



Tending the Flock

Veterans Day

By John Siedenborg, Elder

Veterans Day occurs on November 11. We tend to notice our country's beautiful flag a bit more on certain days of the year such as Veterans Day, Memorial Day, and Independence Day.

Have you ever attended a military funeral and observed the meticulous folding of the flag for a fallen soldier immediately followed by a 21-gun salute? It is quite a solemn event. It was not until this year, however, that I understood the significance of the 13 folds of a U.S. flag, and I was surprised to discover all the references to God imbedded within this ceremony.¹

The Meaning Behind the 13 Folds of the U.S. Flag

1. The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.
2. The second fold signifies our belief in eternal life.
3. The third fold is made in honor and tribute of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace.
4. The fourth fold exemplifies our weaker nature as citizens trusting in God; it is to Him we turn for His divine guidance.
5. The fifth fold is an acknowledgement to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."
6. The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
7. The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies.

8. The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.
9. The ninth fold is an honor to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty, and devotion that the character of men and women who have made this country great have been molded.
10. The tenth fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first born.
11. The eleventh fold, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
12. The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.
13. The last fold, when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."

Note the Tie-in to these Passages:

- **Belief in eternal life through Jesus Christ.** "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) – *Fold #2*
- **Laying down one's life.** "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters." (1 John 3:16) – *Fold #3*
- **Trusting in God for his guidance and deliverance rather than our own strength.** "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God." (Psalm 20:7) – *Fold #5*
- **A nation under God.** "Humble yourselves, therefore,

¹<https://nationalflagfoundation.org/the-meaning-behind-the-13-folds-of-the-united-states-flag/#:~:text=This%20is%20what%20the%2013,our%20country%20to%20attain%20peace.>

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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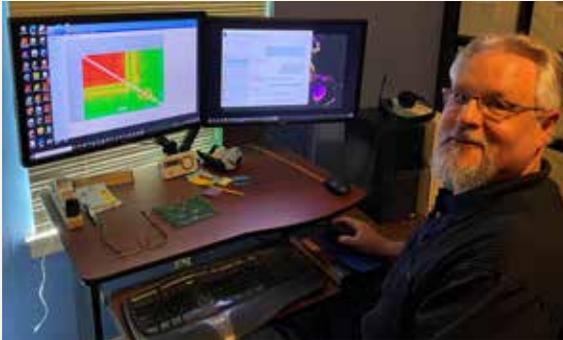
A Pandemic Can't Stop These Guys

By Ellyn Roe

In September, Steve and I got to spend a delightful day with M. and D. H.* in Texas. If you know this dynamic couple, you will not be surprised to learn that we found them as excited and energetic about serving God as ever.

Like most of us, the H's have continued their ministries in spite of the pandemic. God enabled them to continue their complex scripture and computer work full time from their respective home office rooms. When they are not attending to these intricate and time-consuming processes, they can be found picking up or delivering hundreds of donations for His Hands Extended Outreach, a faith-based non-profit that reminded us of Transform Burien "on steroids." (Everything is bigger in Texas!)

Although the pandemic has kept D. from making her treasured



(above) M. working on linguistic software in his home office.

and invaluable teaching trips to other countries, she is as enthusiastic and joyous as ever about the hats (ten-gallon?) she and M. wear in Texas. Prayer request: She was just contacted about a possible trip to teach new believers in a poor south Asian country.

They would love to have YOU drop them a line. (contact the church GW Committee or Ellyn Roe if you need their email or snail mail address.)



M. and D. with Delbra, founder of His Hands Extended Outreach.



(at right) D. working on Bible translation notes in her home office.

God Builds His Church in Ukraine

By Mark and Joanne Mackey

On October 3, 2021, Hope Church, located in a village where we stayed last year, held a dedication service for their newly built facilities. We have known the pastor there for many years--from long before there was even any property! Recently, seekers whom we know attended services and were drawn to our Lord Jesus.



The congregation rejoices before the dedication service for their new church building, October 3, 2021.

P2 BONUS:
Gift Ideas
for Chad

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Keys to the Kingdom

By Pastor Bud

For ten years, it was my privilege to serve the people of Southern Africa. While there, I was allowed to stay under the permission of a temporary resident visa. The stipulations of the visa gave me the authority to do certain things but prohibited me from doing other things. I had limited authority based on the guidelines established by the Department of Home Affairs of the Republic of South Africa. As long as I stayed within the permissions of my visa, I was allowed to stay in the country. It would have been presumptuous of me to proclaim that I was taking authority over my visa, declaring that I could do things inconsistent with the previously established rules.

