



THE NEWSLETTER OF BOULEVARD PARK CHURCH

Youth Ministry Update

By Nate Kowallis

Summer, for me and the way I've enjoyed the ministry over the years, is always the busiest season. This year we've hired **Mitchell Henry** to grow in his ministerial leadership and servanthood capacities through a summer internship. He's going to help the leaders and me to facilitate spiritually and emotionally healthy connections in a season of life that's trying to minimize physical contact.

By the time of publication, we'll have already had a hike with our graduated seniors, we'll have begun to schedule more hikes with small groups of students, and we'll have had our start-of-the-summer welcome for families with incoming sixth graders. I'm writing this article a day after the welcome dinner, and it was incredibly well-attended. It was very evident that families are yearning to be present with one another again.

Summer Camp, scheduled for July 20-24, hangs in a precarious balance. We're waiting for King and Chelan counties to get a green light to enter Phase 3. Meanwhile, Youth Group continues to meet on Wednesday nights until we can gather together in person—off campus—again. We're also keeping up with our Instagram devotionals and preparing to serve at the Staycation Bible School's on-campus events on Monday and Friday.

Please continue to pray for us as we combat becoming relationally anemic and unfruitful. Also, please pray for our graduates who are entering their next step of life

in an economically and socially-crippled world.



OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

- **Josh Barton:** graduating from being home schooled and taking a gap year while discerning his major.
- **Daniel Bies:** graduating from Mount Rainier High School.
- **Bobby Byrd:** graduating from Tyee High School, he will run track at Bushnell University.
- **Sheila Richardson:** graduating from Chief Sealth International High School and South Seattle College, she will attend Western Washington University and major in Economics and Political Science with a focus on Japanese and Creative Writing.
- **Robert Turner:** graduating from Mount Rainier High School, he will attend Highline College to pursue a degree in Law Enforcement.
- **Rueben Ohlenkamp:** graduating from Mount Rainier High School.
- **Makin Yee:** graduating from Tyee High School, she will attend Grand Canyon University for Sports Management.

Thank you for praying, and I look forward to updating you on what God has been up to this summer!

MOVING TO MIDDLE SCHOOL

The following sixth graders are moving up! They will receive Bibles from Children's Ministry. May the Lord bless them and keep them as they head into Middle School.

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| Max Burt | Ezekiel Jones |
| Molly Burt | Mikayli Nelson |
| Edmund Faulkner | Lauren Recker |
| Lily Femley | Taison Vo |
| David Gonzalez | |

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Jacob William Barton, Western Washington University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marine Biology. Jacob will be looking for a position in Marine Biology. He is the son of Doug and Lisa Barton.

Tyler Mark Siedenburger, Northwest University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. Tyler is currently working on his MBA. He is the son of David and Kelly Siedenburger.

God Bless Our 2020 Graduates!

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.

Compiled and edited by Ellyn Roe

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Here Comes a Goodbye

By K.D.*

What a strange and unexpected season we're all in! Though I had hoped to still see many of you again before leaving, that's looking unlikely. As of today, I haven't changed my ticket yet and am still planning to leave on August 3 to return to Chad. The airport in N'Djamena is still closed to international passenger flights (plus I was planning to stop in Europe), so it remains to be seen if I will be able to keep the current itinerary. But for now I'll continue to prepare as planned. I'm thankful for the weeks I did have with you and look forward to seeing you again one day! Thank you so much for all your prayers and support!

I'm so grateful for all the beauty I've enjoyed in the Pacific Northwest during this season!



Photo Credit: K.D.*



Photo Credit: M.E.*

We are More than Conquerors

By M.E.*

In May I was sick for two weeks! Possibly Covid-19. So happy to be healthy again.

Last week I found two women interested in doing a Discovery Bible study. I hope to begin two groups soon if they can find others to join. Pray it happens.

"Zander", in my Discovery Bible study last term, has now baptized 15. Thrilling. In spite of serious trials, he's standing firm.

