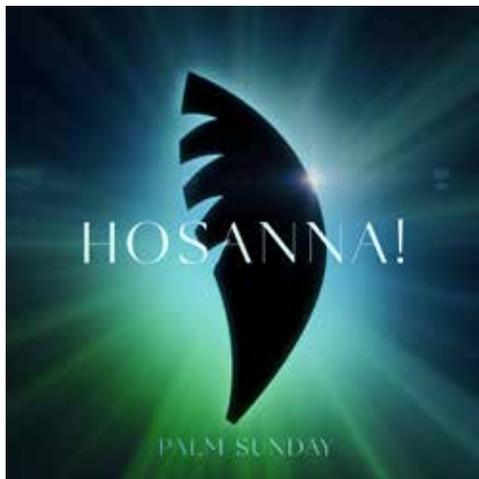


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He Is Risen, Indeed!*

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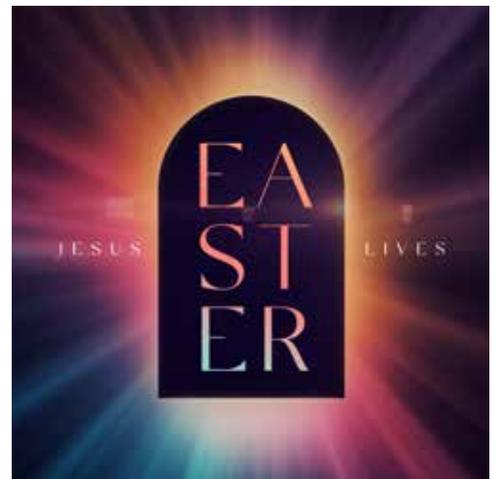
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PAGE 2: YOU AND YOUR GLOBAL WORKERS Twosomes Partnering with God around the World

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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A God-Opened Door

By Tim and Debbie Bryce

Imagine walking into the newest state-of-the-art Native center on the Montana State University campus. As you enter, you notice you are in the minority. There are Native students and faculty moving about in the huge open commons area. You can hardly believe that you have the privilege to be a familiar face to most of the Native people there, and that you have the opportunity to talk about a relationship with Jesus!

We have an open door that only God could have arranged because secular universities tend toward a hostile and anti-Christian sentiment, and ours is no different. With Native students, there are suspicions about anything Christian because of U.S. history. Yet we are welcomed. It has taken years to build the trust and welcome that we have. Your prayers have been a reason for the favor we have among these students and faculty.

Monday evenings we have a gathering in this area. We have a meal together, play a couple of group games together, and one of our team members shares about the Lord. Recently it was Tim's turn. He talked about what it means to be a follower of Christ. This was prefaced by an explanation of the gospel. It always amazes us that the students are so attentive, so locked into the stories and invitations.

We have a remarkable ministry here and we thank you for standing behind us with your prayers and support.

Back to the Field for S.S.*!

By Randy Boyd, for Your Missions Committee

You may remember that BPC had a solo missionary for a few years in South East Asia by the name of S.S.*, who now has been back in the States for two years.

S.S. is getting ready to go out in a new role with the same training organization that her parents have been a part of. That organization has opened a branch in SE Asia with a focus on training Mandarin speakers to go as missionaries to other Mandarin speakers. S.S. hopes to be at this new training institute by the time summer classes begin this year.

The BPC Missions Committee has spoken extensively to S.S. and has held several discussions with the leadership of the training organization. The Elders also have reviewed this. We're all excited about this new opportunity, specifically that there is such a providential match between the skills of S.S. and the needs of the training organization. They are thrilled to gain a teacher so fluent in Mandarin, attuned to SE Asia culture, and also trained deeply in the art of phonetics.

Over the next few months, you'll have opportunity to hear more. Keep your eyes open for a Spotlight on an upcoming Sunday, a broader press article, and potentially some gatherings to learn more about this work.

Sunday Sender Only? May it NOT Be So!

By Steve Roe, Elder

Boulevard Park Church has a rich history of involvement with global work. Not only does BPC financially support 12 global workers today, we also serve as a Sender. Being a Sender means knowing, communicating, encouraging, and participating in our global workers' lives whenever we can - but at the top of the list is praying for them.

