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*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

— John 3:16

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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

### Montana and South Dakota Green Lights From God

By Tim and Debbie Bryce

We appreciate these opportunities to stay connected with BPC. You'll recall that our focus is to share the gospel with Native American students at Montana State University and to help them learn to be followers of Jesus.

The second semester started on January 22. Our "nations" evenings meetings are held at the Native American Hall (a building dedicated to the success of Indian students). What do we do these evenings? We eat together, play games, and have a time teaching from the Scriptures. These times are remarkable. The attention and respect given never cease to amaze us. Some are Christians, most are not. **Please pray for continued favor with the Native students and faculty. Pray that we will be crystal clear with the gospel and biblical teaching and that times of deeper engagement come out of these "Nations" meetings.**

We were at the yearly "Would Jesus Eat Frybread Conference" in Black Hills, South Dakota in early November. The various speakers at this Christ-centered gathering were organized by two native leaders, one from Bismarck, ND, and the other from South Dakota. Their message was spot-on about

how lives are transformed in Jesus even with all the historical trauma of the past. Leon Leadingfighter and Bobby Grayeagle were tremendous at organizing this gathering. Montana had about 20 students attend and there were about 15 from the Dakotas. A family from Phoenix, AZ, was also present. This group was smaller than in other years but very influential. This is one of our most effective outreaches to our students at MSU.

As mentioned, our main focus is to share the Gospel in relational ways. The most personal way to connect is by setting a time with students to listen and talk. For example, Debbie has met with two girls separately on particular Friday mornings. We appreciate prayer for these times. Ask God to help them in their walk with Him. We want to be available to let God use us as He sees fit.

Tim asks for God to use him as he shares stories from the Bible. He also attends a Bible Study that a young Native leads at MSU.

God has given us amazing opportunities to be openly Christian in the Native student body. We are sure that prayer has given us this green light which is so unusual in a public university.

Please pray for more students to commit to walking with the Lord.

Thank you for all the support and care,  
Tim and Debbie

### Meet Our Newest Global Worker: Makin Yee



Makin  
Yee

Serving in Thailand

Sharing the Gospel  
Making Disciples  
Building Community  
...with youth through sports



GIVING: [liveglobal.org/makin](http://liveglobal.org/makin)

#### Changing Lives Among Youth

Please pray for me as I raise support and prepare to move to Thailand. I will be joining local missionaries at the CLAY Center – a ministry which uses sports to reach university students, local schools and children living in orphanages for Christ.

Will you consider joining me in this ministry through prayer and financial support? I would love to hear from you and share more about what GOD is doing in Thailand!

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To hear more of Makin's plans and her background at BPC, watch her interview with Doug Barton in the January 14, 2024 worship service. (Find it on the BPC website and view using YouTube or Facebook.)

### HOME But Not (Yet) Retired

By Ellyn Roe

On January 14, after nearly 26 years of service in Chad, the amazing Marlene Etter returned "permanently" to America, where she will continue her service with Pioneers until June 30. She will then look for a job, possibly teaching English to immigrants or refugees.

At Press time she was recovering from 24 hours of flying, and rejoicing that she did indeed complete the Chadian Songbook just before her departure from the people she has served and loved for so long.

While we hope to hear lots more from her in the near future, for now, please pray for:

- Marlene's need for housing, preferably near her sister in Lakewood, WA.
- The sorrow of Chadian friends, Stephen and Haley, who are particularly heartbroken that Marlene is no longer with them. Pray God provides close Christian friends for them.
- Creation of a brief audio/visual report of how God has worked in the last two years in Chad for sharing with supporters.

Welcome home, Marlene... we look forward to seeing you soon! ❤️



Newly returned from  
Chad, January 2024

Photo Credit: Marlene Etter

# As You Go...

By Pastor Bud

In our current cultural context, keeping our heads down and trying not to make eye contact with the seemingly hostile world around us is tempting. For many, staying in the Christian bubble of support and encouragement is more desirable than putting ourselves on the line for the gospel's sake. But is a head-in-the-sand mentality helpful, cooperative, and obedient?