To date 333 mostly Muslims have come to faith this past year through "Bruce." Last week he was to begin leadership training. Didn't happen, as Bruce's deceptive dad is out to kill him again, ordering a man-hunt. He'll pay whoever captures him. Bruce is in hiding. Pray the Lord crushes this campaign. Already the Lord has allowed serious affliction on several involved, including his father in a coma.

Once the airport here is open again for traffic, I hope to receive another 2,740 gospel recordings on micro SD cards. Also due to BPC's generosity, several audio Bibles. Thank you so much for your support!

Zaporozhye's Flowers and Students Bloom

By Mark and Joanne Mackey

The schoolyard at the seminary was at its most beautiful in May, just before what would have been on-site graduation. Normally this beautiful area is filled with students and teachers walking back and forth between the dorm/administration building and the classroom building. People use their cell phones out there as there is no privacy in the buildings (all teachers share offices; students share dorm rooms). We hold socials and have picnics there from time to time. People also spend time in the school yard every spring taking pictures of the flowers!

This last term, seminary students divided into four teams and worked to develop a project applicable to our present situation (quarantine). They worked on activities for personal evangelism, children's camps, social ministry, and youth meetings. We used online channels like the Seminary's webpage, Telegram, and Zoom to give instructions, to answer students' questions, and to evaluate their projects. Students made videos of Gospel presentations and sent the links. Their practical assignment was to witness to one person online and, if possible, face-to-face. Of our eight senior students, one arranged three live chats with non-believers on Instagram, telling them about her faith and answering their questions. Another used a social network to witness to a former classmate.



Photo Credit: Andrii*

Our empty Zaporozhye Bible Seminary schoolyard, May 2020.



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I Have a Dream

By Pastor Bud

It was August 28, 1963. Martin Luther King Jr. gave what has come to be known as his “I Have a Dream” speech. In it he said, “*I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.*” It is a noble dream to be sure.

Before Martin Luther King Jr. was born, his vision was a reality, if only where God is concerned. After Saul had been rejected as the king of Israel, God sent Samuel on a mission to anoint a new king. He arrived at Jesse’s home and began the process of assessing each son. On the basis of his external observation, Samuel was convinced he found Israel’s next king. God, however, was not convinced. His words to Samuel are instructive. “*But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look at his appearance or at the height stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart’*” (1 Sam. 16:7).

God’s judgment paradigm is vastly different than that of the world’s paradigm. Jesus said, “*Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment*” (Jn. 7:24). Never should anyone deem another person to be less or more because of external appearance. The gospel destroys judgments based on ethnicity, wealth, or nationality. Galatians 3:28 teaches that in Christ, qualitative distinctions are eliminated because “there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

The message Jesus communicated in John 7:24 is not ambiguous; if you judge according to appearances, whether the outcome is detrimental, favorable, or neutral for the one being judged, that judgment is not righteous.

Martin Luther King Jr.’s dream to be judged by the content of one’s character aligns nicely with Jesus’ words. They align because God does not judge by appearances but by the content of one’s heart (character). But God’s judgment (1 Sam. 16:7), Jesus’ contrast (Jn. 7:24), and King’s dream are like a double-edged sword, which can cut both directions.

For the one with an unredeemed heart:

God is not fooled by seasonal good will, isolated acts of virtue, or moralistic adherence to humanly devised notions of social justice or manifestos promoting ethnic equality. There is nothing wrong with good will, virtue, justice, or equality. But underneath all those things, God knows our hearts and He judges us by the content of our character.

This is bad news for the unredeemed heart because Jesus said that the heart is the source of evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, and other expressions of wickedness (Mt. 15:19). Our corruption reaches to our core. It is radical and systemic. One Old Testament prophet said it this way, “*The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it?*” (Jer. 17:9). If that was not bad enough, God says, “*I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give to each man according to his ways, according to the results of his deeds*” (Jer. 17:10). Because wickedness stems from our nature (Eph. 2:3), we do not have the moral ability to change our spiritual condition (Job 14:4; Jer. 13:23; Rom. 8:6-8). To be saved from just condemnation, we need divine intervention, which is the message of the gospel.

A sovereign God purposed to save sinners; Jesus, the divine substitute, provided for that salvation; the Holy Spirit applies redemption by making the corrupt heart alive and new. By means of this new heart,

and the gracious gift of faith, which we exercise unto eternal life, we escape condemnation (Rom. 8:1-2).