If you have been at BPC for a while, you have noticed that each Sunday morning service includes an Elder update about one of our global workers, relating their prayer requests and praiseworthy items. (NOTE: This practice was first modeled years ago by Mary Cox at Heart to Heart Women's Bible Study. Thank you, Mary!) These Sunday reports and prayers typically come from an Elder's personal contact with our partners in the gospel. It can be challenging to reach our Sent Ones by phone because of time zones and/or distance; even texting or emailing can be unreliable, due to foreign countries' infrastructures, and of course, the busyness and exhaustion of those on the field. But it is deeply satisfying to make the connection and hear the up-to-date hearts of our global workers, and they are THRILLED that an Elder cares enough to reach out "in person" with an interest in what is happening in their lives right now.

I encourage you and your family to use the Elder report as a reminder to text, email or drop an old-fashioned paper note THAT WEEK to the global worker we pray for that Sunday. And with your family, make that worker a prayer focus at all of your meals and times of family prayer that week.

You can begin encouraging a missionary today; they would love to hear from **you!** Even just a few words!

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Editor's Note: You could also use Page 2 as a reminder to pray for and reach out particularly to the global workers who reached out to BPC that month. What a neat goal... Week by week and month by month personal contact with each Sent worker from each BPC Sender. Cool, huh?

The Good News of the Resurrection

By Pastor Bud

One of my favorite songs is *In Christ Alone*, written by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend. Consider the message of the third verse.

*There in the ground, His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave, He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His, and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ*

In the history of the world, no event has more significance than the resurrection of Jesus Christ. I want to share three simple words that encapsulate the hope of the good news of the resurrection.

Declaration

Romans 1:4 says that Jesus “*was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord.*” Paul teaches us that the resurrection designated, distinguished, or marked out Jesus as the Son of God. Jesus had been the Son from all eternity. He claimed to be the Son of God while on the earth, often referring to God as His Father. However, nothing validates His claim more than His resurrection from the dead. Such a declaration is great news! Because Jesus is, in fact, the Son of God, whose resurrection testifies to His indestructible life, he qualifies to be our high priest after the order of Melchizedek (Heb. 7:16-17). “*The former priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers because they were prevented by death from continuing, but Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently. Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them*” (Heb. 7:23-25).

Justification

The prophet Isaiah writes of Jesus’ sacrifice by saying, “*But the Lord was pleased to crush Him, putting Him to grief; if He would render Himself as a guilt offering...as a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; by His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, as He will bear their iniquities*” (Isa. 53:10-11). Jesus’

death on the cross paid for our sins, but His resurrection guaranteed our justification.

“*For our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, He who was delivered over on account of our transgressions, and was raised on account of our justification*” (Rom. 4:24-25). The good news for us today is that Jesus’ resurrection was instrumental in securing justification for those who have faith in Him.

Hope

For this good news, we go to Paul’s great treatise on the resurrection, which he records in his letter to the Corinthians. In chapter 15, Paul begins with a recitation of the gospel, “*For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures*” (vv. 3-4). Later in the chapter, Paul notes the consequence of no resurrection, “*And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain...And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins*” (vv. 14, 17). The chapter does not end there; Paul continues, “*But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead*” (vv. 20-21). Jesus is the one who highlighted the hope of His resurrection, “*I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die*” (Jn. 11:25-26).

As we approach Easter 2022, may you have faith in Jesus as the Son of God, confidence that His sacrificial death and resurrection were sufficient to secure your justification through faith in Him, and hope in your resurrection to eternal life. The resurrection of Jesus guarantees that our faith is not in vain. We are saved to the uttermost by the Son of God, who loved us and gave His life up for us.

