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God Bless Our 2025 Grads

Congratulations to our 2025 graduates! We pray the Lord's blessing on their lives as they move ahead with their future endeavors. They will be honored on **Sunday, June 8**, in the worship service with a reception following in the MPR.

Madison Burt, Thomas Jefferson High School and Highline College with an AS in Engineering. Madison will be attending the University of Washington in the fall.

Valentine Faulkner, Highline High School and Highline College. She will be attending Western Washington University to study Teaching and Art.

Micah Harder, Highline High School. Micah is planning on doing a construction apprenticeship this summer.

Hadley Hutchinson, Mount Rainier High School. Hadley will be attending Seattle Pacific University in the fall and will be majoring in nursing.

Kara Siedenburt, Mount Rainier High School. Kara will be attending Grand Canyon University in the fall to study nursing.

Jessica Bowen, Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Denver

Annie Rolleston, Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Georgia. The granddaughter of Fred and Judy Volkers plans to continue her education with the goal of becoming a Literacy Specialist.

Fifth Graders Promotion to Sixth Grade/ Youth Ministry next school year:

Blake Arnesen
Lilithann (Lily) Barreras
Seven Lipa
Hannah Lian
Samuel Ly
Etzio Morrow



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

Thailand Girls' Mission Team

July 19-30
Please pray God would use us to glorify Him
and point others to Him!

Alyssa & Angela	Tues-Local Elementary School
Amelia & Michelle	Wed/Thurs-Zion Home
Sarah & Merry	Fri-Local Village
Carly, Kara & Katie	Sat/Sun-BIFA Sports Camp
John & Lisa	Tues-Local Elementary School

The Thailand Girls' Mission Team appreciates your prayers!

Please pray...

- ...that the girls who are going would grow in their faith and ability to share about Jesus with the kids.
- ...for health and energy and quick recovery from jet lag so we can be ready for action.
- ...for funding for the renovation project at the Zion Home.
- ...that the gospel would be clearly shared with each group of kids and the Lord would call kids to follow Him.
- ...that the Lord would be glorified in and through us.

Other ways to support us...

Check out our Amazon wish list with supplies/equipment for the different groups we will be working with. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/LHJNEKT8VPPL?ref_=wl_share

Makin Visits in June

Our global worker in Thailand will be at home briefly this spring. We will welcome her to BPC on Sunday, June 1. Be sure to greet her then!



Photo Credit: Courtesy of M.Y.

Worship Is More than Sunday Morning

By Pastor Bud

When we think of worship, we often picture what happens between 10:30 and 12:00 on a Sunday morning—music, preaching, prayer. But true worship reaches far beyond those 90 minutes. It's not something we simply show up for. It's something we prepare our hearts for.

In fact, the most overlooked aspect of any worship service is not the sermon or the songs—it's the spiritual readiness of the worshiper. Hebrews 10:22 offers a powerful call to worship: *"Let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water."*

This verse gives us four spiritual reference points to examine before we come before God in worship.

Reference Point One: Sincerity

The verse starts by calling us to draw near "with a true heart." That means coming to God without pretense, distractions, or hidden agendas. A sincere heart is one that is fully focused on God and His glory.

It's easy to come to worship physically present but mentally elsewhere—thinking about lunch plans, family tensions, or just getting through the service. But God desires worshipers whose hearts are fully engaged. Worship without sincerity is not worship at all.

Reference Point Two: Fidelity

We are also told to approach God "in full assurance of faith." The early Christians, especially those from Jewish backgrounds, were tempted to cling to old rituals and traditions. But faith in Christ meant letting go of those shadows and embracing the substance—Jesus.

We, too, must come with full trust in the gospel, not leaning on our habits, church attendance, or past experiences. True worship is anchored in confidence in the finished work of Christ.

Reference Point Three: Humility

The phrase "having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience" reminds us that even though we are welcomed into God's presence, we don't come because we deserve to be there. We come by grace.

When we recognize the weight of our sin and the wonder of Christ's sacrifice, our worship becomes more than routine—it becomes grateful, reverent, and real. Worship is not a performance; it's a humble offering.

Reference Point Four: Purity

Finally, Hebrews speaks of "our bodies washed with pure water." This isn't about physical cleanliness but spiritual renewal. Though we've been cleansed once for all by Christ's blood, our daily walk through the world leaves us dusty. We need regular confession and repentance to stay spiritually refreshed.

Think of it this way: you wouldn't wear muddy shoes into a friend's clean home. In the same way, we shouldn't enter worship without first allowing God to wash away what we've picked up during the week.

Preparing Our Hearts

Each week, our worship team prepares. The pastor prepares. Those leading in prayer or announcements prepare. But none of that matters if we, the people, arrive unprepared in heart.

