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THE NEWSLETTER OF BOULEVARD PARK CHURCH

## Meet Our New Staff Member

By David Siedenburgh

In the December 2018 issue of the Press, it was announced that on November 20, the Board of Elders appointed me as the chair of the Director of Worship and Congregational Care search team. At the end of that small article, you were encouraged to “Keep watching for updates as the search progresses.”

It turns out, I really should have said, “Keep watching for only one update because it is going to go faster than I thought it would.” So here is your one and final update – I am happy announce that the Board of Elders hired Conor Malis for this position. He and his wife Natalie will be joining us officially on Sunday, March 24!

Here is some history that will remind us all how we got to where we are today. From spring through the fall of 2018, the Board of Elders developed a job description for a staff position addressing the following identified needs:

- Provide an even more focused consistency to our worship through music
- Move thoughtfully in a direction more acceptable to our younger members in such a way that does not alienate our older members
- Add talent, energy, and diversity to an already talented and active group of singers, leaders, and musicians
- Provide a staff focal point to drive improvement and consistency for



### Fun Facts about Conor and Natalie Malis

**They were both raised in Hawaii.**

**Conor was born in Hawaii.**

**Natalie was born in Taiwan.**

**They were high school sweethearts.**

**Their second anniversary will be this summer.**

**They live close by in Renton.**

**Conor has been a worship leader for the last 7 years, first in Hawaii and then in Kent, WA.**

**Natalie is a photographer who really likes to photograph people.**

**Conor plays the guitar and drums.**

**They both love the Lord and are looking forward to serving side by side with our body.**

our congregational care ministry with focus on shut-ins, the sick, and those in hospital care

The Board of Elders then approved this search committee: Jessica Barton, Randy Boyd, Josh Burt, Mary Cox, Serena Owens, Steve Roe, and Suzanne Sneesby. Representing a broad cross-section of the congregation and including three worship committee members, the team was tasked to review, vet, interview, consider, and finally recommend one or two candidates to the Board of Elders that best fit the job description and this congregation. Then, it would be up to the Board of Elders to either accept or reject the team’s recommendation.

So, your search team advertised on seven web sites, which yielded hundreds of views and fourteen applicants, three of which were granted a first-round interview and one candidate made it to round 2.

Only Conor met the job description and church “fit” test. He is young, theologically-grounded, and has a purposely biblical perspective on worship through music. Some of our committee members made clandestine visits to see Conor in his current Director of Worship capacity and came back even more convinced he was the right person for this position and this body. God is good, leading our diverse committee, age 22 to age 67, to a wholly united and joyful recommendation to the Board of Elders. After a few meetings with

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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.

Compiled and edited by Ellyn Roe

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

# SENDERS' SPRING EXAM

By Ellyn Roe

We sent them.

Do we remember them?

Write in the last names of the 13 Global Workers or Families BPC supports.

Really.

Try it.

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2. B \_\_\_\_\_

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13. W \_\_\_\_\_

\* By now you KNOW what the \* means, don't you?  
(Answers on Page 9 – hope you don't need to look.)

WHAT NOW? Go back over the list and pray for each person.

THEN? Post the list where you and your family can see it, and every March day SPRING into prayer for those we sent, asking God to protect, guide, strengthen, encourage and bless each one.



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## Come on in! We are so glad you are here.

By Peggie Recker

The blessing of coming together for weekly worship services begins at the main entry door in our lower lobby. Each Sunday morning, that heavy door is held open for us and we're met with big smiles and sincere, warm greetings. For many years, more often than not, it's been **Bob and Vicky Steiner** standing there before each service to welcome us in. They take joy in each person's arrival, whether a long-time attendee or a brand new-comer. Bob and Vicky take time to chat, answer questions, and perhaps share a laugh. They love serving as greeters, but they also are willing to share the delight.

