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THE NEWSLETTER OF BOULEVARD PARK CHURCH

Worship Moves to the Multipurpose Room in October

Starting Sunday, October 4, and continuing through Sunday, October 25, our worship services will be held in the Multipurpose Room (MPR) while the sanctuary is being painted. Taking the whole month gives the workers time to finish the job and gives the sanctuary time to air out completely, so it will be clean, fresh, and fume-free when we return. Service times are not changing.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility this month. A different room doesn't change why we gather, and we look forward to worshipping together, wherever we're seated.

We will be back in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 1.

Salad Potluck plus Pizza

**Bring a salad
or dessert**

**Pizza provided
by BPC**

BPC Congregational Mtg

Sunday ♦ Oct 25

in the MPR after worship service

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

PRAY FOR THE HOLDOUTS: A REQUEST FROM THE H.* FAMILY

Dear friends and family,

As Jesus promised, "You will always have the poor with you." He was right. We see needs every day, both physically poor (but rarely complaining about it) and spiritually poor.

This week the government canceled schools because of public unrest due to problems at the gas stations with queues that stretched down the street. There have been water shortages as well as rolling blackouts as the power company says it is upgrading its system. These things seem to trigger increased grumblings about government corruption. (To give you some background, most of the major companies including gas, water, electricity in this country are owned by the government, which history, markets, and practical experience all show, tends to make them inefficient and less accountable.)

Oh well! We were not sent here to fix these issues! You have commissioned us here to make disciples, and therefore we are constantly evaluating what is the best way to help people in Truth and Love. As John Piper once said, "Christians care about all suffering, especially eternal suffering." These words ring true for us as we continue our various ministries to our children, to the students at the Bible college, to our church plant, and to the Afghan community.

Speaking of the Afghan ministry, the men's group has finished studying the book of Acts and last week we began the book of Revelation. I, C., plan to lead them through the first few chapters, and then skip to the final chapters. I want them to understand God's plan for the direction of this world, and I want them to be confident that they are on the right side of things when the dust settles.

There are still a few hold outs — meaning, guys who are coming each week but have not yet surrendered their lives to Jesus. After we finish the

Afghan Men's Bible Study. C. leads this group each week in a rented church basement.
About half the group are Believers.



Our Family: C., A., Bella 6, Lilly 4, Cedric 3, Cillian 1

Photos courtesy of H* family

book of Revelation, I am hoping that we might have a guy or two express a desire to be numbered with Christ and get baptized. Please join me in praying for that.

Okay, enough for now. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

May his kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven!

In Christ,
C. and A. H.



Recent returnees to their global assignments



We want to celebrate the precious time we have with our sendees by having a Sunday reception in the MPR near their departure dates.

Lofty Things Raised Up

By Pastor Bud

2 Corinthians 10 is not a general treatise on worldview. Paul defends his apostolic ministry against men in Corinth who have assembled a case against him, and he answers in siege language. His weapons are not of the flesh, he says, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. Then this: *"We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ"* (2 Cor. 10:5).

Two words carry the weight of this passage. *"Speculations"* translates *logismoi*, meaning reasonings, calculations, and arguments with a negative, combative connotation. It is not daydreaming. It is a case somebody has built and expects to win with. *"Lofty thing"* translates *hypsoma*, something elevated, a height. In a paragraph about strongholds and demolition, it is like a rampart. A man reasons his way to a conclusion, builds it up high, climbs on top of it, and from that height pridefully informs God what is true about God's own world.

Paul's immediate target was the case against his apostleship. But he hands us the criterion himself: anything raised up *against the knowledge of God*. That knowledge includes what God has said about man, because man is God's handiwork and God has spoken about him at length.

Applying that truth puts human worth squarely inside that sentence. Every verdict on what a person is worth is ultimately a claim about God, because value requires a valuer. The only question is who holds the gavel.

