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Tending the Flock

Is This the New Normal?

By Ken Carter, Elder

Dear church family,

I begin writing this note on behalf of the Board of Elders with trepidation that I will not clearly and lovingly communicate our concern for your welfare as we enter into this time of uncertainty and turmoil caused by the COVID-19 virus pandemic. Everyone has been affected by the incredible daily changes in our neighborhoods and around the world. We may even question whether God is sovereign and loving in the midst of this crisis. We are all increasingly isolated from our friends, family, and loved ones. The routine activities we perform and enjoy have been interrupted and we cannot see when life will return to normal. This cannot possibly be our new normal! But perhaps it is.

The Director of the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) estimates that it will take 12-18 months to develop a vaccine so we may be looking at two years until the vaccine is really available to all. The current social distancing actions are intended to slow the spread of the disease so that our medical facilities will be able to treat those who are infected. Therefore we need to have the mindset that this is going to be challenging for a long while but that we will get through it with God's grace and mercy.

In Psalm 22 David cried out to God and also praised Him in the midst of his affliction. He understood that God was near and cared for him in all his troubles. In the New Testament the apostles wrote to believers who were confronting challenging circumstances. I especially like Paul's letters which consistently thank God for the work He is doing in them, for example:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined

according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory." (Ephesians 1:3-14)

We know that it is not best to focus on our wants and issues. Instead, I encourage you to daily read God's Word, pray for others, and reach out via phone and other technologies to encourage and bless those you know. Listen to or watch our worship services. And as you need help, please call the church and we will do what we can to provide food and supplies for those who can't get out. Although the church building is closed, the office is still staffed and able to coordinate help. In addition, The Board of Elders is constantly coordinating via email and meeting virtually each week to assess the situation and plan accordingly. We welcome your prayers for wisdom and clarity during this process, and we invite you to send any feedback or questions via e-mail to boe@bppc.org.

For the Board of Elders,
Ken Carter

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.

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Non-Viral News from Chad

By M.E.*

“Bruce” came to Christ a year ago when a short-term worker left him a Bible. Bruce is a passionate evangelist and now has several groups gathering! He hopes to baptize many next week! Pray for leaders to be formed!

Another amazing Arab is “Charla.” She came to Christ last May. She has also led many to Christ. Pray for her young son that recently told her, “You bring disdain to us.” Both Bruce and Charla have been nearly killed for

their faith.

“Zander” was in my Bible Study in 2018. He now has two groups formed, one being several women. Tuesday I visited the men’s group (all M background). One of the soldiers present later called me asking if he could take a bunch of gospel recordings on SD cards to share with 3000 soldiers who leave today to go fight a terrorist group in West Africa. He is thrilled with all he’s learning about the Savior. Pray many soldiers come to faith via these SD cards.

Hugs and much love and huge thankfulness to BPC!!!

NOTE: See Viral News from around the globe on page 6.



Photo credit (at right and center), S.H.*



When I visit Charla, they say repeatedly when I visit Charla, they say repeatedly to baby, Star, “Mama Marlene’s come!”

Me (holding Star), Charla (with an unidentified relative), and Bruce.



With me, L-R Janet and Erin, my wonderful housemates.

Photo credit: M.E.



Before Social Distancing Became a Thing

By K.D.*

It was fun to share a Chadian meal and some Chadian culture at a couple of evening events in early March. Some thirty guests learned more about the people and life in Chad as they sat on the floor to eat dinner, using their right hands to eat community-style from a tray. I’m also thankful for opportunities during my Home Assignment to connect with individuals, families, small groups and churches, and for some encouraging travels already to Canada, California and Oregon. In the coming weeks and months, I’m looking forward to more times with many of you, as well as hopefully traveling to Idaho, Michigan, Georgia, and Quebec.

At right: Sharing a Chadian meal of rice and “stew” together.



Guests did activities to learn more about Chad. Note the Chadian tradition that males and females do not sit together.