Similarly, Jesus gave the disciples authority when He said, *“I give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven”* (Mt. 16:19). Many believers interpret these words to mean unlimited authority backed by the promise that whatever one binds or looses on earth will be bound or loosed in heaven. This interpretation results in unbridled brashness before God in declaring or withholding permissions in the Christian community. But is that what Jesus meant? A grammatical-historical look at this text reveals believers’ stipulations and authority in our current and temporary residency on earth.

Grammatical Analysis of Binding and Loosing

Verbs are some of the most important words in any language. They tell us what action is or was taken and the type, the doer, the receiver, and the time of the action. The key verbs in Matthew 16:19 are *binding* and *loosing*.

When Jesus said, *“whatever you bind”* and *“whatever you loose,”* the mood of the verbs indicated an action that had not yet happened. That is to say, when Jesus was speaking, the disciples had yet to bind or loose anything. But, He continues, when they do bind or loose something, it *“shall have been bound”* or *“shall have been loosed”* in heaven. These verbs indicate that the action done by heaven is not after the binding or loosing of the disciples; it is previous to their declarations. In other words, Jesus was not speaking of heaven’s response to the disciples’

authoritative proclamations; rather, Jesus taught that the disciples’ declarations must be in response to what heaven had already declared. The grammatical understanding is strengthened in its congruency with the historical idea of binding and loosing.

Historical Analysis of Binding and Loosing

Jesus was deliberate in His illustration of the authority He gave to the disciples. Binding and loosing were everyday occurrences commonly witnessed in any first-century city gate. City gates were busy places. They were places where justice was administered (2 Sam. 15:2), land was sold or redeemed (Gen. 23:10, 16; Ruth 4:1-12), councils of state convened (2 Chr. 18:9; Jer. 39:3), and a place where proclamations were made (Prov. 1:21; Jer. 17:19). Boaz went to the city gate when he wanted to redeem Ruth (Ruth 4). In the city gate area, the elders and scribes were available for consultation on matters of the law. For example, a man who wanted to marry a young woman could go to the gate and ask the elders if he was bound or loosed by the law with respect to his proposal. After searching the matter in the book of the Mosaic law, the elders and scribes could give one of two answers: (1) They might say, *“You are bound by the Law and cannot marry that woman.”* (2) They could give better news by saying, *“You are loosed by the Law and, therefore, free to marry that woman.”* It is this type of tempered authority that Jesus was granting to the disciples.

Combined with the grammatical construction noted previously, Jesus’ clear message was that the disciples’ authority extended only as far as that which heaven had already declared.

The church’s authority has permissions and limitations. The disciples were only permitted to bind and loose that which heaven had already declared to be bound or loosed. For this reason, Paul urges Titus to exercise his authority by speaking and exhorting with authority, not letting anyone disregard him (Titus 2:16).

So, we are free to bind and loose without apology, but only when the things we bind and loose have been already declared for us in God’s (heaven’s) revealed will (the Bible).

Milestones

Births

Chloe Nanette Roenicke

October 2, 2021

Parents: Elizabeth and Nathan

Roenicke

Grandparents: Pastor Bud and Teresa

Diener, Bill and Carol Roenicke

Marriage

Jacob Barton and

Hannah Collier

October 8, 2021

A wedding reception will be held after church in the MPR on November 14, 2021.

Deaths

Irene Cordahl

August 16, 2021

in Oregon

Rabbi Del Kralman

September 26, 2021

husband of Rifkah

Elizabeth Stakston

October 13, 2021

wife of Steven; former office assistant at BPC

Recent Comments

“I don’t usually listen to very much contemporary music so I only hear/sing the worship songs on Sunday. Having the recordings and the words available during the week has certainly enhanced my Sunday morning worship. I certainly appreciate Conor’s extra effort.

— Jean Rose

Youth Ministry

Serving at Glacier Middle School

By Nate Kowallis

Celebrations!

November Birthdays

- 1 John Clifton
Joyce Symons
- 2 Jocelyn Martinez
- 3 Joshua Henry
Serena Owens
- 4 John McGill
- 5 Candis Bingham
Caleb Wagner
- 6 Lauren Recker
- 12 Todd Neumann
Sarah Struble
- 16 Jay Moore
- 18 Lenny Autio
- 19 Mary Cox
Diane Eickert
John Welch
- 20 Jodi Dunning
Doug Wichelt
- 21 Wayne Eickert
- 22 Sheri Noble
- 23 Linda Huck
Elizabeth Roenicke
Ed Snyder
- 24 Dianne Rose
- 26 Tony Porterfield
Dave Will
- 28 Joan Dehn Whidden
- 29 Craig Hall

Early December BDs

- 5 Randy Sneesby
- 6 Jo Ann Peterson
- 7 Jael Nagy
- 8 Micah Harder
- 9 Bill Roenicke

If your birthday is not listed, and you would like it to be, please contact the church office.

