



The New Gazebo

By Kathy Rainey

Lots of questions and comments: “What’s that?” “Where did it come from?” “Where can I buy one?” “I need one for my back yard.” So here’s the scoop:

A Yardistry wood gazebo with an aluminum roof was purchased from Costco in June. It took longer to get here than anticipated; it finally was delivered in early August. It’s approximately 12 ft. x 16 ft. and the cost including delivery was \$2,422.19. The purpose of buying one was to provide covered space for the many receptions held outside because smaller tent canopies would get blown down in the wind.

It is so nice to have it for shelter and fellowship time after church; even a meeting was held there. It was completed in time for Sue Redhed’s memorial reception on Saturday, August 18. Amazingly the volunteer builders assembled it (not an easy task) before the reception.

The assembly started in the MPR and then moved outside. The instruction booklet to put the Gazebo together is 65 pages long!

Bob Steiner was in charge of the project and was a blessing with his experience in putting something like this together. When he had to go on a scheduled vacation, Bob transferred his duties to Tim Harder.

We welcomed the help of some of the young men, too. Thank you to Bob and Tim and their crew: Don Hartley, Anthony Rice, Noah Harder, Dave Huck, Dave Will, Bob Burton, Paul Clements, Larry Bretz, and Don Jones. Amelia Harder served as a special helper!

It was great to have the gazebo for the Block Party on Saturday, September 11. An outdoor rug was purchased to put under it for the event. The next step will be putting up the lights that go around the inside of the gazebo.

Thank you for the nice comments that we have received about this new addition and a special thank you to all the men for their hard work putting it together and getting it level on the sloped asphalt surface!



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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Oh, No! It's a Test!

By Ellyn Roe

School is underway. Here's an **OCTOBER QUIZ**:

List the 11 Global Workers or GW families that Boulevard Park Church supports, and where they are living in October. (For security reasons the Press will not print all of the answers, but you can see some on page 6.)

BPC GLOBAL WORKERS

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
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- 10.
- 11.

EXTRA CREDIT:

Post your completed list where you have your daily quiet time and pray for each GW by name.

EXTRA EXTRA CREDIT:

Write emails, texts or snail mail notes of encouragement to at least one of those whom we have sent and support.

We have heard that our GW's crave encouragement from YOU. If you are not on their mailing lists, ask them to add you! You can contact Ellyn Roe or the BPC Missions committee if you need addresses.

The Parable of the Soils and Assurance of Salvation

By Pastor Bud

Most of you are familiar with Jesus' parable of the soils. *"Behold, the sower went out to sow; and as he sowed, some seeds fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil. But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. Others fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out. And others fell on the good soil and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty"* (Mt. 13:3-8).

Later, in verses 18-23 of that chapter, Jesus explained the meaning of the parable. Interestingly, only one of the soils brought forth fruit. It is not the first soil or the last soil that troubles most people about this parable. We understand that when God's word is proclaimed, some immediately reject it, and some hear the word and are gloriously saved. The middle two types of soil cause us to question the security and assurance of salvation.

Whether we are talking about the seed that falls on the rocky soil or the soil among thorns, in both cases, the immediate response appeared to be promising, but their end testified that the apparent growth was artificial. The demise of the seed planted in these two soils causes many to question the security of a person's salvation. In the next few paragraphs, I want to clarify the following statement: All true believers are eternally secure in their salvation, even if they experience seasons of unfaithfulness.

First, let me clarify the statement by saying that the security of one's salvation is predicated upon being true believers. Although it may seem obvious, it is not. Jesus said, *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven"* (Mt. 7:21). While confessing Jesus as Lord is essential for salvation (Rom. 10:9-10), the verbal testimony of a commitment that does not truly exist in one's heart does not

represent true salvation. Like the middle two soils in Jesus' parable, an insincere verbal commitment is not salvific. Salvation is so much more than a verbal commitment. Indeed, everyone who is in Christ is a new creature (2 Cor. 5:17).