Photo Credits: Randy Boyd

God's Glory: *et glorificabant Deum in quod passus*

By Pastor Bud

Since the Garden of Eden, there is one plight that everyone one in the world has endured. No, it is not death (e.g. Enoch and Elijah). Every human being on the planet, since Adam and Eve, has been subjected to suffering. Your terminology may label suffering as struggles, trials, tribulations, hurts, pains, hardships, persecution, or punishment. Whatever you choose to call it, the reality is the same.

When going through these things, though the wording varies, the theme of our confusion is this: *Why is God letting this happen to me?* John Stewart Mill concluded that suffering means that God is either powerless to stop it or He chooses not to stop it.

For the purpose of this article, I will not explore the multitude of false dichotomies posed by Mill's narrow conclusion. Instead, I will confess that God is in control of all suffering (Ex. 4:11; Isa. 45:7; Lam. 3:38; Amos 3:6), and the Lord is good (Ex. 33:18-19; 1 Chr. 16:34; Ps. 25:8; 86:5; 119:68; Nah. 1:7; Mk. 10:18). My focus here is *et glorificabant Deum in eo quod passus* (glorifying God in our suffering).

Remember, we do not glorify God *by* our suffering; rather, we glorify God *through* or *in the midst of* our suffering. Suffering itself brings God no glory, but our response to suffering can bring God glory. Let's consider three types of suffering and how to glorify God in the midst of them.

1. The suffering of development.

Let's face it; in order to get a beautiful sculpture from a slab of granite, one must chip away excess material that obscures the sculptor's picture of what the image is to be. So it is with the suffering of development. Isaiah refers to it as the

"furnace of affliction" (Isa. 48:10). Malachi 3:3 pictures a silversmith who purifies the precious metal by melting it down in a crucible and scraping away the dross. James tells us to consider trials to be joy (Jas. 1:2-4). But, why are we to consider the suffering of development to be joy? Because of the end result of our trials, *"so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing"* (Jas. 1:4). This is the key to glorifying God through our suffering. Remember who is at work and what He is doing.

The one thing in our control is whether we give God glory in the midst of suffering.

Be glad that He is completing the work He began (Phil. 1:6). Don't minimize the pain, but glory in God's gracious attention to our development. In the same way that I went to school to learn how to preach, God takes me to school through suffering to learn how to glorify Him as He purifies my reflection of His character.

2. The suffering of discipline.

Discipline is unpleasant. The Lord disciplines those whom He loves (Heb. 12:6). God's purpose for discipline is to promote our righteousness (Heb. 12:11). Righteousness glorifies God. But, righteousness is more than avoiding sin. We are not sanctified in action only; there must also be attitude. In addition to behavioral correction, glorifying God through discipline involves the right attitude. I love how David expressed it, *"Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep Your word...It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I may learn Your statutes...I know, O Lord, that*

Your judgments are righteous, and that in faithfulness You have afflicted me" (Ps. 119:67, 71, 75). God was glorified through David's discipline because he not only repented, but he acknowledged God's righteous judgment and His faithfulness. Rather than be angry with God for poor timing, may we all see His discipline as a grace, a faithful expression of His continuing work of eradicating sin from our lives.

3. The suffering of depravity.

Under the influence of its god (Satan), the world is sinful and generally hates God, His purpose, and His people. This means, that, in the same way that Christ suffered, we also will suffer. It is a depraved world in which we live, a world that loves darkness more than light (Jn. 3:19). Because we are the light of the world (Mt. 5:14), the world wants to put out the light because it exposes their sin. Therefore, don't be surprised when you suffer persecution from a depraved world (1 Pet. 4:12-14; cf. 2 Tim. 3:12). Glorify God in the midst (Job 1:20-22). This isn't artificial. Job cried out to God, he was in pain, he was confused, and his friends just added to his suffering. God, with whom he walked consistently, was silent. His blessed existence taken away in one day, Job worshiped. For him, God was still good and great. He had a God-glorifying perspective. Job entered the world with nothing; everything was a gift. Come what may, God was worthy of glory.

You and I suffer. It does no good to deny it, or try to gloss over it with religious sounding platitudes. The one thing in our control is whether we give God glory in the midst of suffering. Easier said than done, I know, but well worth the effort. Soli Deo gloria.

