



Boulevard Park Press

JUNE 2026

THE NEWSLETTER OF BOULEVARD PARK CHURCH

Behind the Scenes in Papua New Guinea and Beyond

By Ellyn Roe

Right now in June we are surrounded by high school graduates considering such careers as: Doctor, Teacher, Coach, Accountant, Hospitality Worker, Mechanic, Physical Therapist, Office Manager, Carpenter, I.T. Specialist, Nurse, Receptionist, Pilot, Cook, Childcare Provider, Librarian, Dental Assistant, Electrician, Handyman/woman. . . “Undecided.”

I am currently writing from Papua New Guinea where we are visiting BPC global workers Noe, Lisa, Naya and Jocie Martinez, serving with Ethnos 360 . For this visit, we are not living in their island home with the Tigak tribe, but rather are at the Ethnos 360 support center where Noe and Lisa just completed a year serving as dorm parents for high schoolers (including Naya and Jocie) attending the on-center boarding school, Numonohi Christian Academy (NCA).

So what does that career list above have to do with global workers? EVERYTHING!

Each one of those professions (including “undecided”) represents a support need faced by global workers. Most people correctly envision global workers doing Bible translation, preaching and teaching, discipling and meeting especially, the spiritual needs of the people group with whom they work. Correct! BUT — particularly for third-world global workers whose host countries lack a robust infrastructure, in-country support is needed so that global workers do not just *arrive* on the field, don’t just *doggedly persevere*, but enjoy *thriving* ministry and find it “easier” to continue. K.D.*and a few years ago the Norwoods, are just a few examples of BPC global workers who have filled support needs, whether long-term or “just” a year or less.

Shown on this page are some glimpses of life at the Ethnos 360 center in PNG, where many of these professions are at work.

At top, left to right:

- Naya rides one of the quads which are important at this very hilly campus, representing the need for mechanics.
- Student-run Coffee Shop, where an advisor teaches barista skills and business acumen, and global workers get refreshing coffee drinks! (Jocie is facing the camera.)
- NCA Volleyball and rugby teams (who both won regional championships last month) represent the need for coaches so global workers’ kids can do sports like their friends back home.

At right, above and below:

- Guest House: Hosts provide meals and housekeeping for global workers who arrive for medical or dental help or leadership meetings. . . or for visiting families from out of country — like Steve and me!
- Medical Clinic: Doctors, nurses, dentists, medical or dental assistants serve global workers and their families.

Not represented in photos, but obviously needed in support of global workers worldwide: dorm parents, office managers, pilots and aviation mechanics, teachers and. . . all the other professions. Many of these positions are lived out mainly at support centers such as here at Lapilo, which is a large campus of comfortable houses, clinics, K-12 school buildings, offices, and maintenance facilities. An extraordinary camaraderie is obvious.

Because another couple has accepted the dorm parent role for the next school year, Noe and Lisa can return soon to their discipleship work with the Tigak tribe. You might not be called to frontline global work, but maybe God would give you or someone you know the privilege of a short or even long term support opportunity. Need more info about this? Chat with any global worker or the several BPC members who have done support work. Pray for more support workers all around the globe.



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

*Because the Press is published online, some of our global workers must guard their identities. If you need email addresses, contact ellynroe@comcast.net



**Boulevard Park Press
June 2026**

Published Monthly by
Boulevard Park Church

1822 S 128th Street
Burien, Washington 98168-2903

Phone: 206-243-2600

E-mail: Info@bpcpc.org

Website: www.bpcburien.org

Pastor: Bud Diener

Worship
Services: Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Press Staff

Editor: Eva Lee Henderson

Asst. Editor: Peggie Recker

Reporter: Ellyn Roe

The Press also is available on
the church website.

July/August Deadline: June 15

E-mail: bpcpress@bpcburien.org

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

WELCOME HOME, Garcia Family

We welcomed Jared and Laurie Garcia and their sweet little boys, Carson (age 4) and Duncan (10 months), **HOME** to BPC on June 10. We were an early stop on their rather short home assignment itinerary as they travel the country to connect with friends and supporting churches. Jared and Laurie shared with us their many current and upcoming ministry opportunities in Baguio City, Philippines. That was a good lead-in to Jared's sermon from the book of Jonah. We enjoyed the fellowship of reconnection with Garcias during a coffee hour reception.



