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THE NEWSLETTER OF BOULEVARD PARK CHURCH

MEN'S RETREAT



Join us for this year's Men's Retreat

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 1
SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 2

SPECIAL GUEST:
JUSTIN EVENS

TEACHING ON:
**SHARING CHRIST & FINDING
A MEANINGFUL MINISTRY**



Meet at Boulevard Park Church

Friday, May 1, 6:30 p.m.
Video/Q & A

Saturday, May 2, 8 a.m.
Continental breakfast

Session 1

Session 2

Mexican Food from La Costa

Contact Greg Brown at 206-326-9460 (call or text) if you haven't signed up already.

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.

Compiled and edited by Ellyn Roe

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Banner photos on page 1 of
Transform Burien servers from BPC
by Wayne Eickert. See page 8 for
more photos.

I SPY WITH MY LITTLE EYE: GLOBAL WORKERS!!

By Ellyn Roe

Heads up, eyes open BPC...THREE sets of BPC Global Workers will be visiting us early this summer! Hopefully you all receive their email updates so you are familiar with their work, but even if you have never heard of them, or keep forgetting who they are, DON'T BE AFRAID to greet them. They will be relieved if you re-introduce yourself, since often their absence means they can't easily connect names and faces.

Get your welcome ready!!

Editor's note: "I Spy With My Little Eye" is a rhyme used in a children's guessing game to spot a designated item. Or a global worker!

WHO'S COMING? AND WHEN?

**The Garcia Family: Jarod,
Laurie, Carson, Duncan
Sunday, May 10**



Photo courtesy of Garcia family.



Photo credit: Marcella Deam.

**Makin Yee
Sunday, May 3**



Photo courtesy of Martinez family.

**The Martinez Family:
Noe, Lisa, Naya, Jocie
Sunday, June 14**

SHARING THE WEALTH

By C. (and A.) H.*

A few nights ago I re-read one of my favorite global worker biographies (*To the Golden Shore* by Courtney Anderson). This book is very well written and is quite a detailed retelling of the astonishing life and ministry of the first American Baptist global worker to be sent abroad, Adoniram Judson.

At one point when I put the book down to wipe the tears from my eyes, I felt the Lord say something to the effect of, "You know, you can go ahead and share the wealth!" Which I took to

mean, "Get some of these incredible stories into the hands of more people so they can be blessed too!"

So, I have begun the "side project" overseeing the translation of a few books. I wrote the author of one, and the publisher of another (the YWAM publisher in Seattle, who did the *Christian Heroes: Then and Now* series, by Janet and Geoff Benge). Both parties gave me permission to translate their books, to print them, and give them away for free to my students.

No doubt, global worker biographies (and other faith-based novels) were used by God in my own faith formation and calling. I imagine God used such books in your life, too. I am trusting that this small investment will have big spiritual dividends for Jesus' Bride here.

Thank you for supporting it, too, Brothers and Sisters at Boulevard Park Church! To God be the Glory!



Photo credit: H* family

Editor's note: BPC Librarian Donna Lightfoot reports that while the church library does not have these particular books, there are several wonderful global worker biographies waiting in the church library (entry in the MPR) for you and your family. In addition, the King County Library System has many books or audiobooks in the Benge's Christian Heroes Series C. recommends. Why not read or listen together while on long car rides, or camping, or enjoying summer evenings on your deck, or around the dinner table?*

**The H* Family:
C*, A*, and children**

UNDER ATTACK IN ISRAEL – BUT LONGING TO SERVE

By Ellyn Roe with Steve Roe and Jon Recker

The BPC Elder board invites you to pray for Israeli pastor Najeeb Atteih and his wife, Elizabeth.

Last August the Atteih's worshipped at BPC and got acquainted with many of us in Sunday School or at various social events. (See the September 2025 Press.) We learned that Najeeb grew up in Haifa,

Israel as a member of a crime family. If you needed "something done," go to the Atteih's. Najeeb married Elizabeth in his early 20's. A few short years later, he was approached by a childhood friend – several times, and through his friend's persistence, recognized

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How Preaching Works: God's Work and Our Listening

By Pastor Bud

Josh (our Worship Director) and I have been studying the book *"A Better Way: Rediscovering the Drama of God-Centered Worship"* by Michael Horton. In this article, I will share several important takeaways from Chapter 4; I believe these will be helpful for us all.