Milestones

Births

Wilder Thomas Faulkner

February 21, 2020

Parents: Chris & Maria Faulkner

Lucas & Isaac Werschkul

(twin boys)

March 10, 2020

Parents: Jason and Danielle in

Boise, Idaho

The happy grandparents are

Nick and Marilyn Papini

Deaths

Rev. Reggie Thomas

March 2, 2020

father of Teresa Diener

Judy Ann Wetzel

March 16, 2020

mother of Michael Wetzel

John Lackey

March 17, 2020

husband of Rhonda Lackey

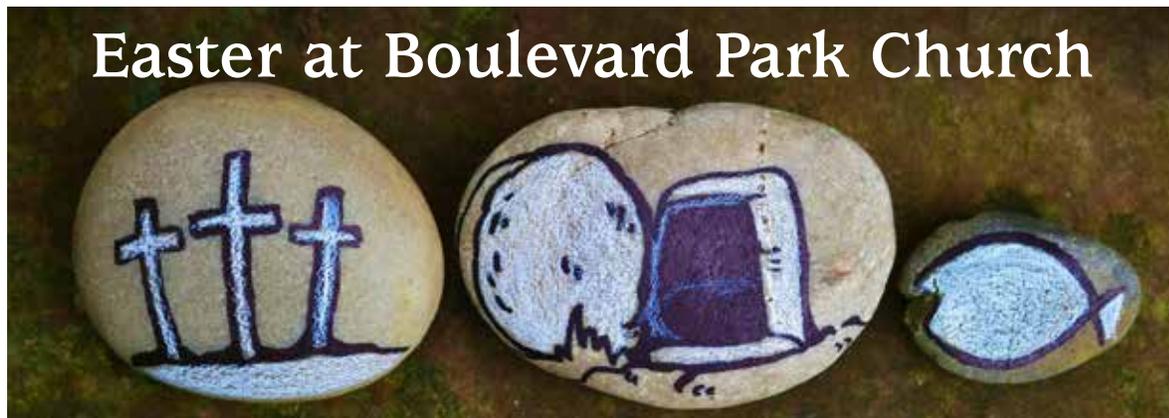
Important Notices

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic in our area:

- All BPC-organized in-person activities have been cancelled until further notice. Groups which can meet via telephone or video conference are encouraged to do so.
- The church office is closed to the general public until further notice. You can contact BPC staff by phone or email.
- Our goal is to facilitate access to worship services live via Facebook, as well as provide audio and video recordings.
- As needed, additional information will be sent by global email as the situation evolves.
- Please continue to pray for one another, as well as for our state, country, and world, as we navigate through an unfamiliar situation.

(excerpt from Pastor Bud's email from March 11, 2020)

Easter at Boulevard Park Church



Easter week services viewable online will include:

TENEBRAE SERVICE

Good Friday, April 10, 2020

broadcast at 7 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 12, 2020

livestreamed at 10:30 a.m.

- Accessible at www.bpcburien.com
- At the top of the page is a banner with a “click here” – directing viewers to our Facebook page, where the service can be seen
- No Facebook account is required

Risk Management 2020

Safety and Security for the Church

By Shawn Will

Change! No one really wants to make change. It can be a difficult thing. However, when we think in terms of safety and security for the church, that is exactly what we need to think about and ultimately need to do something about. We all watch the news.

With that in mind, the Board of Elders has approved a plan to restructure our safety and security under the Risk Management umbrella. We are fortunate that we have an insurance company that is in the forefront of the need for churches to change some practices in order to keep all of us safer. They have many great resources that we can, do, and will utilize.

So, what does that mean for us? Mostly, the risk management will be restructured to include four main areas as defined by the insurance company:

- Emergency Preparedness
- Facility Safety,
- Children and Youth Safety (formerly the focus of Risk Management), and
- Transportation Safeguards.

We are currently working on completing procedures, manual, etc. based on researched best practices and the advice of our insurance company, Burien Police

Department, Homeland Security, American Red Cross, FEMA, and other various agencies.