The good news? God invites us to draw near. When we come with sincerity, confidence in Christ, humility, and a desire for purity, He meets us there. Worship becomes more than a service. It becomes transformative.

So next Sunday, don't just show up. Prepare. Because worship is not just something we do—it's a response to the God who loved us first.

For His glory alone,
Pastor Bud

Milestones

Deaths

Lynlee Kathryn Sneesby
April 27, 2025
Baby daughter of
Ryan and Jessica Sneesby

New Contacts:

Ryan & Jessica Sneesby
12422 64th Ave E
Puyallup WA 98373

New Email for Donna Lightfoot:
4dml.online@gmail.com

New Email addresses for Staff:
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josh.richins@bpcburien.org

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Interim Youth Director:
luke.diener@bpcburien.org

Special Notes

Annual Meeting

— The elders have called for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 22 following the worship service. It will be combined with the salad/dessert pizza potluck. (See page 5.)

Annual Report

Articles are due for the annual report. If you are a report writer, please submit your report soon to Lori Neumann: office.assistant@bpcburien.org. The Annual Report will be given out at the annual meeting.

SPORTS CAMP 2025

July 14-18, 8:45am-Noon

Boulevard Park Church

1st-5th Graders: Soccer,
Cheer, or Art

4-5 Year-Olds: Kickstart

Register through the QR code or
at www.bpcburien.org, beginning May 4.



THEME: TEAM UP

Knowing God is our ultimate purpose in life! God has the best plan for our lives and with God's help we can face our fears, defeat our doubts, and live for Jesus and others.

MEMORY VERSE: Ecclesiastes 4:9-10a

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow.

Volunteers Needed! Sign up here!

Lead a group of 8-12 kids, no sports skills needed...just a love for Jesus and the kids He brings to your group. Youth, please have a parent's approval when sign you up.



Already signed up? Save these dates & times!

- Volunteer Training with Base Sports, June 27-28, Fri 5:30-8:30 PM & Sat 8:30 AM-1:30 PM
- Volunteer Training & Lunch: July 13, after church/12:00-2:00pm
- Volunteer Schedule During Camp Week:
 - Volunteer Check-In & Devotions: 8:00am
 - Camp: 8:45-12:00
 - Volunteer Debrief: 12:15-12:30pm

Join us for a Prep Party:

- **TUESDAY, JULY 8**, from 9 a.m. to noon.

This big job requires many hands to help prepare and organize all the materials and equipment for the week.

AGE-GROUP OPTIONS:

4- and 5-year-olds are only offered the Kickstart Program. Campers must be 4 by July 14. They will begin the morning with the older kids, break off for a sampler of sports and age-appropriate lessons, and then finish the morning with the older kids.

Kids who are entering Grades 1-5 in the fall can choose from Soccer, Cheer, or Art.

Kids entering 6th grade in the fall have the option to participate as a camper or volunteer.

More Ways You Can Help!

Donate:

- Non-perishable camp snacks. Label items for Sports Camp and drop off at church:
 - Ritz Crackers
 - Fruit Snacks
 - Graham Crackers
 - Goldfish Crackers
 - Rice Krispie Treats (store bought)
 - No-Nut Granola Bars (Kirkland or Quaker brands)
 - Cases of bottled water (16.9 oz)
- Snacks for volunteers: Cookies

Pray:

- For the campers who will be coming to hear about and respond to Jesus.
- For the leadership and all the details involved.
- For our Base Ministry staff trainers & leaders as they prepare to come lead our Sports Camp.

Host:

- Housing may be needed for 1 or 2 Base Sports coaches.

Contact Katie at katieteeler@gmail.com or 253-266-8608 or
Jed at Jedidiah.thangthat@bpcburien.org for more info.

Salad Potluck Plus Pizza



BPC Annual Meeting

Sunday ✦ June 22

in the MPR after the worship service

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

Bring a salad or dessert ✦ Pizza provided by BPC

Important Details:

- All items ready to serve and labeled
- Salads on north and south walls of MPR
- Desserts on the tables near the kitchen

Immediately after worship service:

- Put your name on a nametag and wear it.
- Find a seat in the Multipurpose Room.
- Grace will be said before the meal.



Thank You!

The Care Net Annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Sunday, May 11—Sunday, June 15, 2025

(Mother's Day to Father's Day)

By Steve and Ellyn Roe, Care Net Volunteers

THANK YOU, CHURCH FAMILY, for so enthusiastically supporting Care Net's 2025 Mother's Day-to-Father's Day Baby Bottle Fundraiser. PLEASE keep rounding up your spare change, and/or bills and saving them at home until the **June 15th Father's Day collection** of all donations at church. Checks are always welcome (Care Net of Puget Sound) as well as donations in ANY container.

