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THE NEWSLETTER OF BOULEVARD PARK CHURCH



The congregation celebrated Graduation Sunday on June 8. Each high school grad shared their accomplishments and plans through displays that they and their families had prepared.



2025 high school graduates, left to right: Micah Harder, Valentine Faulkner, Madison Burt, Kara Siedenbarg, Hadley Hutchinson

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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

Joyous News From War-Torn Ukraine

By Mark and Joanne Mackey

It was with great joy that we received a letter recently from the director of Zaporizhzhia Bible Seminary (ZBS) in Ukraine.

Graduation exercises were held at the end of May with 141 students receiving diplomas or certificates.

One graduate was especially special! He is the son of the current ZBS director, and was awarded a Bachelor's Degree. This young man is special because we remember when he was born in Zaporizhzhia! We watched him grow up. We followed his interests in the Bible and theology. Now he is a graduate and will be married in July to a lovely young lady. They will make their home in Zaporizhzhia.

Four young people received diplomas after completing two- or three-year Bible programs.

The remaining 130+ students studied in one-year programs such as YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP, SERMON PREPARATION, CHURCH PLANTING, COUNSELING, PASTORAL LEADERSHIP, and such.

Our ZBS director stated, "This graduation season has reminded all of us that even in times of war and uncertainty, the Church continues to grow and leaders continue to be trained. . . . Thank you for praying for us and encouraging us as we serve the Church in Ukraine."



The ZBS Director and his wife with their son, a new ZBS graduate.

Photo Credit: Courtesy of A.K.*

When the Mi**ion Field Walks in Your Door

By Ellyn Roe

If you are a regular reader of the Press, you know that Page 2 always holds space dedicated to reports from BPC's global workers who are reaching people groups around the world with the Gospel. This month, Page 2 is also about YOU and one way YOU are reaching people in OUR OWN area who have yet to hear God's Good News.

Who are these people YOU are reaching? They are the women and men who come to Care Net because they are experiencing unplanned or under-supported pregnancies.

Have you ever considered that when an unsaved person comes to Care Net, it is as though a miion field has come through our door?** We do not force spiritual conversation on our clients, and are careful to focus on their pregnancy issues. We only share biblical truth when we have permission — but most women DO give permission! As you have heard, often when a woman sees an ultrasound of her baby, she chooses life for her little one. That is WONDERFUL! But you can rejoice also that there are times when a woman is helped to see her own spiritual condition and she chooses eternal life. Praise God!

Last month I was ASTOUNDED by the checks, filled bottles, baggies, and jars of money you donated to Care Net with such



huge smiles and warm encouragement. Thank you, everyone! Care Net volunteers will finish counting Baby Bottle donations from BPC (and over 200 other churches) in August, and the BPC total will be announced in the September or

October Press. Your donations keep our centers open so that women can walk through our doors and hear about pre-born life and Eternal Life. Your faithful prayers have resulted in babies being saved from abortion, moms finding life in Christ, and Care Net being blessed and fruitful for the Kingdom.

If you still have a baby bottle bank from this or any other year, please return it empty or otherwise and without embarrassment to me or Steve ASAP so it can be used next year. PLEASE Do not leave cash in the church office. Thank you to ALL who give what they can. And PLEASE keep praying for this life-affirming, Christ-centered ministry, and the mi**ion field that walks through Care Net's doors every day.

*NOTE: ** is used for security reasons, since the Press is accessible on-line and we have global workers whose names must not be found in documents containing the traditional word for global work.*

Holding Fast to God's Word in a Shifting World

By Pastor Bud

On April 18, 1521, standing before the most powerful religious and political authorities of his day, Martin Luther boldly declared, “*My conscience is captive to the Word of God! To go against conscience is neither right nor safe. I therefore cannot, and I will not recant! Here I stand. I can do no other.*” These were not the words of a man seeking fame or rebellion. They were the words of a man gripped by the authority of Scripture and resolved to stand upon it—no matter the cost.

