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A Food Drive for Transform Burien Sponsored by Our Children

Reach for the Stars

By Jill Boyd

Would you like to help people in need right in the heart of our community? We have an opportunity to serve folks who are in some of their lowest moments in life.

Transform Burien is located in the former Burien Community Center. They offer hot meals, a food pantry, a clothing closet and many medical and hygiene services. In the month of February, our body is collecting food to fill their shelves which is used by families and individuals in need.

Will you help our children Reach for the Stars? Our goal is to collect a ton of food. Last year we aimed for a ton and got over a ton and a half! If everyone in our congregation gives five pounds, we will exceed our goal.

Please consider this list of their greatest needs.

- Canned Meats (Spam, tuna, chicken)
- Chili
- Peanut Butter
- Soup
- Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- Protein Bars
- Sugar
- Flour
- Beans and Rice
- Dog and Cat Food

Bring your donations to the church during the month of February. Children will be at the door to collect your food donations as you enter.

Also, remember that food donations are collected year-round in the tub labeled Transform Burien located in the MPR.



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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BPC servers at Transform Burien;
photos by Joel Lee

**PAGE 2: YOU AND YOUR GLOBAL WORKERS
Twosomes Partnering with God around the World**

Seattle Mission Field

By Ellyn Roe, CareNet Volunteer

Sometimes the “mission field” walks right through our own doors. Such is the case with Care Net of Puget Sound. Many women who come to CareNet because of unplanned or under-supported pregnancies are not familiar with the biblical gospel, or have never responded to it. Because of YOUR prayer and financial support, CareNet can meet their material needs, which often creates opportunities to address their greatest need: coming to saving faith in Jesus Christ. Last year we were able to make our services more accessible through the implementation of our first mobile unit, now in service in BPC’s own “backyard.” Please pray for women to find us, continued strong financial support, protection from the attacks of abortion-minded organizations, and that CareNet staff and volunteers would be God’s instruments in the lives of women and their pre-born children.



Photographer: Chris Criss

Ultrasound Technician Mary Lee Moore (l) and CareNet Client Advocate Ellyn Roe worked in the CareNet Mobile Unit January 16 in White Center, where the unit is available to the public every Tuesday. It spends every other Wednesday at Transform Burien.

I’m Here: Another Big City

By KD*

I’ve arrived in Chad!! Thank you for your prayers as I finished up my language studies in France (which went well) and as I’ve transitioned to life here. I’ve started learning my new administrative role, meeting neighbors, rediscovering some of the Arabic that I once knew, learning my way around, etc. Many aspects of life are different than in my former Chadian town, and I have to learn how to live well here in the big city...but I’m also so appreciative of how much is familiar. I’m very thankful for how the Lord has prepared me for being here. Please pray for me as I continue to transition, develop new habits, learn new responsibilities, make a visit to my former town, travel to East Africa in February for company meetings and training in my new role, etc.

Karen (r) with her new roommates.
Recognize one of them?



Photographer: Ed

To Do or Not To Do?

By Ellyn Roe

BPC’s Tim Harder Family had set an original departure date for January 2018, knowing that was an ambitious goal. However, they are still working toward building their partnership team and many of the other little details involved in moving a family of five to another country. They trust that God’s timing is perfect and that they’ll be in Papua New Guinea sometime soon!

Their To-Do’s? ENDLESS.

Our To-Do’s?

- Pray for more supporting Harder team members.
- Pray for the Harder’s preparation to move to PNG.
- ASK them to share what God is doing in their lives. (They LOVE this!)
- Get on their email update list so you can keep up with their progress and encourage them: Tim_harder@ntm.org

NOT to do?

Skip our To-Do list above!



While they loved Seattle’s 2017 White Christmas, Micah and Amelia Harder do NOT dream of a snowy 2018 December; they want their next Christmas to be in PNG!