Preaching is not a performance designed to stir emotions; it is the living God addressing His people through His Word. When we gather on Sunday, we are not primarily coming to hear a speaker's insights or experience a spiritual "pick-me-up." We are coming to sit under the voice of God as His Word is opened and proclaimed.

Because of this, the heart of preaching is declaration, not display. The central task of a sermon is to announce what God has done in Christ—His saving work, His promises, His commands, and His faithfulness. Preaching is not mainly about practical advice, moral pep talks, or inspirational stories. Those things may appear at times, but they are not the main event. The main event is God's Word read, explained, and held out to us so that the Holy Spirit would apply it to each of us that we might trust Christ and follow Him.

This also means that the true power in preaching does not lie in the preacher's personality, eloquence, or emotional energy. A gifted speaker can move a crowd, but only God can raise the dead heart to life. The Scriptures themselves promise that God's Word will not return empty but will accomplish His purpose (Isa. 55:11). The preacher's calling, then, is to be faithful to the text and clear about Christ, not to engineer a particular emotional outcome.

At the center of this mystery is the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is the true "mover" in preaching. He takes the human words of the sermon—rooted in Scripture—and presses them into hearts. He convicts of sin, comforts the broken, strengthens the weak, and opens blind eyes to see the beauty of Christ. No amount of cleverness or emotional manipulation can produce genuine repentance, lasting faith, or deep assurance. Those are supernatural works of the Spirit using the ordinary means of the Word.

This perspective also helps us think differently about "effective" preaching. In our culture, effectiveness is often measured by visible, immediate response: full altars,

strong emotions, dramatic testimonies. While such things can be genuine, they are not the primary measure of God's work. Often, the Spirit works slowly and almost imperceptibly—reshaping desires, softening a hard heart over many weeks, or gradually reordering a family's priorities around Christ. What looks outwardly "ordinary" may, in fact, be the deep work of God through His word.

Emotional responses are not wrong. God made us as whole persons, and the truth about Christ should move us. But emotion can never be the test of whether God has spoken or whether preaching "worked." The more reliable evidence of the Spirit's work is repentance, growing love for Christ and His people, a hunger for holiness, and steady perseverance in faith.

So where do the listeners fit into all of this? If preaching is God's work by His Spirit, are we just passive? No! Our role is not to create spiritual impact—that is God's domain—but to actively receive the Word.

First, we are called to come prepared and expectant. That means praying before worship that God would speak through His Word, confessing sin, and asking the Spirit to make our hearts soft rather than defensive.

Second, we are called to listen humbly. Instead of treating the sermon as something to critique ("Did I like it? Was it engaging enough?"), we should ask, "What is God saying to me and to us? Where do I need to repent, believe, or obey?"

Third, we are called to respond. Preaching is not finished when the sermon ends. The real test comes in the days that follow. Do we take what we heard into prayer? Do we seek reconciliation, turn from sin, practice generosity, pursue a neglected spiritual discipline, or encourage a struggling brother or sister?

In the end, preaching "works" because God works—through His Word, by His Spirit, in the hearts of His people. The preacher's task is to clearly and faithfully proclaim the Scriptures. Our task is to listen with faith, humility, and readiness to obey. When that happens, even the simplest sermon becomes part of the great drama of God drawing His people closer to Himself.

For His glory alone,
Pastor Bud

Milestones

Deaths

Chaplain Beatrice Thompson
March 13, 2026
sister of Peg Frederick

Bud Thorne
April 5, 2026
father of Lisa Bowen

Calling all Graduates

Graduation Season is just around the corner and, as is our tradition, we will honor all of our high school and college graduates with a reception on **Sunday, June 14**, following the worship service. That day, high school graduates are asked to wear their caps and gowns and to sit together in the front pews. Luke Diener, our Youth Director, will introduce each one. The high school grads will have the opportunity to display some personal photos and memorabilia to give us a glimpse of their history, interests, achievements, and goals. It's always a special time for our church family to learn more about our grads as we mingle over slices of cake!

If your family has a graduate for us to celebrate, **please call or email the church office by May 31**, with their information:

- Name of grad
- Name of their high school or college
- Degree to be received
- Plans for after-graduation

Questions: text message
Peggie Recker 206-919-2292

Fundraising Events in May

Car Wash

The Youth Group will wash your vehicle on **Saturday, May 2**, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the church parking lot. Please help support our students raise funds to attend the upcoming youth retreat.

