may not be easy to find.
- ✓ ZBS personnel all serve in local churches throughout the city. If ZBS leaves, churches will have fewer trained workers.
- ✓ Local churches send members to the Seminary for training. Without the ZBS in the city, there is no in-person training nearby.
- ✓ ZBS personnel would need to settle nearby to one another. Western Ukraine is already crowded with Eastern Ukrainians who moved there some time ago to be safe. It would be highly improbable to find a location for all ZBS'ers to be close to one another.
- ✓ Leaving behind a building and a main campus reduces the Seminary to distance or on-line learning that has lower accreditation than a Seminary. ZBS would give up its Seminary if it moves.

Things change every day. The front line could move tomorrow.

Should ZBS relocate? THAT is the question!

Pray for ZBS leadership who consider these issues, and more, to determine what is best for students, personnel, local churches, and the Seminary itself.

At right: War damage elsewhere in Zaporizhzhia.



Exterior of Zaporizhzhia Bible Seminary.



ZBS Students in class.



Photo: ZBS website

Photo: ZBS website

Photo: Vitalii Nosach, BBC-Ukraine

# The Bible: Cutting It Straight

By Pastor Bud

In 2 Timothy 2:15, Paul exhorts the young pastor of the Ephesian church, “*Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.*” The phrase, “accurately handling,” literally means “cutting it straight.” To “cut straight” the Word of truth, then, requires that we approach Scripture as what it truly is—God’s clear and purposeful self-revelation—handling it with care, reverence, and a commitment to understanding it rightly.

Scripture is one of the greatest gifts God has given His people. It is not a mystical code, nor a wax nose we shape to our personal preferences. It is God’s self-revelation—His clear, purposeful communication to real people in real history. Because of that, how we interpret the Bible matters deeply. It shapes our doctrine, our worship, our obedience, and even our view of God Himself.

For that reason, I want to explain why we are committed to what is often called the *grammatical-historical-literal* (GHL) approach to interpreting Scripture.

At its heart, this approach asks: *What did the human author intend to communicate to the original audience, and how would they have understood it?* We seek to understand the grammar (the words, syntax, and literary structure), the history (the cultural and historical setting), and the literal sense (the normal meaning of language, including figures of speech). GHL is not a rigid or wooden method. It is simply reading the Bible the way we read any meaningful communication—with care, context, and respect for authorial intent (what the author intended to communicate to the reader).

### Why is this so important?

First, because God chose to reveal Himself through language, the Bible was written in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. It contains poetry, narrative, prophecy, epistles, and apocalyptic literature. Each genre has rules. The GHL approach honors the way God actually chose to speak. When Psalm 23 says, “*The Lord is my shepherd,*” we recognize a metaphor. When the Gospels describe the

resurrection of Christ, we recognize historical narrative. We let the text tell us what kind of literature we are reading, rather than imposing our own assumptions on it.

Second, this approach guards us from subjectivism. Without it, interpretation can become driven by feelings, cultural trends, or theological systems imposed onto the text. If meaning is not anchored in what the author intended, then Scripture can mean almost anything. That path leads to confusion and division. But when we ask, “What did God say?” rather than “What does this mean to me?” we place ourselves under the authority of God, the Author of Scripture, rather than over Him or His Word.

Third, this method reflects our conviction about inspiration. The Holy Spirit inspired real authors in real circumstances. When the Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, he addressed specific issues in that congregation. When Moses recorded the Law, he addressed Israel in a covenant relationship with Yahweh. Understanding those original settings does not diminish the Bible’s relevance—it strengthens it. Only after we understand what a text meant to the original readers can we faithfully apply it to our lives today.

### And that brings us to the heart of the matter: obedience.

We cannot obey what we do not understand. If we misinterpret Scripture, we risk misrepresenting God. Jesus rebuked the religious leaders of His day not for lacking religious zeal, but for misunderstanding the Scriptures. He said, “*You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures nor the power of God*” (Mt. 22:29). That is a sobering warning.