Hopefully by the time you're reading this, I'll have been vetted and begun serving on campus at Glacier Middle School. I served almost eight years at my local middle school back in SoCal, and—when I met with the principal from Glacier a few weeks ago—I felt like I just had my calling reaffirmed. Being on campus terrifies me; I never grew out of the adolescent anxiety surrounding approval and belonging, and it rises to the surface for me in big groups. However, I have great confidence that God is drawing young people to Himself through such opportunities.

My desire is to host some activities during the lunch hour, once or twice a week. The principal, however, was looking for multiple activities during the lunch hour *every day*. Burien Parks and Recreation (PaRCS) were present on the same day, and I was able to meet with them to ask what they were about. As it turns out, they also run lunchtime activities four out of five weekdays, and they also run an after school program. The school actually depends on PaRCS running their activity until 5:30 p.m. when the “activities bus” shows up to take kids home; they can't begin their other programs until PaRCS is on campus.

PaRCS hasn't started their programs yet because they're understaffed, and not for shortage of funds. Their teams are spread thin in order to be present at as many schools as possible, resulting in *two adults* overseeing groups upward of *one hundred* kids (and somehow it's legal). They were almost begging the church to fill the ranks to help supervise, socialize, and serve the students.

My intention is to be on campus twice a week, both for lunch and after school. I've been forewarned not to

evangelize, and even encouraged to say nothing (even ask no questions) that will upset a child's present worldview. It's a fairly crippling boundary when it comes to proclaiming the truth, but Jesus did also say that the world would know we belong to Him by our love (Jn 13:35). Additionally, being a positive face for Christ and building relationships can have a powerful impact in itself, and pave the way for greater connections at community events, invitations from students to students, and a search for comfort in time of crisis.

The schools want our presence, but not our God. Unfortunately for them, they can't have one without the other! Please join me in prayer for creativity, carefulness, and faithfulness in bringing the love of God to the world, and consider coming on campus with me.

MOVIE NIGHT

November 12th 7 PM MPR

“Facing the Giants”



An inspirational film about a high school football team that faces the reigning state champions.

Everyone is welcome

Drinks provided

Bring your own favorite snack

Sponsored by Men's Ministry

Children's Ministry

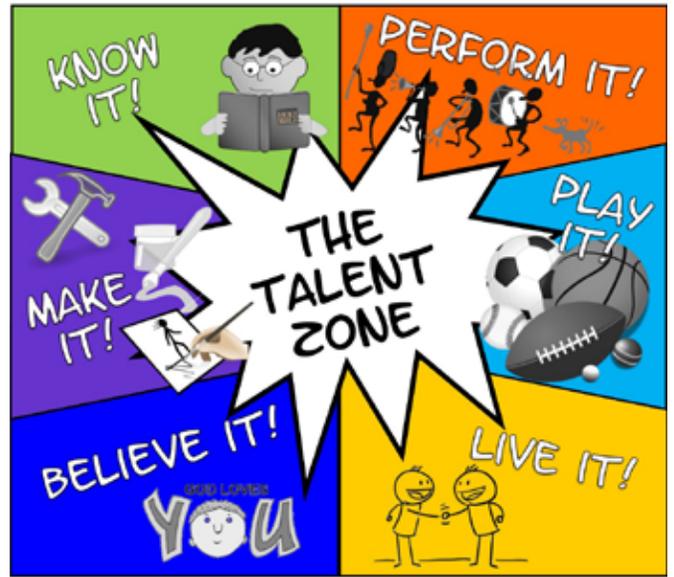
The Talent Zone Continues

By Lisa Siedenburg

We've already finished our first five weeks of The Talent Zone! Here are a couple of pictures of our young artists! We're looking forward to cooking and playing indoor games in our next five weeks!



Session 2
Sign up here!



Did you know you are loved and created for a purpose?
Join us in exploring your talents for the ONE who created you and loves you!

Cooking Concoctions & Indoor Games
Wednesdays, October 27-December 1
6:30-8:00 pm

On the menu...Egg Rolls, Overnight Breakfast, Mini Dogs & more!