This is a huge undertaking as we continue working on the safety of our congregation. It is also above the scope of what can be presented here in an article. We HAD planned to have a table set up during services in the month of April explaining in more detail what the “new” Risk Management looks like. We also HAD planned to provide information on how you can volunteer, possibly as a member of the Church WATCH team. (eyes and ears-somewhat like a Neighborhood WATCH.) Also, we HAD planned to offer additional information on the various main areas defined above and some possible upcoming trainings that the church will host. (i.e. CPR, WATCH, etc.) All face-to-face opportunities for information currently are on hold.

Safety and security are evolving areas that churches, schools, and public venues must continue to be prepared for as a variety of threats and security emergencies exist in this world. Nobody likes it. However, our leadership is making changes to deal with this reality. Please contact Shawn Will for additional information: swill925@outlook.com

Kids Ministry in Quarantine?

By Lisa Siedenburg

As we maneuver through this new adventure called Coronavirus, “doing church” is looking very different for all of us. In Kids Ministry, it's a challenge to reach out to kids when emails and phone calls go directly to the parent's inbox or cell phone.

What We're Doing

Here's what we're implementing for our Sunday morning families to try to encourage our kids to continue to grow in the Lord and stay in contact with the church.

- Mailings – We're mailing out activity pages weekly that focus on a Bible story.
- Videos – Different Sunday morning teachers are making a video each week with the Bible story or lesson.
- Emails – Resources abound on the internet and we're trying to highlight some of those and email discussion starters to go with the weekly video lesson.
- Prayer – We're still praying for our kids!

If you have a grandchild or neighbor child who might be interested in being on

our list, contact Lisa Siedenburg at children@bppc.org.

Other Resources Are Available

In the meantime, here are some online resources you can check out too!

- The Bible! The Bible has some pretty amazing stories in it!
- For younger kids, the Bible App for Kids is free and offers an animated storybook app for smartphones and tablets with games and activities to help kids remember what they learn. Go to bible.com/kids/.
- For older kids, Christian Bible Network's Superbook Kids website is a safe place for your kids to play free online games, learn more about the Bible and grow in their faith! Go to superbook.cbn.com.
- Rightnow Media is a video library of Bible Studies for kids, youth and adults of all ages. BPC offers a free membership to anyone who's interested. Email children@bppc.org to get an “invitation” to join for free. You can check it out at rightnowmedia.org.

Ed. Note: Below is an example of how staff is reaching out to ministry groups in their charge via email.

Special for Sparks

Here's a great story for Awana Sparks (grade K-3). You'll get more detail if you read it from the Bible in Numbers 22. Balaam asked God twice if he should go curse the Israelites, God's people. How often do we do that!? We don't get the answer we want, so we ask again, knowing full well what God wants. Balaam had to learn to listen to God through his talking donkey!

<https://vimeo.com/399272978/64dd367b44>

Social Media

What Kids Are Watching

By Shawn Will

Fortnite. You Tube. Snapchat. Tik Tok. Roblox. Discord. Instagram. Steam. Do you know what they are? Kids do. If you are a parent, have you checked your child's cell phone to see if any of these are on it?

We live in a changing world where kids have access to all the above-mentioned apps right at their fingertips. Are they appropriate for kids? This is a question that churches and schools are grappling with daily. It is also very new territory when it comes to combatting inappropriate use of technology and in moving forward to teach children what is appropriate and what is not.

With that in mind, there is a website, Common Sense Media, that does give out important information for parents. <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/parents-ultimate-guides>. The information on this site is important to help keep our kids safe in this digital age. Check it out! You might be surprised at what our kids are using.

Celebrations!

April Birthdays

- 2 Betty Bennedsen
Marlene Burton
- 3 Dave Huck
- 4 Tyler Siedenburg
Mikayli Nelson
- 6 Ellen Jackson
Madison Burt
- 8 Anita Dakin
- 9 Penny Clifton
Trevor Kluth
- 10 Chuck Vercammen
- 11 Maxine Desimone
Thomas Wood
- 12 Tom Horton
- 14 Alice Walsh
Nathan Roenicke
- 16 Rob Norwood
- 17 Sue Redhed
Nancy Burlingame
Josh Carvo
- 18 Dan Hartley
Dorothy Rice
Ken Vogel
Lorena Gonzalez
- 19 Tammy Schaefer
Jaden Gonvers-Wisner
- 20 Sarah Simmonds
Jerry Kent
- 21 Miles Arnold
Scarlett Faulkner
- 22 Ginny Olson
- 24 Jerry Bingham
Maria Carter
- 25 Max Burt
Molly Burt
- 26 Ruth Feil
Kelly Siedenburg
- 27 Robert Secrest
- 29 Valentine Faulkner
- 30 Randy James

