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Eagle Scout Project

Joshua Barton Builds a Wall

By Kathy Rainey

Pastor Bud received a call from Doug Barton that Joshua, his son, was looking for somewhere to do his Eagle Scout project. Many locations were off-limits for Scout projects due to COVID 19 so, did our church have any needs he could fulfill? Pastor put Joshua in touch with Dave Will, President of the Trustees. Though the church building is closed, Dave offered Joshua a choice of several projects needing to be done outside the building.

It was exciting that Joshua wanted to do his project here at the church where he has grown up. He put together his plan to build a rock wall and then organized friends and family to help him make it a reality. Building a rock wall required lots of materials and a lot of heavy lifting. It was quite the site before he started, but it's very nice now and you should stop by the church to take a look. It's right below Pastor Bud's office on the parking lot level.



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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Norwoods Look Back

By Ellyn Roe

After a fruitful year of service with M.A.F. in The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rob and Nancy Norwood are stateside, and are waiting for Canada to open its borders so they can meet their first grandchild. (Congrats!) If you did not read their excellent newsletters describing the work they did and the somewhat harrowing details of their repatriation flight back to America, you should reach out to them and get caught up! (Contact the church office.) The adjacent photos reflect their hearts for ministry.



MAF Flight...The reason MAF is in Congo.

Rob and Nancy in front of the chapel.

If you google Nyankunde you will get back many pictures/stories of this hospital. It is a prime reason MAF is located in Nyankunde.



Rob says, "Our last few months in DRC Nanc and I were caring for our neighbor's animals. Nanc took care of several litters of kittens while I cared for an orphaned spotted genet."



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The Next Generation Steps Up in Ukraine

By Mark and Joanne Mackey

A very special graduation took place in July. ZBS teachers, with their families, taught 20+ teens in another city during this past school year. The teens were enrolled in a course of studies for YOUNG LEADERS. They aspire to serve the Lord in church ministries in the years to come.



Young Grads with their teachers and teachers' families.

Photo credit: Courtesy of ZBS Faculty

New House and Housemate in Chad

By K.D.*

In July, I got to meet my new teammate and expected future housemate, "M," in Indianapolis.

I'm now scheduled to leave for Chad on Monday, August 24th and she is expected to come in early September. Please be praying for our transitions to Chad and our future housing. May the Lord place us in people's lives and in the neighborhood where He desires us to live.



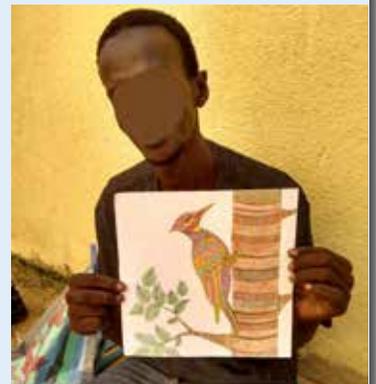
First meeting of "M" and K.D. in Indianapolis, July 2020.

Photo Credit: K.D.

Deliverance!

By M.E.*

On July 25 "Stephen" called me at 7 a.m. I had just prayed for him and asked the Lord, "Should I invite him to come over today to pray over him?" About nine years ago I led him to Christ, but he has struggled with anger all these years. He did come that day and God indeed DID deliver him from a spirit of anger. At age 10 his parents traumatically abused him as punishment. He vowed to never forgive them. But now he is free! We commanded Satan to leave him and I asked God's Spirit to fill him. He saw Jesus put his loving hand on his head. He said he's never felt so wonderful and didn't know being a Christian could be so good. The heaviness in his chest is gone! Hallelujah! Pray for him to find a job. He desperately needs an income.



Stephen, July 25, 2020, the day he was delivered, holding a coloring I gave him.

Photo Credit: M.E.

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Personal Interpretation of the Bible

By Pastor Bud

On June 26, 2015 when the Supreme Court of the United States announced its decision on same-sex marriage, the response from the Christian community was disparate. How can Christians read the same Bible while some believers support the court's decision, and others disdain it? The reason for such disparity may be unawareness (they don't know what the Bible teaches), unbelief (they know what the Bible teaches but don't believe it), or hermeneutics (they interpret the Bible using different rules or no rules at all).

