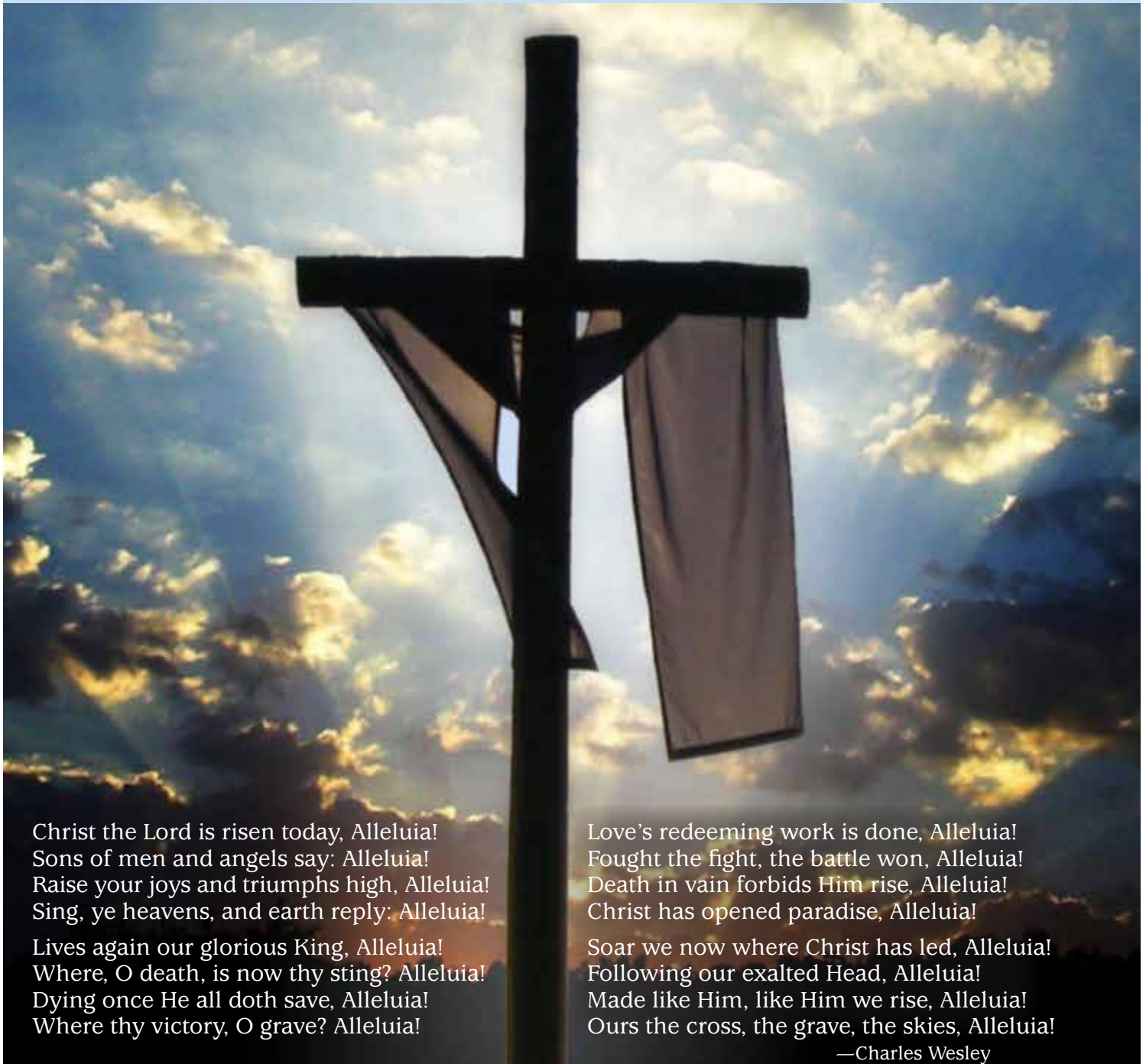


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Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

—Charles Wesley

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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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PNG: Here I Come! (Again!)

