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## BPC Tailgate Party

### One Way to Use a Parking Lot

On Sunday, August 30, hungry souls gathered after the church service for a new version of fellowship. Canopies and chairs were set up to provide shade and safe-distance opportunities to meet, greet and eat lunch together. A food truck serving Mexican food was commissioned and the lines were long, but provided time to chat while waiting. The event was a great success.

A second Tailgate Party was held on Sunday, September 20, this time with a “bring your own lunch” theme. Thanks to those who helped hand out water bottles and ice cream provided by the church, and for those who set up the canopies and arranged chairs.

Can we keep on meeting like this? Yes, let’s, even once the church is fully re-opened!



**For more ways that BPC will use the parking lot to reach out to our neighbors, see pages 6 and 7.**



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

### Negative for COVID-Positive for Gratitude

By K.D.\*

There is so much to be thankful for! I arrived safely back in Chad in late August, completed a week of quarantine and received a negative COVID-19 test, settled on a great house and am so thankful for the Lord's provision (repairs underway and hope to move in soon), have a great place to stay temporarily at a guesthouse, started working at the office, welcomed new teammates, etc. I'm so glad to be back and thankful to be returning to a familiar context and role, and at the same time I'm looking forward to new beginnings with teammates and our neighborhood and such.



First day back at the office and so thankful to serve all the AIM personnel and ministries through my work there.

Photo Credit: Debbie W.

### A New Press Series! (Sing a favorite fanfare now...)

By C.H.\*

A few weeks ago I asked Press staff members (Eva Lee, Peggie and Ellyn) if I could perhaps invest a portion of the time and gifts God has given me to encourage and exhort our church family while we are living here in America. With Pastor Bud's endorsement, they have been gracious to let me begin a new series in the Press called "Living On M\*\*". I figure that if God has given me any talents, time, or insight that may build up the Body, well by golly I should try and use them! So there, you have been warned. :-)) As always, in the spirit of iron-sharpening-iron, I welcome brotherly and sisterly feedback.

Here's my first installment.

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One of my neighbors donated a punching bag to the cause. He's warming up.



Photo Credit: C.H.

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# Interpreting the Bible Objectively

By Pastor Bud

At least one question gets asked in almost every Bible study group across the globe, “What does this passage mean to you?” Although the question may elicit lively discussion, it is destructive to the ultimate goal of Bible interpretation. The goal of interpretation is the discovery of the original intent of the author when he wrote to a particular group of people in a specific situation. Once understood, we then apply the transcendent truth to our contemporary context.

Subjective interpretation happens when one allows contemporary context to influence his interpretation of the Bible. The result of subjective hermeneutics is the acceptance of multiple alternative meanings. Although this approach gives Scripture the feel of contemporary relevance, it emasculates the Bible from any meaningful truth. Let me explain. Subjectivity in meaning argues that there is no such thing as an objective text. For the subjectivist interpreter, all meaning is culturally relative. If this were universally true, then how would it be possible to ever fail a math test?

Subjectivity in interpretation is also self-defeating because those who state that truth is subjective expect their listeners to objectively understand their claim. So, what am I saying? Subjective interpretation is not worth the effort. If meaning is subject to culture, then the idea of a transcendent truth claim is lost. Or, put another way,  $2 + 2$  does not really equal 4 unless it is culturally pleasing to believe so. Tell that to your math teacher.

The reality is that the application of subjective interpretation is not universal. Usually, one finds that the

truth claims of Scripture are the target of subjective interpretation. After all, subjective interpretation began with Eve when she redefined reality and reconstructed her own (Gen. 3:1-6).

I believe objective interpretation is essential for those who seek to understand the truth of the Bible.

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Think about it. The goal of all communication is to convey some message. Although we may use literary devices to add emotive content, at the heart of it all, there is an objective idea we want to get across. Let’s say you are thirsty and you ask me for a glass of water. Would you be satisfied if I instead hand you a note that says you are a good person? Probably not—you would wonder how I interpreted your request for water as a plea for encouragement. Your incredulity stems from your objective purpose. What you did not expect was my subjective interpretation of your objective communication. Subjectively, I interpreted your thirst as a cry for encouragement. The only way I to know what you actually wanted was to interpret your statements objectively.