**Would you like to help on occasion with the greeting ministry?** It is a wonderful way to meet new people and to show folks how glad we are that they are here. How about your family – Mom, Dad and all

the kids – to take a Sunday or two, one service or both (15 minutes prior to each?) Nothing tickles us oldsters more than interaction with youngsters! How about your ministry group, fellowship group, or small group taking a month to greet? Perhaps you and a friend, you and your spouse, or JUST YOU would serve at the door. Just let us know of your interest and we'll find you a free Sunday!

Contact Bob and Vicky Steiner – [bvsteiner@comcast.net](mailto:bvsteiner@comcast.net) or Peggie Recker – [peg\\_recker@comcast.net](mailto:peg_recker@comcast.net)



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# Recognizing a Genuine 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 believers’ spirit, though non-experiential, it 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.

## Renovation Review

### More Feedback Meetings to Discuss BPC Renovation

Wednesday, March 13  
6:30 p.m. Sanctuary

Saturday, March 16  
10:30 a.m. MPR

Plan to attend one or more of these meetings to offer feedback and to have your questions answered. See page 10 for some updates on feedback already gathered from two meetings held in February, despite some cancellations due to snowy weather.

Thanks are due those serving on the Renovation Committee over the past year:

Jim Buck  
Bud Diener  
Teresa Diener  
Linda Huck  
Sharon Nickells  
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Suzanne Sneesby  
Shawn Will

## From the Bookshelf

This short story by a “local author” invites us to ponder what the woman at the well might have thought as she came face to face with Jesus and came to recognize Him as Messiah.

# The Man at the Well

By Marlee Dubnow

The Samaritan woman trudged steadily toward the well, her clay water pot resting on her shoulder. The noontday sun, high in the sky, beat down unbearably making the walk on the dusty road less tolerable. It would have been more prudent to draw water in the morning or later in the evening, like the other women of Sychar did, when the air was cooler. But she chose to make this daily, ritualistic trek alone without the company of the other women of the village. She recalled the days with bittersweetness when she and her peers made the half-mile trip from the village to Jacob’s Well to collect the daily rations of water for their families. Such fun as they gossiped about the latest scandals in the village and shared each other’s secrets about love, romance, and dreams of future husbands and children. But that was long ago, when she was younger, before life’s circumstances hurled too many heartaches, broken relationships, and shame her way. She had come to accept, after five disastrous marriages, that she was cursed and unworthy of love. Now she found it too painful to listen to the other women discuss what was going on with their husbands and children as they helped each other draw water from the well. And the hushed whispers coming from their lips as she walked by caused a stinging stab in her soul. So the woman walked lonely and alone.

But soon it became apparent that she would not be alone today. Drawing nearer to her destination, she noticed a man sitting next to the well. And not just any man, but a Jewish man, not a Samaritan. A Jewish man! This made her curious. She thought, “Why would a Jewish man be sitting by Jacob’s well, especially in the middle of the day?” Then her curiosity turned to annoyance as she realized she would not be alone after all to draw water and she might have to talk to him. But her annoyance changed to caution as she considered what could happen. After all, she was a woman and to be alone with a man was forbidden and could be dangerous, especially considering he was Jewish and she a Samaritan. Jews and Samaritans despised each other and Jews particularly viewed Samaritans as inferior labeling them “half-



breeds”. He might start insulting her, calling her names, harassing her like other Jewish men had done to her in the past. For a moment she hesitated and slowed her step. She could turn around and go home, if it weren’t for the fact that she needed water. No, this was not a good situation. She had no choice. She decided to try to ignore him as best she could and she was not going to let this man, this Jewish stranger, this intruder intimidate her.

And besides, this was her country, her home and Jacob’s Well belonged to her people and she had more right to be here than he.