Movie Night

On **Wednesday, May 27**, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., we will be watching *His Only Son*, a story of Abraham. Popcorn, snacks, and drinks, will be available for purchase. Please attend and support our students as they try to bring down the cost of their retreat!

Crock Pot Potluck

We will share a time of fellowship and good food again on **Sunday, May 31**. Please bring a crockpot meal or a salad to feed 8-10 people. Have meals and salads ready to serve when you arrive. Crockpots can be plugged in to keep warm during the worship service. Desserts will be provided by the church.

Spare Change Changes Lives!



Spring Baby Bottle Drive May 10 – June 21

With your help, Care Net of Puget Sound provides:

- Pregnancy tests
- Life-changing ultrasounds
- Practical support for families
- Healing after abortion
- Parenting education
- and so much more.



Fill a bottle or
give online



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN...WHAAAAAAT???

By Ellyn Roe

If you are new to BPC, you might be wondering why there's buzz about Care Net baby bottles. You might be wondering what Care Net is.

Care Net of Puget Sound is our area's largest non-profit, faith-based pregnancy resource center, providing hope and help to women experiencing unplanned or poorly supported pregnancies. 100% of its funding is from private donations. Every spring from Mother's Day to Father's Day more than 200 churches use Care Net Baby Bottle Banks as

a means of collecting donations AND as a 6-week reminder to pray daily for this ministry that not only saves babies' lives, but often introduces women to the Gospel.

PLEASE, on Mother's Day May 10, take a baby bottle from the Care Net table, place it in a visible place where you and your family can discuss the preciousness of God-ordained human life (use Psalm 139?) and pray together for Care Net. Return the bottle on Father's Day, June 21, with cash and/or a check (Care Net of Puget Sound). A QR code

for electronic giving is also available—just be sure to connect your contribution to BPC so we can celebrate a total church donation amount together.

Questions about all things Care Net? See Steve or Ellyn Roe, Care Net Volunteers, or Lisa Siedenburg, Care Net King County Mobile Director.

CROCK-POT Potluck



Join us for food and fellowship for a **crock-pot potluck** right after service on **May 31st** in the **MPR**.



The church will supply desserts!



BOULEVARD
PARK CHURCH



JULY 20-23, 8:45AM-NOON

BOULEVARD PARK CHURCH

1822 S 128th St, Burien, WA 98168

- 1st-5th Graders: Soccer, Cheer, or Art
- 4-5 Year-Olds: Kickstart
 - age-appropriate games & sports
 - must be 4 by July 20 to participate!
- Kids entering 6th grade can join as camper or serve as volunteer.

Camper Registration



Theme: **Press On**

To **press on**, we must aim for the goal of following Jesus, boldly go and obey God's call, always be hopeful in His promises & finish well by living out His word.

Memory Verse

"But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I **PRESS ON** toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3: 13-14



Volunteers Needed: Scan QR code to register!

You're invited to serve by leading a group of 8-10 kids, no sports skills necessary...just a love for Jesus & the kids He brings to your group.

Already Signed up? Thank you! Save these dates & times!

- Prep/work Party: Tue, Apr 14th 10am-12pm
- Training & Breakfast: Sun, Jul 19th 8-10am
- Volunteer Check-in & Devotion: 8am
- Camper Schedule: 8:45am-12pm
- Volunteer Debrief: 12:15-12:30pm

More Ways You Can Help! Donate & Pray

Donate non-perishable camp snacks. Label items for 'Sports Camp' & drop off at church:

- Ritz Crackers
- Rice Krispie Treats (store bought)
- Fruits Snacks
- Granola Bars (Kirkland or Quaker brands)
- Graham Crackers
- Cases of bottled water (16.9 oz)
- Goldfish Crackers
- Snacks for volunteers: Cookies

Pray:

- For campers who will be coming to hear about and respond to Jesus.
- For the leadership and all the details involved.

Question!

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Calendar Events

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REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

NOTE: The first Sunday of the month is BPC's **Prayer Meeting** during Adult Sunday School in Room 431. **Communion** is celebrated during Worship.