Apart from the salvation offered through the gospel of Jesus Christ, God’s standard of judgment and Jesus’ righteous judgment bring little hope.

For the one with a redeemed heart:

The consolation of God judging us by the content of our character is hopeful only when our heart is new. When the Holy Spirit regenerates and resides in the believer, he is a new creature in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17).

Even in those “snapshots” of our lives when we behave badly, God’s intimate knowledge of our hearts confirms that we are still redeemed. In fact, sometimes, God’s omniscience is the only way He knows we love Him. When I struggle with sin, I am consoled by God’s judgment and Jesus’ advocacy (1 Jn. 2:1). It draws me back to Him with humility and repentance, not fear and avoidance.

When I do not have excuses or words to express the shame of my sinfulness adequately, I rest in the fact that God redeemed my heart through Jesus Christ, and I am a new creature in Him. So, when he judges me based on the content of my character, I know that He sees a heart that is cleansed.

I never want to discourage anyone from standing up for good will, virtue, justice, or equality. But in our zeal to speak up for these noble and necessary social and cultural qualities, let us not forget that the only message that promotes virtues and give hope of real and everlasting change is found in the transforming gospel of Jesus Christ.

Like the apostle Paul, my dream is that the content of everyone’s heart will be subject to the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 10:1).

Milestones

Weddings

May 17, 2020

Sam Welch and Jessalyn Henry

Jessalyn is the daughter of Sherri and Mark Henry.

Births

Harper Elizabeth Shumate

May 21, 2010

Parents: Laura and Matt Shumate

Grandparents: Nick and Marilyn Papini

Daphne Jane Diener

June 2, 2020

Parents: Thomas & Sarah Diener

Grandparents: Bud and Teresa Diener

Deaths

Lou Becerra

June 4, 2020

step-father of Sheri Noble

Blake Harrison

June 5, 2020

brother-in-law of Mary Miller,
her sister Sally's husband

Rick Hart

June 7, 2020

brother of Robin Groves

Directory changes

Email for Joan Dehn Whidden

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Is This Bottle Empty?

By Ellyn Roe, Care Net Liaison

THE REAL QUESTION is, are we filling the “bottles” in the Care Net of Puget Sound Virtual Baby Bottle Campaign? You can see virtual bottles filling up at <https://carenetsps.org/bbc/> as folks like you remember to donate on-line or with a check (info at that website). Through July 12, 2020, PLEASE consider a generous contribution. At press time for the Press, the virtual bottles were largely empty. Like most non-profits,



Care Net of Puget Sound remains dependent on us all. Thank you, BPC Family—for faithfully supporting this

faith-based ministry to women experiencing unplanned or undersupported pregnancies. And those coins you “hoard” for the in-person baby bottle campaign? Keep it up—hopefully we will enjoy the fun of real bottles next spring.

Nominating Committee

By Jon Recker

The 2020 Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations for the BPC Boards of Elders, Deacons, Deaconesses, and Trustees. The committee will be considering nominations during the next few months and will then present a slate of candidates for approval at the Congregational Meeting in October. New officers will begin their terms in January, 2021.

If you would like to nominate yourself or another member for one of the BPC boards, or if you would like additional information about any of these positions, please contact Jon Recker at jonrecker@comcast.net. Printed nomination forms will be available in the church office once in-person services resume, and you are welcome to submit recommendations via e-mail at any time. The committee members appreciate your prayers as we seek to discern those whom God is calling to serve in these important roles.

Four Ways to Give



Drop it off at church. Enter at the office level and as you come in to your right is a box on the wall for you to drop it in.



Mail your check to 1822 South 128th St., Burien, WA 98168. The mail is safe as the mail carrier brings our mail into the church office.



Use your bank's “bill payer” service.



Navigate the church's website www.bpcburien.com/give and click “give online.”

Pray for One Another



- Please call the church office with your request or you can email it to Kathy.Rainey@bppc.org
- Go to www.bpcburien.org and send a prayer request via the contact page.