Photos courtesy of the Garcia family

Update From the Garcias

Our first quarter of 2026 was busy with wrapping up final commitments in Baguio City before our May-July "Stateside assignment," our first trip back to the States since we moved to the Philippines in January 2024.

This January began with our in-house preaching workshop for men on the Book of Judges. We had about 21 men from at least seven different churches show up for the workshop. Some of these men are now preaching through Judges while we're away in the U.S.

Jared had several opportunities to teach and preach beyond our city, including a pastors' seminar in Pampanga (a 3-4 hour drive south of Baguio). This seminar served about 35-40 churches just north of Metro Manila. Topics included expositional preaching, biblical theology, membership and discipline, evangelism and conversion, corporate prayer, missions, and plurality of elders.

Jared also had the privilege of baptizing two young men from our church in April.

Also in mid-April, Laurie coordinated our first course of the Women's Institute: the Overview of the Bible. Three ladies from the U.S. and Canada came and taught the big story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. About 65 women joined, representing eight different local churches. Laurie is also training to help in small group discussions for a Simeon Trust Workshop for Women on Bible Exposition to be held in Manila in early September.

Finally, our School of Theology SY 2025-2026 just concluded at the end of April, with Greek II class and Minor Prophets class now ended. Classes pick up again starting in June, and Jared will teach some sessions online as we're in the States support-raising and visiting our gospel partners.



More Sure Than Experience

By Pastor Bud

When the Apostle Peter wrote his second epistle, he addressed believers living in a culture flooded with false teachers, speculative ideas, and spiritual confusion. In that setting, Peter grounded the church not in emotional experiences, mystical impressions, or human authority, but in the unshakable certainty of the Word of God.

Peter begins by reminding his readers that the apostles did not proclaim *“cleverly devised myths”* (2 Pet. 1:16). Christianity is not built upon religious imagination or subjective spirituality. Peter himself had witnessed the majesty of Christ firsthand. He stood on the Mount of Transfiguration and saw the glory of Jesus revealed before his eyes. He heard the audible voice of the Father from heaven declare, *“This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased”* (vs. 17). Few experiences in human history could surpass that moment.

Yet Peter says something remarkable in verse 19: *“and we have as more sure the prophetic word.”* In other words, the written Word of God stands as the believer’s final authority, even above the most extraordinary personal experience.

That truth is urgently needed today. Modern Christianity often elevates experiences above Scripture. Many people determine truth by what they feel, what they claim to have seen, or what produces emotional intensity. Some pursue visions, dreams, signs, impressions, or private revelations as though these things provide greater certainty than the Bible itself.

Peter takes the opposite approach. Though he was an eyewitness to Christ’s glory, he directs believers back to the prophetic Scriptures. Experiences can be misunderstood. Emotions can fluctuate.

Human perception can fail. But the Word of God does not fail.

Peter describes Scripture as *“a lamp shining in a dark place”* (v. 19). The world is morally dark and spiritually deceptive. The church does not need new revelation, innovative spirituality, or mystical speculation. The church needs the light God has already given in His sufficient Word.

Peter further explains why Scripture possesses this authority. *“No prophecy of Scripture comes by one’s own interpretation”* (vs. 20), because *“men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God”* (vs. 21). The Bible is not merely the reflections of religious men. Scripture is divine revelation. God superintended human authors through the work of the Holy Spirit so that what they wrote was exactly what He intended.

Because Scripture originates from God (God-breathed), it carries God’s authority; it is sufficient for teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness (spiritual growth).

It does not mean experiences have no place in the Christian life. God providentially works in our lives in profound ways. But experiences must always be tested by and subjected to Scripture. The Bible interprets our experiences; our experiences never interpret the Bible.

In a society obsessed with innovation and emotion, the church must recover a conviction about the sufficiency of God’s Word. The believer who knows Scripture possesses something more sure than human opinion and more stable than personal experience. God has spoken, and His Word remains our final authority.

For His glory alone,
Pastor Bud

Milestones

Births

Sophia Collette Carlsen
May 23, 2026

Parents: Spencer and Nicole (Rice) Carlsen

Robin Steiner

May 25, 2026

Parents: Kelly and T’Kope Steiner
Grandparents: Bob and Vicky Steiner

Deaths

Alan Loken
March 20, 2026

Glen Rose

May 1, 2026
husband of Jean Rose

Annual Meeting

The elders have called for the **BPC Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 7**, following the morning worship service. The meeting will be held in the MPR and will start with a catered lunch from Azteca.

