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Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son:
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou my soul's glory joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woe'ful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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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.

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Noah and the PNG Fuel Crisis

Note from Ellyn Roe: The Harder family supplied the Press with the following news brief from Ethnos 360, the Missions organization running the Papua New Guinea Interface Program that Noah Harder hopes to attend this spring. (See the March 2024 Press.) The April Press was published prior to the April 1st decision date for Ethnos 360 to either go forward with this year's Interface, or to cancel it due to the fuel shortage. Ethnos 360 assures that donations will be returned to those who have given financially toward Noah's trip if this year's trip is canceled. Noah is primed and eager to go THIS year (May of 2024) and will be super disappointed if he has to wait until 2025. Please pray accordingly!

The fuel shortage in Papua New Guinea is ongoing, yet despite having to significantly limit flights for our missions, there is still good news. After a few uncertain weeks, diesel and petrol fuel has continued to be supplied throughout the country. This allows the generators, vehicles, and things needed for daily life on most of our centers to be able to continue as normal. However, the supply of Jet-A fuel for our Kodiak planes and helicopters has been cut off and we are now operating on what remains of our stock. Commercial airlines have navigated some short-term solutions from the capital city to continue many of their flights. This helps maintain some stability in the country and gives some options for travel to our missionaries. As good as that is, it does not help our teams working in remote areas of the country who are reliant on our aviation team.

To face the situation as wisely as possible, our aviation team has ordered a container of Jet-A fuel drums from New Zealand. When it arrives (in a month or more), it will give us a bit more capacity for necessary flights. In the meantime, with our remaining Jet-A fuel, only strategic flights are being flown and more of our teams are needing to come out of their

remote locations to wait out the shortage and avoid other potential concerns. While this changes many of our plans, we are still trusting in our Lord whose plans are far better.



Noah and his dog Felix

Photo credit: Michelle Harder

Would you join us in prayer for:

- The aviation team as they continually reassess the current situation and flight needs.
- A long-term fuel supply option for Jet-A fuel.
- The container to arrive from New Zealand in a timely manner.
- The extra expenses that are accumulating with the situation.
- The missionary teams who have had to cancel consultant trips, breaks, and supply runs or have had to relocate to one of the centers for a time.

POST SCRIPT from Ethnos 360/New Tribes (received a few days after this article was formatted):

There have been some significant improvements for our Jet-A fuel situation in PNG in recent days. Most of our out-stations have been granted access to fuel again and our main center is in the process of securing fuel through drums and a shared bulk order. For the time being operations can resume, at least for a few months. Thank you for praying and please continue to do so as the next few months are tentative as negotiations between the company, banks, and government continue toward a more permanent solution.

BREAKING NEWS: Word was received on March 22 that Noah can take his Interface trip this spring! Woo hoo!!

Transform Burien

By Nate Kowallis

Our local ministry to people in need continues to expand its reach, serving more than 200 people weekly. Since last year, a couple more churches have pulled back from serving regularly at Transform, but the number of meals served per week continues to increase. There are some familiar guests who enjoy the community and uplifting atmosphere, and there are many new persons and families who are showing up for the first time.

I've personally been impressed with the new director, Paul Ott. A former missionary back from the field, he's very intentional about connecting with the guests and ensuring that the ministry is running both smoothly and purposefully.

In addition to our serving on first Sundays of every other month, we've also been doing a food drive in the month of May. To contribute, please bring canned, dry, and non-expired/non-perishable goods to the church office weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., or to the MPR on Sundays. I'll relocate them for transport to Transform on Sunday, June 2. You're also welcome to take goods directly to Transform during their hours: Wednesdays and Fridays 12-2 p.m., and Sundays 3-5 p.m.

Many thanks to you who serve in and pray for this ministry. May the Lord's grace abound through His church to truly transform the lives of those who engage in it.

Experiencing Our Only Comfort

By Pastor Bud

One of my favorite songs at BPC is “Christ Our Hope in Life and Death.” The song was taken from The Heidelberg Catechism, written in 1563 by Prince-Elector Friedrich II von der Pfalz. The first edition of the catechism was titled “Catechism or Christian instruction, as practiced in the Churches and schools of the Electoral Palatinate.”

The song is based on the first question and answer in the catechism, which asks, *What is your only comfort in life and death?* The answer is in all that God, through Christ, has done for us by assuring us of eternal life.