Hi Praying Friends!

By Lisa Siedenburg

We're so excited to be getting closer to our summer ministries, and we would sooo love you prayers! We know that, *The mind of man plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps.* (Pr. 16:9) We have been prayerfully planning and preparing, and we are hopeful the Lord will continue to pave the way and bring about His plans.

So, here are some of the things we'd really love prayer for:

Girls' Mini-Summer Camp was held June 22-24 for 4th and 5th Grade girls (see photos below). Eight girls came to our house for 3 days (some overnight and some for the day). Melissa Gray flew up to join us and led devotions. As a follow-up to this event, please pray for spiritual growth and good memories.

STAYCATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 13-17, 2020

We are praising God for the wonderful lessons our Preschool teacher (Jill Boyd) has put together and already filmed!!

Various VBS portions were filmed by Craig Hall on June 23 and 27 with the following leaders rotating safely through the classroom:

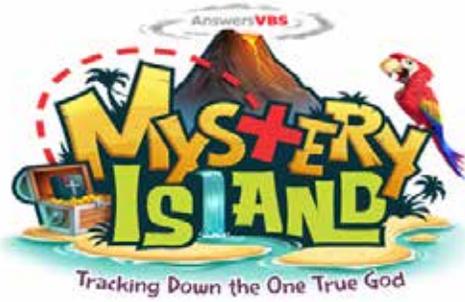
- Bible and Science lessons (Lisa Bowen, Vicki Gray, Marie Thorne, Ellyn Roe, Marlee Dubnow, Shawn Will),
- Missions Moments (Martinez and Harder Families), and
- Announcements (Kelly Siedenburg)

Please pray that all of the prep work and technology will present unity and clarity in each message.

Please pray for the video editing (Craig Hall and Lisa Siedenburg) to go smoothly and that parents will be able to access teaching videos easily.



Photo credit: Lisa Siedenburg



Please pray for the small group leaders (Tammy Schaefer, Ruth Easterling, Sherri Henry, Lisa Bowen, Marlee Dubnow, Ellyn Roe, and Lisa Siedenburg) as they begin to pray for and reach out to their assigned families, that they would be able to make good connections. Please also pray for a couple more small group leaders.

We are praising God for the 49 kids that have signed up so far! [as of June 20].

Please pray the advertising would draw in others that don't know Jesus.

Please pray for the **Monday Morning Packet Pickup & Rally** (July 13) and the **Friday Festival** (July 17) and for the Youth who are invited to participate in these events...to serve the Lord with gladness (and maturity) and that they will grow in their love for Jesus and desire to be a part of His kingdom.

Please pray for wisdom, strength and energy for Kelly Siedenburg as she is doing the bulk of the planning, preparing, communicating, purchasing.

Thanks sooo much!

To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, So our eyes look to the LORD our God, Until He is gracious to us. Be gracious to us, O LORD, be gracious to us... (Psalm 126: 1-3a).



Notes from the church office

Here are some thank you notes that have been received for the staff (shared by Kathy Rainey).

Dear Boulevard Staff:
Just wanted to let you know that you're on my mind and in my prayers. Thank you for serving the Lord at BPC! Our current situation, with COVID 19, makes it very clear that the church is not a building, but the body of Christ. It's a crazy time, but the Lord is Good! [This came with a box of goodies!]

Praying for our church congregation. I can't wait until I get to see everyone again. Praying for:

- Pastor, elders as they lead the church.
- For our pastor's wife, Teresa.
- For Kathy and Cora as you work in the office.

Thank you for being in the church office. It's so good to be able to call someone. God bless our church staff.

Praying for all the staff and for my church family. God bless each one.

Praying for all of you for God's protection.

Thank You!

I hardly have the words to express my gratitude for all the cards, notes, calls, hats — and love! — which I received during my recent adventure with cancer and chemotherapy. Thank you especially for your prayers! What a loving church family!

— Sue Redhed

At left: Girls' Mini-Summer Camp was a big hit!

Coping During Coronavirus

Dear Pastor Bud

Responses to Email sent to Congregation for the July Press

The Lord takes us
through the fire, not to
burn us, but to refine us.
He brings us through the
waters not to drown us,
but to wash us.