The annual meeting, which requires a quorum of members, will include yearly update from Pastor Bud, financial reports and review of the 2026-27 budget. Votes will be taken on the nominating committee, budget approval, and on bylaw changes.



2026

**Volunteer
Registration**



JULY 20-23, 8:45AM-NOON

1st-6th Graders:
Soccer, Cheer, or Art

- 4-5 Year-Olds:** Kickstart
- age-appropriate games & sports
 - must be 4 by July 20 to participate!

Kids registered = 135
Spots available = 160
Volunteers registered = 89
Number needed = 100

**Camper
Registration**



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, Jul 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 Snacks & Pray

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

Pray:

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

Theme: Press On
Memory Verse: *Philippians 3: 13-14*

Question! Contact Jed

Jedidiah.thangthat@bpcburien.org





— JOIN US FOR A —

PIZZA & POTLUCK

IN CELEBRATION OF FATHER'S DAY!

JUNE 21ST

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

Bring a salad or dessert to serve 8. (Pizza is provided by BPC.)

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

IMPORTANT DETAILS:

- All items should be ready to serve and labeled.
- Place salads and desserts where indicated.
- Pizza will be on the tables near the kitchen.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SERVICE:

- Write your name on a nametag and wear it.
- Find a seat in the Multipurpose Room.
- Grace will be said before the meal.
- Wait for instructions before lining up.

Final Call for Graduates!

By Peggie Recker

It is our BPC tradition to publish a list of each year's graduates from high schools and colleges. To be included in the class of 2026, please notify the office with the name of graduate, name of their school or college, the degree received, and future plans.

We will honor our high school graduates during the worship service on Sunday, June 14. They will be seated in the front rows, and will be presented to the congregation. Following the service, there will be a cake reception where we can mingle with our grads to get to know them, their interests, and future plans. During the first week of June, high school graduates will be contacted with specific details regarding the worship service and reception. Make sure the office knows about your grads!



Calendar Events

JUNE 2026

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, June 7

9:00A Prayer Meeting
 10:30A Worship/Communion
 12:00P Annual Meeting and Lunch provided by Azteca

Sunday, June 14

Graduation Sunday
 12:00P Grad Reception in MPR

Sunday, June 21

Father's Day
 12:00P All Church Salad/Dessert Potluck (to serve 8) & Pizza

Wed., June 3, 10, 17, 24
 6:30P Youth Group

Monday, June 8

11:00A Ladies Fellowship Circle

Wednesday, June 10

1:30P Care Partners

Saturday, June 20

8:00A Men's Breakfast/
 Pancake Chef

Thursday, June 25

2:00P Glen Rose Memorial

Get Into the Word!

Summer Sunday School at BPC

Adult Summer Sunday School

BPC Adult Sunday School is finishing up a study of Mark on June 21. On June 28 we start an 8-week video series entitled, **“Everything in Christ: Paul’s Letter to the Colossians”** taught by Rev. Joel Kim. Everyone is invited to join us at **9 a.m. each Sunday in Room 431**, as we study the book of Colossians which teaches believers that Jesus Christ is sufficient for our salvation, spiritual growth, and life in His body, the church.

Ladies Sunday Morning Bible Study

Join us for a time of fellowship and a Scripture study of the **Names and Attributes of God in Room 139 at 9:15 a.m.** Contact Jennifer Teeler or Lisa Siedenbug for more information.

Children’s Summer Sunday School

This summer, kids will learn fun and meaningful worship through music, songs, motions, and group activities in a joyful environment. Sunday School runs on the lower level from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School Volunteers Needed: We are looking for helpers to assist with supervising the children, maintaining a safe and organized environment, and helping with check-in/out each Sunday. Please contact Jed if you are interested in volunteering.

More from Children’s Ministry

Mid-week Children’s Programs (MomLife/ KidLife and Adventure Club) concluded in May. Complete statistics will be noted in the annual report.

BPC Sports Camp 2026

(See information on page 4.) Registrations are filling up for campers! Check with Jed if you are available to help as a volunteer.

PLEASE NOTE:

Josh is acquiring a new QR code for screen and print access. The setlist will be updated each week and the QR code will send you to that playlist. Watch for more information in the July Press.