Below are "lofty things" raised up against the knowledge of God as it relates to our worth as human beings:

1) The first "lofty thing" says worth is output. You are valuable because you contribute. Produce, earn, perform, and your existence is justified. Most people in the pews would deny believing this and live as though it were obvious. Notice what it does. It appraises a person by usefulness, which means it must eventually discount the unborn, the demented, the disabled, the unemployed, and the man or woman who cannot get out of bed this month. It also makes man his own maker, because only a maker has the right to say what a thing is for.

2) The second "lofty thing" says worth is self-declared. You define your own value, and nobody else gets a vote. This is sold as liberation, and it is one of the cruelest ideas in circulation, because a verdict you hand yourself carries exactly the authority of the

man handing it down. You are defendant, judge, and jury, and you know your own record. But this "lofty thing" collapses the moment you are honest.

3) The third "lofty thing" says worth is comparative. One is more attractive, more accomplished, more admired than the next person. The measure is always somebody else, so the case never closes. Envy and contempt are the only two verdicts this court can issue, and it issues both about the same person on the same day.

4) The fourth "lofty thing" says worth is zero. "I know exactly what I am worth, and it is nothing." This one dresses in humility's clothing, so we hesitate to call it a lofty thing raised against the knowledge of God. It is one. The man who insists on his own worthlessness has done what the proud man did. He weighed himself on a scale of his own making and called the result final, when God has already ruled otherwise.

So what has God said? He made man in His image: *"And God created man in His image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them"* (Gen. 1:27). Worth is conferred, not earned and not self-assigned. That image survived the fall, which is why murder in Scripture carries the death penalty, *"for in the image of God He made man"* (Gen. 9:6). It is why James condemns the tongue that curses men made in God's likeness (Jas. 3:9). Psalm 8 says God crowned man with glory and majesty, divine appointment rather than human achievement. Christ said His Father numbers sparrows and values you above them (Mt. 10:29-31). And Romans 5:8 records God's appraisal in the only currency He could spend: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Scripture does not hand us flattery in exchange. The same book calls the heart deceitful and says none is righteous. We are ruined, and we are His image, both at once, and that is the point. Worth grounded outside ourselves is the only kind that survives our worst day.

Paul does not say we improve these thoughts. He says we are to take them *"captive to the obedience of Christ."* Not managed. Not balanced. Surrendered. The question is not whether you feel valuable this morning. It is whether you will accept God's appraisal instead of your own.

For His Glory,
Pastor Bud

Milestones

Births

Walter Arthur Diener, V

September 6, 2026

Parents: Cayla and Luke Diener

Grandparents:

Pastor Bud and Teresa Diener

Meadow Irene Damon

September 8, 2026

Parents: Shaileen and Isaac Damon

Great-grandmother: Joni Kisena

Discovering Church Membership

Interested in becoming a member of Boulevard Park Church? Join us for our Discovering Church Membership class on **Saturday, October 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** If you're interested in attending, please contact Pastor Bud at bud.diener@bpcburien.org.

An Outreach Opportunity in the Classroom

By Ped Frederick

BPC and Hilltop Elementary School have had a long friendship. For us it has been an outreach in our community. Volunteers can assist teachers with all sorts of tasks and the church sends flyers inviting students and their families to many church programs such as the Trunk or Treat [now Fall Family Fun Night] and the Living Nativity.

Recently the school has had to increase the number of students per classroom and there is a huge need for more volunteers to help. Depending on the teacher and grade level, the assistance needed varies. What mainly is needed is someone willing to do the grunt work that takes up the teachers' breaks and home life. I have volunteered



in the second-grade classroom for over five years, doing everything from sharpening pencils, collating the homework, and filing classwork in the children's cubby holes to occasionally

working directly with students who are behind in their reading abilities.

It doesn't take a lot of time. I spend about an hour and a half, one day a week. It is very rewarding to help, knowing that the teacher can focus on the important work of teaching and also enjoy more time with their families. This is a blessing to teachers, volunteers, and children alike.