Mondays

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

Friday, May 1

- 6:30P Men's Retreat at BPC

Saturday, May 2

- 8:00A Men's Retreat at BPC
- 11:00A Youth Group Car Wash
- 3:00P

Wednesday, May 6, 13, & 20

- 6:00P Dinner
- 6:30P KIDS Adventure Club
- 6:30P Youth Group
- 6:40P Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, May 12

- 9:30A MOMLife & KIDLife

Wednesday, May 13

Annual Reports are due

Saturday, May 16

- 8:00A Men's Breakfast/
Pancake Chef

Saturday, May 16

- 2:00P Memorial Service/
Joan Dehn Whidden

May 22 & 25

Church Office will be closed.

Saturday, May 30

- 11:00A Memorial Service/
Pat Jorgensen

Sunday, May 31

- 12:00P Crockpot Potluck in MPR

Tending the Flock

What is Church Governance?

By Ken Carter, Elder

Scripture presents governance as vital to ensuring order, protecting sound doctrine, and upholding the mission of the church, "*But all things must be done properly and in an orderly way*" (1 Cor. 14:40). Church governance is a shared responsibility between the church officers (elders, deacons, deaconesses, trustees, treasurer), staff and members. Each of us have made commitments to serve the church faithfully and all of us have a part in governing the church. Church governance should align with biblical teaching, ensuring that the church remains faithful to its mission to "*preach the word, be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage with great patience and careful instruction*" (2 Tim. 4:2).

What are the responsibilities of the Board of Elders at Boulevard Park Church?

Their overall responsibilities are to shepherd the church body and to exercise oversight of the church organization. Our Bylaws state the Board of Elders is required:

1. To devote themselves steadfastly to prayer and the ministry of the Word. In our monthly meetings we share a devotion and then discuss and pray for current requests, staff concerns, and shepherding issues.
2. To guard the Church from any deviation from the Word of God in belief or practice. Our culture changes so we adapt our doctrine to clearly state our biblical stance for emerging issues.
3. To advance the preaching of the Gospel, both at home and abroad.
4. To participate in the worship service on the Lord's Day by offering prayers and praise, reading the Scriptures, teaching (this may include primary preaching).
5. To oversee the operation of the Church.
6. To work with other churches to create joint agencies for education, ministries to special needs, and for other suitable activities. Example: Transform Burien.
7. To act as agent for dissolution, in the event the Church becomes unviable.
8. To approve and recommend to the congregation any changes to the Articles of Incorporation, the Constitution, Doctrine, and/or the Bylaws.

What are the members' responsibilities?

The Bible emphasizes the importance of church membership as a vital aspect of the

Christian *faith*. The early believers "*devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer*" (Acts 2:4). This highlights the significance of being part of a community that fosters spiritual growth, unity, and mutual support among believers. The congregation plays a vital role in governance, participating in decision-making processes and holding leaders accountable. Each one of us, when choosing to join Boulevard Park Church as members, makes a commitment to the church to protect the unity, support the testimony, serve in the ministries, maintain the purity, and share in the responsibilities of the church.

A significant member responsibility is to participate in our congregational meetings to hear about, understand, and ensure that changes proposed by the Board of Elders are consistent with God's Word, are justified, reasonable, affordable, and beneficial.

In June, we will hold our Annual Business Meeting to discuss the state of the church, review and approve the annual budget, elect an officer-nominating committee, and the elders will propose changes to our Bylaws which define how we work in unison. In like manner, in the fall, we will elect officers proposed by the nominating committee, review the budget, and the elders will propose changes to our Doctrine which defines our beliefs.

If you are not a member of BPC, I urge you to attend the meetings to gain a better appreciation of how we work together as the body of Christ. You also may identify ways to share your own spiritual gifts within our church.

With your active participation, these meetings are important to enable communication, support, and commitment to maintaining an effective, loving body of Christ.

In closing, let's consider Paul's letter to the church in Corinth which encourages us to share our God-given gifts as members of His church. "*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good*" (1 Cor. 12:4-7).

NOTE: Ken has had a hand in drafting most of our policies and procedures. He chairs the Business Committee which coordinates the work of the Elders, Trustees, and Treasurer, and he coordinates the agenda for Congregational meetings.

