



THE NEWSLETTER OF BOULEVARD PARK CHURCH

## Tending the Flock

# A Servant's Heart

By George Brown, Elder

What does it mean to have a servant's heart? I believe a servant is unselfish above all else. The Christians I have known who are true servants have an ability to see ways to help that many of us just don't see. They have an eye for seeing how to make someone else's life easier or better by serving them. Jesus taught His disciples in Matthew 20:25-28, *"You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave – just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."*

To me, Jesus was teaching His disciples that serving one another with genuine humility and love is more effective than seeking power. To serve is to sacrifice your personal desires for the benefit of others.

The words the apostle Paul shared in Romans 12:4-13 tells us how we should interact with other Christians: *"For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; not lagging behind in diligence,*

*fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints; practicing hospitality."* (NIV)

I want to share an example from my life that illustrates how working together was a real blessing not only to others, but also to those who served.

It was 1975. Nancy and I had been attending Boulevard about four years and I was a new Deacon. The United States had withdrawn their military forces from Vietnam and many Vietnamese refugees were fleeing to the United States to escape the Viet Cong takeover. In response to the cry for churches to help resettle these refugees, the pastor and elders at Boulevard Park church decided to help. I was given the responsibility to lead a team to assist a Vietnamese family in transitioning to a new

life in America. There were ten members of the Truong family who arrived in Seattle with nothing, unfamiliar with our culture, and only one young man in the group spoke limited English. Communication was an issue until we learned Mr. Truong spoke French and we found a young woman who also spoke French. The first evening as we gathered together, they and we joined together in singing, "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so," some singing in English, the family singing in Vietnamese and French.

At that time, I realized we were serving fellow brothers and sisters in Christ and this was one of God's blessings to all of us. We had a dedicated group of volunteers who spent many hours helping the family adjust to their new life. One man who possessed

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# One Busy Family in the Philippines

By Jared and Laurie Garcia

This June-July brought many firsts and many answered prayers. We started the month of June thanking the Lord for an answer to prayer: a new pastoral assistant, Larry. He is assisting Jared part time with admin work related to the church and the School of Theology.

It was also a great joy for us to host our first RTIM Global Work Practicum (in partnership with our sending agency, RTIM) this summer with students Joe, Laura, Ethan, and Caleb. They encouraged us in many ways by sharing testimonies, preaching or teaching, helping with projects at church, visiting several of our church plants with us, and building relationships with church members and also with friends who still need the gospel. They were able to come away with a first-hand experience of the church and global work in the Philippines and many good take-aways from their book discussions and from their time spent shadowing Jared. All of them survived and thrived in Tagalog classes taught by Laurie! Ethan and Caleb stayed an additional two weeks and were able to travel with us to Palawan.

Jared was invited to preach and hold a Bible exposition workshop at the Baptist Bible Church of Puerto Princesa City, on the island of Palawan. Palawan is a separate island from where we live, so we drove to Manila and then took a short plane ride to get there. The pastor of this small rural church, Jason Malacao, said that Jared's Bible exposition workshop has helped him get started in raising up other teachers and preachers in his church. Additionally, several men expressed interest in continuing their theological education by enrolling in upcoming courses offered through our School of Theology.

Another huge answer to prayer was the launch of our School of Theology in June with a block class on Hermeneutics. The regular semester, with weekly classes, started July 11. A dozen students attended our block class, and we currently have 22 students enrolled for the regular semester, both online and in-person. For a sustainable future, we are praying for 1) another full-time professor and 2) textbook resources for our students to use/rent for the duration of their courses. If you would like to give towards these textbooks, please include the notation, "TS02 Garcia textbooks," in your donation to BPC faith promise.

Hosting the RTIM Practicum this summer was challenging due to the busy pace and many activities but also very rewarding. We definitely look forward to hosting again in the future and seeing more young people experience global work, perhaps for their first time, in this context. We're excited to finally see the School of Theology launched, with even more students in attendance than we had hoped to have. It was also good to have the opportunity to travel outside of our island and help train leaders in the churches in Palawan. We, Jared, Laurie and Carson, thank you for upholding us in prayer through these busy months!



Our first group of students for the Hermeneutics block class stand at the front of the classroom. Jared's new pastoral assistant, Larry, is second from the left.



Our Practicum students posed for a picture with our family at the front of the church. Caleb is on the far left, Laura and Joe with their baby Amber stand on the right, and Ethan is on the far right.



The participants of the Bible exposition workshop in Palawan are seated on the church pews, holding up books. We were able to distribute several titles translated into Tagalog and printed locally, including "Why Trust the Bible?" by Greg Gilbert, translated into Tagalog by Jared.