Please contact Peg Frederick at 206-246-3637 or email peg.frederick@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

Plan to Join Us

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, Oct. 10th

8 AM MPR



Enjoy a hot breakfast and fellowship with other men.

Welcome Aboard, Rachel!

By Kathy Rainey

It is our joy to welcome Rachel Wagner to the position of church bookkeeper. Rachel studied accounting in college and for the past three years has been working with Don Hartley to learn the job and assist him. She is looking forward to officially beginning her duties on October 1. Praise God for His leading us to just the right person. Watch for a letter to come out soon from the elders.



Incoming bookkeeper Rachel Wagner has learned the ropes from outgoing bookkeeper Don Hartley.



Hi BPC Families,

We're excited to share a new change to one of our favorite fall events!

In the past, we've hosted Trunk or Treat outdoors in our parking lot. This year, we're moving it indoors and calling it **Fall Family Fun Night!**



Saturday, October 31st



6-8 PM



Boulevard Park Church
1822 S. 128th St., Burien

We're expecting **300-400** kids and their parents!
Thank you for helping with this event over the years.

How can you help again?



PRAY

Pray for the event, our volunteers, and attendees—that God would use this event to draw our neighbors and community to know Him.



HOST A BOOTH/GAME

Keep it simple, fun, and kid-friendly (ages 3-10).

- Games involving throwing, kicking, or moving things work great!
- Smile, encourage the kids, and show them God's love.
- Avoid Halloween, Harry Potter, rock band, or edgy themes.

Our goal is to glorify God and serve our community.



DONATE CANDY

We'll need lots of candy for 300-400 kids!



INTERESTED?

Sign up in the lobby or contact Jed to host a booth in the MPR.



NEED IDEAS?

Children's Ministry has games and supplies available to help you decorate and set up your booth. Contact Jed for more info.

Let's come together to make this a night our community won't forget!

BOULEVARD PARK CHURCH

Fall Family Fun Night • Formerly Trunk or Treat

Calendar Events

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REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, October 4

9:00A Prayer Meeting
10:30A Worship/Communion
2:00P Transform Burien Outreach

Sunday, October, 25

12:00P Pizza Potluck (MPR) & Congregational Meeting

Monday, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26

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

Tuesday, October 6, 20

6:30P Ladies Tuesday Night Bible Study

Wednesday October 7

10:00A Ladies Bible Study (444)
(NO Wednesday Night Dinner or classes or groups)

Saturday, October 10

8:00A Men's Breakfast
10:00A Membership Class

Monday, October 12

11:00A Ladies Fellowship Circle

Tuesday, October 13, 27

9:30A MOMLife & KIDLife

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 21, 28

10:00A Ladies Bible Study (444)
6:00P Wednesday Night Dinner
6:30P KIDS Adventure Club
6:30P Youth Group
6:40P Adult Bible Study (431)

Saturday, October 24

10:00A Ladies Connect Event

Saturday, October 31

6:00P **Fall Family Fun Night** (MPR)

Sunday, November 1

2:00A Daylight Saving Time begins

Our Duties as Christian Citizens

By Paul Clements, Elder

Practical Guidelines

What are some practical guidelines to help us navigate through turbulent political waters? I would suggest looking at a little pamphlet put out a few years ago by Bill Bright, founder of Campus Crusade for Christ. The pamphlet's title is "Your 7 Duties as a Christian Citizen." I recommend all of you to obtain a copy and read it. The author lists seven specific responsibilities that we, as Christians, are charged with as citizens, in our representative republic. They are as follows:

1. Pray — Pray for godly men and women to be elected into office (Psalm 33:12). Pray daily for those in authority (1 Tim 2:2).