She quickened her steps and approached the well. She pretended not to notice the man but she could not help but look. The man appeared to be in his 30’s. His hair was dirty and his clothes and sandals were rather worn. He looked like a commoner. Nothing wealthy about this man. He sat on the ground against one of the large stones that encircled the well. One leg stretched out and the other bent to his chest. His right arm rested on his knee and the other rested on his waist. His eyes were closed as he leaned his head against the stone. He did not seem to notice her. She concluded he was probably

sleeping so she quietly tried to avoid him as she lowered the pot off her shoulder and prepared to drop it into the mouth of the well by the rope attached to its handle. Before she could send it down, she heard the man say to her, “Give me a drink.” This startled her for a moment as she steadied the clay pot on the edge of the well so it wouldn’t fall. She looked down at the man and saw his eyes were still closed. This was very odd. Now, she had choices to make here. She could either ignore him, do as he said without saying a word, or confront him. She went for the confrontation.

The woman, one hand on her hip, the other on the water pot, looked at the “sleeping” man and with boldness said, “How is it that you, being a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?” She stared at him, daring him to respond. After all, he was on her turf and his request had crossed more than one cultural line.

The man, still with his eyes closed, shook his head, smiled, and laughed quietly as if she had said something funny. Then he opened his eyes and looked at her. She noticed that his eyes, though weary, were kind and soft. This took her aback. He answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

Well, this was not exactly the answer she expected! What a peculiar thing to say. He kept his eyes on her as she considered how to answer. She wasn’t sure what to say. She thought that perhaps this man had been in the sun too long and was just babbling. Regardless, she felt challenged by his words and decided to play along. Looking steadily into his eyes she responded: “Sir, look, you obviously have nothing to draw water with and this well is pretty deep. So exactly where do you expect to get this living water? Do you think you are greater than our father Jacob? He gave us this well and he even drank from it as well as his sons and livestock.”

Pleased with her response, the woman expected this would make the man realize his foolishness and maybe he would go back to sleep and leave her alone. But she was mistaken.

The man slowly raised himself and leaned his body against the well. He wearily brushed a few long strands of hair from off his sweaty forehead. Yet, his fatigue did not seem to deter him. The man leaned forward, as if he were about to say something very

important which demanded her attention. His eyes took on a whimsical look as he smiled slightly, his voice soft yet somehow commanding as he answered her blunt remark.

“Whoever drinks of the water from this well will get thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never thirst. But the water that I will give him will become in him a fountain of living water and it will spring up into everlasting life.” His eyes never left hers as he spoke and she was stunned by his words and demeanor. He continued to smile ever so gently as he waited for her to absorb what he said.

The woman absentmindedly picked up her water pot and hugged it close to her body. She was astounded at his answer. What was this man trying to do to her mind? What he said made no sense. Yet, somehow, he seemed to be speaking truth. But what kind of truth was this? Her mind whirled with confusion. Nothing about this conversation was going as expected. Or was it? What had she expected anyway? Certainly not some philosophical, metaphorical discussion about some unheard of living water and imaginary fountain. But what if what he said was true? Maybe he did have some magical water hidden away somewhere that could quench her thirst forever and bring eternal life to her dying flesh? Dare she ask him? What if he was just tricking her? Maybe at any moment he would burst out laughing at his joke. Dare she take a chance and ask him about this water? It all seemed so absurd.

The Man said nothing as the woman stood lost in thought. He continued to look at her, intently studying her face. He patiently waited for her to process what she just heard.

Finally she spoke. Moving closer to him, and with earnestness in her voice she said, “Sir, give me this water so I won’t have to come here to draw anymore.” Please, please, she thought, give me this water! I’m so tired of coming here day after day in this heat, alone and friendless. I’m so tired of my life. If this water can relieve my suffering, please share it with me!

The man leaned back, crossed his arms and said rather halfheartedly to her, “First, go and call your husband and bring him here.”

What? Call my husband? Obviously he didn’t know her. Or did he? The woman nervously switched the clay pot to her other hip and tried to look nonchalant as she answered with “I don’t have a husband.” She

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# HELLO

## Welcome Reception

Sunday, March 24 at 10 a.m. in the MPR

Come early or stay late to greet  
Conor Malis and his wife Natalie.