So, you may ask, "How do I know if I am truly saved?" or "What are the characteristics of a true believer?" The apostle John offers a series of tests that help us consider if we are truly saved. Although no one has attained perfection, the characterization of one's life will reveal the genuineness of his salvation. John's tests come in the form of the following questions:

- Do you enjoy having fellowship with Christ and His redeemed people? (1 Jn. 1:3)
- Would people say you walk in the light or walk in the darkness? (1 Jn. 1:6-7)
- Do you admit and confess your sin? (1 Jn. 1:8)
- Are you obedient to God's word? (1 Jn. 2:3-5)
- Does your life indicate you love God rather than the world? (1 Jn. 2:15)
- Is your life characterized by doing what is right? (1 Jn. 2:29)
- Do you seek to maintain a pure life? (1 Jn. 3:3)
- Do you see a decreasing pattern of sin in your life? (1 Jn. 3:5-6)
- Do you demonstrate love for other Christians? (1 Jn. 3:14)
- Do you walk in accordance with your claims? (1 Jn. 3:18-19)
- Do you maintain a clear conscience? (1 Jn. 3:21)
- Do you see evidence of the Holy Spirit's presence in your life? (1 Jn. 4:13)
- Do you have an orthodox view of Jesus' identity? (1 Jn. 5:1)
- Do you experience victory in your Christian life? (1 Jn. 5:4)

If you are truly saved, though, you may still have times in your life when you don't act like you are saved. Thankfully, even *"if we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself"* (2 Tim. 2:13).

Hallelujah, what a Savior,
Pastor Bud

Milestones

Births

Elizabeth Anne Gray

August 30, 2021

Parents: Paul and Melissa Gray.
Grandparents: Dave and Shawn Will,
Larry and Vicki Gray

Ruby Rose Faulkner

September 2, 2021

Parents: Chris and Maria Faulkner

Deaths

Mavis Brinkman

August 22, 2021

mother of Nancy Kido

Steve Michael Hartley

August 26, 2021

Glenn Amdahl

September 8, 2021

cousin of Mary Payne

Collette Rice

September 11, 2021

wife of Lenny and mother
of Nicole

Congregational Meeting

There will be a brief congregational meeting on **Sunday, October 3 at 12 p.m.** to approve the members of the Nominating Committee.

Youth Ministry Update

Why All the “All-Church” Stuff?

By Nate Kowallis

Celebrations!

September Birthdays

- 1 Lisa Barton
- 2 Krista Chapman
Lisa Finnsson
Carolyn Smith
- 4 Nick Papini
- 5 Vicki Gray
- 7 Gladys Baxter
- 8 Brian Hudson
Miki Vercammen
- 9 Amelia Harder
Violet Nyholm
Glen Rose
- 10 Lois Esser
- 12 Sandy Rice
Debbie Wood
- 14 Alan Conroy
- 15 Karen Gilleland
- 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
- 27 WesleyMattson
SuzanneSneesby
- 29 Conor Malis
- 30 Jessica Barton
- 31 Kathy Rainey
Rick Rose

Early November BDs

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

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

Two years ago, the Youth Ministry moved Youth Group from Sunday night to Wednesday night. One year ago, we adopted BPC’s relationship with Transform Burien, this summer we invited the whole church to a youth night, and last month we opened up the Youth Ministry’s Sunday School class to the church (on a class-by-class basis).

You may ask, or someone may have asked you, “Why does the Youth Ministry keep opening itself up to the church?” The answer is quite simple, though it has significant programmatic implications.

For years many research gurus have been touting the statistic, “70% of teens leave the church after high school.” Others have responded to this by searching out the causes for both students’ “exodus” and faithfulness. The research generally agrees that—for kids who continue in the Christian faith—intentional “main-service” participation, regular worship and service alongside a student’s own family, and relationships of depth with both peers and adults are significant. Additionally, an approach to ministry that interacts with the family unit and not just the children, is faithful to the Lord’s

design and intentions for the family.