By Noah Harder

Five years ago, I embarked on a trip with my family to Papua New Guinea. We supported global workers, helping those who were starting churches and translating the Bible. During my time there, I slowly began to see the amazing work that some of the people were doing, and even more importantly, the need for more help. Since then I have recognized God calling me back to global work. That has inspired me to go to PNG this summer so I can continue learning about the work and struggles of global workers and to see how I potentially can be a part of it.

I am going with Ethnos360's Interface, a six-week program located in Madang, PNG. The first part of the trip involves classroom time with topics that include: Motivation for Global Work, Global Work, Evangelism & Discipleship, Cross-Cultural Communication, Global Methods, Support Ministry, and Critical Issues in Global Work. Additionally, each team member will have a national language helper to give them experience learning the language and culture. The team will participate in the local community, practicing language and experiencing culture hands-on. The second part is a trip to a location with a church-plant in progress. Noe and Lisa Martinez have hosted this program in past summers.

Overall, I am thrilled for the opportunity to return to PNG. I am grateful for the chance to immerse myself in intensive training, engage with the local community, and learn firsthand

the challenges and triumphs of global worker life. I am eager to learn, grow, and discern how I can play a part in furthering God's kingdom through global work.

More information can be found at:

Ethnos360.org/short-term-trips/interface

You can see my profile and give financially toward this trip at:

Ethnos360.org/missionaries/noah-harder



Noah and his dog Felix



A helicopter arrival is always exciting!
L-R Noah, Micah, and Amelia Harder at the
Ethnos Hoskins PNG Center where their family served 5 years ago.



At left, Noah in PNG learning how baskets are made.



Noah framing deck railing in
Papua New Guinea.

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Do You Know What Is Next?

By Pastor Bud

The Bible teaches us that the duration of our lives on earth is like a shadow (Ps. 144:4), a vapor (Jas. 4:14), a breath (Ps. 144:4), or like grass (Ps. 103:13-15) which withers, dries up and blows away (Jas. 1:10-11). Because sin entered the human stream through Adam, its effect spread to all men, so everyone dies (Rom. 5:12).

The certainty of death notwithstanding, people go to great lengths to avoid it or at least to kick the can down the road as long as possible. Death occurs when the soul is separated from the body. Genesis 35:18 records the event of Rachel's death after giving birth to Benjamin, *"Now it happened as her soul was departing (for she died), that she named him Ben-oni; but his father called him Benjamin."* Similarly, Ecclesiastes 12:7 tells us that the body will return to the dust of the earth, and the soul will return to God who gave it. So, when anyone dies, their bodies return to the dust they came from (Gen. 3:19; Eccl. 3:20), but the immaterial part of the human being (e.g., soul or spirit) lives on.

Over the past forty-six years of ministry, I have spoken to countless people facing death. Their reactions ran the gamut of possible responses. Many were anxious, some were afraid, and all were curious about what was next. What happens to a person when they leave this world and go into eternity? One thing we know is that the soul is eternal. Daniel 12:1-2 and John 5:28-29 speak about a future resurrection of the righteous and unrighteous.

In the following few paragraphs, I want to deobfuscate death and the intermediate state so that you will be comforted, confident, or convicted.

- **Believers who die go immediately into the presence of God.**

If you have trusted Jesus Christ alone for your salvation, the Bible teaches that to be absent from the body is to be at home with the Lord (2 Cor. 5:6-8). There is no soul-sleeping, no purgatory, or intermediate state of unconsciousness. In fact, to the penitent thief on the cross, Jesus said, *"Today you will be with Me in Paradise"* (Lk. 23:42-43). We can have confidence that those who die in the Lord, will be with Him for all eternity. I love how David express this thought in Psalm 17:15, *"As for me, I shall behold Your face in righteousness; I will be satisfied with Your likeness when I awake."*

- **Unbelievers who die will be eternally separated from God.**

The clearest description of this is the story of the rich man and Lazarus, recorded in Luke 16. In verses 22-23a, we read, *"Now it happened that the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom, and the rich man also died and was buried. And in Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment."* The Bible teaches that when the unbeliever dies, his spirit is immediately cast into Hades (the place of the dead) where it will stay until the resurrection of the unrighteous, which happens at the end of the millennium at the Great White Throne judgment (Rev. 20:11-15). At this time, the unsaved will be judged on the basis of their deeds, and death and Hades will be thrown into the lake of fire for all eternity.