The words "Onward Christian Soldiers" ring in our ears and may present the mistaken assumption that evangelism and outreach are like going to war. And in a world with enough conflict, hostilities, and war, who wants to add more? It makes little sense to pick a fight with people when ignoring them is so much easier. Consequently, outreach is the last thing we think about while out and about in our daily travels.

I want to suggest that our call to outreach is not picking a fight with hostile people, but it does mean that we are salt and light in the world. Let's break down a few verses informing us of our commission from the Lord and giving us hope.

In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to keep all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Jesus's command that the apostles make disciples is part of what the apostles were to teach those who believe. So, their command is our command. Making disciples means that we present the world with the opportunity to become followers and learners of Jesus. Notably, the word "go" is an aorist participle (simple past tense), which, when translated, means "Having gone." We have already gone out, traveled, or conducted our lives away from home. Most every day, we go somewhere into a vast population of those who are not currently followers of Jesus. A more precise look at what Jesus means is given to us by the apostle Paul.

More precisely, the making of disciples is the work of an ambassador; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 states, "Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting

*their transgressions against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. So then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as God is pleading through us. We beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."* Consider the following essential elements in this passage:

- **God gave us the ministry of reconciliation** – this is not a ministry of warfare or hostility; instead, it is a ministry that seeks to establish friendly relations. The good news is that through faith in Christ, people no longer have to be at odds with God. Part and parcel of reconciliation are grace, forgiveness, and friendship.
- **God has already done the work of reconciling the world to Himself through Jesus Christ** – hence, the central figure of the gospel is Jesus. We are not sent with a message of do's and don'ts; we get to spread the message of done. That is to say that the forensic issues of debt and its payment for sin have already been done.
- **We are ambassadors for Christ** – our role in evangelism is to represent God, who worked out the stipulations of our transfer out of the domain of darkness and into the kingdom of His beloved Son. We can declare to others that God issues them an invitation that, if accepted, will normalize relations with the King of kings and Lord of lords, the most powerful being in all the universe. It is not a confab leading to war; instead, it is a harbinger of eternal peace.

You are an ambassador as you go out each day, see your neighbors, meet up with friends, spend time with family, or go to work with colleagues. Never forget who you are and the great news you have been commissioned to deliver.

If we are faithful to our Lord, we will deliver the message. It may be a simple invitation to join you for church service, where they will hear the good news through song, reading, and the proclamation of God's word. Or, if the opportunity presents itself, you may have the privilege of delivering the entire message yourself. Either way, be faithful to proclaim and leave the results up to God. It's the best commission ever given; won't you join the team today?

Hallelujah, what a Savior,  
Pastor Bud

## Milestones

### Deaths

**Ethel Kristiansen**  
December 30, 2023

**Patricia Henry**  
January 4, 2024  
mother of Mark Henry

**Jeanne Elaine Servis**  
January 3, 2024  
mother of Leianne Kilkenny

### New Address

**LaRuth Christiansen and Shari Hall**  
2944 SE Lund Ave #265  
Port Orchard, WA 98366

### Church Officers

Ordained and installed on  
Sunday, January 14

#### Deaconess

Nada Adam  
Jodi Dunning  
Peg Frederick  
Alice Hammond  
Tracy Johnson  
Mary Miller  
Dorothy Rice

#### Deacon

Bruce Lindquist  
Steve Nickells  
Jim Shoe

#### Trustee

Roger Cox  
Tim Harder  
Dave Huck  
Donna Lightfoot  
Darrell Storvick

#### Elder

Doug Barton  
Ken Carter

## Women's Ministry at BPC

### Death Discussed

The Adult Sunday School class meets in Room 431 at 9 a.m. and is currently discussing a Ligonier Ministries video series, "Facing the Last Enemy: Death and the Christian." On Sunday, January 21, Pastor Bud taught the class on "Death and the Intermediate State." The audio recording of the class and accompanying handout are available at the link below (or email [Bud.Diener@bpcburien.org](mailto:Bud.Diener@bpcburien.org) for the link):

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hljRmAoEHq80jPe7jLG\\_hiwMQ4ce2EjZ](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hljRmAoEHq80jPe7jLG_hiwMQ4ce2EjZ)



You are invited to our  
*Ladies' Fellowship Circle*  
*Valentine's Luncheon*  
February 12<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 am-1:00pm in room 431

Come join us for a time of  
fellowship, food, friendship and fun!  
Lunch and dessert will be provided.