March 2019

# goodbye

## Farewell Reception

Sunday, March 31 at 10 a.m. in the MPR

Join us as we say goodbye and thank you  
to Joel Lee and his family on their last  
day with us at BPC. Thanks, Joel!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p><b>24</b> (3/24 AND 3/31) 8:45AM &amp; 10:00AM CE Classes (8:45 only) Worship Service 10:00AM Special Reception  6:00PM Youth Group</p>	<p><b>25</b>  1:30PM Mission Prayer  7:00PM Grief Share</p>	<p><b>26</b> 6:00AM Men's Huddle 9:00AM MOPS/MOMSnext  6:30PM Heart to Heart (H2H) Bible Study</p>	<p><b>27</b> 9:00AM Heart to Heart Bible Studies  6:30PM Awana Men's Bible Study H2H Bible Study</p>	<p><b>28</b>  6:30PM Deacons</p>	<p>AWANA T&amp;T SLEEP OVER</p>	
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# All Church Family Skate

## St. Patrick's Day



Hosted by Boulevard Park Church  
Meet us at Southgate Roller Rink!

9646 17th Ave SW, Seattle

**Kids & Youth skate Free!**

\$5 for Adult Skaters

Spectators get in free!

Please Note: This is not a drop-off event. Please come as a family or bring a guardian.

For questions and to RSVP, contact [children@bppc.org](mailto:children@bppc.org)

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## Celebrations!

### March Birthdays

- 1 Sue Becker  
Robert Turner
- 2 Kinsley Carvo  
Don Jones  
Kathi Nagy
- 6 Michelle Harder  
Randall Harvey
- 8 Joanne Mackey
- 10 Sean Kent  
Lisa Martinez
- 11 Roger Gillihan
- 14 Jessalyn Henry  
Mark Parish
- 17 Jylin Briet  
Janette Ravander
- 19 Roxanne Parr
- 21 Maddie Borer  
Gary Moseley  
Kristina Schaefer
- 24 Mary Jordan  
Lori Neumann
- 26 Chris McAllister  
Pam Stariha
- 27 David Gonzalez  
Lee Goodin
- 29 Tim Bryce
- 30 Harry Burlingame  
Kara Siedenburg
- 31 LaVera Cowin

### Early April Birthdays

- 2 Betty Bennedsen  
Marlene Burton
- 3 Dave Huck
- 4 Tyler Siedenburg
- 6 Madison Burt  
Ellen Jackson
- 8 Anita Dakin
- 9 Penny Clifton  
Trevor Kluth
- 10 Chuck Verammen

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

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hoped that would be the end of that conversation. After a brief pause, looking straight into her soul, he said: "You have spoken well saying, 'I have no husband.' As a matter of fact, you have had five husbands, and the one you live with now is not your husband. You have spoken truthfully." The man nodded his head as if to say, "Yes, I know you."

The woman stood dumbfounded. Her mouth dropped open as she stood there dangling the clay pot by its rope. Who was this man? How could he possibly know such intimate details about her life? And the way he said it; no judgement, no ridicule, no disgust in his voice. Just matter of fact. It was almost as if he were saying to her, "I understand you. I understand your pain and insecurities. I know your every failed relationship and all the regrets. I know your fear. And I know you long for something better. I know you long to be loved. I know you long for worth." Yes, this man, this foreigner, knew her well.

Suddenly, from deep inside, she sensed that this man, this tired, unusual, bold Jewish man must be a prophet! That was the only logical explanation she could think of! She spoke earnestly, "Sir, I think you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." Tell me what to think, tell me something I can believe in, tell me some truth! These thoughts whirled through her mind as she waited to hear what more the Jewish prophet had to say.