# Running the Race in Chad

By Karen Doerr

In the months since I last wrote, there has been much of normal life and responsibilities...but there have also been some unique experiences. Some of what's been happening includes hosting the ladies from my church for a meal



Hosting a special women's event for ladies at the English Center while the short-term team from Egypt was here with us.

and meeting, giving the devotional in Chadian Arabic, visiting a voting site on the presidential election day (and staying home after results were announced), traveling to my former town to attend and help with a wedding celebration, taking a newly-arrived worker to the market and on public transportation, gathering together with colleagues at our annual Chad field conference, visiting a dying lady in the hospital who had been brought in to the capital from my former town, spending time with family members of other people who have died recently, visiting neighbors on Eid al-Adha (holiday celebrating Abraham's sacrifice and God's provision), having some major solar system work done to improve it, and



Thankful that Naya and Jocie Martinez are settling in well at school, and that Noe and Lisa have made it back to Tigak to continue on in ministry.

getting to help host a short-term team! And more...it's been a busy time...and I'm currently enjoying a break at a guesthouse and some cooler temperatures as it's now the rainy season!

Photo Credit: K.D.

Photo Credit: Courtesy of Martinez Family

## Milestones

### Births

#### Brooklynn Cigek

July 1, 2024

Parents: Brianna and Blake Cigek  
Great-grandparents: Ron and Sharon Brown

#### Levi Harvey Siedenburg

July 12, 2024

Parents: Todd and Madeleine Siedenburg  
Grandparents: David and Kelly Siedenburg  
Great-grandparents: Harvey and Diane Siedenburg

### Deaths

#### James Musgrove

July 9, 2024

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exceptional administrative skills found suitable housing and helped them find jobs; another family donated a car to them; I helped the English-speaking man to understand the manual to get his Washington driver's license. In many ways we together introduced them to life in America. Even though our help was a blessing to the Truong family, it also was a great blessing to all of us who helped them. Not only did we serve a Vietnamese family, we also became close friends as we worked together as a team. None of us initially knew how much we could help the Truong family, but as we depended on God to lead us, we successfully assisted them in transitioning to their new life in the United States.

In his letter to the Colossians, Paul said, *"Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord whom you serve."* (Colossians 3:23-24)

As Paul noted in Romans 12, a church is composed of people with many unique talents. Our pastor is a very capable teacher and expositor but he needs strong support especially from dedicated people willing to serve as elders, deacons, deaconesses, and trustees. Serving on one of these boards is also a way to develop close friendships. The church's nominating committee is currently seeking individuals to fill these positions for the upcoming year. If you have never considered serving in this way, the blessings are considerable. If a member of the nominating committee asks you to serve in one of these areas, please consider praying for God's guidance and if you hear His quiet voice leading you to say, "Yes," would you strongly consider becoming part of one of the teams that make our church function successfully? Remember, when God calls you into service for Him, He will also provide all you need to accomplish the tasks.



*"The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."* – Psalm 34:18

By Katy Lynch

We are honored to provide support for those who have lost a loved one and are looking for help navigating the challenging landscape of grief. Guided by experts in the field and testimonies of those who have walked through their own valleys, this video-assisted program is grounded in biblical truth, and provides practical tools and strategies to help with healing.

**WHAT:** Grief Share Support Series

**WHEN:** Monday Nights 7 to 8:30 p.m.  
September 23 to  
December 16, 2024

**WHERE:** Boulevard Park Church  
Room 431

**WHO: 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 how to help others in their grief
- If you would pray for those leading and attending

**INFO:** Register via website:  
[www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org)

Participant guides can be purchased online or in class.

Contacts: Lynda Eck 206-351-3462  
Katy Lynch 206-371-0554  
BPC Office 206-243-2600



## Well, How Much Did We Donate?

By Ellyn Roe, Care Net Liaison

You've done it again, wonderful BPC family! The giant baby bottle, the Care Net Baby Bottles, the ziplocks and jars of contributions have been emptied and tallied along with many generous checks. Care Net of Puget



Sound has just informed us that BPC's donations total an incredible... **(drumroll please)**...\$4,515.31.

Hundreds of moms, dads and babies thank you for

every penny. Year after year, what WONDERFUL advocates of pre-born life are you all!

Thanks to the MANY individuals and families who not only donated, but made Care Net a prayer focal point. PLEASE keep praying for this Christ-centered, life-affirming ministry.