A Journey Thru Christmas

Join us for a walk through the birth of Christ!



Saturday, December 18, 5-7 p.m.

Don't miss out on BPC's Outdoor Nativity Community Outreach!

We'll be braving the weather and going back to a walk through event this year, and we'd love for you to join us in putting on this journey through Christ's birth for the community.

How can you help?

Pray! ...for the guests that the Lord would have you invite and for the community to see the advertisements and want to come hear Christ's story, for the weather, for the many details to come together, for the actors/ac-tresses & singers/musicians, for God to bring our church together in unity as we serve Him.

Prep! ...help make sets and costumes, fill buckets with concrete (to weight down the canopies), put out yard signs around the neighborhood, loan us some equipment

(propane fire pits and heaters, extension cords), donate cookies, help set up the morning of (Last year we had a small but mighty crew, but we really needed a few more hands!! Please consider helping out the morning of!)

Participate! ...join the welcome team, serve hot cocoa or cookies, act in a scene. (If you acted in a role last year and want to do the same role, let us know ASAP please.)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Isaiah 52:7

Contact Lisa Siedenburg to get involved!
children@bppc.org or 206-334-6775

Calendar Events

SUNDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

9:00A Adult Sunday School Class
 9:15A KIDS Sunday School Hour
 10:30A Worship In-Person & Livestream

Sunday, October 31, 2021

6:00P Trunk or Treat

MONDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

7:00P Grief Share

Tuesday, November 2

6:00P Business Committee
 6:30P Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

(5 weeks on/1 week off)

6:00P Youth Group
 6:30P KIDS Talent Zone
 6:30P Adult Bible Study

Sunday, November 7, 2021

2:00A Daylight Saving time ends

Tuesday, November 9

9:00A MomLife
 6:00P Board of Elders

Friday, November 12

7:00P Movie Night

Sunday, November 14, 2021

10:30A Communion
 Baptism - Lauren Recker
 12:00P Wedding Reception for Jacob and Hannah Barton (MPR)

Tuesday, November 16

6:30P Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 17

6:30P Youth Friendsgiving

Monday, November 22

8:00P Anchored Friendsgiving

Wednesday, November 24

Break - No programs

Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving Day
 Church Office Closed Nov. 25-26

Saturday, November 27

Decorate the church for Christmas

Sunday, November 28

First Sunday in Advent

Tuesday, November 30

6:30P Women's Bible Study

UPCOMING EVENT

Saturday, December 18

5:00P Journey Thru Christmas

A Page 2 Christmas Gift Idea!

Marlene Etter will leave in early January for another two-year assignment to Chad and will carry back with her certain supplies which are difficult to acquire in-country. Here's how we can help her to gather what she needs. There will be a "Marlene" box in the office with a clipboard for you to write your name next to an item on the list which you plan to donate. When you've acquired it, just add it to the box. Quantities are deliberately small due to the weight constraints of air travel.

Questions? Joanne at mmackey12@yahoo.com

Last day for gifts is December 19.



QTY.	ITEM
2	Scotch tape (a good brand as it's hard to come by quality brands in Chad) (2)
1	White out
1	Package of black Bic pens (perhaps called Round Stic)
1-2	Duct tape roll about 2" wide (gray or any color)
1	9-volt battery
1	Old used laptop for use as a back-up (not urgently needed)
2-3	Scotch-Brite Dobie cleaning pads to wash dishes
1	Campho-Phenique (small essential oil)
2	Excedrin or generic brand (bottles)
2	Ibuprofen or generic (bottles)
1-2	Tylenol or generic (bottles)
1	Zinc tablet bottle (good to eradicate colds when they start coming on)

QTY.	ITEM
1	Aveeno daily moisturizing lotion (only want this Aveeno brand, non-scented lotion) - off white and green bottle
1-2	Olay Active Hydrating Original Cream (2oz)
3	Hand sanitizer (small purse size)
6 yd.	Elastic (1/4" or 1/2" for making waistbands for shorts)

TEAS & SPICES: (if in packages, means less weight in luggage)

1	Box of variety of herbal teas
1	Cream of Tartar
1	Curry
1	Market Spice brand - Cinnamon-Orange loose leaf (not tea bags)
1	Oregano

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under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time." (1 Peter 5:6) – *Fold #6*

- **Honoring your father and mother.** "Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. Buy the truth and do not sell it—wisdom, instruction and insight as well. The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him. May your father and mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful!" (Proverbs 23:22-25) – *Folds #8 and #10*