Photographer: Michelle Harder

Learning from the Puritans

PART 1 – HOW THEY VIEWED THE BIBLE

By Pastor Bud

As the Reformation gained influence in the sixteenth century, a schism developed in the church. On one side were those who continued to accept papal authority; on the other side were those who repudiated it. Motivated by the Pope's refusal to annul his marriage to Catherine of Aragon, Henry VIII and the Church of England broke away from Rome. Driven by the conviction that Protestant theology was more faithful to the teaching of the Bible, Edward VI solidified his father's initial separation from the Roman church. However, after Edward died, Mary Tudor ascended the throne. She embraced Rome and brought the Church of England under papal authority. After Mary's death, Elizabeth I became queen. She recreated an independent Church of England through the Elizabethan Settlement of 1559. The settlement, being more of a compromise between the Roman Catholic Church and the reforms of John Calvin, did not satisfy all the English reformers. The name given to this vocal group of dissenters is Puritans. Puritanism was at heart a spiritual movement, passionately concerned with God and godliness.

The Puritans believed that the only appropriate response to God's glorious sovereignty was to live a devoted, disciplined life. We would do well to learn from their devotion and discipline, which is why a future article in the Press will focus on a different aspect of their spirituality.

Doctrine, for the Puritans, was more than speculation; it was grounded, directional, compelling, and practical. Even in the face of great opposition, the substance of their theology resulted in an unflinching commitment to a distinctive lifestyle of godliness. Having a strong commitment to the word of God, the Puritans' theology was multi-faceted

and precise.

The first chapter of the 1647 Westminster Confession of Faith is an excellent representation of puritan bibliology (the doctrine of Scripture):

The authority of the Holy Scripture, for which it ought to be believed, and obeyed, depends not upon the testimony of any man, or Church; but wholly upon God (who is truth itself) the author thereof: and therefore is to be received, because it is the Word of God....The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for His own glory, man's salvation, faith and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture: unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit, or traditions of men....The supreme judge by which all controversies of religion are to be determined, and all decrees of councils, opinions of ancient writers, doctrines of men, and private spirits, are to be examined, and in whose sentence we are to rest, can be no other but the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scripture.

The Puritans' high view of Scripture stemmed from their unalterable belief that it was the inspired revelation of God to man. They were convinced that divine inspiration was more than nebulous writings on religious truths. Being committed to the fact that Scripture was the only rule of faith and practice, the Puritans sought to live biblical lives.

For the Puritans, truth was not marketable, it was foundational. The Bible was an infallible source of everything they needed for life and godliness. It was never the last resort. Rather,

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Milestones

Baptisms

Jessica Barton
December 31, 2017

Jacob Barton
December 31, 2017

Birth

Jane Isabelle Bretz
January 5, 2018
Parents: Sam & Allison Bretz
Grandparents: Larry & Karen Bretz.

Deaths

David Onstot
January 5, 2018
father of Albert Onstot

Jim Voegel
January 6, 2018
brother of Marlee Dubnow

Jim Slattery
January 17, 2018
husband of Adell and father of Glyn

Tending the Flock



Larry Bretz

Elders Update

By Larry Bretz, Elder

The Board of Elders met on Saturday, January 6, to discuss in depth the various ministries of our Church and how they reflect the mission and vision statements of our Church.

Our vision: “to reach the world with the life-changing message of Jesus Christ, to connect believers with God and others, to mature in them godly character, and to equip them for a lifestyle of worship and service.”

Our mission: “Boulevard Park Church exists to glorify God throughout the world by helping people become mature disciples of Jesus Christ.”

With these statements in mind we discussed the need to become more purposeful in our various ministries to ensure that we are indeed reflecting these goals in the activities we engage in. With involvement of the leadership of the different ministries, we will endeavor to incorporate the vision and mission of our church in all areas of ministry.

We also noted the need to place more emphasis on evangelism. Along with this, new ministry opportunities may become available in the areas of hospitality, community groups and leadership training.

The elders are trusting that through prayer and mutual cooperation we can more effectively fulfill our mission to “Reach, Connect, Mature, and Equip” people for the service of our Lord.