*Hope to see you there!*

Questions? Contact Lisa Bowen at  
206.354.0339 or by email at  
[lisabowen@bpcburien.org](mailto:lisabowen@bpcburien.org)

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**QUESTIONS? Text/Call 253-383-6033**  
**Email: [getinvolved@carenetps.org](mailto:getinvolved@carenetps.org)**

# MOVIE/DESSERT NIGHT

Saturday, February 10

ROOM 151 6:30 PM

Video

**"THE LOST VALENTINE"**

Starring Jennifer Love Hewitt  
and Betty White

A special event for couples  
but everyone is welcome

Sponsored by Men's Ministry

# Save the Date for Sports Camp!

This year it will be held July 22-26.



## More Cookies?

Did you enjoy cookies at coffee hour during the holiday season? If so, would you like to have them every Sunday? If the answer to those questions was, "Yes!" please consider signing up to provide cookies or other treats once a month. If more than four people agree to bring something it might even be less often than once a month. If this sounds good to you, between 3 and 4 dozen of whatever you are bringing would suffice.

Call Peg Frederick at 206-246-3637 to sign up so we can spread the joy out over the entire year.



# Light & Life

FUNDRAISER DINNER

March 16, 2024

## LIGHT & LIFE FUNDRAISER DINNER

with speaker Kirk Walden

March 16, 2024!

5:00 pm Check in & Reception

6:00-8:00 Dinner & Program

Greater Tacoma Convention Center

1500 Commerce St, Tacoma, WA 98402



Register by March 2!  
[supportcnps.org/light-and-life/](http://supportcnps.org/light-and-life/)  
or scan the QR code.  
**Questions? 253-383-6033**

## Calendar Events

### FEBRUARY

#### 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, February 4

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

#### Sunday, February 11

10:30A Worship / Baptism  
and Infant Dedication

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#### Tuesday, Feb 6

6:30P Women's Bible Study

#### Wed., Feb. 7, 14, 21 & 28

6:00P Family Dinner  
6:30P Youth Group  
6:40P Adult Bible Study

#### Saturday, February 10

6:30P Movie/Dessert Night  
"The Last Valentine"

#### Monday, February 12

11:00A Ladies Fellowship Circle

#### Tuesday, February 13

9:30A MOM Life  
6:30P Women's Bible Study

#### Thursday, February 15

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

#### Friday, February 16-18

Youth Retreat

#### Saturday, February 17

8:00A Men's Breakfast /  
Pancake Chef

#### Tuesday, February 20

6:30P Women's Bible Study

#### Saturday, February 24

10:00A Women's Ministry Connect  
— Everyone's Birthday!

#### Tuesday, February 27

9:30A MOM Life

## Tending the Flock

# Why Do Christians Die?

By David Siedenborg, Elder

I remember driving home from the hospital on January 2, 2019, after being told I had kidney cancer. Many thoughts were swirling through my head. I can remember one of them being, "Good thing I kept paying those life insurance premiums." Grin.

Of course, death comes for all. Hebrews 9:27 reminds us that "... *it is appointed for men to die...*" Job, in the first verse of chapter 4 of the book named after him states, "Man, who is born of woman, is short-lived and full of turmoil" and continues in verse 5 saying, "*Since his days are determined, the number of his months is with You; And his limits You have set so that he cannot pass.*" And our experience confirms this, especially in this church body over the last five years. Therefore, it is important that we make sure to take a biblical view of death; important primarily in that the biblical view is true, and equally important in that the assurance of our eternal hope provides comfort today.

For the last few months, Adult Sunday School has been going through the video series "Facing the Last Enemy: Death and the Christian." It is a fantastic series and I wish I could be successful in encouraging all in our church to review it, as it encourages us to think correctly and confidently about death with regard to ourselves, our immediate families, and our church body.