- **Everyone should prepare now for eternity.**

Hebrews 9:27 teaches, *"It is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment."* This implies that there is no second chance to get right with God. The account of the rich man asking Abraham to send someone to warn his brothers supports the message of Hebrews 9:27. *"And he [the rich man] said, 'Then I am asking you, father [Abraham], that you send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—in order that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' But he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!' But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.'"* The sobering message of these passages is that one must prepare for eternity before one comes face to face with it.

If you are reading this article as one who has never surrendered your life to Christ, trusting Him alone for salvation, I urge you to choose Jesus today. You are not guaranteed tomorrow or another chance to choose Him. Life is a vapor, a mere breath that is here one moment and largely without advance notice, it is gone.

If you do know Jesus, do not harden your heart to the need people have for Jesus. Be faithful to share the message of eternal life in Jesus. It may start with an invitation for them to come with you to our Good Friday and Easter services this month. They will hear the message and have the opportunity to choose Jesus.

For His glory alone,
Pastor Bud

Women's Ministry at BPC

Calendar Events

MARCH 2024

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, March 3

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

Sunday, March 10

Daylight Savings Time begins

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 31

Easter

Monday, March 4

6:30P Men's Bible Study

Monday, March 4, 11, 18, 25

7:00P Grief Share

Wed., March 6, 13, 20 & 27

9:30A Women's Bible Study (431)
10:00A Women's Bible Study (444)
6:00P Youth Group
6:00P Family Dinner
6:40P Adult Bible Study –
Pastor Bud teaches from
the book of Hebrews

Monday, March 11

11:00A Ladies Fellowship Circle

Monday, March 18 & 25

6:30P Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, March 12 & 26

9:30A MOMLife

Friday, March 15

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

Saturday, March 16

8:00A Men's Breakfast/
Pancake Chef

Saturday, March 23

8:00A All-Church Breakfast
9:00A Trustees Work Party

Friday, March 29

Good Friday

7:30P Tenebrae Service

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.



Tending the Flock

Easter – The Celebration of Jesus’ Resurrection

By Ken Carter, Elder

Jesus said to Martha, Lazarus’ sister: *“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”* (John 11:25-26).

The resurrection of Jesus is essential to our Christian faith. The apostle Paul, when writing to the Corinthian church spoke of the significance of Jesus’ resurrection *“And that He was buried and was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to the Cephas and to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time...But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain”* (1 Corinthians 15:4-6, 13-14).

It was because of the firm belief by Jesus’ disciples and followers that His message of salvation spread throughout the world. They knew that their Lord had conquered death and had appeared to many of them in person. Only this resurrection faith explains how this small demoralized group, which Jesus had left on earth, could have developed the enthusiasm to sweep all obstacles before them in their bold world-wide mission. The few disheartened followers of Jesus were transformed in the most dynamic movement in the history of mankind. Without their firm

belief in the Risen Christ, their fledging faith would have faded into oblivion.

Easter is an annual Christian holiday when we commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Many churches prepare for their Easter celebration with services and practices such as Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Tenebrae services on Good Friday. These practices focus on the events that took place prior to Jesus’ Resurrection to help us better understand the magnitude of God’s love for us and Jesus’ sacrifice.

Because of Jesus’ death and resurrection, I can say confidently that He has given us eternal life by defeating death and He is now seated in glory at the right hand of the Father. *“And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead”* (1 Corinthians 15:17, 20-21).