If ignorance is the issue, our churches must do a better job of communicating the truth of God's word. If unbelief is the cause of such disparity, proclamation and prayer is the preferred approach. If one attributes the incongruence of belief to hermeneutics, then we need to learn the principles for properly interpreting the Bible.

Personal (or private) interpretation of Scripture refers to the practice of each Christian reading and interpreting Scripture personally for himself. The thought of allowing individual believers to interpret Scripture has been a point of contention since before the Reformation. The Catholic Church isolated biblical interpretation to the ranks of church leadership alone. In their response to the Reformers' support of private interpretation, the Council of Trent (1545-1563) disagreed with private interpretation on the basis that if interpretation were left in the hands of individuals, many unbridled spirits would distort the true meaning of the Scriptures. On this point, Trent and the Reformers agreed. For the Reformers, private interpretation never meant that individuals had the right to distort the Scriptures. Although it

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is true that some have and will distort the Scriptures, each interpreter bears the solemn responsibility to render an accurate interpretation of the truth that the inspired authors intended to communicate. But, how does one arrive at an accurate interpretation of Scripture? It's all about applying the appropriate principles of interpretation, a discipline which is called hermeneutics.

The relationship between hermeneutics and interpretation can be compared to rules that govern games like baseball, football, or soccer. Without rules, anything goes, and the games are chaos. Properly applied, rules give order and purpose to any game. The rules also define goals and set boundaries. Hermeneutics does the same for Bible study. We are not free to alter the intended meaning of Scripture.

If we, like Paul, believe Scripture to be the inspired (2 Tim. 3:16) word of God (1 Thess. 2:13), then great care must be taken to ensure that God (and not the interpreter) is allowed to speak for Himself through Scripture.

In His word, God speaks with one voice. Even at the present time, where society is marked by social engineering and skepticism toward propositions (a statement or assertion which makes a truth claim and is either true or false), God's word speaks with singular clarity, divine authority, and real-world relevancy.

In my Press articles for the next several months, I will be sharing different aspects of interpreting the Bible. My goal is to provide you with some tools to excavate the richness of the God-breathed word and in doing so, you will be adequate and equipped for every God-glorifying good work (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

Reserve your spot now!

We rejoice that our church has now reopened for in-person worship services! King County's guidelines limit attendance to 25% of capacity, so it is imperative that you reserve your seat. If registering on the information page at the church website, do so no later than Thursday at 7 p.m. for the following Sunday. You also may register by calling the church office by Thursday at 3 p.m.

Milestones

Births

Abigail Steiner

July 1, 2020

Parents: T'Kope and Kelly Steiner
Great-grandparents: Bob and Vicky Steiner

Deaths

Sandy Birtchfield

July 1, 2020

sister of Elly Jackson

Bev Bowman

July 8, 2020

missionary at BPC

Congratulations

Moaed Hammo and Nada Adam, members here at BPC, are now U.S. Citizens!

Address changes

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Please Note:

The Nominating Committee is currently accepting nominations for the positions of Elder, Deacon, Deaconess, and Trustee. New officer terms will begin in January, 2021. If you would like to nominate yourself or another member, or have any questions about these positions, please contact Jon Recker (jonrecker@comcast.net).

In Tribute

Chuck Vercammen

Written by Miki Vercammen



Chuck Vercammen passed away on May 25, 2020.

Charles Francis Vercammen was born in Butte, Montana, on April 10, 1934. He lived next to the railroad tracks and across the street from the circus. His job was to water the elephants. He always told the story that when his day was over and the elephants had their fill, he was given a ticket to the circus. At that point in the day he was always too hungry to attend and ran home to get something to eat. One Christmas he and his brother received a BB gun and decided to test it out. They proceeded to shoot many ornaments from the tree. One could say the punishment was worth the crime.

Every summer for years our family would drive to Butte. His mother would always have a turkey ready to make sandwiches for us upon our arrival. She was always so good to us.