One of the many subjects we have discussed is what Scripture says about death for the believer. And one of the many interesting and comforting truths we discussed is that Christ has transformed death for the believer in two ways: He both removes something from death and adds something to death. And this makes all the difference.

What is removed from the death of a

believer? The judicial sentence from a Holy God, which ushers in eternal separation from God and additional eternal torment. These are the ultimate wages of sin, never to be experienced by those clothed in Christ's righteousness. We will be delivered from death at the Last Day. Judgment was dealt with on the cross, so it is nowhere in sight at the death of a believer, which causes Paul to triumphantly ask the rhetorical question in I Corinthians 15:55, "*Oh death where is your sting?*"

While what is removed from our death is fantastic, it is no more fantastic than what is added to the death of a believer. Since death will not be a devastating judicial sentence, the believer will be freed from the presence and influence of sin and its tragic effects to the body and to relationships. But the eternal upgrade doesn't stop there. Believers will experience death in this way: their souls will be separated from their mortal bodies and will immediately be found in the comfort and presence of Jesus Christ. And when Jesus Christ comes back to earth to establish his earthly kingdom, He will fit us with glorified bodies, perfected for His Glory as we rule with Him and worship Him.

Therefore, while death is not good, death is for our good. That is why Christians die, because a loving Father does not plan to leave us adrift. This is His unalterable plan to bring us to Himself.

So, we need to continually remind ourselves that we are just passing through this world. It is like going on a trip somewhere important; it is good to be there to faithfully accomplish the purpose of that trip. But there is a sense of grateful anticipation when you are finally headed Home. And there is no place like Home.

## ATTENTION LADIES!

You are invited to a special event on Saturday,  
**February 24<sup>th</sup>** from **10:00 am** to **noon!**

We will celebrating

## EVERYONE'S BIRTHDAY!

We'll be having a party for all of us with coffee, tea, cake and ice cream, birthday games, a gift exchange, along with just spending time together with each other!

For the gift exchange, we'll be giving one another coffee mugs! Bring a wrapped mug (new or gently used) you think someone would love to have, and we'll play a fun "exchange game" to discover which one we'll end up with!

We hope you'll come and join the fun!

Questions?

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## Celebrations!

### February Birthdays

- 1 Anita Coffman  
Donald Ellefson
- 3 Aidan Conroy
- 4 Debbie Bryce
- 5 Scott Boone  
Jim Buck
- 8 Elijah Wagner
- 12 Donna Lightfoot
- 15 Daphne McBreen
- 16 Emelita Moore  
Carol Roenicke
- 17 Kathy Erdahl
- 19 Mara Oldroyd
- 21 Wilder Faulkner
- 24 Stan Noble
- 26 Sharon Brown
- 28 Brenna Arnesen

### Early March Birthdays

- 2 Don Jones  
Kathi Nagy
- 6 Michelle Harder
- 8 Joanne Mackey
- 10 Lisa Martinez
- 11 Roger Gillihan
- 14 Mark Parish



# BOULEVARD PARK CHURCH

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*Reaching Our  
World for Christ*

## Women's Ministry – Counseling Available

By Lisa Bowen

Ladies, are you looking for someone to talk to about some of those hard things you find yourself in the middle of? Going through a difficult season in your life? Wondering how to deal with an issue Biblically? Need someone to link arms and walk alongside of you as you seek to understand what Jesus may be showing you through your circumstances? If so, I'd be honored to be that person.

Along with my role as Women's Ministry Director, I am a counselor through the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors and I offer individual 1-hour counseling sessions for women, in person or on Zoom on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays here at the church. There is no cost to you. Our time would consist of spending time in prayer, talking through your specific situation, and digging into Scripture to see what God has to say in regard to

the journey you find yourself walking through.

If you'd like to contact me for more information, feel free to reach out!

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Sweet Friend, Jesus is our Comfort, our Healer, our Shepherd, our Salvation...and in Him, we find our answers. Always.

