

Happy New Year

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FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

*Ring out the old, and ring in the new.
Worries we may have might not be a few
As the months ahead loom into view.*

*But there is that One in whom we must
Put our wholehearted entire trust –
Come what may, be it boom or bust.*

*That One is Jesus Christ our Lord
Who can hold us all in one accord
'Til that time is come for our reward.*

*Until that day comes, we here on Earth
Should watch and pray for all we are worth
That we can live through this year with mirth.*

*So let us vow to take each new day
And live it in such a special way
That we'll honor Christ—come whatever may.*

— Donna Lightfoot



Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

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.

PACKING MY BAGS

By Karen*

After a year of French studies, it's time for my transition to Chad. I'm so thankful for this year of language studies, that I'm more prepared, and that I'm looking forward to returning. I'm planning to arrive in N'Djamena, the capital, on January 3.

Please pray for my transition to life in Chad and as I learn my new role.



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(above) I'm thankful for the French church the Lord has provided me with during my year here, for the chance to share with them recently about Chad and my plans, and for their prayers.



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AN IMPORTANT JOURNEY

By Noe Martinez

Please remember me in prayer as I travel back to Papua New Guinea in January for a 3-week visit to the Tigak church with whom we work. My primary objective is to be an encouragement to the one church elder and the other believers in the Tigak tribe, and to offer any needed advice and counsel. I plan to return to Seattle in early February.

Thank you!



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Photo courtesy of CH.

WEDDING BELLS

CH* and AD* were married December 16 in Utah. They will serve together in a difficult region of the world. Keep them in prayer!

Recognizing a Work of the Holy Spirit

By Pastor Bud

The Holy Spirit gets a lot of credit today. He is held responsible for a wide variety of works and manifestations in and out of the church. Sadly, many works attributed to the Holy Spirit are not genuine. For this reason, discernment has never been a more important commodity. Truth-based discernment guards against extra-biblical extremes. Two extremes must be avoided:

- 1. Squelching legitimate works of the Holy Spirit.** In the absence of biblical truth, some believers ignore the Holy Spirit. They are afraid of going too far or losing control and acting strangely. So, they deny His legitimate work and designate every manifestation in derogatory terms.
- 2. Accepting illegitimate works of the Holy Spirit.** A biblical void can also produce the opposite effect. Without clear biblical truth about the actual purpose and work of the Spirit, they open themselves up to every manifestation. Their discernment is unanchored from truth, so anything and everything goes.

Both extremes are dangerous because neither brings glory to God. But how do we avoid either extreme? Do you know the characteristics of a genuine work of the Holy Spirit? The Bible provides the necessary information to aid in our discernment. Consider the following marks of a genuine work of the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit is at work:

- Jesus will be glorified. Jesus, speaking of the Holy Spirit says, “He will glorify me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you” (Jn. 16:14). When the Holy Spirit is at work, people don’t crave the personal experience; they crave Jesus. He is the hero of their stories and the center of every event. After the Holy Spirit works, people are dependent on Christ, not the pastor. The law of diminishing returns is not an ancillary to the Holy Spirit’s work. In other words, when the Spirit works in a person’s life, their growth is stable; it is not dependent upon the next experience, nor does it need increasing intensity of experience. The inward witness of the Spirit with the believer’s spirit, though non-experiential, is exceedingly effectual.
- The word of truth will be the standard. The Holy Spirit inspired the word of God (2 Pet. 1:20-21). The Holy Spirit is God. For this reason, the work of the Spirit cannot

be contrary to God’s word. In fact, just the opposite is true in a genuine work of the Spirit. Consider two examples. Paul states that Jesus was declared the Son of God by the resurrection from the dead according to the Spirit of holiness (Rom. 1:4). When Jesus was walking on the road to Emmaus, He encountered two discouraged disciples. They had great hopes that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah, but when He died, their hopes were crushed. Jesus used inspired Scripture to explain the Spirit’s working in His death and resurrection (Lk. 24:27). Also, the amazing events on the Day of Pentecost received diverse interpretations. Some thought that those filled with the Holy Spirit were drunk with sweet wine (Acts 2:13). Peter, standing with the others, introduced his sermon with a biblical explanation of the event. Scripture provides us with a sufficient framework by which we may discern what is a true work of the Holy Spirit (Heb. 5:14).

- Lives will be transformed. “But we all, with unveiled face, beholding in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit” (2 Cor. 3:18). A genuine work of the Holy Spirit will produce consistent transformation from one level of glory to a godlier level of glory. Such transformation is not characterized by extreme highs that must be propped up by one experience after another. Transformation is a total change. It is the reshaping of the very spiritual construct of the heart. It is neither temporary nor is it superficial.