Hallelujah, what a Savior,
Pastor Bud

Milestones

Births

Elliot Owen Buckley and Liliana Jean Buckley
March 17, 2022
Parents: Daniel and Abigail Buckley
Proud great grandparents: Skip and Pauline Kulle

Anniversary

Ron & Rae Weller
celebrate their 60th anniversary
on April 21

Deaths

Rue Ann Larson
February, 2022
mother of Karen Schickley

Ed and Pat Synder
February, 2022

Calendar Events

SUNDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

April 3, 10, 17 & 24

9:00A Adult Sunday School*

9:15A Kids Sunday School*

Youth Sunday School*

10:30A Kids Church

10:30A Worship (In Person & Livestream)

Sunday, April 3

Communion

Sunday, April 10

Palm Sunday

4:00P Messiah Sing-a-long

Sunday, April 17

Easter Sunday

*(No Sunday School)

MONDAYS

April 4, 11, 18, 25

6:00P Men's Conquer Group

7:00P GriefShare

Monday, April 11

11:00A Ladies Fellowship Circle

TUESDAYS

April 12 & 26

9:30A MOMLife & KIDLife

WEDNESDAYS

April 6, 13, 20 & 27

9:30A Heart to Heart Women's

Bible Study

April 20 & 27

6:30P KIDS Zone

Youth Group &

Adult Bible Study

Friday, April 15

Good Friday

8:00P Tenebrae Service

Saturday, April 23

10:00A Heart to Heart

"Baskets of Blooms"

Friday, April 29

6:30P Men's Pizza & Movie

Night

NOTE: The MPR will be closed for activities during remodeling until mid-April (see page 6).



Ladies!

Come celebrate Spring with us!

Join us on

Saturday, April 23

from 10 a.m.-noon for

BASKETS of BLOOMS!

Each of those attending will be planting some beautiful flowers in a basket to take home and enjoy!

Come join us for coffee, cookies, conversation and get your hands a little dirty!

Any questions?

Contact Lisa Bowen at

lisa.bowen@bpcburien.org or

206-354-0339.

Let's Celebrate!

Men's Ministry is sponsoring a

Pizza/Movie Night



Friday, April 29
6:30 p.m.

Everyone's invited

Details early in April

2022 MEN'S RETREAT

By George Brown

The men's retreat was held March 18 and 19. Video teaching by Dr. David Jeremiah focused on three topics – how to deal with Discouragement, Worry and Procrastination. Each topic gave the men new insights and generated considerable discussion about how to apply what we learned.

After several years preparing breakfasts for men's events, Ron Brown passed the responsibility to Greg Brown (no relation to Ron) so, for the first time in years, Ron was able to enjoy the entire retreat. Thank you, Ron, for your faithful service!

My special thanks to the other men (and one woman) who helped make the retreat a success – Jon Recker, Harvey Siedenbug, Dave Will, Anthony Moore and Annette Lowen.

Thanks Be to God!

From: Diane Schrader
Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 5:20 AM
To: Bud Diener <Bud.Diener@bppc.org>
Subject: a thank you to your church

Hello,

I was thinking about Boulevard Park (Presbyterian) Church this morning from my home here in Melissa, Texas. Back in 1965-66, my parents, who were not Christians, decided to take me and my younger brother to church, somehow knowing that was a good thing, and somehow ended up at your church. My dad had grown up Catholic and my mom in a family where they were Presbyterian but never went to church. They met the pastor, a Dr. Wheatley (not sure about the spelling), who explained Jesus to them for the first time. My dad was led to the Lord there, and shortly thereafter my mom joined a Bible Study Fellowship group also at your church and also became a believer.

I am so thankful to God for bringing them to your church. That paved the way for my brother and me to eventually have a relationship with Jesus, as well. He has a son who is a young pastor now at Living Hope Bible Church in Boise, Idaho, and my youngest daughter is a missionary with Cru serving the Middle East.

It occurred to me the other day that those two young people are the fruit of a spiritual heritage that really started at Boulevard Park Church. I looked you up online and was heartened to see that your church is standing strong for Jesus almost 6 decades later. So although you personally were not around back then (probably!), I just wanted to say thank you, and may God continue to build His kingdom through your church.

Diane Schrader

The Healthy Human Conference

This one-day conference, spearheaded by Nate Kowallis, held at BPC on Saturday, March 5, featured three dynamic speakers on the following topics:

- Aaron Collins, a chiropractor and founder of Burien Wellness – “Sitting is the New Smoking.”
 - Ryan Miller, a performance coach and business consultant – “Living Authentically” and “Why Living for Freedom is Better than Achieving Goals.”
 - Rena Chinn, mental health counselor – “Managing Anxiety.”
- Breakout groups covered a range of activities and discussions.