The same is true of the biblical authors. The Holy Spirit inspired them to write objectively. In other words, their communication was specific and pointed. But, how do we interpret the Bible objectively? Here are four thoughts to get you started:

**1. Look for the author’s meaning, not your own meaning.** The

objective meaning of any text is the one given to it by the author, not the contemporary reader. The wrong question to ask is, “What does it mean to me? The right question is, “What did the author mean?”

**2. Look for what the author says before you ask why he said it.** Meaning is found in what the author affirms, not in why he affirmed it. Purpose does not determine meaning. You can know the meaning of a communication without knowing the purpose. For example, if I say, “Come

over to my house tonight.” You do not need to know why I want you to come over to understand my request.

**3. Look for meaning in the text, not beyond the text.** The meaning is expressed in what the author says. The expressed meaning is discovered through close observation and clarification of word meanings. We are neither mystics seeking esoteric gems of truth, nor are we seers making assumptions about the author’s unexpressed intentions.

**4. Look for meaning in affirmation, not implication.** Implications are subjective conclusions about something. Keep your interpretation anchored to the author’s affirmations and you will arrive at his intended communication of truth.

Objective interpretation is not spectacular. But, it yields the fruit of understanding what God really wants us to know about Himself, “and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding” (Prov. 9:10).

# Part 1: Martial Arts Ministry

By C.H.\*

## New Press Series

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Dave Huck and another friend helped me transport the free mat from my former high school. They are just testing it out.

What’s your hobby? All of us have hobbies, and most of us share hobbies with both Christian and not-yet-Christian people. This summer, one of the hobbies I’ve enjoyed is martial arts, which I’ve been able to use as a way to invest time and minister to the needs of my friends and neighbors—right here

on my own backyard wrestling mat. I invited a handful of friends and neighbors to meet up after work and train simple drills for self-defense and submission strategies. However, most of those training sessions ended in fruitful counseling sessions. Have you considered the ways in which practicing your hobby can be part of the way that you minister to people? Allow me to share some insights I’ve learned from my

experience this summer.

Focus on a hobby that has face-to-face interaction. A cell phone game might be fun, but does it allow you to see and respond to a tear in your friend’s eye as they share an emotional memory or experience they are dealing with? Hobbies that put us in contact with other humans have built-in opportuni-



Photos: C.H.\*

ties to minister. While I never did martial arts as a child, I knew that I was looking for a hobby that would require me to be in contact

Jiu Jitsu, Judo, Wrestling and Boxing are practiced on the mat. One of those boxing is a neighbor of ours, the other an old friend.

with others. Sure, martial arts get me tired quickly, but every single rest-time is a prime opportunity to ask questions and actively listen to the person resting across from me.

Have a goal in mind. Before you start your hobby, have a goal (between you and the Lord) that you want to accomplish when you are engaging in your activity with others. Someone wiser than me said it plainly, “If you don’t have a goal, you won’t know when you achieve it or not”. Is your goal to take the friendship to a new level by discovering something new about them? Then ask a targeted question such as, “What would you say are your biggest challenges at this stage of your life?” Is your goal to share God’s love by meeting a tangible need? Then discover a tangible need by careful listening or asking directly. Is your goal to explain why you’ve decided to not live for this world, but rather to trust and follow Jesus while putting your hope in the age to come? Then in humility, verbalize it. From what I can tell, we make goals for the aspects of life that we care most about, so why not make goals for our love toward others?

Have fun. This might sound crazy, but a few people have said that I take myself too seriously at times. While we must not compromise God-honoring theology, we must be able to genuinely laugh—and even laugh at ourselves (when appropriate). Cultivate a godly sense of humor. We Christians have the best News and the biggest Hope in the world. We should try to find joy in our labor under the sun (Eccl. 3:22), and we ought to be marked by serious abiding joy, even in the midst of trials (Romans 5, James 1).

Over the past few months I have tried to implement these points because I desire all my friends and neighbors to know the hope and love of Jesus, and I want to encourage you as you likewise labor. God has each of us uniquely placed to reach the people around us (Acts 17:26) —both to encourage Christians and not-yet-Christians toward the purpose and hope we have for eternal life in our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, let us remember to be intentional—even in our hobbies.

\*\*Global Work, whether abroad or on home assignment



## Update to Congregation

# Church Is [More] Open Now

Hello BPC Family,

It has been a great blessing to worship in-person for the last couple of months. Each week we have asked you to reserve your seats by registering ahead of time.