2. Register to Vote.

3. Become Informed — Value wisdom and knowledge, gather information, know the candidates' views (Prov. 2:1-11).

4. Help Elect Godly People — Select godly candidates. Support initiatives which are just and righteous (Prov. 29:2).

5. Vote — God's word is to be our guide. Remember that principals are more important than party (Psalm 119:105).

6. Keep Going — After election day, stay involved.

7. Make God the Issue — We are accountable to God for both our action and inaction. Our view of God matters, and we can and must be a part of the solution to the problems facing our nation.

The upcoming general election on Tuesday, November 3, appears to have consumed all the political oxygen in the nation and created acrimony and turmoil, which in some cases, has spilled over into violence and anarchy. The stakes appear high for our nation, as both major parties position themselves for political advantage in their attempt to gain control of the Legislative branch of government this fall. They promote two quite different philosophies which seek to define or redefine the very core of our social, political, and economic structures. They have sought to influence public opinion through the media, through the internet and on both radio and television, all to the annoyance to most of us who just want to live our lives in peace. However, this political theater and turbulence have caused me to reflect on just what are our duties as Christian citizens in a self-governing and free society. Put another way, what are our responsibilities as biblical Christian citizens of a modern constitutional republic?

We are now in the 250th year of our republic. The United States is the world's first and most powerful constitutional republic. We were founded in Western Civilization ideals which were principally influenced by both the Old and New Testaments. Our founding fathers were primarily protestant Christians (with a few notable exceptions) who had an incredibly consistent and accurate view of man's flawed nature and an insightful opinion on how best to divide governmental power in a society made up of people with similarly flawed natures. They did remarkably well. Our 250-year-old experiment in self-government is alive and well and has survived some periods of pretty rough sledding. But getting back to the question of our responsibilities as biblical Christians in a free society: What are we to do? Or as Francis Schaffer said in his 1970s documentary of the same name, "How Should We Then Live?" Since scripture is authoritative in all matters of faith and practice, we should start there in search of answers.

Our first duty, as Christians, is to love God. In Deuteronomy 6:4-9 God speaks directly to the Israelites, both as a nation and individually, when he states "*Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your might.*" Jesus repeats this in Mark 12:28-31, when he responds to the lawyer's questioning about which is the greatest commandment. Jesus quotes the passage verbatim from Deuteronomy. If our first duty is to love God, you may ask, how

are we, then, to love God? Jesus answers this question in John 14:15 with the instruction, "*If you love me you will keep my commandments.*" Now, we understand that we live under grace and are not saved by keeping God's law, but are saved by faith through grace. We please God by keeping His commandments. "*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them*" (Eph. 2:8-10).

Our second duty as Christians is to love our neighbors as ourselves. In Mark 12:28-31, Jesus tells the scribe that we must not only love God but also love our neighbor. The parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37), familiar to many of us from Sunday school, illustrates how to put this command into practice. But how does it apply to our responsibilities as Christian citizens in a modern constitutional republic? I believe the answer is twofold.

First, we are to understand that we are dual citizens. We are concurrently citizens of our earthly society and citizens in the Kingdom of God. Jesus instructed us in this apparent contradiction in the discourse recorded in John 17:14-16. Jesus is telling us that we both live and interact in this present world, but our ultimate loyalty and allegiance is to God alone. We, therefore, live in tension between our cares and concerns in our present culture while ever longing for the world to come. Additionally, we are cautioned, elsewhere in scripture, against treating any person, nation, political party, or ideology as the source of ultimate truth. Instead, Scripture should guide us in all political engagement and beliefs. This means that Christians, in our interaction with our political system, should exercise godly wisdom, not undying party loyalty (James 1:5 and Prov. 18:15).