— Jeanne Whalen

Thank you for keeping in touch with us. John has just finished listening to the NIV Old Testament Talking Bible for the vision impaired that Lisa Pugh (Florida) got for him. (165 hours for a month!) Judy has been reading the Daily Bread every morning and looking up scriptures with it. We watched old VHS and DVD movies and waited for the other WA State Services for the Blind and Vision Impaired talking books to arrive after being closed during the pandemic. Daughter Cheryl has been bringing our mail from the P.O. and getting our groceries twice a week and also taking John to his eye doctor appointments. Pray his glaucoma improves so he can have cataract surgery. He will be 88 in August. Judy made several couture masks for family and neighbors. She still has some and will make more if anyone wants them, including child size. She keeps in touch with her son Jim and three sisters online and reading the mail and emails to John as he can't see print or the monitor. John in turn, is Judy's ears when she can't hear the doorbell, ringing phone, or can't lipread a person. Judy also gets the BPC Prayer Chain emails and prays for all who need help. We are so blessed to have such a great church and staff.

— John and Judy Pugh

Shelter in Place

Bud, I have to admit I am ready to bolt, but in the meantime I am enjoying cooking. We are asked to stay in our apartment and not even visit a neighbor. They bring our meals and mail and pick up our garbage nightly. Unfortunately the food has been less than palatable...thus getting back to cooking. I order groceries online from Fred Meyer and Hal picks them up. They bring your order out to your car and put it in your trunk. Such a deal. Spoiled by my dear husband, Hal, cooking breakfast every morning. Blessed by each other's company. Confession time...beauty salon open. Getting a haircut this week.

— Joan Whidden

Coping with COVID!

Is that really a thing? Coping??

It should be more like, how are you not losing your mind during this time?

Fortunately, I am still working full-time at my physical therapy clinic. I am also grateful for a private office with big windows that overlook South Lake Union.

God is good...all the time! It's hard to grumble when you get to view God's creation on a daily basis.

To maintain connection with people, I do a lot of reaching out via text messaging to my friends. I have used Zoom and have even done a few "visits" with my Peeps...socially distant, of course.

But another blessing is being able to help with Worship on Sundays. Even though my church family is not all there, it feels like we are together which helps.

Through all of this, God is teaching me patience and to trust Him. He has a reason and it's for my good.

I have so many things to be grateful for that I have no right to get upset or grumble...okay, maybe just a tiny bit.

But oh "What a Day that Will Be," when we can all be together again and I can go Shopping!!

— Suzanne Sneesby

I'm reading the Bible through. I'm using the sheet that we got the first week in January in our bulletin. I'm also memorizing scriptures, the twelve disciples, and the twelve sons of Jacob. Retirement is a good time to do it.

— Anita Dakin

Quarantine Blessing

The clock and calendar have lost much of their hold on me during shelter-at-home weeks. Best result of that? I now have LEISURELY time to dig into God's Word. I savor my reading time more because I can daily spend 2 hours (I'm a slow study) reading the passages from the All-Church Daily reading plan, using maps, checking other translations, commentaries, following tangents. (Is there such a thing as a tangent when it comes to the Bible? I think not!)

— Ellyn Roe

I've been running the TV quite a lot. I watch Jeopardy and Channel 9 mysteries. I play DVDs and since I don't own a CD player, I listen to hymns and classical music through the DVD player and TV. I've also been working on some cross-stitch samplers I designed. I tutor three students five hours a week on Zoom. I read my two "Read Through in a Year" Bibles and other inspirational material. That's about it.

— Donna Lightfoot

Initially, I was very frustrated at what I saw as arbitrary imposed limitations. For example, we were on Maui and unable to even sit on the beach with social distancing. I heard later it was in response to young people partying so everyone had to pay. Since then, it's pretty much been simply inconveniences. I've become increasingly disillusioned with experts and seeing so much poor information come out. My response is that I'm glad a God whose foolishness is greater than man's wisdom is in charge. He has everything in control so I can be at peace. My frustration living during this time is replaced with a deep thankfulness not to have been born during other times and places in our world. I mean sincerely that I would rather go through a hundred COVID-19 events than to live through one world war. The limitations, loss of loved ones, and incredible uncertainties as to the outcome make this, in comparison, a walk in the park for me.