Puritans, from Page 3

the Word of God was their source of light and enlightenment in their quest to navigate their culture in a God-glorifying way.

I am concerned that the average believer is more pragmatic and less biblical in his approach to life. In the last forty years, preaching has come to have more in common with infomercials than with the discovery of divinely inspired truth. Shallow thinking begets shallow solutions. If one relegates the Scriptures to be a book about how to live better today, he will miss the eternal truths it teaches about how to live forever.

The Puritans believed that the Bible was everything necessary for life and godliness. The timeless truth they derived from Scripture

Christian Education

Adult Sunday School Classes

8:45 a.m.

“Christianity and the Competition”

– Room 442

Join us as we present the DVD series which explores Christianity’s bold claim that it is true and rival religions are not. There will be a time for discussion following each segment.

8:45 a.m.

“The Wisdom of God: Seeing Jesus in the Psalms and Wisdom Books” – Room 444

This DVD series is taught by Nancy Guthrie and is a 10-week study of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon.

Discussion is led by Jean Rose. This class is for women only.

8:45 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

“The Seven Churches of Revelation”

– Room 431

A DVD series hosted by Joe Stowell, president of Cornerstone University. Join us as we take a closer look into the struggles of these New Testament churches.

Youth Bible Study

8:45 a.m.

Middle School – Room 435

High School – Room 520

fueled their indomitable faithfulness to live life for the glory of God. To know God intimately and think deeply about God in every circumstance can only be achieved by seeing God through His divine self-revelation.

Scripture is more than a book of synchronic narratives about how to live a prosperous life in the here and now. Its truth is not pliable, its fundamental truths are non-negotiable, and its power to make us wise to salvation is undeniable. The higher our view of Scripture, the more we will study it, and the more we study it, the more we will know the one true God. And, like the Puritans before us, the testimony of our robust bibliology will manifest itself in our holy God-glorifying life.



Parents' Night Out

Leave the kids with us and celebrate with your Valentine!

Friday, February 16

5:30-9:00 pm

Boulevard Park Church KIDs Ministries
1822 S 128th St ~ Burien
www.bpcburiem.org
RSVP to children@bppc.org or 206-243-2600

Free children's program for potty-trained preschoolers through 6th Graders. Kids' dinner will be provided.
We'll celebrate with some food, fun, & friendship!

News of Note

Outdoor Steps Upgrade Needed

The steps going up from the lower parking lot to the front entry of the church have been disturbed by tree roots. After consideration it has been determined by the Renovation Committee and the Board of Trustees to replace the stones with concrete steps. Bids are now being received to begin that process.

— Kathy Rainey

Art Show – A Gift of Music

The Burien Arts Commission has invited me to display a number of my collages at the Burien Community Center for the month of February. My theme is "A Gift of Music". There will be an artist's reception on Wednesday, February 7, from 6-8 p.m., and everyone is invited.

