

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES AND EVENTS

ADVENT SUNDAYS

November 28, December 5,
12, and 19 – Worship
In-Person and Livestream
10:30 A.M.

WINTER WORSHIP NIGHT

Friday, December 3
7:00 P.M.

JOURNEY THRU CHRISTMAS

Saturday, December 18
5:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Friday, December 24
7:00 P.M.

A Christmas Poem

By Danna Lightfoot

Christmas is that special time of year
When good wishes come from far and near –
Sent from the ones we love and hold dear.

It is the time of Christ's lowly birth –
The time when He came, as man, to Earth
To teach all mankind of our true worth.

He came to us as the Son of God
And we must not think of this as odd
As through this Christmas time we trod.

So let us now take time to reflect –
For each one of us is an elect
Who can praise God with a voice unchecked.

So let Christmas time this year be bright
As you in God take great delight
While you celebrate with all your might.



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

This monthly PAGE 2 column reminds us that a partnership takes two. We should all be active, on-going SENDERS partnering with the SENT.

Compiled and edited by Ellyn Roe

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Getting Ready For Baby And Beyond

By C.H.*

Dear BPC family,

We have been off and running these past few months—specifically focusing on our language acquisition efforts. As you know, becoming articulate speakers of the local language is a necessary and arduous task for any foreign worker who aims for tip-of-the-spear work.

We both recently had language evaluations and were quite thankful to hear that our hard work has been paying off. We are making progress and each received results that surpassed our expectations.

In January, however, we will be taking a break from our normal routine as we plan to have a baby here in the capital city.

Our biggest work-related highlight, apart from language progress, has been the opportunity I have had to continue studying the Word (in English) with some members of the asylum-seeking community in this city who hail from the Middle East. This is a huge blessing and the very fact that we get to do this puts wind in our sails.

Looking ahead, we hope to relocate to our 'long-term' location by the end of 2022. You can be in prayer for this as we are also not sure yet exactly who our partners will be. But God knows what he's doing, and we rest in that as we move forward. We plan to keep you updated as things progress.

Thanks again and we miss you so much.

With Love, C,A,C and Baby



A long boat ride was required to explore/research a region in which we might work



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Our little girl hanging out with boys in a village we visited.

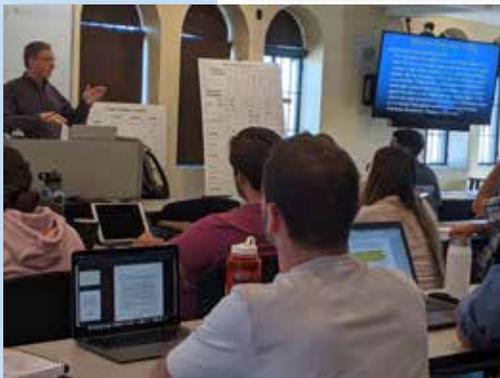


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T.* Teaching Phonetics class

From Mexico to Missouri: Kingdom Work

By T.& S. S.*

63 new students joined us in August, spread out over two campuses in Mexico, to begin their training as cross-cultural workers. It's a joy to work with them, and to be a part of seeing more unreached people groups be reached with the good news in years to come, through investing in training these future workers. We also were able to help out Ethnos360 Training in Missouri with a five-week advanced culture course this fall, during which time we were able to visit several friends and supporting churches in Missouri and Illinois. It's been a very busy, but fulfilling, semester. We praise God for safe travels, good health, and for stamina. We look forward to having our kids and some of their friends over for Christmas. We want to wish you all a wonderful Christmas.

Tea and Talk

By K.D.*

We've had a great start to an English Club at our home that we've started for current upper-level women in the English Center classes. It's something we had considered for a long time, and we hope it is a blessing to these women as we provide a comfortable, supplemental opportunity to practice their English. We're attempting to provide a variety of ways both to improve their English and for ongoing spiritual conversations, so our time together has included videos and discussion of parables of Jesus (a complement to the OT and NT content of the classes at the Center), conversation and topics of interest to get to know one another better, grammar points, English games/activities, and, of course, Chadian tea. ☺
The ladies seem to really be enjoying it!



Some of the ladies who have been coming to the new English Club.

Photographer: M. L.

Introducing: LauLau!

By Naya Martinez

Meet LauLau, the newest member of our team here in Papua New Guinea!

LauLau was born along with two other puppies to a Tigak family's dog on October 1, 2021.

LauLau, however, caught our eye right away. His coloring was unique to all the dogs on the island. As we racked our brains to find a name, Jocie suggested the name LauLau.