— Rick Rose

How have we coped during the pandemic shutdown?

The truth is we have spent a lot more time focusing on God through prayer, studying Scripture together, and reading related books. For example, we have been studying the book of Revelation using Bud's Revelation study as our primary reference source.

We generally read Scripture together and pray together daily. At present, we're reading the life history of Pastor J. Vernon Magee. His radio ministry was influential in strengthening Nancy's faith when she was a new Christian so when she rediscovered the book about his life in our library, we decided to read it together. I also have an interest in some of the religious leaders from the past so we've watched videos on the life of Charles Spurgeon and the history of the King James Bible.

I have been taking a Great Courses series on Nanotechnology (the ongoing technological miniaturization of electronic devices and miniaturization of medical drugs, targeted cancer treatments and nanoscale surgeries).

Nancy has been sending via e-mail a daily Scripture to the members of our family.

Among the more mundane things we have spent time on is catching up on many minor (but put off) house repairs, much more interaction with some of our neighbors and friends, and getting rid of unneeded but ignored stuff from our closets, etc.

Most of all, we look forward to virtual church every Sunday with Pastor Bud and his team who are working so hard to reach us during this shutdown period.

— Nancy and George Brown

I am doing well during the COVID-19 lockdown. My family and I have a chat on the portal twice a week and I have kept up with the Church by phone and online.

— Cora Miller

Celebrations!

July Birthdays

- 1 Jacob Barton
Makin Yee
- 2 Lexi Fletcher
Marilyn Papini
Harvey Siedenburg
- 3 Kris Turner
- 5 Jonathan Schaefer
- 7 Jan Deda
- 8 Gene Erdahl
Jayce Graham
Addison Partridge
Brooklyn Partridge
- 9 Ron Weller
Illa Pomeroy
Ernie Recker
- 10 Annette Lowen
Elijah Nelson
- 11 Rue-Ann Larson
- 14 Rachel Arnold
- 18 Max Acob
Savannah Coon
Nikkii Recker
- 20 Jon Hartley
Bruce Lindquist
- 21 Jon Mogren
Katie Struble
- 25 Becky Burton
Shari Hall
- 27 Erryn Kowallis
Roger Smith
Stephen Smith
- 29 Don Hale
Cliff Reynolds
- 30 Antoine Yousef
Yousef Yousef
- 31 Bob Burton
Gail James

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

Boulevard Park Church Corporate Meeting Minutes June 12, 2020, Annual Congregational Meeting



Opening and Quorum

Jon Recker opened the virtual meeting via RingCentral and Facebook Live and provided instructions on asking questions and voting. Jon proposed and made a motion to waive the reading and approval of last year's congregational meeting minutes to save time during this meeting. These minutes will be reviewed and approved at a future meeting. The attendee members voted on the motion by typing "Y" or "N" using the RingCentral and Facebook Live chat features. The motion was passed, 76-0, and it was also established that the 10% meeting quorum of 29 was easily met. It was estimated that at least 100 people were watching this meeting virtually. Bud then opened the meeting in prayer.

State of The Church Address

Bud Diener provided his perspective on the spiritual health and growth of BPC over the past year. Following are some of the highlights of his annual summary:

Strengths

- The members of BPC love Scripture and are active in its study.
- We show love toward those who are hurting or in need and we are welcoming and extend compassion to those who are new at BPC.
- The members continue to support the great commission locally and world wide.

Weaknesses

- Bud discussed how change is often difficult for members of the Church. He shared his observations on how some members of BPC have been critical of the changes made in our worship style and music and he

encouraged us remember that the purpose in worship is to glorify God to the maximum.

Opportunities

- The limitations caused by the Coronavirus pandemic has made it necessary for us to adapt to new ways of performing God's mission such as this summer's Staycation Bible School event.

Threats

- Bud reminded us that our greatest threat is for us to do nothing about our weaknesses but instead we should focus on our spiritual growth, church unity, and bringing glory to God.