I want to acquaint you with the catechism’s second question. *“How many things are necessary for you to know that in this comfort, you may live and die happily?”* The answer includes three things:

- 1. We must know the greatness of our sin and misery.** Romans 5:12 teaches us that sin brought death into the world, and death spread to everyone because everyone sinned. But sin does not only bring death, it brings misery. The apostle Paul experienced the misery of sin when he wrote, *“Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from the body of this death?”* (Rom. 7:24).
- 2. We must know that we are redeemed from all our sins and misery.** After Paul’s frustrated outburst in Romans 7:24, he continued, *“Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the*

law of sin. Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death” (Rom. 7:25-8:2). Although the consequence

of sin is death, through faith in Jesus Christ, we are freed from death and are seated with Christ in the heavenly places (Eph. 2:4-6).

“How many things are necessary for you to know that in this comfort, you may live and die happily?”
 – The Heidelberg Catechism

- 3. We are to be thankful to God for such redemption.** Ephesians 1:7 teaches, *“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our transgressions, according to the riches of His grace.”* Remember that we have been set free from our bondage to sin. Galatians 5:1 teaches, *“It was for freedom that Christ set us free. Therefore, stand firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.”* Our pursuit for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus is not only a moving toward our Lord, it is also fleeing from sin and self-centeredness. 2 Peter 1:3-11 teaches that there is a direct relationship between our discipline for godliness and our assurance of salvation. If one lives for himself, he will forget that he was bought with a price, having become a joint-heir with Christ Himself.

Christ is our hope in life and death, but if we do not live for Christ, we will fear death even though our eternal position is secure. May we follow hard after Christ, shun sin, and discipline ourselves so that when faced with death, we can say with Paul, *“For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain”* (Phil. 1:21).

For His glory alone,
Pastor Bud

Milestones

Deaths

Bob Secrest
March 11, 2024
husband of Dee

Staff Anniversary to Celebrate

Our worship director, **Conor Malis**, has blessed us for five years with his love for Jesus and leading us in worship. On **Sunday, April 21**, following the morning worship service we will be celebrating him with a cake reception in the Multipurpose Room. Please plan to stop by and greet him and have some cake and coffee or juice. It is good to say thank you to those who serve us so faithfully.

Benevolence Committee Update

By Nate Kowallis

On the first Sunday of every month we take up a free-will offering for the Benevolence Fund. This extra generosity goes directly to meeting needs within the church family and the community. Representative deaconesses, deacons, staff, and members of the church at large labor to determine best practices and discern appropriate responses to perceived needs. In the past several months we've been able to help a handful of people with rent, various utilities, and even a devastating housing crisis.

Sometimes it can feel like we hold people's lives in our hands. The members of the Benevolence Committee have a



strong desire to care for people, and it's painful when we must prioritize certain needs over others. Therefore, we are grateful to you for your generosity to meet needs in the name of Christ. We covet your prayers to represent Him well to all whom we encounter in this blessed ministry. We trust that God is sovereign and aware of all things, and we entrust ourselves and all our connections to Him and His good will.

Calendar Events

APRIL 2024

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00A Adult Sunday School
9:15A Youth/KIDS Sunday School
10:30A Children's Church
10:30A Worship in person & Livestream

Sunday, April 7

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

Sunday, April 21

12:00P Cake Reception for
Conor Malis

Monday April 1, 15, 22 & 29

6:30P Men's Bible Study
7:00P GriefShare

Wednesday, April 3, 10, 17, 24

6:00P Family Dinner
6:00P Youth Group
6:40P Adult Bible Study

Monday, April 8

11:00A Ladies Fellowship Circle
6:30P Men's Bible Study
7:00P GriefShare

Tuesday, April 9 & 23

9:30A MomLife

Wednesday, April 10 & 24

10:00A Women's Bible Study

Monday April 15

11:00P Press Articles Due
bpcpress@bpcburien.org

Tuesday, April 16

6:30P Women's Ministry Bible
Study (runs thru May 28)