- **The impact of a mom.** "I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also." (2 Timothy 1:5) – *Fold #9*
- **God's faithfulness in His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.** "I will remember my covenant with Jacob and my covenant with Isaac and my covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land." (Leviticus 26:42) – *Fold #11*
- **The triune God.** "As soon as Jesus was

Thirty Years of God's Faithfulness

Conclusion of a Series by Sue Redhed, Past Editor of the Press

How (or why) does anyone in his right mind stay in the same church position for 30 years? Well, speaking for myself, here's what it took:

1. A strong initial sense of calling: "Yes, *this* is what God wants me to do."
2. From then on, saying "No" to any other major commitments.
4. Eventually, a firm promise to God to stay with it until He called me out.
5. Multitudes of encouragers and helpers.
6. A husband with a servant's heart to whom it mattered that I succeed.
7. An ever-growing dependence on God in prayer.
8. An ever-growing confidence that it's been God's work, that it's important, and that *He* is the one who's been doing it.

I am so thankful for this experience. It fit my skills in some ways, but in other ways it forced me to grow, particularly in self-discipline. Then I can't imagine a better training ground for growing into a writer than a situation where you are always facing the discipline of limited space.

Sometimes I've felt I was living a charmed life. No one ever asked me to step down every three years. I could do most of the work at home, my favorite place. For most of that time my husband, Dave, and I worked as a team, along with various of our

kids, deriving much joy from doing it together, watching it grow, and continually trying to improve it. Lately those joys and satisfactions have been shared with my friend, Eva Lee, who has brought fresh ideas and skills to the effort.

In the beginning I'm not sure there were many besides Dave and then-Pastor Wheatley who shared my vision regarding the need for communication, but in 30 years that has totally changed, for which I thank God. I'm also thankful for all the people who've contributed to the Press, with special gratitude for the writers and artists and photographers who've committed to be part of the work of the Press at various times; what an encouragement that's been! I thank God for His great gift of a growing relationship with our church staff; what an amazing privilege to know such truly giving people!

I have only a couple of regrets. (1) We've never succeeded in creating a data base (index) of all the Press years. (2) There are still scores of wonderful people out there who've not yet been interviewed.

But everything is pointing forward now; God has called me to write a book which He has plans for in the secular market. He also has big plans for communication in our church. Joyful prospects!

"I run in the path of Your commands, for You have set my heart free" (Psalm 119:32).

baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."
(Matthew 3:16-17) – *Fold #12*

- **Trusting in the Lord.** "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6) – *Fold #13*

It's been 245 years since the United States became a nation. Like Israel, it didn't take long for the wheels to come off from the glory years of King David and Solomon. We, too, as a nation have turned our back on God, just like Israel did. As believers, let us remember the truth and admonition of God's word woven into the ceremony of the 13 folds of the United States flag as we express our gratitude for those that have served, many of whom gave their lives, so that we might enjoy the many freedoms this country provides.

Editor's Note:

This article is a reprint from the July 2007 issue of the Boulevard Park Press, written by Sue Redhed, who served as editor of this newsletter from 1977-2007. After stepping down as editor, Sue remained a vital member of the Press team — as reporter, contributor, advisor, and encourager until her death in August 2021. Sue's wise words and faithful example of a Godly woman will continue to influence and guide the Press.

At the end of Sue's article she mentions both regrets and plans. As the current Press editor, I still have hopes to create an index as well as to digitize older issues of the Press to make available on the church website. As for the book, it did not materialize. However, Sue left copious notes that her daughter Vicki, also an author, may consider how to bring the story to completion.

— Eva Lee Henderson



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CAFÉ CHOCOLAT!

BPC Ladies!

Here's a SAVE THE DATE event you'll want to put on your calendar! You may or may not be aware, but our November women's retreat had to be cancelled. However, we didn't want to miss the opportunity to share what would have taken place, so we've decided to bring the retreat right to our own doorstep!

You are invited to attend our chocolate-themed **CAFÉ CHOCOLAT DAY RETREAT** on **January 15, 2022**, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the MPRI! Come join us for a day of friendship, laughter, fun activities and games, as well as a time of worship and digging into the Word, that will not only bring us closer together as



BPC sisters, but in our walk with Jesus! Lunch and drinks will be provided. We'll also have a community snack table where we can all bring our "favorite" munchies to share with one another throughout the day!

Look for more info in the upcoming bulletins and the December and January Press publications! Questions? Contact Lisa Bowen at lisa.bowen@bpccburien.org or at 206-354-0339.