## Cottage Club

By Erryn Kowallis

Cottage Club is a new group meeting at BPC this fall and spring. We are an enrichment-based Charlotte Mason club. Charlotte Mason was a Victorian British educator whose philosophy of education has inspired many homeschoolers well beyond her lifetime. She valued scripture, classic literature, nature study, handicrafts, and saw children as people worthy of respect—a revolutionary concept in her day and age.

Cottage Club is directed by Erryn Kowallis and Amanda Johnson, born from a personal desire to form a tight-knit community with like-minded homeschooling families while keeping costs as accessible as possible.

We will meet at BPC on Fridays from 2-4:30 p.m. and all educators have volunteer roles. To our amazement, we had 16 families and 42 children enroll! It's clear there's a need in our region for homeschoolers to connect and support one another.

Our Fridays will be filled with artist and composer study, poetry, wool felting, fairy tales, and outdoor nature study, among a plethora of additional activities. Our aim is to focus on enrichment subjects and leave the core subjects to the home educator's discretion.

While both Amanda and I are believers

—and Cottage Club's content will include scripture recitation and Bible stories—we intentionally have not labeled Cottage Club a Christian club. Our hope is that non-believers, willing to respect traditional Christian beliefs, would come to know Jesus through Cottage Club and its members. Cottage Club is not a BPC ministry, seeing as how our volunteers are not BPC members.

### Ways You Can Support Cottage Club:

- **Pray:** Please pray for the club to be a source of community and encouragement for our members. Specifically pray that the families in Cottage Club who don't know Jesus would come to know Him and that those of us who are believers would love them well.
- **Offer Grace:** We all make mistakes! If you have a concern about Cottage Club that you'd like to bring to our attention, we welcome conversation but expect grace. Please do not bring anything to our attention during our program. My email is: [errynfinch@yahoo.com](mailto:errynfinch@yahoo.com).
- **Be Excited:** We have 42 children at BPC almost weekly, learning and playing together! It's a new, beautiful thing and we're excited.



## Calendar Events

### SEPTEMBER 2024

#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

#### Sunday, September 1

9:00A Prayer Meeting  
9:15A Youth & KIDS Sunday  
School  
10:30A Children's Church  
10:30A Worship / Communion

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#### Monday, September 2

Labor Day  
Church office closed

#### Tuesday, September 3 & 17

6:30P Ladies Tuesday Night  
Bible Study

#### Monday, September 9

11:00A Ladies Fellowship Circle  
(431)

#### Monday, Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30

6:30P Men's Bible Study

#### Tuesday, Sept. 10 & 24

9:30A MOMLife

#### Wed., September 11

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

#### Wed., September 18 & 25

10:00A Lighthouse Women's  
Bible Study  
6:00P Family Dinner  
6:30P Youth Group  
6:40P Adult Bible Study

#### Thursday, Sept. 19

6:30P CarePartners

#### Saturday, Sept. 21

10:00A Women's Ministries  
Connect: Step-by-Step  
Painting (431)

#### Monday, Sept. 23 & 30

7:00P GriefShare (431)



*"There are four kinds of people in this world: those who have been caregivers, those who currently are caregivers, those who will be caregivers, and those who will need caregivers."*

**– First Lady Rosalyn Carter**

If you find yourself in the season of "those who currently are caregivers," we'd love to invite you to be a part of our new **CarePartners** group! It will be a place to come and catch your breath, sit down with others who are in a similar season, have a cup of coffee, be encouraged, and find meaningful ways to take care of yourself as well as your loved one. We will cover a different topic each month (self-care, communication, family and friend dynamics, advocating for your loved one, etc.) and there will be opportunity to hear from people who have walked the path of caregiving, and can share what they learned along the way.

**We will meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Room 431, beginning September 19th.** If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Bowen at [lisa.bowen@bpcburien.org](mailto:lisa.bowen@bpcburien.org) or by phone at 206-354-0339.

## Recipes! Recipes! We need more recipes!



# Lighthouse Women's Bible Study Resumes

By Ellyn Roe

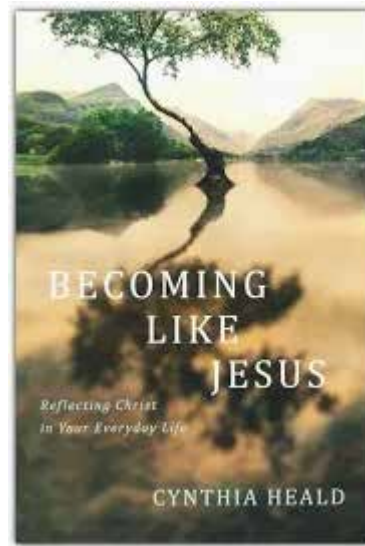
Beginning on **Wednesday morning, September 18**, from 10 a.m. to noon at BPC, Mary Cox and Ellyn Roe will co-facilitate a 7-week Bible Study for women, using Cynthia Heald's *Becoming Like Jesus*, published in 2024.