The GHL approach helps us hear God’s voice clearly. It keeps us from allegorizing away uncomfortable truths. It keeps us from flattening emotionally rich poetry into prose or turning historical events into mere symbols or doctrines. It helps us see the unfolding storyline of redemption from Genesis to Revelation without distorting its details.

For our daily lives, this matters immensely.

See *Cutting It Straight*, page 4

## Milestones

### Births

**Logan Newton**

January 28

Parents: Amanda and Ian Newton

Grandmother: Susan Richten

Great-Grandparents: Ron and Sharon Brown

**Clara Penny Teeler**

February 9, 2026

Parents: Daniel and Katie Teeler

Grandparents: Tony and Jennifer Teeler

### Baptism

**Chloe Ihm**

February 15, 2026

### 50th Anniversary

**Roger and Mary Cox**

February 14, 2026

### Deaths

**Valerie Cheng**

February 3, 2026

sister of John Clifton

### Cutting It Straight, continued from page 3

When you read a command, you can know whether it was given specifically to Israel under the Mosaic covenant or whether it reflects a timeless moral imperative. When you read a promise, you can discern whether it is addressed to the church, to Israel, or to believers universally. When you read prophecy, you can distinguish symbolism from historical fulfillment without dissolving either into meaningless abstractions.

In other words, careful interpretation produces confident faith.

As your pastor, my responsibility is not to offer creative readings or speculative insights. It is to explain what God has already said. The authority of this church does not rest in personality, tradition, or

trend—but in the Word rightly interpreted, proclaimed, and understood.

My encouragement to you is this: read your Bible thoughtfully. Pay attention to context. Ask good questions. Seek to understand before you apply. Pray for the illumination of the Holy Spirit, and devote yourself to pursuing understanding. The Holy Spirit, who inspired the Word, delights to help believers grasp its meaning.

When we approach Scripture this way, we are not merely studying a text. We are listening to our Shepherd.

And when we understand what He is truly saying, we can follow Him with confidence, clarity, and joy.

In Christ,  
Pastor Bud



## BPC Church Family Movie Night!



You are invited to a Family Movie Night here at BPC on **Wednesday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m.** Please be sure to plan to come!

**There will be no Adult Bible Study, Youth Group or Adventure Club that evening,** so we thought this would be a great opportunity for families to gather together and enjoy a fun, faith-filled family movie night.

We will watch an animated, faith-based film from Angel Studios, **The King of Kings** (through a father's vivid storytelling, a boy journeys through Jesus' life, from humble beginnings to ultimate sacrifice. Along the way, he discovers the transformative power of faith.)

Check out the official trailer here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HDhet3EVRac>

The YOUTH will serve popcorn, drinks, and other snacks to enjoy during the movie. We hope you can join us for this relaxed and fun evening together!



Scan the QR code at left to view the official trailer of **The King of Kings** movie on You Tube.

# Children's Ministry (CM)

## March Updates

By Jedidiah Thangthat

### SPORTS CAMP

**Save the Dates: July 20-23, 2026**  
**Monday-Thursday (4 days instead of 5)**

Summer Sports Camp will be run independently this year without utilizing Base Ministry coaches. Planning has been underway since October 2025, and now it's time to begin the work.



### TRACKING NUMBERS

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY STATS:

We regularly have about 40 kids in our **Sunday Morning Ministry**, about 27-30 kids in **KidLife** (Tuesday), and about 9-15 kids in **Adventure Club** (Wednesday Night).

#### VOLUNTEER STATS:

We have **52 active volunteers serving in our Children's Ministry** across **Sunday Mornings**, **KidLife** (Tuesdays), and **Adventure Club** (Wednesdays).

### SPECIAL SHOUTOUT AND HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO:

✿ **The CM Volunteers' Meeting** was held on Sunday, February 1, after the service, with over 40 volunteers attending. We reviewed our mission and vision, safety and emergency procedures, and heard helpful teaching tips from Lisa Siedenburg.