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that Jesus had died for him, and that he could be freed of his past and present life, and embrace a changed future. He asked Elizabeth, "Is there a Bible in this house?" Yes, there was. Najeeb told Elizabeth, "I'm going into that room. Do not open the door." Najeeb sequestered himself for three days, confessing all his known sins, emerging as a clean, changed man. Shortly thereafter, seeing the transformation in Najeeb's life, Elizabeth, too, put her trust in Christ.

Najeeb founded and pastors Immanuel Evangelical Church in Haifa. For a season, the Atteihis also owned and operated Immanuel Christian Bookshop where BPC's Mark and Joanne Mackey visited and came to know the Atteihis. God gave Najeeb a mandate to evangelize the lost and desperate, which led to their starting evangelistic outreaches to Armenia, trips to share God's love with the poor and powerless there, often supplying them with money for food. Gifted with fluency in multiple languages, Najeeb also has been blessed with discernment, allowing him to speak spiritual truth into people's lives with understanding and efficiency. They have a burden for the unsaved, especially their Jewish neighbors, and take every opportunity God gives them to share the Gospel or disciple new believers, though operating on a shoestring budget.

While in Seattle last summer, Najeeb and Elizabeth also met with several BPC elders to share about their ministries and to inquire about establishing a prayer partnership. Recently the full Elder Board discussed this excellent proposal and

agreed to include the Atteihis in the family of missionaries for whom we pray regularly on Sunday mornings. During our congregational prayer time we also make a point of remembering Christians living in dangerous environments or experiencing persecution (Heb. 13:3). So we are grateful that Najeeb and Elizabeth can keep us apprised of the prayer needs of Christians in Israel, Armenia, and throughout the region.

Can you imagine living in Israel under threat of missile and drone attack 24/7?

It is time for all of us to pray for them if you have not already begun. For several weeks, their ministry of taking humanitarian aid and the Gospel to Armenia, to refugees, and to Israeli soldiers has been suspended due to the attacks from Hezbollah and Iran. The Atteihis and extended family, including Elizabeth's ailing mom, Lorette, spend most of their days in underground bomb shelters. They report fear, but also a steadfast trust in God, their true shelter. The Atteihis long to resume their evangelistic work in and around Israel.

Will you pray for them? Why not now, before you scroll or turn the page?

And later... drop them a note of encouragement.
immanuel.haifa@gmail.com

NOTE: Prayer cards for the Atteihis are available to pick up from the Global Workers rack in the lower foyer. Please feel free to take one home.

Celebrations!

May Birthdays

- 1 William McCreary
- 6 Karen Doerr
- 7 Don Whalen
- 12 Rachel Drost
Don Hartley
- 13 Karen Bretz
- 14 Hillary Hightower
Joe Hightower
- 15 Ellyn Roe
Jennifer Teeler
Pete Wagner
- 16 Fred Volkens
- 17 Lisa Bowen
- 19 Jim Lindberg
Wyatt Wagner
- 20 Jim Shoe
- 21 Jon Recker
- 25 Eva Lee Henderson
- 27 Brenda Partridge
- 28 Judy Maier
- 29 Larry Gray
- 31 Dick Frederick
Rae Weller

Early June BDs

- 1 Noe Martinez
Adalyn Wilson
- 2 Lisa Siedenburg
- 3 Judy Mattson
- 4 Farouq Hammo
- 5 Kian Conroy
- 6 Ian Faulkner
- 7 Lisa (Stampalia) Jones
Larry Rice
Gary Stariha
- 8 Cora Miller
Nathan Recker

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

PRAY FOR
*Pastor Najeeb
and
Elizabeth Atteih*
SERVING AS MISSIONARIES
IN ISRAEL
IMMANUEL CHURCH

*"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
May they be secure who love you.
Peace be within your walls,
security within your citadels."*
PSALM 122:6

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*Reaching Our
World for Christ*



On Sunday, April 19, volunteers from BPC served 206 meals to men, women and children at Transform Burien. What a blessing of service to those in need! Boulevard Park Church is scheduled to serve six times a year at Transform Burien on the first Sunday of October, December, February, April, June, and August. Our volunteers prepare and serve a meal, plus assist with the clothing and food banks. The mission, along with other area churches, is to show Christ's love to those in need in our local community. If you are available to help, please contact Wayne Eickert at 206-390-1938.

Photo credit: Wayne Eickert