Friday, April 19

11:00A Memorial Service
for Bob Secrest

Saturday, April 20

8:00A Men's Breakfast/
Pancake Chef

Friday, April 26

6:30P Men's Retreat at BPC

Saturday, April 27

8:00A Men's Retreat at BPC

Saturday, April 27

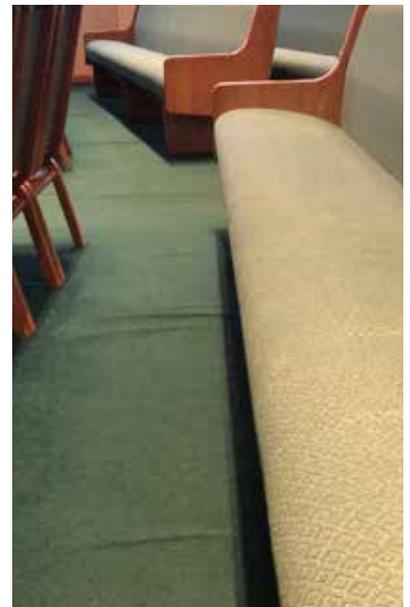
10:00A Women's Ministry
Connect (Show & Tell)

Sanctuary Carpeting Project

By Kathy Rainey

The Trustees have begun the proposed process of replacing the carpet in the sanctuary. Bids have been obtained from three different companies. Upon approval from the Board of Elders, the work will begin which will require the removal of pews, chairs, etc. During this time we will meet in the MPR for worship services.

Carpeting squares will be installed on the main sanctuary floor and regular carpeting will be placed on the platform and on any stairs. Following the installation of the carpeting, new chairs will be added to replace the existing pews in the sanctuary. If you prefer to sit in a pew, they will still be available in the balcony. No work at this point is planned for the balcony since the carpeting and pews are in very good shape.



SAVE THE DATE for SPORTS CAMP 2024!



Sports Camp will take place this
July 22-26 from 8:45 a.m. to noon.

If you will be able to help out at camp,
PLEASE DO NOT WAIT. Contact
Kelly Siedenburg as soon as you are
able at: kelly@dehneng.com or
call/text her at 206-349-2095.

Pray for the campers who will be
coming to hear about JESUS!

What's the Deal with the Nominating Committee?

By Doug Barton, Elder

It's that wonderful time of year again! No, not Christmas, not Spring Training, not March Madness, but time for the Nominating Committee to begin coming to life. So, what's the big deal about the Nominating Committee? In short, the Nominating Committee is tasked with proposing a list of people who will serve as leaders in the different offices of the church.

Who Is on the Nominating Committee?

In order to ensure that the best qualified candidates for officers are chosen, there are safeguards in the process which do not allow any one person or group to control the decision of who become our church officers. The Nominating Committee is the driver of the process and is tasked with bringing forth a slate of biblically-qualified candidates for election as Elder, Deacon, Deaconess, and Trustee.

The Nominating Committee is made up of two elders (one who chairs the committee), one person from each of the Boards of Deacons, Deaconesses, and Trustees, and up to six members from the congregation at large. The membership goal is to have a good cross-section of the congregation represented (a good mix of men and women as well as various ages). To serve on the Nominating Committee you must be a member of the church. There is a limit to serving no more than two consecutive years and two people from the same household cannot serve together at the same time. Once volunteers have agreed to serve on the committee, the list compiled by the chairman is presented to the congregation for approval.

What is Expected?

You might be wondering what is expected of those serving on the Nominating Committee. Usually the committee meets just two or three times. During those meetings the process is discussed and biblical qualifications are reviewed so that everyone has a good understanding. It is critical to the process that the biblical qualifications are prioritized over all other considerations.

The main scripture passages that are reviewed and discussed include the following:

- elders – 1 Timothy 3:1-7, 1 Peter 5:1-3, and Titus 1:5-9.
- deacons and deaconess – 1 Timothy 3:8-13 and Acts 6:3.
- trustees as well as the other offices – Mark 10:42-45, Philippians 2:1-4, and 1 Peter 5:5-6.

Once the process is explained and biblical qualifications discussed, the committee then begins gathering names and through a very secret voting process a list of candidates is formed for each of the offices. (You have to join the committee to find out the process.) The list is sent to the elders for review to make sure there are no concerns that the committee may not know about.

How Is the Slate of Officers Determined?

The elders, deacon, deaconess, and trustee on the committee then begin to contact the people on the list for their prospective office. The committee does not meet again unless there is a need for more people to be asked to serve. Once a slate of candidates for each office is complete, it goes to the congregation for final approval.

So, what do you think? Does this sound like a way you might serve the body of Christ? If so, let me know, or reach out to any of the other elders, or call the church office. Let us know that you would like to serve on the very important Nominating Committee.