There are a couple of more ideas I have yet to implement, but fear not: the students will still have their own space. For Sunday School, our present class (Praying the Psalms, concluding on November 7) is open, but our *next* class, taking us through December, will be exclusive to the students and their leaders. Additionally, the church is welcome to Youth Group on October 27, January 26, and May 25; the other 34 occurrences during this academic year are just for the students.

When our youth identify with the Youth Group, some fun cultural dynamics develop. Those dynamics, however, are not worth the lost sense of identity that comes with graduation. Our hope in the Youth Ministry is that students will identify with their Lord as members of His body, His bride—the church—and that this identity will stay with them when they move on from Youth Group. Whether college takes them to another place and another church, our goal is to see them equipped and prepared to connect and find their place within God’s chosen family, wherever they find themselves.

CAFÉ CHOCOLAT!

Join us for

Women's Fall Retreat

November 7 - 9

Registration will begin on September 26 in the MPR.

Cost is \$175 and covers lodging, meals, and retreat materials.

Partial scholarships are available.

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



FALL KIDS MINISTRIES

BLAST OFF

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By Lisa Siedenburg

Sunday Mornings

Our Sunday morning teams are launching a new year and a new curriculum (Grow Curriculum). This month we're focusing on four Spiritual Habits.

- We can spend time with God.
- People can help grow our faith.
- We can share God's story.
- We can serve others.

We've brought back Kids Church for Elementary kids, and we're looking forward to growing closer to Jesus together! Our Sunday morning schedule is as follows:

9:15 a.m. Sunday School (Nursery, Preschool and Elementary Classes)

10:30 a.m. Kids Church (Nursery and Preschool at 10:30. Elementary kids dismiss from the service just before the sermon and head to their class.)



Have a little time on your hands?

Room 109 in the children's wing needs baseboards cut to size and attached to the walls. All materials covered by the church. Contact Lisa Siedenburg for more information. 206-334-6775

Midweek Programs

Our **KIDlife** and **Talent Zone** programs rocketed into action! At KIDlife we welcomed lots of new little ones—for some it was first time away from mom since the pandemic! At The Talent Zone we welcomed back kids from our Sunday morning programs, a handful from last summer's Sports Camp, and a couple from pre-pandemic Awana. It was so nice to see these families desiring to grow their children in the Lord!



Bouldering Wall

We are climbing to new heights with a freshly installed Bouldering Wall! Kids are developing strength and agility as they navigate their way in life and across this new addition to our basement.

Save the Date!

Save the dates and join the preparations for:

Trunk or Treat – Sunday, October 31

A Journey Thru Christmas – Saturday, December 18

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

October Events

SUNDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, October 3

10:30A Communion
12:00P Congregational Meeting
1:00P Deacons' Luncheon

MONDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

7:00P Grief Share

Tuesday, October 5

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

Tuesday, October 12

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

Friday, October 15

Press Articles Due

Tuesday, October 19

6:30P Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 20

Break - No programs

Friday, October 22

6:30P Men's Movie Night

Saturday, October 23

10:00A Membership Class

Tuesday, October 26

9:00A MomLife

Sunday, October 31

5:00P Trunk or Treat

Tending the Flock

Pray for Us

By Doug Barton, Elder

Have you ever stopped and wondered what the Elders were up to? Wondered what are they working on? What keeps them awake at night? Well maybe not...but someone did ask me the other day how they could pray for the elders. I don't get asked that very often but I really appreciated it so I thought I would share a few of the bigger issues that the elders are dealing with right now.

Social Issues

First, you may have heard that we are studying the social issues that are going on around us. We hear words and phrases all the time such as Black Lives Matter, Critical Race Theory, Social Justice, Equity vs. Equality, and so many more. We are all aware of these issues and how they impact many areas of our lives. The elders are working on understanding these issues from a biblical worldview. Our goal is to share with the congregation what the Bible has to say about these issues and how we as Christians can understand and respond in a way that glorifies God. You will be hearing more from the elders on this subject as we progress in our studies. Please be praying for us as we study and discuss together.