### OUR PROCEDURES ARE CHANGING!

We are no longer asking you to register in advance. We have plenty of space to maintain social distancing, and people have been great about wearing masks. To ensure that we stay compliant with King County Phase 2 seating capacity guidelines, when you arrive at the church, you will be asked about any COVID-19 symptoms, we will take your temperature (no-touch thermometers), and then you will proceed to choose your seat.

If you are in a vulnerable health category and do not feel comfortable being with other people, I understand. However, if you have avoided worshipping because of the reservation requirements, we have removed that barrier, and we hope to see you in upcoming Sundays.

Remember, worship service begins at 10:30 a.m.

Kid's program begins at 10 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

God bless,  
Pastor Bud

### Livestream Continues

We continue to livestream our services even though our church is reopened for in-person worship services. However, livestream is not a substitute for in-person worship. We continue to livestream our service to accommodate those who are unable to attend worship services due to health and safety concerns.

- Go to [www.facebook.com/bpcburien](https://www.facebook.com/bpcburien) or click on livestream on the church website: [www.bpcburien.org](http://www.bpcburien.org).
- Dial-in number is 206-278-9013. When prompted, enter the Meeting ID: 148 180 9099

## 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](http://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](mailto:Kathy.Rainey@bppc.org)
- Go to [www.bpcburien.org](http://www.bpcburien.org) and send a prayer request via the contact page.

## Milestones

### Marriage

**Johnathan Dakin and Hannah King** were married on August 22, 2020. Johnathan is the son of Anita Dakin.

### Births

**Norah Rose Jones**  
September 4, 2020  
Parents: Mike and Martha Jones  
Grandparents: Don and Lisa Jones

**Luka Mark Siedenburg**  
September 7, 2020  
Parents: Todd and Madeleine Siedenburg  
Grandparents:  
David and Kelly Siedenburg  
Great Grandparents:  
Harvey and Diane Siedenburg

**Clara Elena Brownlee**  
September 11, 2020  
Parents: Jon and Rebecca Brownlee  
Grandparents: Stan and Sheri Noble

### Deaths

**Douglas McFayden**  
August 22, 2020  
brother of Kathy McFayden

### 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](mailto:jonrecker@comcast.net)).

# Trunk or Treat Pandemic Style

By Jill Boyd

## Celebrations!

### October Birthdays

- 1 Lisa Barton
- 2 Krista Chapman  
Lisa Finnsson  
Trent Siedenbug  
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
- 11 Alexis Wiebe
- 12 Sandy Rice  
Debbie Wood
- 14 Alan Conroy
- 15 Karen Gilleland  
Andrew Neumann
- 16 Gerardo Gonzalez
- 17 Jean Bakken  
Fay Barton  
Mary Payne
- 22 Vince Partridge  
Sally Sisley
- 23 Thomas Cross  
Chris Donar  
Maria Faulkner
- 24 Randy Boyd
- 26 Don Bowie  
Marilyn Mades  
Penelope Neff  
Collin Whalen
- 27 Jocelyn Jordan  
Wesley Mattson  
Suzanne Sneesby
- 29 Conor Malis
- 30 Jessica Barton
- 31 Kathy Rainey  
Rick Rose

### Early November B-Days

- 1 John Clifton  
Joyce Symons
- 2 Jocelyn Martinez
- 3 Joshua Henry  
Serena Owens
- 4 John McGill
- 5 Candis Bingham  
Caleb Wagner
- 6 Lauren Recker

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

## Yes! We Can Reach Out to Our Neighbors...



### Trunk or Treat on October 31 Now in its fifth year

Oh the wonders of fall – sweater weather, changing leaves, and Trunk or Treat!

We are hoping for at least 15 trunks to make our event successful. The community has come to expect this high-quality event so we don't want to disappoint. Would you be willing to lend a helping hand on October 31? We are planning for a safe, fun, and meaningful evening.

Would you like to do a trunk? Consider doing something that can be easily cleaned after each use. A ball or fishing pole would be quick to wipe off so the next Batman or Disney Princess can safely use it. Consider highly visual decor that would essentially be a no-touch situation. Don't feel like you need to come up with something new this year since kids love repetition. That old trunk might just need a bit of tweaking.