✿ **Our wonderful chefs who prepare yummy meals for our Wednesday Night Dinner:** Rebekah Thangthat, Denise Beebe, Kayti Johnston, Peg Frederick, Randy Boyd (and Ellie R. for giving it a try 😊!)

✿ **Linda Huck and Sharon Nickells** for taking care of our meal/snack for MomLife and KidLife.



Photos: Jed Thangthat

CA volunteers gathered on Sunday, February 1.

### PLAN FOR PALM SUNDAY

All children are invited to wave palm branches at the start of the worship service on Sunday, March 29. Children will meet in Room 151 at 10:15 a.m. to receive their palm branches. Together they will go upstairs to the sanctuary and walk together up and down the aisles, waving their branches held high.

### CM PRAYER REQUEST

- Planning for Sports Camp started in October 2025, and now it's time to get to work. Please pray that everything comes together well. We trust that God will provide the right people at the right time, just as He always does!
- Pray for good health, safety, and protection. Lately, lots of people have been sick, both children and adults.
- Praise God for always providing the right people, dedicated and faithful volunteers, for all our children's programs. Pray for everyone involved in our Children's Ministry to serve with wisdom, love, humility, patience, and a deep passion for discipling children.



### Calendar Events

#### MARCH 2026

##### REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00A Adult Sunday School  
9:15A Ladies Sunday School  
9:15A KIDS & Youth Sunday School  
10:30A KIDS Church  
10:30A Worship In Person and Live Stream

##### Sunday, March 1

9:00A Prayer Meeting  
10:30A Communion

##### Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

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##### Mon., Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

6:30P Men's Bible Study  
7:00P Grief Share

##### Tuesday, March 3, 17, 31

6:30P Ladies Bible Study

##### Wednesday, March 4

6:30P All Church KIDS Ministry  
Movie Night: "King of Kings"

##### Saturday, March 7

2:15P Behavior Heritage  
Hospital Ministry

##### Sunday, March 8

2:00A Daylight Saving Time begins

##### Monday, March 9

11:00A Ladies Fellowship

##### Tuesday, March 10, 24

9:30A MOMLife & KIDLife

##### Wednesday, March 11

1:30P Care Partners

##### Wed., March 11, 18, 25

9:30A Ladies BSO Bible Study  
10:00A Ladies Bible Study  
6:00P Wednesday Night Dinner  
6:30P KIDS Adventure Club  
6:30P Youth Group  
6:30P Adult Bible Study

##### Saturday, March 21

8:00A Men's Breakfast/  
Pancake Chef  
1:00P Memorial Service for  
Trudy Lindberg

##### Saturday, March 28

9:00A All Church Yard Clean Up

## IN THE PLANNING STAGE:

# Student-Led Worship Services on Fifth Sundays

By David Siedenburg, Elder

At the January 2026 Board of Elders (BoE) meeting, the elders approved planning for eventual student-led worship services on each fifth Sunday of the month. These services would include student participation in all appropriate elements of the service, with preaching delivered by qualified students under pastoral oversight.

Scripture consistently portrays the people of God as one body, not segregated by age or maturity level. Young believers are to be encouraged toward maturity and visible faithfulness. A student-led service reinforces intergenerational discipleship and affirms that youth are present participants in the life and mission of the church, not merely future contributors.

The BoE's goal is not to **innovate** beyond what Scripture calls the church to practice. It is our goal to continually reflect and, when appropriate, **renovate** to better reflect the church's scriptural calling. In that spirit we see the opportunity to improve and elevate our shepherding in the areas of intentional discipleship, leadership development, and visible integration of our youth into the life and mission of the church. We plan to take this opportunity.

We also want to proceed prudently. Therefore, we will plan for a Wednesday evening "practice run" student-led worship service this spring. Evaluation of this service will help determine when to move forward with an inaugural Sunday service. While no firm date has been set, the last Sunday in May is a tentative target and subject to adjustment.

We foresee three layers of benefit for the body, each building upon the other.