Going out to eat was one of Chuck's favorite things to do. Whether it was family or a large group of friends, he cherished the time together. His favorite restaurant was Huckleberry. Maybe you've seen him there?

Boulevard Park Presbyterian Church meant everything to Chuck. He took every opportunity to help out from Elder and Deacon to tutoring at Hilltop Elementary,

listening to verses in Awana, attending Sunday School, and especially Men's Huddle. He was blessed to know that in the process of hiring pastors, the search committee always sought a man who embraced the Word of God. Scripture was Chuck's life. He immersed himself in the Living Word of God. He read it (having a vast library of Bibles and commentaries), studied it, memorized it, listened to it, and slept with it. For years he had a sock with an ear bud inside playing during the night. His thoughts were on God's thoughts.

Chuck was characterized as a kind and gentle man. He was an individual who always wanted to help out. If you had a Bible question he would do his best to find the answer. Sitting down with a cup of coffee was one of his specialties. Coffee went so well with listening and sharing wisdom. Attending church and relating to God's people, attending the Men's Breakfast or getting a bite at a nearby restaurant always gave him an opportunity to speak about the Lord. Whatever he did, his heart's desire was to give glory to the Lord. He died peacefully at his home on May 25, 2020, and is now in heaven with the saints.

Bev Bowman

Excerpted from letter received from Brian Steward



Bev Bowman died on July 8, 2020. She served for many years as a missionary with ACTION International Ministries.

Gayle, Bev's daughter, was by her side and said she was at peace and she left with a sound mind and lots of memories. Bev deeply impacted many people even to her last days on earth. ACTION Ministries, the ministry organization where she served, remembers her not only for what she accomplished, which was substantial, but for who she was. Bev was a wise, gracious, dignified, helpful woman who had a deep relationship with her Lord and Savior. Perhaps some of the most moving testimonials have come from the Kenyans that she taught and discipled during her time with Literacy and Evangelism Fellowship. One of them posted the following on Facebook: "Auntie Bev, as she was fondly known, was my friend, my mentor, and my mother in the faith, and also

to many of us who worked with her. Many of the students had escaped civil strife in their home countries during the 90's where there was civil unrest especially in the Great Lakes region of Africa. Her legacy also lives on through many who continue to serve in literacy ministries in Kenya and beyond, including myself. "Aunt Bev, you have fought the good fight, you have finished the race, you have kept the faith. Now there is in store for you the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to you on that day...and not only to you, but also to all who have longed for His appearing (2 Timothy 4:7-8)."

I am grateful for Bev's tremendous legacy, and for the fact that today she is rejoicing with the Lord she loves so much.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Brian Steward

Director ACTION International Ministries

BOULEVARD KIDS

KIDS IN DISCIPLESHIP



Kids Bible Study



By Lisa Siedenburg, Children's Ministry

Our Kids Ministry Team is excited about a new direction for the fall. Because of the limitations in meeting together, we are focusing on one program and going with a new teaching curriculum. We have so enjoyed using Answers In Genesis' (ABC) VBS curriculum the last couple of summers, and we're looking forward to switching over to their ABC curriculum this fall!

Answers In Genesis really focuses on who God is and His Word, and they work to provide answers to the attacks from the world that are made on the character and belief in God and the truth of His Word. Children are hearing these lies from Satan and we want to give them a Biblical foundation for the truth found only in God's holy word.

Doesn't it make you want to jump in and study the Bible?!

As I said earlier, we're focusing on one program for the fall, and we're calling it... Kids Bible Study! Not too original, but definitely appropriate since KID stands for Kids In Discipleship. We'll send out weekly lesson videos similar to what we did for VBS, one for preschool-1st graders and one for 2nd-5th graders. Our Sunday morning kids, as well as kids from the MOMLife and Awana groups will be invited to participate in

three ways. They can:

1. Pick up a 5-week box and watch the lesson videos at home. (Boxes will be available beginning Sunday, August 30, at the all church Tailgate Party!)