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Trustee-Sponsored MPR Renovation Projects

By Todd Neumann,
Renovation Liaison, Board of Trustees

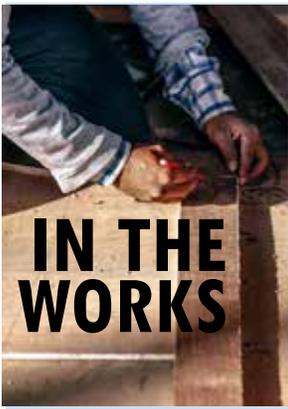
March renovation work made huge progress in finishing the look of our MPR walls. The wainscot panels and trim have been installed, primed and painted, and all electrical work was completed.

For April we expect to see the following activities:

- Completion of all painting
- Construction of the new north wall acoustic panels, and purchase of fabric for use on the new panels and for re-covering the existing panels found on the other three walls
- The purchase of new carpet
- A solution to how we're going to protect our new LED ceiling lights from basketball and kickball strikes

The painting activity should be completed by mid-April, after which we expect to have a lengthy construction hiatus while waiting for new carpet and LED ceiling light fixtures. During this down-time the MPR will be made

available for use by the KIDS and Youth Ministries programs. Please contact the church office if you have other uses for the MPR, and keep in mind that the old carpet is in poor condition and we are still without a projection screen and sound system.



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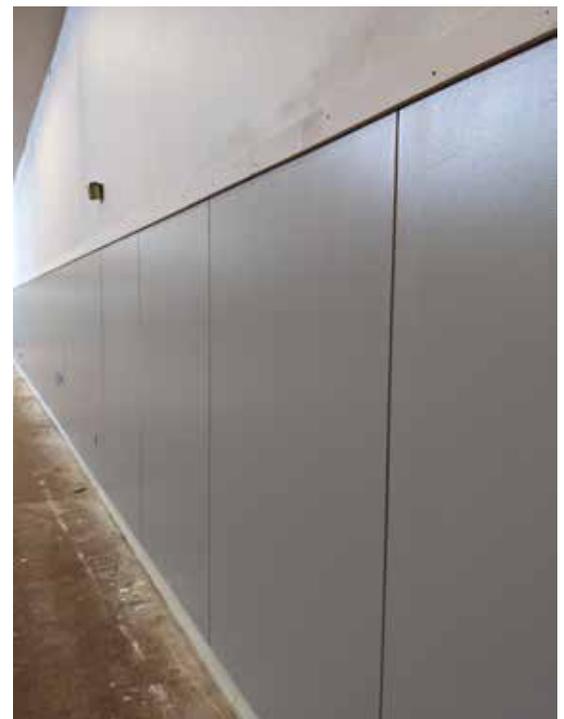


Photos: Todd Neumann

Above: Construction crew installing wall protection behind the west basketball hoop;
Below: No more wall carpet!



Above: Modern colors and textures for the MPR walls and ceiling; Left: The dimmable LED light fixture that we will use.



My Spiritual Journey – a Call to Serve

By Ken Carter, Elder

Each one of us has a spiritual journey with a beginning and an end. My journey really began when, as a new believer, I participated in a study of 1 Peter offered by the church I attended. These verses amazed me: *“And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by people, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light”* (1 Peter 2:4-5, 9).

What does it mean to be a living stone to be built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices? I remember that an artist in the church had painted a picture of a church building in which the walls contained the silhouettes of believers (living stones). Our pastor often taught about the priesthood of believers and our need to make spiritual sacrifices which in essence involved giving of ourselves to bless and strengthen the members of the church family. In doing so we collectively “proclaim the excellencies of Him who called us into His marvelous light.” It was clear to me that I was called to serve Christ in His church. But how and in what capacity?