Nominating Committee

Secondly, I want to mention the Nominating Committee. This does not keep all of the elders up at night because that responsibility falls on Bud and me; we have the privilege of leading the committee this year. I am happy to report that we now have a full committee. The names of the committee members will

be presented at a congregational meeting on Sunday, October 3, for a congregational vote to approve the members. It took a while to get volunteers to serve which was a little concerning. As this committee begins the process of finding biblically-qualified individuals to serve in various offices of the church we will need people to step up and be willing to serve as elders, deacons, deaconesses and trustees. Please be praying for wisdom and guidance for the committee and for those whom God will call to serve this next year in these important roles in the life of the church.

Government Mandates

Lastly, I want to ask for prayer for the elders in regard to handling Covid and government mandates. Rom 13:1 says, *"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God."* It is our desire to continue to comply with mandates as we have done so far. We did choose to bring back singing in the church in contradiction with government direction because we believed that not singing had a negative spiritual consequence to the church body. But in all other areas we have complied (regardless of how we may have personally felt about the mandates). Please pray for us as we continue to walk the line of following mandates and maintaining the spiritual health of the church.

Thank you all for your prayers. They are very much appreciated!

ANSWERS to GW Quiz from Page 2:

Jerry and Candice Bingham, Vancouver WA

Tim and Debbie Bryce, Bozeman, MT

K.D., Chad

M.E, Tacoma

H's, Asia

Tom and Judy Horton, Seattle

H's, Dallas

Mark and Joanne Mackey, Seattle

Noe, Lisa, Naya and Jocie Martinez, Papua

New Guinea

S's San Diego/Tijuana

Tom and Debbie Wood, Washougal, WA

Thirty Years of God's Faithfulness

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

When I first volunteered to take charge of the church newsletter, my main motivation was a sensitivity to the problems that can arise as a result of inadequate communication, whether in a family, a business, or a church. Since then my observation has been that when, for instance, you prepare your church people for a major change, they can handle it; when you explain difficult decisions to them, they can accept them; when you are going through a crisis, regular communication keeps them linked and unshakable. If the communication slips in any of those situations, the immediate symptom is that rumors and murmuring start springing up everywhere.

My vision for our newsletter grew clearer with time. It had to be a newsletter that *I'd* want to read, which meant among other things that people would be a prominent feature in it. It had to be readable, so details like the size and style of typeface and the color of the paper mattered. It should be as attractive as we could make it, using original art or clip art and our gradually improving page design skills. Then – big point – it must set an example of excellence in writing and editing. Yet there had to be a sliding scale there, for if a first-time contributor had his article edited to death, he'd probably never try again. Then my ideal newsletter would be personal in tone and content; it must be obvious that it was coming from real people, people we know, not just professionals assigned to the job. It also should have personality, and if that occasionally showed up as spontaneous goofiness, well, could I help that?

An important requirement was that it not be the Reader's Digest; this must be our very own original publication. "Let others quote us!" was my motto. That fit with another part of my vision: The church needs a forum for writers. Musicians in a church find plenty of use for their skills, but what can writers do with their writing? Today I marvel at how many different people have contributed something, or many things, to the Press; there is fun on this end imagining their satisfaction when they see themselves in

print, especially for the first time.

There has long been a sense of the possibility for the newsletter's being a positive influence within the church. For instance, could helping readers

get better acquainted with a church elder through an in-depth interview promote love and respect for him as a church leader? Could the encouragement that we've tried to give people in various ways strengthen them to persevere in their tasks? Could new people gain a sense of belonging here through reading the Press?

The miracle has been that I and all those helping me have been given the freedom to create just the kind of newsletter that I've visualized. This all came to a head one year when I was memorizing a passage in Philippians 2 and came upon the phrase "one in spirit and purpose." In my mind those words summed up, on a higher level, how I'd hoped God could use the Press: to somehow help all of us here at Boulevard become "one in spirit and purpose."

(Next month: Thirty Years, 10,000 Blessings)

Editor's Note:

This article is a reprint from the June 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.



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BLOCK PARTY