The man stood up. It seemed as if he had regained some strength. His eyes did not look as tired and they danced with delight as he prepared to answer. His words were carefully chosen as he spoke, gesturing with his hands, "Woman, believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

This stranger kept astounding her with his words! The Father? Whose father? Worship in spirit and truth? What was he trying to tell her? He spoke not as an ordinary man, not as one of the elders in her village spoke when they taught in the meeting place. He spoke with authority and knowledge beyond what she was accustomed to hearing. Stranger still, when he spoke, she felt strongly attracted to, not only his words, but to him. And not like with other men. Not a lustful, physical attraction, but an attraction that went beyond anything she had ever experienced. A spiritual attraction. It was if he suddenly lit a lamp in her soul that drew her irresistibly toward him. Her mind flooded with all the stories she had heard throughout her life about a Messiah, a Savior who would come and bring peace and restore all that was wrong with the world. Could this be that man? Was it even remotely possible? Dare she keep pushing for answers?

The woman could not resist. She had to speak. "I know that Messiah, the Christ, is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

The man drew close to the woman. He looked deeply into her eyes, and with a seriousness and assurance in his voice that demanded she listen carefully, for what he was about to tell her was of eternal importance. He spoke slowly and firmly, "I, the one speaking to you – I am He."

The woman's breath stopped short. Her eyes fixed on his. There

was power behind those eyes and his words penetrated so deep into her soul she could feel her heart pound hard against her chest as if it were trying to escape the confines of her body and soar! Her eyes filled with tears as she and this Jewish Prophet Man stood locked in the moment. It was as if she could hear him say, without uttering a word, speaking through those soul-piercing eyes, "Believe." She had never experienced such love, such acceptance, such truth in her whole life. He was offering her a gift if only she would dare to accept it. If only she would dare to *Believe*.

At that moment twelve other Jewish men approached the well. They stopped short, confused when they saw their friend speaking to a Samaritan woman. But neither the woman nor the man, locked in the moment, took notice of them. Then, as if awakened from a dream, the woman spoke quietly, her face inches from his, tears streaming from her eyes, voice quivering, "What is your name?" She had to know. She had to know the identity of this wonderful, life-giving man.

He almost whispered as he answered her. "My name is Jesus." He smiled and again his eyes danced.

Suddenly, grinning from ear to ear at Jesus, filled with inexplicable joy, the Samaritan woman turned and ran quickly past the other men toward Sychar almost knocking one of them over! She had to get home and tell everyone what had happened to her and whom she had met! Yes, she would tell everyone about this Man who knew all about her! A Man, who, in a blink of an eye, transformed her life. Was this indeed the Messiah? Was this Jesus really the Christ? In her haste she left her water pot behind, abandoned, lying in the dirt, empty. But she didn't need it. She was no longer thirsty. She had drunk from the Fountain of Living Water and she would never be the same again.



Conor, the Board of Elders extended him an offer, and by February 1 Conor accepted.

While Conor is spending the time necessary to finish well at his current church, I would like you to consider something. Many of you know that during this search process, I was diagnosed with kidney cancer and had to have my right kidney removed. Among the fear and sadness, it occurred me that now was the time to trust in God's sovereignty and be on the alert to what He is trying to teach me. I think I found at least one thing. The gracious love, concern, and compassion so freely expressed to me by this body was overwhelming and certainly well beyond what I deserved, and moved me to a level of thankfulness I had not felt in a while. As the weight of this fully hit me, I began to wonder if maybe this is a glimpse of how I should be responding to the gracious love, concern, and compassion Jesus Christ expressed to me by freely shedding his blood and saving a broken man to Himself.

I thank our Heavenly Father for your clear expression of undeserved love to me, and that it pointed me to Christ. It reminds and encourages me to do the same to those God brings across my path and into my life, including Conor and Natalie when they join us in March. I am looking forward to you joining with me!

*Note:* A welcome reception will be on Sunday, March 24, at 10 a.m. between services.