2. Join us on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. in the MPR where we'll watch the lesson video and do some activities before and during the worship service.

3. Join us for small group follow up and discussion online Sunday evenings.

Teaching God's word to adults and children is important to all of us and we are confident God will grow (in all of us) seeds that accomplish His work in and through us.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it (Isaiah 55:10-11).

Kids can register through the website or scan the QR code at right.

Want to get involved in Children's Ministry?

Contact Lisa Siedenburg at 206-334-6775 or children@bppc.org

Special Note

Due to COVID-19 constraints, we will not be offering our usual children's programs for MOMLife (formerly MOPS) and Awana. We are encouraging those families to participate in our Kids Bible Study. Awana families are still able to purchase books and work on verses independently. Contact Kris Turner for more information about Awana (206-243-7093).

Kids in Discipleship Materials Available

Pick up your 5-week box of materials on Sunday, August 30, at the all-church Tailgate Party. If you miss that opportunity, call the church office to arrange getting your box.



BPC Tailgate Party!

Well, it is not really a tailgate party, but it is a chance for us to gather as a church. Here are some details:

Date: Sunday, August 30

Time: 1-3 p.m.

What: Fellowship with other believers

Food: We will have a food truck serving Mexican food. If you prefer something different, please feel free to bring your own food.

Contact: If you plan to attend, please let us know how many of you will be attending by sending us an email at info@bpcburien.org.



Youth Ministry Update

I've Been Fishing

By Nate Kowallis, Director of Youth Ministries

Celebrations!

September Birthdays

- 1 Linda Rice
- 4 Paul Kido
- 5 Matt Ellefson
- 6 Ron Brown
John Gilleland
Pauline Kulle
Jeff Nagy
- 8 Tracy Johnson
- 9 Celeste Christensen
Naya Martinez
- 11 Ken Carter
- 12 Letty Acob
Nancy Norwood
- 16 Dakota Borer
Carly Siedenburg
- 17 David Siedenburg
- 18 Jean Hale
Kristi Shoe
- 19 Steve Roe
- 20 Jan Armstrong
- 23 Ryan Sneesby
- 24 Jim Sybouts
- 25 Siggie Finnsson
- 27 Abi Hall
Helen Kriedeman
- 29 Barb Alsleben
Scott Erdahl
Pat Snyder
Kyndal Wiebe
- 30 Jane Arnold
Chris Faulkner

Early October Birthdays

- 1 Lisa Barton
- 2 Krista Chapman
Lisa Finnsson
Trent Siedenburg
Carolyn Smith
- 3 Kara Arnold
- 4 Nick Papini
- 5 Vicki Gray
- 6 Katie Turner
- 7 Gladys Baxter
- 8 Brian Hudson
Miki Verammen
- 9 Amelia Harder
Violet Nyholm
Glen Rose
- 10 Barbara Benson
Lois Esser

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

To date, I've spent about twenty-five hours fishing this summer, and it has felt much like our ministry programming. The leaders and I have leaned in, adapted, followed the law, and faced many disappointments. Summer camp was canceled due to a state policy change only days before we left, and simple gatherings feel awkward with the required distance and masks. I keep asking myself, "What do we need to do differently to keep growing together?"

One simple takeaway from fishing is this: You won't catch anything if your line isn't in the water. When the fish aren't biting, it's easy to get discouraged, and I personally begin to doubt myself and whether or not God cares about the little things in my life. In my heart, I spiral kind of fast. The same is true, though, of Youth Group: if we're not meeting (albeit in restricted, virtual, or other creative ways), then we're not growing together. If we "pull out of the water" just because things aren't going the way we want them to, then we're missing the opportunities for growth that God has put into the means-of-grace that is Christian Community.

The second takeaway is that a seemingly ineffective combo of tackle and location isn't necessarily wrong. Sometimes the fish want spinners, and sometimes they want live bait. Sometimes they aren't even in the spot where you're fishing. The angler can learn the fish's habits, but there are always fac-

tors outside his control. The same is true of ministering to young people: the Gospel will capture hearts; it doesn't need to change. The church is the household of God; it is a privilege and a duty to be present to one another in Christ. How we communicate these truths and how we connect with each other, though, is open to creativity.