— Linda McClamrock

We Are Grateful

Roger Gillihan

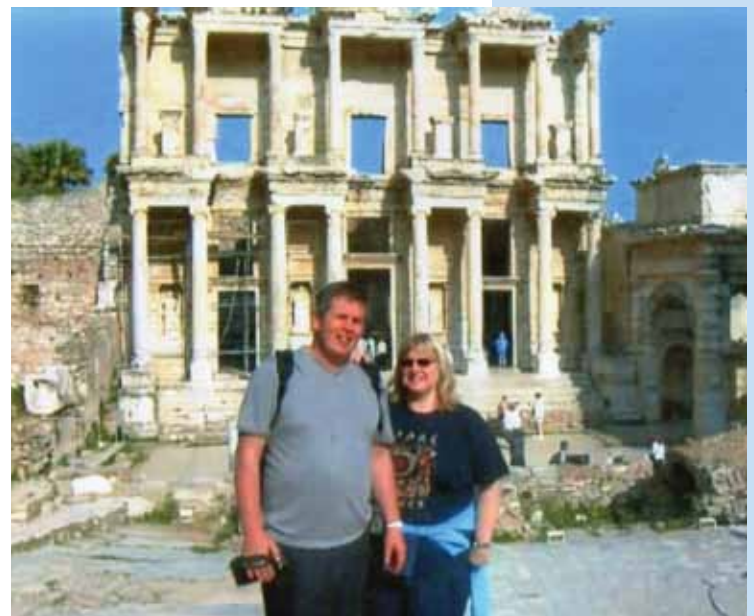
By Pastor Bud

From June 2015 until December 31, 2017, Roger Gillihan has served as Boulevard Park Church's Interim Associate Pastor. Although Roger has been a long-time member of our church, at a critical time in our church's history, he stood in the gap as the interim pastor providing care and stability.

More than anything, Roger has always been a man who seeks to serve the Lord by serving others, not seeking glory for himself. I am thankful for Roger's partnership in the ministry over these past two years, and I am thankful to count him my friend.

Boulevard Park Church is graced to have such a man in our congregation. We should esteem him highly for his service. And although Roger is no longer serving as an Interim Associate Pastor, God will continue to use him in the lives of many here at BPC.

Thank you, Roger.



Roger and Carol Gillihan at the Celsus Library in Ephesus.

Photo courtesy of Roger and Carol Gillihan



Photo credit: Jessica Barton



February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <h2 style="margin: 0;">All Church Prayer</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Saturday, February 10, 9-10 a.m.</h3> <p style="margin: 5px 0 0 20px;">We look forward to the opportunity to pray each month on the second Saturday of the month. Don't miss it!</p> </div>				1	2	3
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Family Skating Party

A turnout of about 80 people from BPC came to Southgate Rollerskate on Sunday afternoon, January 21. Young and old alike had a great time!

Personal Witness Training II

The second installment of Personal Witness Training will be held at BPC on **Saturday, February 3**, from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. In this session we will be equipped to understand and answer issues concerning the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, for the purpose of sharing with Mormons the life-changing message of Jesus Christ. If you would like to attend, please call the church office at 206-243-2600 or email Pastor Bud at bud.diener@bpcburien.org.

Outriggers

The Outriggers Fellowship Group will meet on **Saturday, February 3**, at 5 p.m. in Room 151. Doug and Lisa Barton will share about their trip to Nicaragua where they served with Living Water to put in a new well outside the city of Leon. Dinner will be provided. Contact Fay Barton at 253-839-9118 or Rae Weller at 253-839-7048 if you have any questions.

Membership Class

On **Saturday, February 10**, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Pastor Bud will teach BPC's Discovering Church Membership Class. While the class is required for those who wish to become members of Boulevard Park Church, you are not obligated to become a member just because you go through the class. It is a great way to learn what we are about and to ask any questions you may have about the church. If you wish to attend, please call the office at 206-243-2600 or email Pastor Bud at bud.diener@bpcburien.org.

Pictorial Directory Corrections

Howard Browne — email: brownesemail@yahoo.com

Josh & Kari Burt — Address correction: 27507 46th Ct. South

Tom & Judy Horton — No land line; add cell phones: 206-962-9831 (Judy); 206-954-4100 (Tom)

Elly Jackson — Cell phone correction: 206-712-9478

Livengood, Vic & ShaSha & Elijah
26843 37th Ave South, Kent WA 98032
206-310-4416 (Vic cell); 206-992-3944 (ShaSha cell)

Dorothy Rice — 206-650-4532

Linda Rice — cell phone is for emergencies only

Robin Sheppard — address change:
1010 SW 134th St #225, Burien WA 98146; 206-619-7219 (cell)

Missionaries
Mission address for **Mark & Joanne Mackey**:
European Christian Mission
PO Box 1006, Point Roberts WA 98281
206-954-4100

Celebrations!