1 Corinthians 12 teaches us that we are each given spiritual gifts for a variety of ministries. That’s great but what gift did I have? I concluded that I should employ my skills and serve as I was asked while I tried to determine my spiritual gift(s). I participated in church activities, served as the church financial secretary and also led a missionary’s sending team. When I compared who I am to the list of spiritual gifts, it looked like my gifts were in the area of helps and administrations.

After we came to Boulevard Park Presbyterian Church, Dave Will, who was leading the Trustees, asked me to serve on the sanctuary remodeling team. I agreed and subsequently became the team leader and project manager for our all-volunteer construction crew. This all seemed natural for me because it was similar to my work as an IT software development manager. I then served two partial terms as a deacon and with support of the Board of Elders, led the team of deacons in adjusting responsibilities and the way we worked together. After serving on the Nominating Committee for the Deacons I was asked to serve as an elder. I accepted the call, was ordained as an elder, and I was assigned to serve on the Business Committee. This seemed an appropriate area for me to serve; I was learning about my role as an elder and I anticipated that I would subsequently serve in elder-led ‘ministry’ committees. I didn’t recognize that God had placed me where He wanted me to serve to use my helps and administrative skills and gifts for His church. Throughout my years as an elder, my role has been to provide support to the Board of Elders, Trustees, and ministry staff to enable them to function more effectively.

When I reflect upon my spiritual journey, I see that God has blessed me as He led me to consistently serve Him in the church, both to develop me into the man He wants me to be and to enable His church to be a light in our community and beyond. It has been my joy to serve the Lord and I believe that the conflicts, frustrations, challenges, exhortations, encouragement and prayers provided by fellow believers have helped me along the way.

Is your story similar? When you reflect upon where you are in your spiritual journey are you serving God gladly where He has placed you?

Celebrations!

April Birthdays

- 2 Betty Bennedsen
Marlene Burton
- 3 Dave Huck
- 4 Tyler Siedenbug
- 6 Madison Burt
Ellen Jackson
- 8 Anita Dakin
- 9 Penny Clifton
- 11 Thomas Wood
- 12 Tom Horton
- 14 Nathan Roenicke
Alice Walsh
- 16 Rob Norwood
- 17 Nancy Burlingame
- 18 Lorena Gonzalez
Dan Hartley
Dorothy Rice
Ken Vogel
- 19 Tammy Schaefer
- 20 Jerry Kent
Sarah S
- 21 Scarlett Faulkner
- 22 Ginny Olson
- 24 Jerry Bingham
Maria Carter
- 25 Max Burt
Molly Burt
- 26 Ruth Feil
Kelly Siedenbug
- 27 Robert Secrest
- 29 Valentine Faulkner
- 30 Randy James

Early May Birthdays

- 1 Noah Harder
William McCreary
- 3 Karen Cross
Gary Schwatke
- 6 Karen Doerr
- 7 Don Whalen

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



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Special Event

Messiah Sing-A-Long

Sunday, April 10, 2022 4:00-5:15 p.m.

By Steve and Ellyn Roe



If you read music and love Handel's Messiah, we have an opportunity for you!

On Palm Sunday afternoon, come to Room 151 and *sing along with others* to a choral CD of Handel's *Messiah*, Part II: Christ's Passion and Resurrection. We'll sing (as loudly or softly as you wish) each chorus once, skip a few recitatives, and include a few solos (for brave singers to try solo or together). This is not a rehearsal, just a chance to sing great music with a professional choir and orchestra via CD. We expect joy and laughter as the 4-part choruses are crazy hard. We also expect to be deeply moved by Handel's skill at putting Scripture to music as the suffering and triumph of our Messiah is honored with biblical lyric and adept musical settings ranging from funereal to celebratory.

Your sheet music (if needed) and the

CD and sound system will be provided. You should bring:

- your own copy of the *Messiah* choral songbook if you have one
- a water bottle, and/or mug of coffee, tea

Don't read music? Come and hum to the familiar choruses, (e.g., Hallelujah Chorus) or come for the fellowship and reading the lyrics as others sing. **And feel free to invite family or friends "outside" of BPC.**

Please RSVP to the Roes so we know how many copies of *Messiah* choral scores to round up.

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If you need transportation, let us know!