Bud also provided a brief update on the Phase 1 Church Renovation. Higher than expected costs have made it necessary for the Renovation committee to re-prioritize and eliminate some of the items that were included in Phase 1. Bud estimates construction will begin this fall.

Nominating Committee

Jon Recker briefly described the nominating committee process and presented names of the 2020 nominating committee members for approval:

- Elders: Jon Recker and Steve Roe
- Deacon: Phil Schaefer
- Deaconesses: Vicky Steiner
- Trustees: Don Jones
- Members at large: Greg Brown, Donna Lightfoot, Russell Parr

Ken Carter made the motion to accept the names for the nominating committee, Randy Boyd seconded it. There was no discussion. The motion passed, 66-0.

Celebrations!

August Birthdays

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| 1 | Ruth Sievert |
| 3 | Jannette Welch Peggie Recker Kevin Stuart Tim Harder |
| 4 | Jeannie Buck |
| 7 | Mark Henry Sherri Henry Mitchell Henry |
| 8 | Steve Nickells Lynn Edgar |
| 10 | Katy Lynch |
| 14 | Sharon Simmonds Nate Kowallis Luke Diener |
| 15 | Penny Ellefson Alvin Rene |
| 17 | Judi Kennedy |
| 18 | Linda Geyer Allen Bowen Michael St. Peter |
| 19 | Gary Parish Ariana McCormack Noelle Jones |
| 20 | Fletcher Kowallis |
| 22 | Mary Miller Bob Steiner |
| 23 | John Ellefson Moaed Hammo |
| 24 | Ethel Kristiansen Mark Mackey Titus Hartley |
| 25 | Luis Gonzalez |
| 26 | Jill Boyd |
| 27 | Marlene Etter Marlee Dubnow |
| 28 | Howard Browne Erika Richardson |
| 29 | Kathy McFayden Talia Nagy |
| 31 | Kari Burt Andrew Wiebe |

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General Budget

John Siedenburgh opened the budget portion of this meeting with prayer and then made a presentation of last year's giving, expenses, our general fund balance, our trust and special fund balance and the proposed FY21 budget.

Following is a summary of his presentation:

- Giving will decline 4% from FY20 but will exceed plan. Non-recurring giving helped us exceed plan in FY19-20.
- Electronic giving increased from 18% to 45% since the first virtual service on March 15. Scheduled recurring giving will smooth cash flows in future years.
- FY21 budget will grow 2.8%. FY21 increase is primarily due to compensation.
- General fund cash will decline \$30K in FY20. FY20 is the first year the general fund declined since FY16.
- The house sale increased the facility fund by \$350K. Year end forecast: Deacons \$30K; Faith Promise \$43K; Facilities \$482K; Other \$13K.

John made a final call for budget changes and received no response. Ken Carter then made a motion to approve the giving plan of \$805K and expense plan of \$919K. Randy Boyd seconded the motion. No further discussion occurred. The motion was passed 81-0.

Reopening the Church

Ken made a presentation on the reopening plan that is in work by the Elders and Business Committee. Following is the summary of the plan he presented:

We are living within the constraints of our governing authorities and we will implement practices that minimize the risk of infecting people with the Coronavirus when they worship with us. This means:

- We will open when we are prepared and we are permitted to have more than 50 people in our facility.
- Physical distancing enabled by seating people in the sanctuary and MPR with streamed services.
- Managed capacity and ushered seating.
- Symptom monitoring and masks worn by all.
- Touchless hand sanitizers and disinfecting all high touch areas.
- Increased outside airflow/decreased recirculated airflow.
- Perhaps no children's programs.
- No coffee service or visitation in the MPR.

In response to a single question for this part of the meeting, Ken said that once the church begins to re-open, the services will continue to be streamed, possibly forever.

Closing

A motion made by Ken Carter to close the meeting was passed and he closed the meeting in prayer at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Don Jones,
Corporate Secretary



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A "Welcome to Youth Group" dinner for families with incoming sixth graders was held on June 17.

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Watch for information coming soon about BPC's plan to re-open.