This fall, we're going to need to be creative with how we continue to gather, worship, and mutually encourage one another. Youth Group will continue to meet on campus on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m., but until restrictions loosen, we'll be in the MPR and sanctuary. Randy Boyd has also passed on to me the mantle of BPC's liaison for Transform Burien, and I hope to increase the youth's involvement in serving our community. Additionally, Stand to Reason's apologetics conference is coming to Seattle; it's still on the books, and, Lord willing we will attend.

The last thing that fishing has taught me is that the hiking, rafting, and viewing of beautiful scenery is just as beneficial to the soul as catching fish is for the belly. While serving youth and their families, I'm blessed by the relationships I've been able to make with the leaders, with you, and with my neighbors. I'm grateful to the Lord for bringing my family and I here and look forward to the grace that He's hidden for us to seek out in this next adventure.

38 out! 66 in!

By T. and S.*

It was an honor to see 38 global worker candidates graduate from the Radius program in June. Please pray for these graduates as they spend time with their home churches, families and friends, in preparation for moving overseas to work among the least-reached people groups around the world.



The Radius class of 2020, June 12th 2020.

We are planning to reopen for the class of 2021 on August 30, after a month delay due to COVID-19. The reopening comes with the permission from the local health department in Mexico to operate, providing we follow proper social distancing measures, wear masks, implement some disinfectant routines, and several other measures. However, we are thankful to be able to soon welcome our biggest class ever, 66 global worker candidate students! We appreciate prayers for safe travelling, a smooth start to the new class year, good health for all of us, a good testimony to our local neighbors, and strength for us as we start up again!

Thank you for your prayer and financial support!

Photo Credit: T.S.

GriefShare ~ A Place for Comfort and Hope



By Katy Lynch

When walking through a season of loss and grief, it is important that we don't travel it alone. Therein lies the heart of the Grief Share ministry – providing a place for those whose loved ones have passed, leaving an emotional chasm of pain. The 13-week support group provides sound biblical answers for those processing such loss. Video classes, personal workbooks, testimonials and prayer, help participants to see what the Bible says about life, death, God's love and how to

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others in any trouble with the same comfort we ourselves receive from God.

(II Cor. 1:3-4, NIV)

personally experience the God of all comfort.

BPC will be sponsoring another cycle of Grief Share this fall. The meeting will comply with the CDC guidelines, following the protocol and observing the same parameters outlined by our elders. Please pray for this outreach ministry, consider whom you may invite, or if the Lord may be calling you to be a part of it. We are always looking for those who want to support us in person, and in prayer.

Encouragement for BPC's Men

Let Your Lights Shine

By George Brown and the Men's Ministry team

It's been several months since we gathered together at the February Men's Ministry church retreat. Little did we know at that time how quickly normal events would disappear from the calendar because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Even though we're still unable to meet together, let's continue to encourage each other as we encounter unexpected trials, financial difficulties or family struggles.

During this time, we lost a faithful supporter of the men's ministry effort – Chuck Vercammen. Those of you who participated in the men's golf tournament probably remember that Chuck manned the sign-in table for those events. Chuck was a great example of a man who loved the Lord and freely shared that love with others. One of the goals of the men's ministry is to help both older and newer believers in Christ to develop that kind of love and a willingness to share God's love with others.

One of my favorite Bible verses is Philip-
pians 4:8: *"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if*

there is anything worthy of praise, think about those things." (ESV) So I encourage each of you to focus on what that verse is telling us – stay positive – don't let anxiety over the pandemic, rioting and injustice cause you to lose that positive focus.

We Christians can be a real example that no matter what happens, we have hope that only our faith in Christ can provide. Our secular brothers need that hope as well and this is a time when the sweet aroma of Christ may open their eyes. Matthew 5:14-16 sums this up well: *"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket but on a stand and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."* (ESV)

We look forward to a time when we can once again gather together for a men's breakfast, a pizza/movie night or some other men's event. BUT FOR NOW – LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BRIGHTLY TO YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND CO-WORKERS!