Each year Jesus’ simple message to Nicodemus and His amazing gifts to us of forgiveness and sanctification are more precious to me, *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life”* (John 3:16).

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Milestones

Baptism

Alyssa Anderson
Angela Anderson
February 11, 2024

Infant Dedication

Asaph James Werle
Torben John Werle
February 11, 2024
Parents: T.J. & Lindsay Werle

Birth

Rhett Merrill Sneesby
January 24, 2024
Parents: Ryan and Jessica Sneesby
Grandparents: Doug and Lisa Barton,
Randy and Suzanne Sneesby
Great-grandmothers: Fay Barton and
Kris Nelson

Deaths

Stuart Hall
January 26, 2024
brother of Shari Hall and
LaRuth Christianson

Ernie Recker

January 26, 2024
husband of Peggie,
father to Jon and Matthew Recker,
father-in-law to Nikkii Recker,
grandfather to Lauren and
Nathan Recker

Breakfast & Trustees Work Party

Saturday, March 23

8 a.m. All-Church Breakfast sponsored by Men’s Ministry

9 a.m. Trustees Work Party

Bring your gloves and yard tools!

Join the trustees to spruce up the church yard and parking lots.



Save the Date for
Sports Camp! July 22-26



Photo Credit: Marlene Etter



Marlene Etter

Changing Fields

By Marlene Etter

February 14th marked one month since I arrived back from Chad. God's fingers were all over my finding an apartment. He led me to a place that has all seven things I dared ask Him for. My landlord is a Christian who attends my church and even my home group! I've been crazy-busy moving in, unpacking, setting up internet, car insurance, etc.

After four weeks I noticed quite a difference. In Chad I had several opportunities to share the gospel every week (with Muslims). During my first four weeks in the States, I hadn't had even one, till I had to go to Xfinity twice. My customer service man was open, gladly received my tract, and said our conversations have piqued his interest in God's Word. He might check out my church's online sermons.

Though Chad isn't the easiest place to live, I have no regrets having spent 25 years there. God gave me the gift of evangelism and for me it's a joy to share, never an obligation. I look forward to heaven to see how many will be there who received a gospel recording, audio Bible, tract or Bible, or who were challenged as I shared about Christ on the back of a motorcycle taxi, etc.

Though I'm still full-time with Pioneers until June 30 and am working to put together an audio-visual presentation to share as I travel around seeing supporters, a job possibility for thereafter has already cropped up. Stay tuned to see if my February 15 interview for a position teaching English to refugees and asylum seekers in Tacoma was what God has for me. Note that I'm not retiring — maybe in 10 years.

Prayer Requests

- God's power to help me make a concise AV presentation to show to ministry partners
- The Xfinity man to come to Christ
- A job for after I leave Pioneers June 30, especially one in which I can influence lives for Christ
- God to make a way for the Muslim-background believers in Chad to come out of hiding and not be severely persecuted or killed

Your years of partnership, BPC, humbles me and so blesses me! Let us praise His name together!

With great thanks for you,
Marlene



Photo Credit: Marlene Etter

At left, L-R My dear friend Haley, me and her daughter, January 13, 2024.



A goodbye meal Jan. 13, 2024, with Hunter and Mahamat and siblings and friends



Photo Credit: Hunt's Family

Photo Credit: Courtesy of Marlene Etter

My last goodbye Jan. 13, 2024, to three MBB buddies.

On the left is an American worker with another mission who I asked to follow up with this new Bible study group of secret believers (L-R: Al, Mahamat, and Stephen). Mahamat asks prayer to have courage to come out from hiding as a believer. He's tired of 20 years of not even telling his wife. He fears his family will kill him, or at least take his wife away.

At right, Stephen finally got a job as a chauffeur in Oct, 2023, taking global workers' kids to school!



Photo Credit: Courtesy of Marlene Etter

In Spite of War...