Luther's courage at the Diet of Worms is legendary, but his strength was not rooted in personality or stubbornness. It came from a deep conviction that the Word of God is the final authority for all life and doctrine. Luther was not standing on personal opinion or cultural momentum but on the solid rock of God's Word.

Today, we live in a time not unlike Luther's. Cultural pressures push Christians to compromise the truth for the sake of society's acceptance. Biblical values are often dismissed as outdated, intolerant, bigoted, or irrelevant. In such a world, the call to stand on God's Word may come at a price—perhaps not imprisonment or exile as it did for Luther, but certainly discomfort, criticism, or even loss of relationships. The question is: when the time comes, will we stand?

Captive Consciences

What did Luther mean when he said, “*My conscience is captive to the Word of God*”? He declared that his life—his beliefs, convictions, and decisions—was not ruled by human institutions, popular opinion, or fear but by the Scriptures. To be “*captive*” in this way is not a sign of weakness but of faithful submission. Like the apostles before him who said, “*We must obey God rather than men*” (Acts 5:29), Luther recognized that to honor God, he had to honor His Word above all else.

To be sure, standing on the Word of God doesn't mean we are combative or unloving. Instead, it means that we are rooted. We are not swayed by every wind of doctrine or shifting societal norms (Eph. 4:14). We are people of conviction—humble, gracious, and firm—whose confidence is not in ourselves but in the God who speaks through His Word.

Scripture: Our Sure Foundation

Jesus taught that wise people build

their lives on the solid foundation of His words. In Matthew 7:24, He said, “*Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and does them may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock.*” Storms will come—whether in persecution, temptation, or cultural opposition—but those whose lives are anchored in Scripture will stand firm.

That's why reading and meditating on Scripture isn't just a spiritual discipline—it's spiritual survival. In the Word, we find truth, strength, encouragement, and hope. We are reminded of God's promises, character, and faithfulness in the face of every challenge. Like Luther, we see that standing on the Word of God is not only right—it's safe. The safest place to be is not the place of least resistance but the place of obedience to God.

We Need Modern-Day Luthers

The church today needs men and women like Luther—believers who will say with conviction, “*Here I stand.*” People who will not compromise truth for convenience. People whose love for God is evident in their loyalty to His Word. Whether in the workplace, the classroom, the home, or the public arena, we are all called to be faithful witnesses.

This does not mean we will always be applauded. Luther was excommunicated and exiled. Yet through his stand, God sparked a movement that revived the church and restored the gospel to untold millions. God may not use our stand in the same historical way, but He will use it in powerful, personal ways—strengthening our faith, encouraging others, and glorifying His name.

Where Do You Stand?

Luther's example challenges us to examine our hearts. Is your conscience captive to the Word of God? Are you building your life on the rock (Scripture)? When opposition comes—subtle or severe—will you remain faithful?

I pray we will always be people of the Word. And that we will always strive to love, know, live, and proclaim the Word. And when the time comes to take a stand, we will echo the words of Luther—not in pride, but in humility and faith: “*Here I stand. I can do no other. So help me God.*”

For His glory alone,
Pastor Bud

Milestones

Birth

Silas Jones Werle

June 22, 2025

Parents: TJ & Lindsay Werle

Marriage

Mitchell Henry and Savanna

Pitman were married on

May 18, 2025

Death

Cayden Jonasson

May 30, 2025

Infant son of Robert and Kendra

Jonasson

Grandson of Mike and Colleen Jonasson

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

This summer, join us for **Upon This Rock**, a powerful sermon series from July 6 to August 24 that explores how to build our lives on the unshakable foundation of Christ. From our homes and marriages to parenting, church-life holiness, and loving our neighbors, we'll discover how to stand firm and shine as witnesses in a shifting world

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 & 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, muffins, etc.

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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

This past year, the Board of Trustees has faced many challenges, (including a new kidney for me on Thanksgiving Eve, which was an answer to prayer!) The Trustee committee members with help from numerous volunteers have seen to each need which has come to their attention.