To protect your donation, our sanity and that of the church staff, PLEASE do not bring your contributions back before

Sunday, June 15. 😊 We will also have the giant baby bottle bank at church that day for spontaneous donations you may discover in your pocket or purse.

We suggest you place your baby bottle or donation container in a spot where it will remind you daily to pray for Care Net: that the women (and men) who come through our doors will be moved to choose life for their babies, and even Eternal Life, when God gives us the opportunity to share His Gospel with them.

Calendar Events

JUNE 2025

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00A Prayer Meeting
9:15A KIDS Sunday School
Youth Sunday School
10:30A KIDS Church
10:30A Worship In Person & Live Stream

Sunday, June 1, 2025

9:00A Prayer Meeting
10:30A Worship/Communion

Sunday, June 8

Graduation Sunday

Sunday, June 22

12:00P Salad/Dessert Potluck & Pizza—Annual Meeting

Mon., June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

6:00P Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, June 3

6:30P Ladies Bible Study

Saturday, June 7

12:00P Deaconess Picnic

Monday, June 9

11:00A Ladies Circle

Wednesday, June 11

6:30P Parents of Youth Meeting

Friday, June 27

5:30P Volunteer training
-8:30P with Base Sports

Saturday, June 28

8:30A Volunteer training
-1:30P with Base Sports

Summer Sunday School at BPC

Adult Summer Sunday School

BPC Adult Sunday School is starting an 8-week video series entitled, **"The Fear of the Lord,"** taught by **Dr. Michael Reeves**. Everyone is invited to join us at 9 a.m. each Sunday in Room 431, as we study what Scripture teaches us about drawing near to God in holy fear.

Children's Sunday School

Volunteers Needed: We're looking for teachers, helpers, substitutes, and nursery workers for our 9:15 a.m. Summer Sunday School. If you're interested in serving, please contact Jed at Jedidiah.Thangthat@bcpburien.org

Ladies Sunday Morning Bible Study

We are working through Priscilla Shirer's *Armor of God* Study and DVD series in Room 139 at 9:15 a.m. Contact Lisa Siedenburg for more information.

Cottage Club Update

By Erryn Kowallis

It's been a wonderful first year for Cottage Club! We ended our program in May with 14 families, 42 kids and a lot of sweet memories.

We spent our Fridays at BPC learning about classic artists, composers, and poets, singing folk songs and hymns, and learning handicrafts such as cross stitch and needle felting. The kids had a blast and the families, who were largely strangers in fall of 2024, are now a connected community of like-minded homeschoolers.

Despite my family's move to Vermont, Cottage Club will continue to meet and utilize BPC's facilities. Courtney Frick is replacing me as Co-Director alongside Amanda Johnson, who co-labored with me



this past year.

It's hard to say goodbye to Cottage Club, only a year into its fruition, but I'm so glad Amanda and Courtney will continue at the helm so Cottage Club can live on for many years to come.

If you see a herd of kids shuffling to the children's floor on a Friday this fall, be sure to give them a smile and ask them about Caravaggio or Vivaldi!

Kowallis Family Arrive Safely in Vermont

By Lisa Bowen

Thank you so much for your prayers over the Kowallis family as they headed to Vermont to start their ministry with a new church family in Middletown Springs!

Erryn, Declan and Emrys flew out ahead to get their house opened and ready, as Nate, Fletcher and Callum (along with their dog, Lou) drove across the country on a week-long journey, stopping along the way and having some grand adventures! Along with visiting places like Mt. Rushmore, the Laura Ingalls' home, and swimming miles in hotel pools, they got to experience new things such as: intense thunder, hail and dust storms, and even tornado warnings! After traveling almost 3,000 miles, either in the air, or in the van, they all arrived safely, their moving truck making it to their new home even before they did, and their congregation ready to unload the whole truck for them!

They are settling into their beautiful home that was built in 1823, and their church that was church that was built in 1796! They've literally moved into pages of a history book!

Their congregation is so excited to have the family there, and to have Nate serving as their Pastor, this sign was in place even before they all arrived. They are being loved and supported well, already.

Their new address is:

Nate and Erryn Kowallis
95 on the Green
Poultney, VT 05764



Photo Credit: Courtesy of the Kowallis family

A Medal for Not Meddling

By Jon Recker, Elder

*“Whoever meddles in a quarrel not his own is like one
who takes a passing dog by the ears.”
– Proverbs 26:17*

As Christians we have the privilege of living our lives *together* in the local church. God calls us to live in community for purposes of encouragement (I Thes. 5:11), discipleship (Acts 2:42), accountability (James 5:19-20), support (Gal. 6:2), and service (Heb. 10:24). In any large group, however, individuals eventually come into conflict. Sadly the church is no exception.