## Youth Ministry

# Farewell to Joel Lee

By Pastor Bud

For the past three years, Boulevard Park Church has been blessed by the ministry of our Youth Director, Joel Lee. It is with mixed emotions that I must inform you that Joel has given notice of his resignation as our Youth Director effective Sunday, March 31, 2019. I joyfully support Joel in what he believes to be the next and best step for himself, his family, and his ministry. I have no joy over seeing Joel leave because I appreciate his passion and focus on grounding students in the timeless and sufficient truths of God's word. Please pray for Joel as he seeks to glorify God in whatever is next for him and his family.

I also ask you to pray for Doug Barton who will lead our Youth Director Search Committee. As he gathers individuals to serve with him, pray that God will draw the right person who will join us in glorifying God throughout the world by helping people become mature disciples of Jesus Christ.

If you have any questions, please reply to this email or give me a call at 206-243-2600.

*Note:* A farewell reception will be on Sunday, March 31, at 10 a.m. between services.

## Answers\* to Page 2

### SENDERS' SPRING EXAM

\*Well... sort of... since as most of you know, the \* individuals have security issues which could be compromised if their names are read in the on-line Press. For full names, see Ellyn Roe or Missions Chair Randy Boyd.

1. Bingham, Jerry and Candis
2. Bryce, Tim and Debbie
3. \*D, K
4. \*E, M
5. \*H, C & A
6. Harder, Tim, Michelle, Noah, Micah and Amelia
7. Horton, Tom and Judy
8. \*H, D and Marlon
9. Mackey, Mark and Joanne
10. Martinez, Noe, Lisa, Naya and Jocie
11. \*S, S
12. Simmonds, Tim and Sharon
13. Wood, Tom and Debbie

## Ladies!

Our newest Tuesday Night Bible Study begins on **March 5 at 6:30 p.m!**

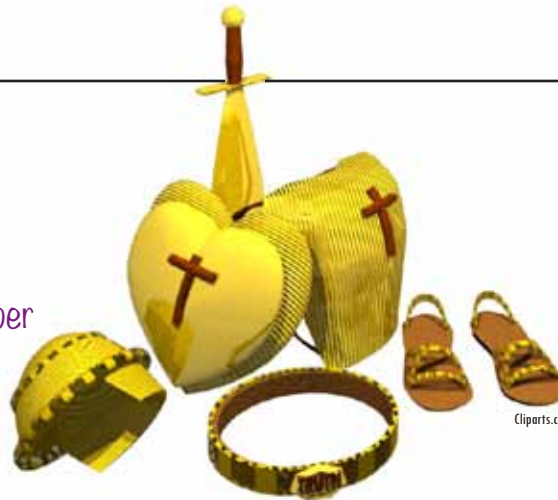
Join us for coffee, dessert, and digging deeper into God's Word as we study Ephesians 6 and **THE ARMOR OF GOD!**

This 7-week DVD series, taught by Priscilla Shirer will help you learn to:

- Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might (Eph. 6:10).
- Discover what to "wear" to ensure victory against the enemy.
- Develop a personalized strategy to promptly put the enemy in his place.
- Be challenged to suit up, stand firm and secure victory in your life.

For more information, contact: Lisa Bowen at 206-354-0339 or [lisa.bowen@bpeburien.org](mailto:lisa.bowen@bpeburien.org).

Bible Study guides will be available for purchase on the first evening. Cost per book is \$13.



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- As feedback on Phase 1 of our proposed renovations continues, we have received some excellent input, which includes:
    - ▶ Adding a family restroom equipped for those who have special needs
    - ▶ Retaining the showers in the multipurpose room restrooms
    - ▶ Converting Room 435 to restrooms, which will provide restrooms on the 400 level and provide easier access to restrooms for the 500 level as well
  - Due to weather, some of our feedback meetings were canceled. The alternative meeting dates/times are:
    - ▶ Wednesday, March 13 @ 6:30 p.m. in Sanctuary
    - ▶ Saturday, March 16 @ 10:30 a.m. in Multipurpose Room
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- The Director of Youth Ministries Search Team is actively interviewing candidates. Please pray for their wisdom and discernment in this process.