By Mark and Joanne Mackey

The ministry of Zaporizhzhia Bible Seminary (ZBS) in Ukraine is expanding. This school year we have our largest student enrollment in a decade. Courses are taught on the campus, in two locations in western Ukraine, and one new location in Germany where there are a lot of refugees from Ukraine who want Bible and theology training. We are glad for prayers for safety on the campuses, for students to learn lessons well even while under pressure of attacks at any time, and for souls to be saved throughout the country.



Pastors in Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine meeting together



At right: ZBS Class in session in Germany



ZBS course in Old Testament, Western Ukraine campus



ZBS students in western Ukraine - course in Homelitics

All photos: Courtesy of Mackeys

Celebrations!

March Birthdays

- 2 Don Jones
Kathi Nagy
- 6 Michelle Harder
- 8 Joanne Mackey
- 10 Lisa Martinez
- 11 Roger Gillihan
- 14 Mark Parish
- 19 Callum Kowallis
- 20 Anthony Moore
- 21 Maddie Borer
Gary Moseley
- 24 Mary Jordan
Lori Neumann
- 26 Chris McAllister
Pam Stariha
- 27 David Gonzalez
- 29 Tim Bryce
Declan Kowallis
- 30 Harry Burlingame
Kara Siedenbug

Early April Birthdays

- 2 Marlene Burton
- 3 Dave Huck
- 4 Tyler Siedenbug
- 6 Madison Burt
Ellen Jackson
- 8 Anita Dakin
- 9 Penny Clifton
- 11 Thomas Wood
- 12 Tom Horton
- 14 Nathan Roenicke
Alice Walsh

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



By Katy Lynch

Grief Share provides support for those who have lost a loved one and are looking for help navigating the challenging landscape of grief. The material includes insights from experts in the field and testimonies of those who have walked through their own valleys. This video-assisted program is grounded in biblical truth, revealing through scripture that God loves and cares for those who mourn.

WHEN: Monday Nights 7 to 8:30 p.m.
March 4 to May 27, 2024

WHERE: Boulevard Park Church, Room 431
GRIEF SHARE IS FOR YOU...

- ...if you have experienced the death of a loved one.
- ...if you know someone you can invite to Grief Share.
- ...if you desire to learn more about how to help others in their grief journey.
- ...if you want to pray for those leading and attending this support group.

INFO: Register via website: www.griefshare.org
Workbooks can be purchased via website or at the first session.

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*Reaching Our
World for Christ*

Adult Sunday School Begins New Series on March 10

By David Siedenburg

JOIN US AT 9:00 A.M. IN ROOM 431 ON SUNDAYS FOR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL. THE NEW SERIES STARTS ON MARCH 10. THE TIME TOGETHER IS SPENT PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER, FOLLOWED BY VIEWING THE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION.

Dr. Sinclair B. Ferguson of Ligonier Ministries guides us through the book of 1 Peter to help Christians endure adversity and live for the glory to come.

Sojourners and Exiles: The Message of First Peter

Many Christians today feel like outcasts in a hostile world. How can we navigate life in a society that seems increasingly opposed to our faith? In the first century, the Apostle Peter wrote a letter to believers who faced a similar situation, revealing to them—and to us—how the gospel strengthens God's people in times of adversity. In this course, Dr. Sinclair Ferguson presents the encouraging message of 1 Peter. The promise of our glorious future with Christ sheds light on our present trials, empowering us to live faithfully as pilgrims heading toward our heavenly home.

ATTEND VIRTUALLY

If you choose to participate virtually, you may join at any time after 8:45 a.m. from your computer, iPad, or cell phone via the internet by clicking on the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/2062432600>. When you are prompted for a pass code, use 2600.



Sinclair B. Ferguson

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ATTEND BY PHONE

If you do not have internet, you may dial into the meeting via 253.215.8782. When prompted, enter the Meeting ID: 206.243.2600#. If prompted for a pass code, use 2600 and press the # key.