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
- 10 Marie Thorne
- 11 Doug Jue
Sue Verammen
- 12 Donna Lightfoot
- 15 Daphne McBreen
Anthony Rice
- 16 Carol Roenicke
- 17 Kathy Erdahl
- 19 Mara Oldroyd
- 21 Joshua Becker
- 22 Annabelle Lee
- 24 Stan Noble
- 25 Phillip Schaefer
Bonnie Schwatke
- 26 Sharon Brown

Early March Birthdays

- 1 Sue Becker
Robert Turner
- 2 Kinsley Carvo
Don Jones
Kathi Nagy
- 6 Teresa Diener
Michelle Harder
- 8 Joanne Mackey
- 10 Sean Kent
Lisa Martinez
- 11 Roger Gillihan
Steve Mosman

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



A New 6-week Women's Bible Study Is Coming this Month!

Finding I AM: How Jesus Fully Satisfies the Cry of Your Heart

By Lisa Bowen

Come and join us on Tuesday evenings and dive into the seven I AM statements of Jesus in the Gospel of John. We are going to visit places in the Holy Land, via video with author Lysa TerKeurst, where Jesus may have been when He uttered these words. We want the Word of God to come alive in you as you take part in this study...to reach the recesses of your heart, because God's word gives life.

That ache in your soul that keeps you up at night? The prayer you keep repeating? Jesus not only cares about this deep spiritual wrestling, but He also wants to step in and see you through it.

In this In-depth Study You Will Learn to:

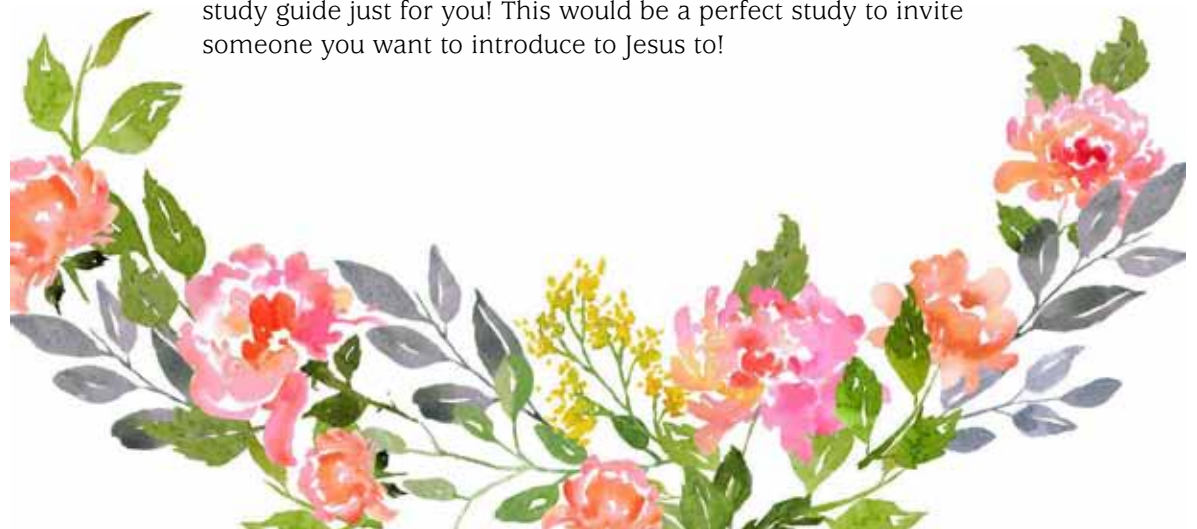
- ...trade feelings of emptiness and depletion for more personal fulfillment by knowing who Jesus is.
- ...stop living like a prisoner to your circumstances by training your heart to embrace the life-giving freedom God wants for you.
- ...gain a better understanding of how Jesus' words 2000 years ago are so applicable to the answers we are searching for today.

Details:

When: Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 PM
Starting February 20 through March 27.
Where: Room 431
Light dinner provided each evening.

Interested?