A Wet Work Day Sprucing Up the Church Grounds



Nom Com 2024 Timeline

April-June

Creation of Nominating Committee; members volunteer from representative groups

June

Congregational Meeting
Nominating Committee is approved by congregational vote

June-October

Review of biblical qualifications and nominating process

Contacts made to compile list of candidates for church offices

October

Congregational Meeting
Officer candidates are approved by congregational vote

January

New officers are ordained, if needed, and installed



Women's Ministry at BPC

Ladies! You are invited to our upcoming CONNECT event!

Join us on Saturday,

April 27th

from 10:00 am to noon in Room 431 for

SHOW AND TELL!



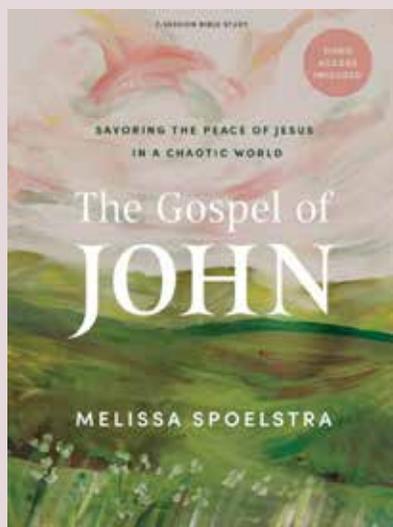
We'd love to have you bring an item that has special meaning for you, and share a little about it (just like we did when we were in elementary school!) This is a great way to get to know one another in a fun, unique way!

Come and spend a couple of hours with friends, (and even make some new ones!) visit over a hot drink and cookies while having a chance to hear some fascinating stories from one another!

Hope to see you there!



Questions? Contact Lisa Bowen by phone/text at 206.354.0339 or by email at lisa.bowen@bpcburien.org.



Ladies! Come and join us for a Tuesday evening Spring Bible Study!

Beginning Tuesday, **April 16**, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., we'll be diving into a 7-week journey entitled: **The Gospel of John: Savoring the Peace of Jesus in a Chaotic World**, by Melissa Spoelstra.

Here's what you can look forward to:

Life moves at a break-neck pace. Days are filled with noise, screens and appointments. Sometimes worry and fear are constant companions. The chaos can leave you looking for a place to be still, but that resting spot can often be an elusive destination.

Jesus offers a different kind of life. He offers peace. He IS peace. Jesus never hurried, but completed everything the Father called Him to accomplish. As we look in John's gospel, we'll be challenged to take on the posture of a learner – understanding that the peace Jesus offers is not an ease of circumstances, but a stillness of the soul. **Through focusing on Peace, Jesus gives us in His PLAN, POWER, PATIENCE, PURPOSES, PROMISES and PASSION.**

Hope you'll join us on Tuesday evenings in Room 431! Study guides will be available the first evening. Suggested donation is \$20. If you have any questions, contact Lisa Bowen at 206.354.0339 or lisa.bowen@bpcburien.org.

MEN'S RETREAT

Friday Evening, April 26, 7-9 p.m.

Saturday, April 27, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Boulevard Park Church, Room 151

FEATURING

“Slaying the Giants in Your Life”

FEAR DOUBT

By Dr. David Jeremiah

“Developing a Mentoring Relationship”

By Vince Partridge

FRIDAY EVENING

Optional: Ice Cream & Movie on

C. S. Lewis' life,

“The Most Reluctant Convert”



**Build relationships and enjoy
fellowship with friends**

Celebrations!

April Birthdays

- 2 Marlene Burton
- 3 Dave Huck
- 4 Tyler Siedenburg
- 6 Madison Burt
Ellen Jackson
- 8 Anita Dakin
- 9 Penny Clifton
- 11 Thomas Wood
- 12 Tom Horton
- 14 Nathan Roenicke
Alice Walsh
- 16 Rob Norwood
- 17 Nancy Burlingame
- 18 Lorena Gonzalez
Dan Hartley
Dorothy Rice
- 20 Sarah Simmonds
- 21 Scarlett Faulkner
- 22 Ginny Olson
- 24 Jerry Bingham
Maria Carter
- 25 Max Burt
Molly Burt
- 26 Ruth Feil
Kelly Siedenburg
- 29 Valentine Faulkner
- 30 Randy James

Early May Birthdays

- 1 Noah Harder
William McCreary
- 3 Gary Schwatke
- 6 Karen Doerr
- 7 Don Whalen
- 9 John Hagar
- 12 Rachel Drost
Don Hartley

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



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