When all is said and done, the effectual work of the Holy Spirit will always exalt Christ, always be anchored in the divine revelation of Scripture, and always produces permanently changed hearts. This is the filter through which all manifestations must be considered. It is hard to see how falling backward, barking like a dog, and laughing uncontrollably would glorify Jesus, fit into biblical truth, or transform lives. I am predestined to be conformed to the image of Jesus (Rom. 8:29). For this reason, I will seek eternal change, rather than temporal experience. I don’t have time to invest effort into things that don’t last. I have too far to go before I am like Christ, and the only one who can make me like Jesus is the Holy Spirit.

Milestones

Birth

Madeline Quinn Lamb

December 19, 2017

Parents: Eric and Chloe Lamb
Grandparents: Brian and Susie Hudson,
Great-grandparents:
Bob and Lou Ellen Huff

Marriage

CH* and AD*

December 16, 2017

(See Page 2)

Congratulations!

Greg Hammond has earned his Master of Science in geology from West Virginia University.

Hello, What’s New?

Church Office Phones

Thank you everyone for your patience with our new phone system. Our old system could no longer be repaired and so, as some of you know, for a couple of weeks you couldn’t call in.

Our new system is called RingCentral and some of the phones have been installed and are in use. The system does come with hold music and we are currently working on a welcome greeting.

— Kathy Rainey

Picture Directories

If you had your photo taken for the new church directory you may pick up your copy at the Welcome Center. A directory update is scheduled for May 4, 2018, for anyone whose photo and contact information did not get included in the current issue.

Family Skating Party!

Sunday, January 21, from 1-3:30 p.m. at Southgate Roller Rink. Kids under 12 skate free! (Since this is a family event, children must have an adult stay with them during the event.) The rink is located at 9646 17th Ave. SW in White Center.

KIDS Ministries Presents...

On **Sunday, December 10**, the children of Boulevard Park Church presented "A C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S Store Window." Junior and Senior High teens added help with the music. A cookie reception followed.

Photos: Jessica Barton



Boulevard Kids

Happy New Year!

By Lisa Siedenburg

Did you know...

...that a person's lifelong behaviors and views are generally developed when they are young – particularly before they reach the teenage years.

...a person's moral foundations are generally in place by the time they reach age nine.

...a person's response to the meaning and personal value of Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection is usually determined before a person reaches eighteen.

...that in most cases people's spiritual beliefs are irrevocably formed when they are pre-teens.

So...

...the children of Boulevard Park Church and beyond need your prayers.

The Children's and Youth Ministries are asking you to "adopt" a child to pray for this year. You can come see our table in the MPR on Sundays in January to pick up a bookmark with a child and begin praying for him or her to have a life-long relationship following Jesus. If you get the press and are not able to come in to church but would still like to pray for a child or student, call the office and we'll send you one in the mail.

*Pour out your heart like water before the presence of the Lord!
Lift your hands to him for the lives of your children...*

– Lamentations 2:19

Research summaries from Barna research at www.barna.com;
Articles in Family & Kids, November 17, 2003.

Family Life Ministry

The Best Birthday Party of All

By Jim Shoe

Over 250 people came to the Dessert Theater to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. His incarnational birth was celebrated as we worshipped with song, desserts, theater and decorations.

The room was filled with the beauty of Christmas tables, which stole the show. Thanks to all who hosted and decorated tables. A new life in Christ was represented by the transforming of the Multipurpose Room into a new life of beauty.

Other willing hands included:

Office staff

Eva Lee Henderson – printing

David May – sound system

Youth servers

Diane Stuart and

Sue Verammen – song

Children's Choir

Marilyn Makes – photography

The Family Life Committee is a joy to me as they continue to take on all challenges as servants of the Lord.

Thanks to the Lord and to His people.



Photos: Marilyn Makes

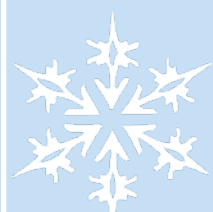


All Church Prayer

Saturday, January 13, 9-10 a.m.

We look forward to the New Year and the opportunity to pray each month on the second Saturday of the month. Don't miss it!

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	2 6:00AM Men's Huddle 9:00AM MOPS Leadership 6:00PM Business Comm (306)	3 6:30PM Awana Wed. Bible Study	4 6:00PM Deaconesses (431)	5	6 All-Day Elders Meeting 9:00AM Undecorate the Church 1:00PM Youth Group Event Nerf Wars
7 COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:45AM & 10:30AM Worship Service Sunday School 10:00AM Kids Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM Youth Group	8 11:00AM Ladies Fellowship Circle (151) 1:30PM Mission Prayer (306)	9 6:00AM Men's Huddle 9:00AM MOPS MOMSnext 6:00PM Bd of Elders (306)	10 9:00AM Women of the Word 5:30PM Risk Mgmt Class 6:30PM Awana Friends in the Word Wed. Bible Study	11	12 12:00PM Clipper Club (MPR)	13 9:00AM All Church Prayer
14 8:45AM & 10:30AM Worship Service Sunday School 10:00AM Kids Choir Rehearsal 12:30PM Welcome Lunch at Sizzler 6:00PM Youth Group	15 PRESS ARTICLES DUE 1:30PM Mission Prayer (306) 6:00PM Trustees (306)	16 6:00AM Men's Huddle	17 9:00AM Women of the Word 6:30PM Awana Wed. Bible Study	18 7:30PM Choir Rehearsal (151)	19	20
21 SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY 8:45AM & 10:30AM Worship Service Sunday School 10:00AM Kids Choir Rehearsal 1:00-3:30PM Family Skating Party 6:00PM Youth Group	22 1:30PM Mission Prayer (306)	23 6:00AM Men's Huddle 9:00AM MOPS MOMSnext	24 9:00AM Women of the Word 6:30PM Awana Friends in the Word Wed. Bible Study	25 6:30PM Deacons	26 6:00PM Men's Movie Night	27 10:00AM Women's Ministry Event (151)
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Men's Movie & Pizza Night