GriefShare Details

Meets on Mondays, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., starting September 14 through December 7.

Preregistration is required! Go to www.griefshare.org to sign up.

Space may be limited due to COVID guidelines. Wearing masks and physical distancing will be required.

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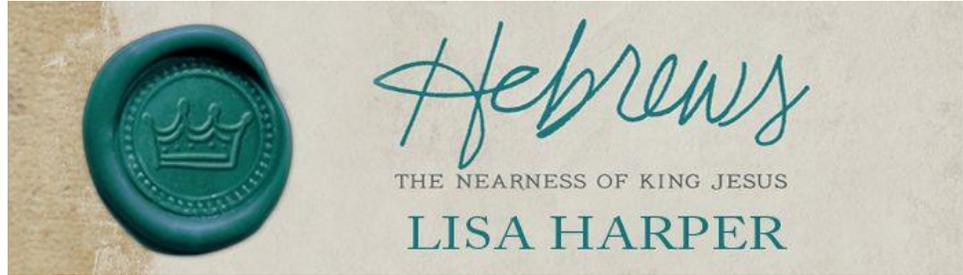
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Women's Ministries

Review of *Hebrews – The Nearness of King Jesus*, by Lisa Harper:

"The Book of Hebrews is a rich, dense section of Scripture that can intimidate the most scholarly biblical student. But Lisa Harper makes digging into Hebrews fun and doable, as only she can, without losing an ounce of depth. Hebrews was a sermon for a specific people and culture in the midst of martyrdom and persecution, but is also so relevant for us today, reminding us to continue walking toward Jesus regardless of our culture or our circumstances. Join Lisa as she journeys through this bridge between the Old and New Testaments to get to the heart of the matter: Jesus is our accessible King. He is not a faraway God, but an up-close Redeemer who draws near to us. Hebrews helps women make the connection between God the Father and God the Son and reminds us that Jesus is supreme, but He is also compassionate, empathetic, and loving to no end." ~Goodreads

Ladies! You are invited to attend BPC's Tuesday Evening Fall Bible Study and DVD Series



Our 7-session study begins September 15 and meets at 6:30-8 p.m. in the MPR.

Bring your Bible and get ready to dive into the Word with your BPC sisters!

Study books will be available the first evening. Suggested donation: \$13

*We will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month.

Any questions? Contact Lisa Bowen at lisa.bowen@bpcburien.org or 206-354-0339.

Please note: For your safety and for others', we will be following required Covid safety regulations. Masks will be required, as well as a temperature check, and we will maintain social distance in our seating arrangements.

Welcome to

MOMlife

at Boulevard Park Church



What is MOMlife?

It's a special, no-cost program for ALL MOMS...whatever season of momahood you find yourself in! Whether you are expecting, adopting, have a newborn, in the middle of toddlerhood, full-on school mode with elementary, middle or high schoolers... or a combination of any of the above, this is **JUST FOR YOU!**

MOMlife gives you a chance to build supportive friendships.



You'll be encouraged, mentored, and walk alongside moms who've "been there, done that" or are going through similar experiences, giving you a place to "just be yourself" and help you remember that you are not alone in your journey through momahood. Most importantly, we'll remind you that **your ultimate strength comes from Jesus, who has called you to love and raise these people who call you "Mama".**

The BPC Parking Lot Book Review

By Lisa Bowen, Women's Ministries

On Wednesday, August 5, ten of our BPC sisters donned our fashionable masks, and circled our camp chairs on a sunny evening in the northeast corner of the church parking lot. We then spent a couple of hours sharing about different books that we've enjoyed reading, and thought others might enjoy! Not only was it wonderful to get a new list of reading options, but it was **glorious** to actually spend some time together (albeit distanced) and see each other with our very own eyeballs! It reminded me of how blessed we are at BPC to have so many people that we love and miss, and desperately want to fellowship with.