In each of the lessons, the author guides us to consider:

- How did Jesus live?
- How can we reflect Him?
- What does Scripture tell us?
- How then shall I pray?

There is no video for this book, so there will be plenty of time to discuss thoroughly and share our hearts. The class will conclude on October 30.

Whether you are new to BPC, new to Bible Study, or an "old hand" at both, please join us for Wednesday morning worship in song, Bible study and prayer. Books may be purchased for \$12.00 at the first session, September 18, though complimentary books are available if your finances



are tight. To facilitate our purchase of books for you, **please RSVP ASAP to Mary or Ellyn.** (Emails and phone numbers are in the church directory.)

## Ladies, Join us for Tuesday Evening Bible Study!



No doubt there have been, or will be, times in your life when your circumstances lead you to wonder if God is there, if He cares, and if things are slipping out of His control. Surely, similar thoughts ran through the mind of Joseph as he suffered through betrayal, false accusations and imprisonment. In this 8-session study from Kelly Minter, you will be reminded of God's faithfulness through Joseph's story. No matter what we walk through, God's presence is constant, His provision is enough, and His purposes are unstoppable.

Come and meet with us **every other Tuesday evening** from **6:30-8:00 p.m. in Room 431**

as we go through this engaging DVD study and are reminded of God's extravagant grace and faithfulness in the life of Joseph, and in turn, our own.

**Study begins September 3rd!**

Study books will be available the first evening. Suggested donation is \$20.

Contact Lisa Bowen with any questions at [lisa.bowen@bpcburien.org](mailto:lisa.bowen@bpcburien.org) or at 206.354.0339.

## Celebrations!

### September Birthdays

- 1 Linda Rice
- 2 Ruby Faulkner
- 4 Paul Kido
- 6 Jeff Nagy  
John Gilleland  
Pauline Kulle  
Ron Brown
- 8 Tracy Johnson
- 9 Celeste Christensen  
Naya Martinez
- 10 Felix Drost
- 11 Ken Carter
- 12 Nancy Norwood
- 16 Carly Siedenburg  
Dakota Borer
- 17 David Siedenburg
- 18 Jean Hale  
Kristi Shoe
- 19 Steve Roe
- 20 Jan Armstrong
- 23 Ryan Sneesby
- 27 Abi Hall
- 29 Barb Alsleben
- 30 Chris Faulkner

### Early October Birthdays

- 1 Lisa Barton
- 2 Krista Chapman
- 4 Blake Arnesen
- 5 Vicki Gray
- 7 Gladys Baxter
- 8 James Bingham, Jr.  
Brian Hudson  
Miki Vercammen
- 9 Amelia Harder  
Violet Nyholm  
Glen Rose
- 10 Lois Esser  
Beth Heintz
- 12 Sandy Rice  
Debbie Wood

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





## BOULEVARD PARK CHURCH

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*Reaching Our  
World for Christ*

# Calling All Ladies!

Come and join us for our

## Step-by-Step Painting Adventure

Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>  
at 10:00 am-noon  
in Room 431

Absolutely **NO TALENT NEEDED!**

Just come and spend the morning with  
some girlfriends over coffee, donuts and  
we'll unleash our creativity!

You'll leave with a beautiful  
autumn painting to celebrate  
the new season!

### QUESTIONS?

Contact Lisa Bowen  
at 206.354.0339 or by email at  
[lisa.bowen@bpcurien.org](mailto:lisa.bowen@bpcurien.org).

## Ladies! Come and CONNECT with some old friends and make new ones!



Join us once a month, on a Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon  
in Room 431, for a chance to spend some time together  
visiting over a cup of coffee and a fun activity! Be sure to  
mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- September 21:**  
Step by Step Painting
- October 19:**  
Make a Freezer Meal
- November 16:**  
Holiday Luminary Candle Holder
- December 14:**  
Christmas Cookie Exchange and  
Muffin Tin Competition
- January 11:**  
Board Games, Puzzles and Bring  
Your Own Lunch
- February 15:**  
Book Club and Bagels
- March 22:**  
Thrifting Road Trip
- April 26:**  
Bring Your Own Craft and  
Your Lunch
- May 31:**  
Tea Party

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