Early May Birthdays

- 1 Noah Harder
William McCreary
Isaak Wiebe
- 3 Karen Cross
Gary Schwatke
- 6 Karen Doerr
- 7 Don Whalen
- 9 Virginia Samples
- 10 Pat Peterson
- 12 Don Hartley

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

Beyond The Toilet Paper Jokes...

Compiled by Ellyn Roe

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The Press invited Boulevard Park Church's global workers to inform us about the impact of COVID-19 on their lives and in their countries or areas of service. Most found time to update us. NOTE: The Press deadline of 3/15 means that by the time you read this, conditions will likely have changed further for those we have sent, and their people groups. Let's be(always) intentional and specific in prayer for them all.

TIM & SHARON SIMMONDS, Radius International, San Diego

We are so sorry to miss our planned trip to visit you in Seattle on March 29, due to the Coronavirus concerns and restrictions. We were also concerned that we might be quarantined somewhere, and not be able to get back to our ministries at Radius! Classes are in full swing here at Radius, and so far there have not been many reports of the virus in Tijuana that we know of (we also doubt there is much testing going on). There are, of course, many

reports of it in Southern California, which have not personally affected us up to this point. Please pray that this current class of 38 missionary candidates will be able to finish the year out strong, and that staff and stu-

dents will not be impacted by the virus. Graduation is scheduled to take place June 12, and then a new class of approximately 60 – 65 are heading this way the first week of August! Pray for our current students as they make decisions regarding teammates, m. agencies to join, countries to serve in, and specific people groups to reach with the gospel! Thank you for your prayers and support, which make this ministry possible.



Photo credit: Sharon Simmonds

Above: Staff and students at Radius event on our new campus.

M.E.*, Pioneers, Chad

No corona identified yet in Chad. In Nigeria and Cameroon, but not yet here. We're hoping that the high temperature (weather temp) will not allow it to spread much if/when it comes. But just today had to cancel a vacation out of country with a friend due to the worldwide problem. Also cancelled going to Thailand to see my niece, and may not be able to attend our summer conference in Hungary. Sigh.

MARK & JOANNE MACKEY, European Christian Mission, Ukraine

Things are largely the same in Ukraine as in Seattle and other countries, with severe restrictions (no more than 10 people) on gatherings and many cancellations. We know someone (not a citizen of Ukraine) who flew out of Ukraine last week before travel restrictions were in effect, and now is unable to return. He is "stuck" in Istanbul, Turkey! No students will be at the Seminary other than for individual conversations. Teachers and staff are there, but are urged to stay home if they feel ill. Several do have bad colds, sniffles, and such – like normal at this time of year. Teachers have been told to prepare to hold courses over the internet or on-line for the remainder of this school year, which is in



Photo credit: J.H.*

Jan. 2, 2020 – Preached about Moses to a slew of people while waiting for colleagues to pick me up.

mid-May. There are 14 confirmed cases in western Ukraine, which is way away from us, with one death. We had wanted to return to Seattle to take care of business matters, but of course, we cannot return any time in the near future. We remain very busy now in relationships and with meetings. We are grateful for prayer.

A. & C. H.*, Global Serve International, SE Asia (Currently on home assignment in Seattle)

Our friends in Makassar tell us that COVID-19 just (officially) made it to our island and city. It has the potential to be particularly devastating considering a huge percentage of the male population chain smoke, and the healthcare system lacks the infrastructure to deal with a pandemic.

TOM & DEBBIE WOOD, iTEE Global, Vancouver, WA

Thankfully Tom and I are able to work from home electronically every day since we are in a higher risk group by reason of both being over 60 and me having underlying cancer and asthma. The office we share with others in Vancouver called The Outreach Center, had a bit of a scare two weeks ago which confirmed that we should just work from home for now.