What does LauLau mean? A LauLau is a pink fruit that grows on trees, and ironically, our LauLau was born right



LauLau's ready for football season

See LauLau, page 8

Happy Birthday, Jesus!

By Pastor Bud

All over the world, people are gearing up to celebrate Christmas, which is the day we celebrate the incarnation of the Christ, the Son of God, the son of Mary—Jesus. For many, this birthday celebration is like singing Happy Birthday to someone in a restaurant without knowing the person. You know what it is like when the wait staff gathers around a table of some poor soul sinking in their chair as they place a large sombrero on their head, urging others to join them as they sing. The song goes like this, *Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday dear mmmm?, happy birthday to you.*

Birthdays are always better when we know the person whose birthday we are celebrating. So, in the next few paragraphs, I want to reintroduce you to Jesus. The prophet Isaiah gives us four names of our Savior, and they are not proper names; rather, they are descriptive names, designations of His being, character, and redemptive work.

“For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6). This verse says a lot.

Through the prophet, God promises that *“a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us.”* The promised son emphasizes the child’s humanity and deity. In terms of His humanity, He will be born of a virgin (Isa. 7:14), of the house of Jesse/David (Isa. 11:1), and born in Bethlehem (Mic. 5:2). As the Son of God, He will be divine (Jn. 1:1, 14; 3:16).

Isaiah helps us to know this child who is born to us, for He is the:

1. Wonderful Counselor – the literal Hebrew reads *“wonder of a counselor.”* His counsel is wonderful and His wisdom great (Isa. 28:29). It transcends human wisdom (Rom. 11:33-34). Though His counsel transcends our comprehension,

it is marvelous, wonderful, and impeccable. For, in the wisdom of God, the last shall be first (Mt. 20:16), those who want to be great must serve (Mt. 20:26), and those who want to save their lives must lose them for His sake (Mk. 8:35).

2. Mighty God – this child possesses all the power and authority of God. We know that God is sovereign, great, powerful, glorious, majestic, victorious, and He is exalted as head over all (1 Chr. 29:11). This child, the Son of God, called the Word by the apostle John, who was in the beginning with God and is God (Jn. 1:1; 5:17; 10:30; 14:9).

3. Eternal Father – the literal translation of this name is *“the Father of Eternity.”* In other words, Jesus, the Son who is given to us, existed before and sovereignly over time itself (Gen. 1:1-3; Jn. 1:1-3). As such, He loved us with an everlasting love (Jer. 31:3).

4. Prince of Peace – the child who was born to us, the Son who was given to us long ago on a cold night in Bethlehem, is the one who will bring *“peace on earth among men with whom He is pleased”* (Lk. 2:14). His child would grow up and would Himself become our peace as He broke down the barrier to reconcile us to God through the cross, and in this way, He preached peace to those who were both far away and those who were near (Eph. 2:13-18).

So, now that you have been introduced to the child, the Son, the Savior, Jesus Christ, this Christmas, you can sing with full-throated, whole-hearted enthusiasm. May we echo the words of Paul and say, *“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift”* (2 Cor. 9:15).

Have a blessed Christmas,
Pastor Bud

Milestones

Baptism

Lauren Elizabeth Recker

November 14, 2021

Parents: Jon and Nikkii Recker

Grandparents: Ernie and Peggie Recker



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Calendar Events

SUNDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

9:00A Adult Sunday School Class
9:15A KIDS Sunday School Hour
10:30A Worship In-Person & Livestream
11:50A Christmas Caroling in the MPR following services

Wednesday, December 1

6:30P Kids Zone, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study

Friday, December 3

7:00P Worship Night

Sunday, December 5

Second Sunday in Advent
10:30A Communion

Monday, December 6

7:00P GriefShare

Tuesday, December 7

9:00A MomLife Christmas Brunch

Saturday, December 11

9:00A Rehearsal for Journey Thru Christmas
10:15A New Members' Class

Sunday, December 12

Third Sunday in Advent

Monday, December 13

7:00P GriefShare

Wednesday, December 15

Press Articles Due

Saturday, December 18

9:00A All-Church Prayer Meeting
10:00A Journey Set Up
5:00P Journey Thru Christmas

Sunday, December 19

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Friday, December 24

Church Office Closed
7:00P Christmas Eve Service

Monday December 27

Church Office Closed

Friday, December 31

Church Office Closed'
6:00P New Year's Eve Dinner and Movie



Winter Worship Night Friday, December 3 at 7 p.m.

Let's start off the holiday season right by gathering outside of our typical routines and rhythms for a special evening of singing, reading, meditation, and prayer. Invite a friend and come worship the Creator who became a man to rescue us from our bondage to the creation. All are welcome and childcare will be available for kids 5 and under.