Second, as citizens of this world, we are called to influence civil society spiritually, ethically, and morally without allowing society to shape us in return (Rom 12:2). We must contribute to public discourse and advocate for just laws and godly leaders. This includes preaching the Gospel (Matt. 28:18-20), praying for government leaders (1 Tim. 2:1-3), honoring elected officials (1 Pet. 2:17), defending orphans and widows (Ps. 82:3-4), seeking our nation's peace and prosperity (Jer. 29:7), and pursuing justice (Mic. 6:8; Isa. 1:17). In a constitutional republic such as ours, Christian citizens have both a right and a duty to engage the culture and influence our political system by voting in federal and state elections. Supporting candidates

See Duties, page 7

Ladies! You are invited to join us for our
October CONNECT event on

Saturday, October 24,
from 10 a.m. to Noon in Room 431!



We will be celebrating "all things Fall"
with hot cider, cocoa, coffee, and pumpkin pastries,
along with a fun "get to know you better" activity and
a craft that will enhance your seasonal décor! Hope you
can join us for this time of fellowship and friendship!

Contact Lisa Bowen at lisa.bowen@bpcburien.org or
by phone at 206.354.0339 with any questions.

Welcome to Ladies Fellowship Circle!

The new program year begins with
warm smiles and fall colors at the
September monthly meeting.



Photo Credit: Peggie Recker

Duties, continued from page 6

who will enact just, God-honoring laws, is a
responsible and effective way to steward the
political and religious freedom God has given us.

[See Practical Guidelines on page 6 sidebar.]

As election season progresses, I encourage
each of you to seek God's guidance in voting
for godly leaders and in supporting state
initiatives that reflect biblical principles. In

a representative republic, elected officials
reflect the people who choose them. Godly
leaders pursue righteous and just laws that
promote the common good which protect the
innocent and vulnerable. We should therefore
steward our God-given liberty faithfully by
praying, becoming informed, and voting in the
upcoming general election.

Celebrations!

October Birthdays

- 1 Lisa Barton
- 2 Chloe Roenicke
- 4 Blake Arnesen
Dan Fletcher
- 7 Gladys Baxter
- 8 James Bingham, Jr.
Miki Vercammen
- 10 Beth Heintz
- 12 Larry Bretz
Sandy Rice
Debbie Wood
- 14 Alan Conroy
- 15 Karen Gilleland
- 17 Fay Barton
Mary Payne
- 20 Pa Soung
- 22 Vince Partridge
Sally Sisley
- 23 Maria Faulkner
- 24 Randy Boyd
- 25 Asaph Werle
Torben Werle
- 26 Don Bowie
Penelope Neff
- 27 Wesley Mattson
Suzanne Sneesby
- 30 Josh Richins
Priscilla Richins

Early November BDays

- 1 John Clifton
Joyce Symons
- 2 Jocellyn Martinez
Lois Nordblad
- 3 Joshua Henry
Serena Owens
- 4 John McGill
- 5 Candis Bingham
David McAleer
Caleb Wagner
- 6 Lauren Recker
- 7 Jim (James) Cobb
Pau Kim

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*

A Big Weekend for the Mackeys

The visit of Dr. Volodymyr (Volodya) Degtyaryov from Zaporizhzhia Bible Seminary in Ukraine at the end of August was a special tribute to Mark and Joanne Mackey, for many years of service and support of ZBS.

On Friday evening, Volodya addressed about 40 attendees, presenting an update on the difficult situation in Ukraine. In contrast he recounted God's many blessings upon the Seminary, including student body growth and the addition of locations for holding classes. Special visitors were Dr. Vincent Price, head of European Christian Mission (NA) Inc. with his family and three ZBS guest teachers who flew here for the event.

Volodya also spoke during the Sunday morning service. He began by presenting the Mackeys with a plaque honoring their service at the Seminary. The plaque was to have been presented to the Mackeys during the 30th anniversary celebration of the Seminary two years ago. However, the Mackeys were not at ZBS then, and no one from ZBS visited the Mackeys until now.

Mark and Joanne were touched to receive this remembrance from the Seminary, expressing the Ukrainians' thankfulness to them for their exemplary dedication and service to staff and faculty over the years, as well as to hundreds upon hundreds of students.