Projects which the Trustees oversaw during the past year include:

- Retirement of the organ
- Retirement of the pews with the help of many volunteers to make way for the new carpet which was installed in the sanctuary
- Installation of new media screen
- Installed new carpet in the lower narthex along with the stairs and elevator
- In the office wing, we were able to update the men's and women's bathrooms with paint, new flooring, and ADA toilets.
- Scaffolding was erected to access the light fixtures in the sanctuary to dust and to replace bulbs. Fluorescent bulbs are gradually being replaced with LEDs as they burn out.
- On the MPR level, the main kitchen faucet was replaced.
- The Trustees identified the need for new dividers and collected input from a variety of ministries which use them heavily. It was decided to build eight dividers which would be on casters and would fit into the elevators. The group of Trustees responsible for the divider project included Sarah Struble, Annette Lowen, Darrell Storvik who designed and built the frames and footings, and Marty Bennett who did the upholstery. It took three Saturday work parties to finish the assembling and painting. Marty also led the effort to upholster the pew which now stands in the lower narthex.
- We would like to thank those who volunteer to help with the yearly yard clean-up and beautification of the grounds as we prepare to celebrate Easter.
- Because of maintenance issues and a variety of fuel and catalytic converter thefts, it has been decided to sell the aging church vans. When a need arises for them, it is more reasonable to rent.

In the near future we will need:

- New roof
- HVAC replacement in order to comply with changing EPA regulations. Our aging system makes it more difficult to find replacement parts.

We are grateful to former Trustees who continue to offer their talents and availability to keep up with the ongoing maintenance issues of our building.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Huck

President

Calendar Events

JULY/AUGUST 2025*

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, July 6

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

Sunday, July 13

12:00P Sports Camp Volunteer Training and Lunch

Sunday, August 3

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

Friday, July 4

Church Office Closed

SPORTS CAMP WEEK:

Monday, July 14 –

Friday, July 18

8:00A Volunteer Check-In and Devotions
 8:45A Camp
 12:15P Volunteer Debrief

Saturday, July 19

8:00A Men's Breakfast/
 Pancake Chef

Saturday, July 26

8:00A Golf Tournament

Monday, Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25

6:00P Men's Bible Study

Saturday, August 16

8:00A Men's Breakfast/
 Pancake Chef

***PLEASE NOTE:** Events shown as of Press time. Watch Sunday bulletins and emails regarding additional summer events scheduled at later times.

A Youth Note

Please consider engaging in youth ministry! More adult leadership is needed. This is a big area of the church where we only have three leaders and myself. As strong as our leaders are, I'd love to provide them with less pressure and more help!

Many thanks!

Luke A. Diener

You have one last chance to be a part of our BPC cookbook!

Recipes Requested

By Lisa Bowen

We are in the final stages of putting everything in place, and wanted to make sure that if you have "that one fabulous recipe" that you haven't yet submitted, there is still time to get

it in! Please submit your recipe(s) to lisa.bowen@bpcburien.org, or drop by a hard copy in the church office no later than July 31st.

Bon Appetit!



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

The Beauty of God

By Paul Clements, Elder

Several years ago, I was on a trip to Washington DC for an industry association event. At the conclusion of the event, I had some time available, so I visited the Smithsonian Museum, where they were presenting an exhibition of the Little Ice Age Dutch painters. Being a skier, I was intrigued by the idea of Little Ice Age Dutch painters, so I went in and toured the exhibit. The Little Ice Age, if you are interested in such things, lasted from 14th Century to the mid-19th Century. Think of *Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates*. I found the paintings quite amazing. I was struck by the richness and depth of these paintings. The beauty expressed by each of the painters, from portraits to landscapes, was extraordinary.

I have often looked back at this experience and wondered why man is so drawn to beauty. Why is beauty in all its forms so important to mankind? People will stand, seemingly for hours, gazing in awe of a mountain vista. People will travel hundreds of miles to get a glimpse of the Aurora Borealis. It has been said that men are drawn to beauty as a moth to a flame. Why is this? What is there about beauty that so entralls us as humans?