Women's Ministry Bible Studies

A Precepts Study of Galatians will begin on Wednesday, **December 1** at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Mary Miller. Please feel free to call her at 253-520-1819 for more information and to get a book.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study is back, Ladies! Beginning on **January 12**, come and meet at 9:30 a.m. in the MPR for a time of worship and prayer, led by Mary Cox, followed by a study on Galatians, led by Jean Rose, in Room 444. We will be using the study guide by Warren Wiersbe. No refreshments will be served and current mask protocols will be followed.



New Year's Eve Movie

End 2021 with dinner and a fantastic missions movie! A documentary exploring faith, passion and how hope emerges from tragedy, *Ends of the Earth* weaves together true stories of Mission Aviation Fellowship pilots—past and present—who strive with missionaries and local believers to take the gospel to the most remote places on earth. Join us on **December 31** at 6 p.m. for dinner. The movie will start at 6:30 p.m. and we'll have a short discussion and time of prayer to follow.

GriefShare Class "Surviving the Holidays"

This class is a collaboration of Boulevard Park Church and Grace Church for those going through the holidays while navigating the loss of a loved one. It will take place at Grace Church on **Saturday, December 4** at 10 a.m. (10323 28th Ave SW, Seattle WA 98146). You may register for the class online at www.griefshare.org or contact Katy Lynch, 206-371-0554.

New Members Class

The class will be held at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, **December 11**. The New Members class is for anyone who wants to find out more about the Boulevard Park Church and for those who would like to join the church. If you are interested in taking this class please contact Pastor Bud at bud.diener@bpcburien.org.

LIVE OUTDOOR NATIVITY

A Journey Thru Christmas

Saturday, December 18, 5-7 pm

Boulevard Park Church

1822 S 128th St, Burien

www.bpcburien.org

Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus...

By Lisa Siedenburg

One of my favorite songs on the radio right now is
"My Jesus" by Anne Wilson. Here's how it goes...

*Are you past the point of weary? Is your burden weighin' heavy?
Is it all too much to carry? **Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus**
Do you feel that empty feeling? 'Cause shame's done all its stealin'
And you're desperate for some healin' **Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus***

*Who can wipe away the tears; From broken dreams and wasted years
And tell the past to disappear? **Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus**
And all the wrong turns that you would, Go and undo if you could
Who can work it all for your good; **Let me tell you about my Jesus***

*Who would take my cross to Calvary?
Pay the price for all my guilty?
Who would care that much about me?
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus*

*He makes a way where there ain't no way; Rises up from an empty grave
Ain't no sinner that He can't save; **Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus**
His love is strong and His grace is free; And the good news is I know that He
Can do for you what He's done for me; **Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus***

And let my Jesus change your life!

Isn't that what we're here for? What we live for...opportunities to tell the people around us about Jesus and what he's done for us... PERSONALLY? Has Jesus changed your life? He's changed mine and I'm so grateful. That's what makes me excited about the Journey Thru Christmas. It's an opportunity to tell our friends, family, neighbors, and our Boulevard Park community and beyond about our Jesus and his

birth story! We hope you'll join us for the walk thru this year and that you'll make the most of this opportunity to invite someone new to come too!

Oh, and YES! We need your help too! (See sidebar.) Contact Lisa or Peggie to get involved in A Journey Thru Christmas, children@bppc.org or 206-334-6775.

Help Needed

Set Up - At least 20 people needed for set up on Saturday, December 18, starting at 10 a.m.

Publicity - Put yard signs around the community. (3 weeks before: Nov 27-Dec 3)

Prep - Week Before

- Fill containers with cement
- Haul/wrap orange traffic cones
- Fill ziplocks with pea gravel
- Pick up 3 bales of hay/straw
- Prepare Guest Gift Bags

Shepherd and Angel Choir

December 11, 9-10 a.m. Dress Rehearsal
December 18, Arrive by 4 p.m.

Stage Crew

December 18, Help with lights, heat and sound behind one of the scenes. Arrive by 4 p.m.

Refreshments

- Serve Cocoa, Coffee and Cookies
- Make and bring 3 dozen cookies

Parking Lot Attendants

Welcome and direct people where to park

Equipment Loans

Work Lights, Extension Cords, Power Strips, Propane Heaters with tank, Propane Fire Pits with tank

How to Get Involved

Sign up following the Sunday service or contact Lisa: children@bppc.org or 206-334-6775.

Celebrations!