For the time being, iTEE has curtailed all overseas trips, but the online classes are continuing without pause. It is times like this that highlight God's wisdom in giving founders of iTEE and BEE the idea of online Bible training long before COVID-19 made it so precious. I hear from our students in India that the virus is affecting both church attendance and their normal evangelistic outreaches. Our country coordinators need prayer regarding how much to curtail their own ministry of traveling around their countries organizing seminars, teaching and encouraging pastors.

We would appreciate prayer for our daughter Allison who cares for patients at Peace Health hospital, where the cases of COVID and suspected cases are being treated. Their four children are all home now with the school closures. Unfortunately, because of our high-risk status, we are unable to go and help them or to amuse any of the grandkids at our house.

D. & M. H.*, Wycliffe, Dallas, when D. is not overseas

Here in the Dallas office, because we also have Dallas International University on our campus, even computer programmers are taking their work computers home and not coming to the office. We have not yet made that call, but in Dallas we are told to avoid groups of 10 or more, if over 60 years old. DIU may go virtual. MANY meetings have been cancelled. D. did not go on her long-planned trip. We have vouchers for the international airline costs, but lost the in-country airline costs, train tickets and 40% of venue costs.

TOM HORTON, Rural Church Youth Ministries, Seattle

The coronavirus has had a major impact on the primary ministry of RCYM. Both spring m. trips have been cancelled, several

summer teams are on hold while others are not in a position to commit at this time for this coming summer. (Though they are keeping the door open, it's a wait-and-see situation for many now.)

ROB & NANCY NORWOOD, M. Aviation Fellowship, Democratic Republic of Congo

Actual "reported" cases are about nil in sub-Sahara Africa. Still the impact has been fairly significant on travel. We have a couple of expectant mothers who had to change plans due to closed borders where they intended to deliver. We will be required to travel mid-May due to expiring visas so we are in a little bit of a wait-and-see mode.

K. D.*, AIM, Chad

(Currently on home assignment in Seattle)

There are currently no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Chad. Of course, it's difficult to know if it's there or not — seems like it would be a very difficult condition to detect/track/contain, seeing as how there is limited healthcare available, how likely people would be to seek healthcare, etc. I'm not aware of major impact on my colleagues in Chad at this time, though AIM in general is monitoring the situation, discouraging travel to certain places, etc. Children of AIM families in Chad who are studying in Kenya

have been sent back to Chad early. And I have colleagues on the way to Chad who are currently studying French in France and are affected, as their school has just closed. My future plans/trips while here in the U.S. are up in the air — waiting to see future developments, as so much is changing day to day. The Lord is not surprised by these changes in plans! May He direct our steps.

Tim & Debbie Bryce, NAIM Bozeman, Montana

I'm sure it won't come as a surprise to you that we cancelled our trip to the Baja. We made it to Pocatello, Idaho, when we received word from Cru that all international and domestic trips would need to end effective March 15. We were disappointed as we drove back to Bozeman, disappointed but grateful for your prayers knowing God is in this decision.

In addition, we'd appreciate prayer as we formulate plans with others involved with the Nations ministry with Native American students here at Montana State and at other universities. We puzzled over the necessary cancellation of the Mexico trip but that seems a minor issue relative to the unbalancing of the world as we knew it a couple of weeks ago. We long for Native people to know the risen Savior and to be His followers. May God create paths of meaningful ministry in the uncertain future.

Distant, but Still Sociable

The Press asked Voyagers to share with readers some things they are doing to entertain, amuse, educate, or inspire themselves and others during this strange time when we are so socially isolated.