As with all things in life, scripture has an answer. For many years, I have used Ligonier Ministries Table Talk magazine for part of my daily devotions, or morning watch, as I like to call it. Recently, I encountered an article with the title "The Beauty of God," which dealt with this conundrum.

The article read in part:

"There is no real mystery as to why human beings love beauty. After all, we were created by and for God and in His image, and He is supremely beautiful (Gen. 1:26-27). Scripture tells us of the beauty of the Lord (Ps. 27:4).

"Divine beauty is one of the attributes of God that sum up many of His other attributes. Philosophers have long recognized that the good, the true, and the beautiful are closely related, which means that true beauty reflects goodness and truth. God is beautiful because He is perfectly good and unfailingly true. (Isa. 65:16 and James 1:16-17). Perfect beauty cannot become more or less beautiful, so the beauty of God also encompasses the immutability of God (Mal. 3:6). Beauty exists in creation as a consequence of God's creating heaven and earth, so He is our Creator (Isa. 40:28-29).

"The Lord is beautiful, and so He also loves beauty and desires worship that accords well with His beauty. We see this, for instance, in God's design of Israel's tabernacle and its use of vibrant colors, precious metals, and intricate design (Ex. 25-26). Solomon built the temple of Israel to be a beautiful sanctuary fit to be the dwelling of the Lord (1 Kings 6).

"Christian Theologians have often spoken of the beatific vision, which points at time where we will see God face-to-face (1 John 3:2). We do not know exactly what this will be like, but we know that it will fulfill our deepest longing to gaze upon what is beautiful. We will never tire of or grow bored with seeing the beauty of the Lord."

Mankind, as the pinnacle of God's creation, yearns to experience divine beauty, which, I believe, was lost in Eden. This desire is buried deep within us, and the beauty we see around us constantly reminds us of this longing. So, the next time you see a magnificent mountain vista, a glorious sunset, a newborn baby, or a Little Ice Age Dutch painting, remember, they reflect the beauty of God, which we so deeply desire to see.

Celebrations!

July Birthdays

- 1 Makin Yee
- 2 Harvey Siedenburg
- 7 Jan Deda
- 8 Jayce Graham
Addison Partridge
Brooklyn Partridge
- 9 Illa Pomeroy
Ron Weller
- 10 Annette Lowen
- 18 Nikkii Recker
- 20 Jon Hartley
Bruce Lindquist
- 25 Shari Hall
- 29 Don Hale
- 30 Antoine Hammo
Yousef Hammo
- 31 Gail James
Rebekah Thangthat

August Birthdays

- 3 Leilani Hale
Tim Harder
Peggie Recker
Jannette Welch
- 4 Jeannie Buck
- 5 Marguerite Armstrong
- 7 Sherri Henry
Mark Henry
- 8 Lynn Edgar
Steve Nickells
- 10 Katy Lynch
- 14 Luke Diener
Nathen Kowallis
Sharon Simmonds
- 15 Penny Ellefson
- 16 Cayla Diener
- 18 Allen Bowen
- 19 Gary Parish
- 20 Fletcher Kowallis
- 22 Mary Miller
Bob Steiner
- 23 Mo Hammo
- 24 Mark Mackey
- 26 Jill Boyd
- 27 Marlee Dubnow
Marlene Etter
- 28 Erika Richardson
- 31 Kari Burt
Katie Teeler

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*

Please Pray...

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.



Thailand Girls' Mission Team

July 19-30

Please pray God would use us to glorify Him and point others to Him!

Alyssa & Angela
Amelia & Michelle
Sarah & Merry
Carly, Kara & Katie
John & Lisa

Tues-Local Elementary School
Wed/Thurs-Zion Home
Fri-Local Village
Sat/Sun-BIFA Sports Camp
Tues-Local Elementary School