Contact Lisa Bowen by email at lisa.bowen@bpcburien.org or by phone at 206-246-2600 extension 26, so she can order a study guide just for you! This would be a perfect study to invite someone you want to introduce to Jesus to!



Meet Lisa Bowen

Hearts Are Growing

By Ranita Goodin

Recently Alice Hammond and I had the opportunity to lunch with Lisa Bowen and learn of her interests and dreams for “Heart to Heart” (the new name for Women’s Ministry). We learned that Lisa loves GARDENING and one of her favorite activities is mowing the lawn—really! Working in the yard is an activity she and husband Allen like to do together. She loves growing flowers, especially roses. It seems that nurturing and coaxing growth is part of who she is. She also enjoys reading; her favorite genre is World War II historical fiction. When it comes to TV or movies, she especially loves the old reruns from the 60s and 70s.



Allen and Lisa Bowen



“Her Roots: Family”

Lisa is married to Allen, an operations manager who has worked for Siemens for almost 20 years. They first met at church in Arbor Heights as children. Fast forward a few years and they are now empty

nesters with two grown children: Daughter Jessica lives in Utah and son Parker goes to college in Portland. Lisa is the daughter of Bud and Marie Thorne and has a sister Kelly.

“Transplanting: Her Calling to Boulevard”

Lisa always wanted to be a teacher when she grew up. After 26 years of teaching (most recently the second grade at Seattle Christian), Lisa prayed where she might next serve, and God has led her to this position. She works a 20-hour week at the church. Her office hours are 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



“Branching Out: Tutoring”

Always the teacher at heart, Lisa tutors Chinese children in English—on the internet! Because of the time difference with China, she teaches for two hours from 3 a.m. to 5 a.m. from her home computer. A trip to China someday is on her bucket list, along with travel to Italy and Greece.



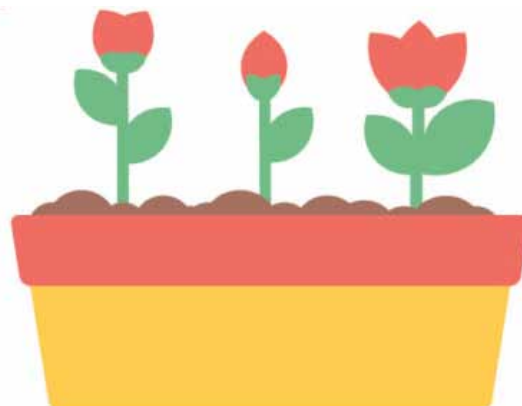
“Cultivating Growth: Heart-to-Heart”

The scope of Lisa’s responsibility for ministry for women is still germinating, but all the programs are still active and continue their growing season: Women’s Sunday School, WOW, Friends in the Word, Ladies Fellowship Circle, MOPS, etc...



“Sprouting: New Opportunities”

This past fall Lisa sent out over 200 surveys to the women of Boulevard. She got an impressive 40% return rate (it’s not too late to send yours in!) from women ranging in age from 20-something all the way to 90-something! She discovered some common themes: a desire for encouragement, Bible study, and One-on-Ones. In response to this, Lisa has sign-ups for Women’s Prayer teams and a new 6-week Bible study on Tuesday evenings. She plans to organize a different monthly fellowship time for women of all ages that could be a game night, a craft time (like card-making), a video or movie, or other social activity. You can “save the date” for an all-day Priscilla Shirer video-conference event of teaching, prayer, and worship on Saturday, May 19.





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Lesson from a Cinnamon Roll

By **Peggie Recker**

Did you follow your nose on Sunday morning, New Year's Eve, to discover in the MPR those sheet pans of freshly baked cinnamon rolls being served up for our enjoyment? I certainly did and that aroma which drew me to my tasty reward reminded me how the "fragrance of Christ" always should waft from my life to those around me.

*Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ,
and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.
For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved
and among those who are perishing. To the one we are the aroma of death leading
to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. — II Cor. 2:15-16*

P.S. Blessings on the Baker! Thank you.