Setlist: predetermined order of songs which are played during worship

Playlist: a curated collection of audio files (songs)

Prepare Your Heart

By Josh Richins

Each week, we provide a Sunday setlist/playlist as a simple way to help you prepare your heart for worship. Taking a few moments during the week to listen ahead of time can make a meaningful difference. It allows the songs to become familiar, the truths to settle in, and frees you to engage more fully when we gather together.

Worship is more than just singing along on Sunday morning; it’s an opportunity to respond to who God is and what He has done. As you listen, we encourage you to reflect on the lyrics, let them shape your perspective, and use them as a starting point for personal worship throughout your week.

Scripture reminds us, *“Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully with a loud shout.”* — Psalm 33:3 (LSB)

Our hope is that these songs would not only prepare you for Sunday, but also encourage and strengthen your walk with Christ day by day. We look forward to worshipping together with you.

Who Is the “You”?

By Jon Recker, Elder

*“Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God,
that you believe in him whom he has sent.’”*

– John 6:29

At Boulevard Park Church we encourage everyone to dedicate time to studying God’s Word because the Holy Spirit uses scripture to renew our minds and transform our lives (Rom. 12:2). Regularly reading our Bibles reminds us what God has said to man and also clarifies what God has *not* said. Have you ever looked up a verse you vaguely remember from Sunday School and been surprised that it is quite different from your recollection? Our minds are great at filling in missing information with reasonable guesses, but with the Word of God we must be careful neither to add to nor take away from what is written (Rev. 22:18-19). Proper handling of scripture involves more than just reading the words on the page. We need to follow established rules of interpretation in order to understand what each passage means and then apply the relevant truths to our lives. Through this process our souls are transformed (1 Peter 1:22-25).

We must perform these steps – interpretation and application – in that order. In their zeal to make a personal application, Christians sometimes skip the first step and end up at a wrong conclusion. One common error is “claiming” a promise or command from scripture without first determining *to whom* that statement was originally addressed. So before jumping to a personal application of a passage, we need to understand “who is the *you*?”

As in any book, the “you” in scripture may be *explicit* or *implicit*. Explicit just means that “you” is written in the text. This is common in narratives, such as when Jesus says in John 13:21: “*Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.*” But sometimes the “you” is understood simply to be the recipient of the message. So when Paul gives the command, “*Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children*” (Eph. 5:1), the implied

“you” is believers in the Ephesian church.

In assessing how a “you” passage applies to us, we consider its textual and historical context. Sometimes context makes clear that what was said to a specific group also applies more broadly. When Jesus declared, “*This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent*” (John 6:29), He was addressing the crowds who followed Him to Capernaum (v. 24). But a few verses later, Jesus extends this principle to all: “*For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life...*” (v. 40). So everyone seeking eternal life, not just the crowds at Capernaum, must believe in the Son.

We can also evaluate whether we are in the same *category* of people addressed by the original writer or speaker. Most commands in the New Testament letters were directed to the congregation at large in various churches, so it is usually straightforward to draw applications for ourselves, fellow Christians in a local church. But context still matters. Instructions to young widows (1 Tim. 5:14) or husbands and wives (Eph. 5:22-33) are intended for believers who fall into those categories.

James writes, “*But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves*” (James 1:22). So it is admirable when believers seek to apply the Word personally. And we know that *all* scripture is God-breathed and is useful for both teaching and training in righteousness (II Tim. 3:16). Thus we should expect continual transformation as we study our Bibles. Arriving at the correct personal application for a passage takes time and effort, but we can proceed confidently by following solid interpretive principles under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, who “*searches everything, even the depths of God*” (1 Cor. 2:10).

Celebrations!

June Birthdays

- 1 Noe Martinez
- 2 Lisa Siedenburgh
- 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 Siedenburgh
- 8 Jayce Graham
Addison Partridge
Brooklyn Partridge
- 9 Illa Pomeroy
Ron Weller
- 10 Annette Lowen

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



BOULEVARD
PARK CHURCH

1822 S 128th Street
Burien WA 98168-2903

*Reaching Our
World for Christ*



Thank You!

The Care Net Annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser

**Sunday, May 10—Sunday, June 21, 2026
(Mother's Day to Father's Day)**

By Steve and Ellyn Roe and Lisa Siedenborg, Care Net Volunteers

THANK YOU, CHURCH FAMILY, for so enthusiastically supporting Care Net's 2026 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 21st 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 21. 😊 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 that 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.