If you weren't able to join us, we thought we'd share the list we created that evening. It's a very eclectic collection...everything from humorous fiction to theology! At right, you will find the titles and their authors. If you would like more detailed information, you can look up the title on www.goodreads.com or contact Lisa Bowen and she'll email the full list and description of each book to you. You can contact her at lisa.bowen@bpcburien.org. Happy Reading!

Recommended Reads

Non-Fiction

Glittering Vices, by Rebecca DeYoung
Respectable Sins, by Jerry Bridges
Trusting God, by Jerry Bridges
The Best Yes: Making Wise Decisions in the Midst of Endless Demands, by Lysa TerKeurst
James Herriot's Dog Stories, by James Herriot
In the Shadow of 10,000 Hills, by Jennifer Haupt
Pray Big, by Alistair Begg
If I Had Two Lives, by Dan Vorn
Slow Kingdom Coming, by Kent Annan
Hearing God, by Dallas Willard
The Body Keeps the Score, by Bessel A. Van der Kolk
Hope When You're Hurting, by Larry Crabb and Dan Allender
The Thomas Sowell Reader
The Beauty of Broken, by Elisa Morgan

Historical Non-Fiction

The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, Dehance and the Blitz, by Erik Larsen

Fiction

The Chance, by Karen Kingsbury
American Dirt, by Jeanine Cummins
Saving You, by Charlotte Nash
The Pilot's Wife, by Anita Shreve

Historical Fiction

Hearts Entwined: Bound and Determined, by Regina Jennings
Uncle Tom's Cabin, by Harriet Beecher Stowe
The Nightingale, by Kristin Hannah
All the Light You Cannot See, by Anthony Doerr

Human Interest

Humans of New York: Stories, by Brian Stanton

Humorous Fiction

Saving Cee Cee Honeycut, by Beth Hoffman

Junior Fiction

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle, by Avi

What happens at MOMlife?

You'll be treated to some **yummy snacks** and lots of **hot coffee!**

You'll get to **connect with other moms**, have uninterrupted conversation and have time to sit, eat and relax!

You'll hear a **devotional** and have a **time of prayer for one another.**

Each meeting, we'll have a **specific focus topic**, and have activities based on that, whether it be a DVD, a group discussion, a guest speaker or special activity.



MOMlife provides a time to share your experiences, successes, challenges and frustrations in a safe, encouraging, Jesus-focused family of women who understand what it means to be a mom. It's a place where we can laugh and cry together, a place to "recharge", to share ideas, cheer one another on, and just hang out with some girlfriends!

When and Where does MOMlife meet?

We meet **September through May**
on the **second and fourth Tuesdays**
of each month from **6:30-8:30pm**



in the Multipurpose Room at Boulevard Park Church

1822 South 128th Street Burien, WA 98166



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Blessings Wrapped in a Rubber Band

By Marie Thorne

Like many of you, the last few months of Covid-19 and isolation have led me to be creative in occupying my days. One day, I found a bundle of greeting cards held together by a rubber band. Who had sent these? When did I receive them? I settled back, relaxed and took some time to unwrap the cards and remember. The cards had come during my season with cancer.

As I re-opened these gifts of love from friends and family, I was drawn back to a difficult time of feeling overwhelmed with questions and experiencing aloneness. When

I looked at the cards I remembered the joy of finding them in my mailbox and thinking "Someone really cares about what I am going through!" Every one of them came at

just the right moment lifting my spirits to face the days ahead. They were not just Get Well cards, but ones that said "Thinking of You," "Just Saying Hello," and funny, humorous ones that made me laugh!

Today in our technology-based world, greeting cards are quickly becoming a thing of the past. It's E-mails, texts, Twitter and Instagram. Quick, easy and deletable. I live in this technology age and use it just like you. However, efficient as it is, it cannot replace the time, effort and thought taken to send a card to someone. The hand-written note, the prose of the greeting, the beautiful design and colors are something to treasure as you hold it in your hands. Your heart reminds you each time you pick up the card that life is fragile, the future unknown but the showing of love never ceases.

Hearts are blessed immeasurably by receiving a card in the mail!



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