The first benefit is the use and cultivation of spiritual gifts. Scripture teaches *"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good"* (1 Cor. 12:7). A student-led worship service provides a supervised and accountable context in which students may begin exercising gifts related to worship leadership, teaching, exhortation, service, and leadership—consistent with the biblical purpose of gifts and the church's

responsibility to steward them wisely.

The second layer is the development of future worship and ministry leaders. Biblical leadership is cultivated through training, example, and entrusted responsibility, not merely classroom instruction. Jesus Himself modeled progressive involvement of His disciples in ministry. In Mark 3:14 we read, *"And He appointed twelve (whom He also named apostles) to be with Him and to send them out to preach."* This development layer will allow the whole church to observe faithfulness and competence; to provide correction and encouragement; and to develop discernment, humility, and reverence in public ministry. Such opportunities align with the biblical pattern of preparing leaders within the life of the local church.

The third layer is the discernment of a call to pastoral ministry for young men. God's calling to ministry is often clarified and confirmed through service within the church community, rather than apart from it. It was in a youth-led service like this, where our Pastor Bud had the opportunity to preach his first sermon, where God called him into pastoral ministry.

The BoE will provide structure with guardrails. In addition to maintaining a manageable frequency, students will lead elements appropriate to their maturity and gifting, and will be selected based on character, teachability, and readiness.

Preaching will be delivered by selected students under pastoral and elder shepherding. Close oversight by Pastor Bud and other designated elders will retain complete theological oversight in all aspects. Preaching topics and manuscripts will be reviewed in advance, and final authority for content and participation remains with the Board of Elders.

Please pray for the students and Boulevard Park's leadership, that this new initiative would bless the body here at Boulevard Park Church and bring even greater glory to our Almighty God in 2026.

# More Goodies (Literally)!

By Peggie Recker

Each Sunday after church, we and our guests look forward to continuing our fellowship over coffee in the MPR. The team behind the scenes, headed up by Peg Frederick, is faithful to set-up, prepare, serve, and clean up after us with smiles on their faces and welcoming conversation. Peg maintains a list of volunteers who provide goodies on a regular basis, but she is very open to adding more volunteers who'd enjoy serving the BPC family in this practical way.



For more info or to volunteer, contact [peg.frederick@gmail.com](mailto:peg.frederick@gmail.com) or message her at 206.304.7811

P.S. You can even bring treats for future use by labeling them as "Coffee Hour" with today's date, and store them in the freezer in the kitchen.

P.S.S. **A BIG THANK YOU** to Peg and her team for this special ministry!

## 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
- 20 Anthony Moore
- 21 Madeleine Borer  
Juliet Faulkner  
Gary Maseley
- 24 Lori Neumann
- 26 Pam Stariha
- 27 David Gonzalez
- 29 Tim Bryce
- 30 Harry Burlingame
- 30 Kara Siedenbug

### Early April BDs

- 2 Marlene Burton
- 3 Dave Huck
- 6 Madison Burt  
Ellen Jackson  
Joel Nordtvedt
- 8 Anita Dakin
- 9 Penny Clifton
- 11 Thomas Wood
- 12 Tom Horton

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

## On a Related Note... Choose your bins carefully

All "trash" is not considered equal. As you do at home, the church is required to separate into designated bins for recyclable items, food-contaminated compostable waste, and non-recyclable/non-compostable garbage.

Please be sure to deposit all items in the correct bin. For example, for paper napkins and plates that have remnants of food, use the yard waste can, not the recycle bin.



**Blue Recycle Bin**  
(for clean and dry plastics and paper and cardboard)



**Yard Waste Can**  
(for compostable dirty paper napkins, plates and food waste)



**Big Gray Bin**  
(for plastic flatware and foil and non-compostable plastic-coated containers, etc.)

**ALL-CHURCH YARD  
CLEAN-UP  
9 a.m.**

**Saturday, March 28, 2026**



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Saturday, March 14, 2026



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