Friday, January 26, 2018 at 6 p.m.

in the MPR

The movie is "SULLY"

On January 15, 2009, the world witnessed the "Miracle on the Hudson" when Captain "Sully" Sullenberger glided his disabled plane onto the frigid waters of the Hudson River, saving the lives of all 155 aboard. However, even as Sully was being heralded by the public and the media for his unprecedented feat of aviation skill, an investigation was unfolding that threatened to destroy his reputation and his career.



When your actions make you a hero and you're certain you made the right decisions, yet the experts accuse you of poor judgment, how do you fight back?

Join us on Friday, January 26, to see how this story unfolds. Retired airline captain George Brown will also share one of his flying experiences following the movie.



BPC YOUTH SCHEDULE

JANUARY 2018

Saturday, January 6:
1- 4 p.m. - NERF WARS

Sunday, January 7:
8:45-10 a.m. - Sunday School
6-8:15 p.m. - Youth Group

Sunday, January 14:
8:45-10 a.m. - Sunday School
6-8:15 p.m. - Youth Group

Sunday, January 21
8:45-10 a.m. - Sunday School
6-8:15 p.m. - Youth Group

Sunday, January 28:
8:45-10 a.m. - Sunday School
6-8:15 p.m. - Youth Group

Help Us UN-Decorate!

Anyone interested in helping take down Christmas decorations in the church is invited to come on **Saturday, January 6, at 9 a.m.** All helping hands are welcome!

Celebrations!

January Birthdays

- 1 Lynda Eck
- 2 Cadence O'Herlihey
- 5 Rebecca Carvo
Jennifer McCombs
- 6 Rebekah Jonasson
- 8 Edmund Faulkner
- 9 Doris Amundson
- 10 Karen Doerr
Sheila Richardson
- 11 Jacqueline Griffin
- 12 Kelly Graham
- 15 Dan Kent
Katie Siedenburg
- 17 Carrie Hilstad
Sylvia Thompson
Jeanne Whalen
- 18 Jean Rose
- 19 Doug Barton
Bud Thorne
- 20 Ranita Goodin
- 22 Shawn Will
- 23 Tim Simmonds
Vicky Steiner
- 25 Barry Groves
- 28 Annette Conroy
Mark McClamrock
Dee Secrest
- 29 Mel Kimmel
Chris Moore
Diane Siedenburg
- 30 Anita Lee
- 31 Marcy Willis
Pat Jorgensen
Janis Whitbeck

Early February Birthdays

- 1 Anita Coffman
Donald Ellefson
- 3 Aidan Conroy
- 4 Debbie Bryce
- 5 Scott Boone
Jim Buck
- 6 Diane Mosman
Karen Shickley
- 7 Sherry Coon
- 9 Paul Gray

If your birthday is not listed, please contact the church office.



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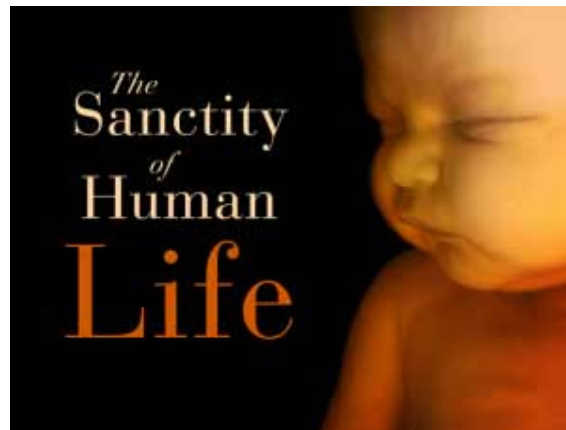
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January 21, 2018, Is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

By Ellyn Roe

"I call upon the citizens of this blessed land to gather in homes and places of worship to give thanks for the gift of life, and to reaffirm our commitment to the dignity of every human being and the sanctity of each human life."

—President Ronald Reagan,
1984 Presidential Proclamation

There are many voices clamoring for our attention today. Some of the softest but most important voices belong to pre-born boys and girls. Perhaps before your attention leaves this piece, you could establish or reaffirm your own commitment to the dignity and sanctity of every life made in the image of God.

EVERY day is Sanctity of Human Life Day.