#### Guidelines for Trunks

1. Kid Friendly. Our target age is 3-10 with the median age being five.
2. Kids love a little interaction such as throwing or moving an object but keep in mind that anything the child touches will have to be wiped down.
3. Plan on greeting the children and making much of their costumes.
4. No Halloween, Harry Potter, rock band, or edgy themes. We are doing it for the glory of God and in service to our community.

If doing a trunk is not your style, consider working in parking lot security, at the welcome desk, or serving hot drinks. There is a job for everyone who feels that they can be safely around the community in a socially-distanced way.

Email [boydclan@hotmail.com](mailto:boydclan@hotmail.com) to sign up. Or contact your friendly local Children's Ministries Director.



## Parking Lot Outreach

# A Journey Thru Christmas

By Lisa Siedenburg

## ...even in a Pandemic!

### Save the Date!

**Saturday, December 19, 5-7 p.m.**

Yes, we are already planning for Christmas! As the saying goes, *Many hands make light work*, so, we need to start early to share the load fun!

Holidays are a prime opportunity to make friends with our community, and all the more by sharing the joy of Jesus' birth at Christmastime!

The story won't change, but due to the pandemic, we will have to do some things differently. We are still in the beginning stages of planning, but new this year:

- Drive Thru – We will have our guests stay in their cars, but still offer a warm welcome when they arrive.
- Pre-recorded audio – We'd like our volunteer acting team to pre-record their lines, so the guests in the cars can hear them better and safe distances can be kept.
- Solos or duets instead of choirs – To keep our own people safe and spread out.

So, we still need you, our congregation, to join us in reaching our community with the gospel of Jesus! Here are some ways you can help:

- Pray! That those who have not heard the gospel would hear and respond!
- Be a part of the show!  
**Needed:** Actors/actresses, singers/musicians, greeters, parking lot crew, cocoa servers
- Help behind the scenes!  
**Needed:** Help with Set up/Take down, props and costume prep, publicity, cocoa makers, equipment recruitment

Peggie Recker and Lisa Siedenburg will be heading this up again. You can talk to either one of them to get involved or email [children@bppc.org](mailto:children@bppc.org).



## Shower Planned

Ladies! **Jessalyn (Henry) Welch** was married in May, but due to Covid we were unable to have a bridal shower. Now that restrictions are eased, we are going to celebrate her.

On **Sunday, October 11** from 2-4 p.m. we will host a socially-distanced bridal shower in the church parking lot, weather permitting. (Plan B—we will use the MPR). Please wear your mask and resist the urge to give hugs. For those who are hesitant but still want to participate, we also will offer a drive-by option from 4-4:30 p.m. Drive up, say, "Hi," and drop off your gift without having to leave your car.

Questions? Contact Jessica Barton or Melissa Gray.



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## CARE NET OF PUGET SOUND'S FALL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN!!

October 4 – November 1, 2020

Because COVID-19 forced the cancellation or modification its biggest fund raisers earlier this year, Care Net of Puget Sound is hoping for your generous participation in a FALL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN, either on-line at [carenets.org/bbc](http://carenets.org/bbc) or with those fun baby bottles you can fill with coins, bills or checks. (Tax receipts will be mailed only to check writers; write to Care Net of Puget Sound, memo: Baby Bottle Campaign.)

### You can get a Care Net bottle bank when you:

1) Visit the Grab and Go Tables in the church foyers before or after the October 4 Sunday morning service. There is no sign up; take 1 or more bottles and fill them throughout October with coins, bills, or checks. (Or all 3!)

### OR

2) Ask a church attendee you know to bring you a bottle or two.

### OR

3) Call the church office after October 4 and arrangements will be made for a bottle to be delivered to your home.

To keep your donation secure and minimize unnecessary contact with others, PLEASE KEEP THE BOTTLE, EVEN IF FILLED EARLY, AT HOME UNTIL SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1, when a supervised return table will be available outside the church from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. After November 1, contact the church office for your bottle to be collected at your home.

Church family, I am SO proud of your enthusiasm for and commitment to Care Net, which continues to serve preborn and new-born babies and their families, virus or not.

~ Ellyn Roe, Care Net Liaison

P.S. Of *course* you can bring your donation in ANY container! But the baby bottles are so fun...