I met Donna Lightfoot outside yesterday and took my dogs for a walk. We were nearly 6 feet apart most of the time as the dogs don't walk at the same speed! *Peg Frederick*

Passing a little time watching the antics of a small 7½-month-old "Frenchie" bulldog named Scooter. *Annette Lowen*

Jigsaw puzzles, read a book together, learn from some great teachers via the web, build a bird house, pray for and send encouraging words to our missionaries! *Glen and Jean Rose*

In desperation, I am rearranging the garage and getting out the lawn and garden hoses today. *Wayne Eickert*

Kubota Garden yesterday, Rhododendron Species Garden in Federal Way and lunch at Dick's, Highline Botanical Garden on 24th, Bellevue Botanical Garden ...all free at this time (probably not Dick's). *Alice Hammond*

I told Ellyn Roe that Ernie and I thought we'd go through the carwash for a "real outing." She didn't miss a beat and went one better. She and Steve would get drive-through fast food, eat it in the carwash, and call it a date. Later, she invited us to double date with them since the carwash imposes "social distancing" by spacing cars! *Peggie Recker*



HOWDY neighbor on our front window with a yellow happy face. *Randy and Gail James*



Taking a break from sorting and shredding papers, I'm building a Lego cityscape of Chicago. *Celeste Christensen*

I have taken some pictures of the beauty around us and texted them to out-of-state friends who seem to really enjoy seeing them. *Jo Ann Peterson*

I got an hour's walk in yesterday while on a phone visit with my sister. My walk consisted of circles around my driveway and yard in the glorious sunshine! *Marilyn Papini*

We read to one another. Lately we have been reading the passion passages and some Lent books. *Roger Gillihan*

Donna Lightfoot says she just might be able to finish those cross-stitch birth samplers she started for her brother's children. (Three done in the '90s, one done last year, and three to go.)

Stay Connected on Sunday

David Siedenburt is facilitating our first-ever online **adult Sunday School class**. Over the years, this particular class has been blessed with excellent teaching, been fervent in prayer, enjoyed precious fellowship, and has been faithfully served coffee and treats each Sunday by Larry Stougard. David spent countless hours on the phone with individuals, helping each in a trial group to get set up online. (Unfortunately, Larry is not able to deliver virtual coffee!) Even if you've never attended an "in-person" Sunday School class, this is a great opportunity to receive excellent teaching and encouragement. Stay connected with your BPC family and join us!

In this course, Dr. H.B. Charles Jr. from Ligonier Ministries visits several of the Bible's most instructive passages that summarize the blessings Christians enjoy from God and declare the praises worthy of His name. These rich verses, called benedictions and doxologies, are given to direct our worship and guide our daily walk with the Lord.

How to Get Connected

You are able to join the meeting from 8:45 a.m., but the class will begin at 9 a.m.

Connect from your computer, I-Pad, or cell phone using a web browser: <https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1486038194> Or dial 206-278-9013, a local dial-in to join meetings, so that anyone without a cellphone doesn't need to call long distance. You must dial that number and then put in a MEETING ID. Dave Siedenburt's Adult Sunday School Meeting ID: 148 603 8194

Sunday Worship Service

Via the internet, go to www.facebook.com/bpcburien (a Facebook account is not required). Or try: www.bpcburien.com/Livestream Service starts at 10:30 a.m.



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A Message from Your Deacons

By **Wayne Eickert**

One of the responsibilities of your Deacons is to care for members of the congregation in both spiritual and material matters, with special concern for the widows, widowers, and single women and men. During the week of March 15-21, the Deacons have been calling these special people to make sure they are OK, to find out if they need anything, and to offer encouragement, assurance and prayer. If there is something you need, we will try our best to provide.

If you are a widow, widower or otherwise single and have not received a call from a Deacon, please call me at the number below. There are several people who we have been unable to reach and I would like to hear from you. I have heard that some of you are staying with family or friends during this difficult time of the Covid-19 pandemic.

For *everyone* in our church family, please remember that the Deacons also are stewards of the Deacons' Benevolence Fund. This fund is maintained and distributed by the Deacons to help meet financial needs in our congregation. Typical requests are for, but not limited to, help with rent, utilities, medical supplies (eyeglasses, hearing aids, etc.), auto repairs or insurance, and home repairs or maintenance.

If you need help and would like to schedule an interview, please contact Kathy in the church office at 206-243-2600, or call me directly. At this time, we will not have face-to-face meetings but rather conduct telephone interviews. Please note that all requests, conversations and decisions will remain confidential.

Wayne Eickert, Deacons' Chairman
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