December Birthdays

- 5 Randy Sneesby
- 6 Jo Ann Peterson
- 7 Jael Nagy
- 8 Micah Harder
- 9 Bill Roenicke
- 11 George Brown
Sharon Nickells
Carmel Walder
- 12 Miesha Hartley
Susie Hudson
- 13 Julia Barton
Roma Erdahl
Terry Mudie
- 17 Robin Sheppard
- 18 Les Bear
La Ruth Christiansen
- 21 Roger Cox
Bennett Faulkner
- 22 Cheryl Reynolds
- 23 John Siedenburg
- 25 Bud Diener
- 27 Natalie Malis
Donnie Wootan
- 28 Carolyn Parish
Beverly Rene
- 29 Barry Dubnow
Denise Hovland
Bonnie Johnson
- 30 Nancy Brown
Sylvia Kendrick

Early January BDs

- 1 Lynda Eck
- 6 Alex Alford
- 8 Edmund Faulkner
- 10 Sheila Richardson
- 12 Kelly Graham

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

Tending the Flock

Approaching God – Old Testament Shadows of Christmas

By Steve Roe, Elder

Here's the bottom line:

Within the Old Testament, shadows are often found which reveal New Testament realities. God wants to give the **Best Gift of All!** – a relation with Him today, and the hope of eternity with Him in heaven for all who will trust in Jesus. It's the place of ultimate blessing.

For nearly 1400 years, and until Christ's death, a common person could not approach God directly except for his personal faith in The Almighty (like Noah and Abraham) or through means of a Levitical priest. The Jewish tabernacle accompanied the Israelites for 40 years as they wandered throughout the wilderness of Kadesh-Barnea. Only the High Priest could enter the Holy of Holies where God dwelt – and only once a year on the Day of Atonement – where the priest atoned for his sins, the sins of the priesthood and the sins of the people Israel.

Jeremiah records the promise of God to restore Israel to the place of blessing. You can read about this in chapter 30:18–31:20.

In chapter 30 verse 21 God reveals His holiness – and a conundrum:

“For who would dare to risk his life to approach Me?”

In His mercy, God doesn't leave His people without a solution; it is He Who does the work. Jeremiah 30:21-22 says:

“And I will bring him near, and he shall approach me... You shall be My people, and I will be Your God.”

Ezekiel, Jeremiah's contemporary, voiced God's explanation of restoring Israel to the place of blessing. The reason wasn't because He had a special fondness for them, nor had the Israelites somehow earned God's favor. Ezekiel records the answer in 36:21-23. God is jealous that His name and His glory be restored and revered. He promises to act.

Fast-forward to the New Testament...

When Jesus died on the cross, the covering of the Holy of Holies which separated Holy God from sinful man – the veil – was torn from top to bottom by God Himself. Once again, God did the work. See Matthew 27:51.

God is holy. Although we were all born in sin, the atoning death of Jesus on the cross is singularly sufficient to save us from being alienated from God forever. Jesus' resurrection is God's declaration that the debt of sin has been paid in full for all who will accept His costly Gift.

It's nearly Christmas! Have you received the gift of God's blessing, a relationship with God Who made you, loves you, and invites you to **Approach Him** in faith? He offers this gift to you today, through Jesus Christ!

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

— John 3:16

All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

— John 6:37



Bags for the Homeless

Please stop by the church office to pick up a bag or two for the homeless. The bags can be given out to those standing on street corners, etc. You can keep them in your car so you have something to give them if you'd like. The bags are sponsored by the Deacons and made up by Jan Welch.



Calling all ladies who are 18 to 100 years old!

You're going to want to mark
your calendar for



Saturday, January 15 at 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.!

Come and spend the day with your BPC sisters
at our one-day, in-house retreat:



CAFÉ CHOCOLAT:



The Extravagance of God's Grace on our Lives

Our day will be filled with laughter, worship, games, snacks,
Bible study, friends, prayer and connection, and as the
theme indicates...there will be lots of chocolate involved!

Lunch will be provided as an added bonus.

This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to come with you!

Come and spend the day having fun with friends,
(and even make some new ones!) and be
encouraged in your walk with Jesus!

It'll be a great way to start the New Year!

You can register for this event by signing up at the registration table
in the foyer beginning on Sunday, December 5, or by contacting
Lisa Bowen at lisa.bowen@bpcburien.org or calling/texting at 206-354-0339.

There is a \$25 suggested donation for this event.



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Laulaus on a lalau tree.

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at the beginning of LauLau season! The name suited him perfectly. Jocie said, "Of all the LauLau seasons, this one was the best."

LauLau now lives happily on our porch with the company of Mr. Cookie and a few other handmade chew toys. Since we don't have access to puppy food, we did some research to find a good diet for him. He eats a mixture of rice, vegetables healthy for his growth, and fish for protein.



I am TOO cute!



LauLau and Mr. Cookie.



Canoeing with friends!