Countless books and articles have been written on resolving quarrels according to biblical principles. Some Christians have even started reconciliation businesses, offering the services of “certified reconcilers” (for a small fee, of course). But here I would like to highlight the danger of carelessly getting involved in other people’s disputes.

In Proverbs 26:17 Solomon observed that meddling in someone else’s quarrel is like taking a “dog by the ears.” Even a good-natured dog will lash out if grabbed by the ears, likely hurting both the person who seized him and anyone nearby. Similarly we can cause immense harm by inserting ourselves into a dispute which does not concern us.

So before jumping in, be sure to **pray for discernment** about the situation (James 1:5) and **assess whether scripture supports your actions** (Ps. 119:105). When determining whether and how to help others resolve a conflict, ask yourself the following questions.

First, “Do I understand the **root cause** of the quarrel?” Believers may subconsciously “elevate” their disagreements by presenting them as arguments over biblical truth (II Tim. 4:2) when they actually flow from fleshly passions (James 4:1). An outsider might therefore have difficulty nailing down what a dispute is really about. And even after identifying the cause of the controversy, the naive observer may still “choose sides” based on incomplete information. As Proverbs 18:17 reminds us, *“The one who states his case first seems right, until the other comes and examines him.”*

Second, “What is **my motivation** for getting involved?” In a genuine dispute over

orthodoxy, you may have a role to play. But this only applies if the party in error is seeking God’s truth in good faith, such as Priscilla and Aquila instructing Apollos “more accurately” in the way of God (Acts 18:24-28). People who intentionally sow division, however, should simply be avoided and kept away from the church (Rom. 16:17, Gal. 1:9, Titus 3:10-11).

And with any personal conflicts, be on your guard against temptations to gossip (Prov. 26:22). Even in the New Testament church, “gossips and busybodies” were a problem (I Tim. 5:13). Yet just as quarrels are fed by gossip, ceasing to gossip helps bring them to a close. Consider Proverbs 26:20, *“For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases.”*

And finally, “Am I **prolonging the quarrel** by reminding the parties of the original offense?” Too often I have seen the process of reconciliation thrown into reverse by an outsider insisting that one party in a dispute was “getting off too easy.” This is especially dangerous when the conflict stems from offensive or misunderstood words, for which no specific restitution can be made.

We may apologize for, contextualize, rephrase, or retract our words. But we can never un-say them. So reminding an offended brother of the things said to him simply creates obstacles to forgiveness. As Solomon noted in Proverbs 17:9, *“Whoever covers an offense seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates close friends.”*

For these reasons and more, scripture teaches us to refrain from meddling in other people’s quarrels. Although the temptation to barge in may be great, we are better off praying for those involved and encouraging their reconciliation (Phil. 4:2-3) rather than joining the argument. By doing so we will demonstrate that love for one another which is powerful evidence that we are disciples of Christ (John 13:35).

Celebrations!

June Birthdays

- 1 Noe Martinez
- 2 Lisa Siedenburg
- 3 Judy Mattson
- 4 Farouq Hammo
- 5 Kian Conroy
- 6 Ian Faulkner
- 7 Larry Rice
Gary Stariha
Lisa (Stampalia) Jones
- 8 Cora Miller
Nathan Recker
- 10 Tamara Mackey
- 11 Trudy Lindberg
- 12 Skip Kulle
- 13 Nancy Kido
- 16 George Graham
Colleen Jonasson
- 21 Norma Walters
- 24 Carol Gillihan
Jan Hall
Alice Hammond
- 25 Judy Horton
Judy Volkres
- 26 Doug Johnson
James Lovall
Gloria Prince
- 27 Peg Frederick
- 29 Shiloh Drost

Early July Birthdays

- 1 Makin Yee
- 2 Harvey Siedenburg
- 7 Jan Deda
- 8 Jayce Graham
Addison Partridge
Brooklyn Partridge
- 9 Illa Pomeroy
Ron Weller

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



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*Reaching Our
World for Christ*

Boulevard Park Church **MEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT** Saturday, July 26, at 9 a.m.

Foster Golf Course

13500 Interurban Ave S.
Tukwila

BEST BALL FORMAT

Prizes will be handed out for:

Low Team Score, Long Drive hole #10

Most drives used by one team member

Closest to the pin # 5 & # 11

Cost: \$70 (Cart not included)

Contact Greg Brown to sign up:
206-326-9460 or greg@gbnetworking.com