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## God Bless Our 2022 Grads

- **Noah Harder**, Highline High School. Noah will attend Central Washington University in the fall to study Electrical and Computer Engineering. Noah is the son of Tim and Michelle Harder.
- **Kristina Marie Schaefer**, Seattle Christian High School. She will attend George Fox University in the Fall. Kristina is the daughter of Phil and Tammy Schaefer
- **Jessalyn West**, Northwest University. She is receiving her Master's Degree in International Community Development. Jessalyn is the daughter of Mark and Sherri Henry
- **Sydney Neumann**, Pacific University. She has earned her Doctorate in Physical Therapy. Sydney is the daughter-in-law of Todd and Lori Neumann and is married to Daniel Neumann.
- **Sheila Richardson**, Western Washington University. Bachelor's Degree in English with an Emphasis in Creative Writing and a Minor in Honors Interdisciplinary Studies. She will be attending Seattle University in the fall for her MFA. Sheila is the daughter of Tom and Erika Richardson.

## 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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## When Easter and Ramadan Overlap

By K.D.\*

This past April, Easter and Ramadan overlapped for the first time in about thirty years. The contrast between the two felt stark and poignant. As I walked down my street that morning toward my local church here in N'Djamena, I wondered how many in the



Photographer: K.D.

neighborhood even knew that the day was Easter. Nearly everyone around me was fasting from food and drink from before sunrise until sunset during the 30 days of Ramadan (including in 112°F+ heat!), but I went out my gate passing those fasting to enter the gates of the church where we celebrated by slaughtering a goat and sharing a meal together. The contrast of meaning was even starker. As Muslims all around us sought to earn forgiveness and reward through their fasting, we rejoiced in Jesus' work on the cross to grant us forgiveness and salvation and His resurrection that ensures the eternal life He has given us.

At left: Enjoying the meal of dried okra sauce and esh (round mound of boiled grain) with ladies at church on Easter.

## A Mother's Day Challenge

By Lisa Bowen

We call them Mother, Mama, Mom, Mommy, Ma, or if you're currently the mother of a toddler, you might think your name is "Mommommom." Whatever name you use, it carries with it pictures, expectations, and memories for each one of us.

Proverbs 31:30b says, "A woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." For many of us, that would be a fitting description of our mother. However, it may not be your story. Even so, I imagine you don't have to think too hard to have someone come to mind when you hear these words – someone who nurtured you and loved you at the perfect time. It may be your mom, or perhaps an auntie, a grandma, a teacher, a neighbor, a step-mom, a mentor...or any other woman who came alongside of you at a time you needed her. Most likely there has been a woman who has prayed for you and over you, encouraged you, walked alongside of you, listened, wiped your tears, cheered you on, reminded you of your abilities, believed in you, invested in you, met your physical and emotional needs, brought you to church, and told you about Jesus – all things a mother would do, whether she was

your actual mother or not. A "mother" can show up in your life in many different people.

Mother's Day is a perfect opportunity to think about those loving actions that a "woman who fears the Lord" did in your life, past and present, whoever that may be. As you recount that precious investment she made in you, remember she was a God-given gift; He knew what you'd need.

My sweet church family, I challenge you to two things:

1. Think about that woman who has had a profound impact on your life, whether she is your mom or someone else who stepped into that gap for you, and tell her why. If that's not possible, take a few minutes and thank the Lord for the role He ordained for her to have in your life. What an incredible gift He gave you in that person.
2. Intentionally invest in another's life and "mother" them with your special, God-given gifts to encourage, listen to, bless and point them to Jesus, just like that sweet woman chose to do for you.

*Adapted by special request from Lisa's May 8 testimony.*

# Check Your Thinking – PART 1

By Pastor Bud

Everyone bases their thoughts, decisions, and actions on their worldview. Although a person's worldview may not be identified due to a lack of coherence or consistency, a person's most basic assumptions about the origin of life, its purpose, and function constitute a system of thought, which is a worldview.

The term "worldview" refers to any ideology, philosophy, theology, movement, or religion that provides an overarching approach to understanding one's existence. One's worldview affects every aspect of one's life.

### How does one form a worldview?

Every worldview starts with presuppositions that we embrace. These presuppositions are adopted without independent verification or supporting evidence, and they inform our interpretive grid or filter through which all information flows, resulting in our worldview.

Sadly, many of us go through life unaware of our presuppositions. By and large, most of our presuppositions remain unidentified and unexamined. The result is that people generally fail to recognize how their worldviews govern every dimension of their lives.

Because a person's worldview is so influential, examining it requires careful attention and a commitment to transparency. The problem is that a person must step outside oneself to critically analyze notions that have become an intimate part of his or her thinking. Thankfully, the process by which we must

critically analyze our ideas is a unique human capacity graciously given to us by God. If we desire it, we can discover the underlying roots of what we say, think, and do. With God's assistance, this process can be insightful and life-changing.

### Adopt a Biblical Worldview

However, there is no value in replacing our presuppositions with another set of assumptions unless God's transcendent truth informs the new set. I believe that the Bible presents a unified, consistent, and coherent view of reality. So, in this series of articles, I will challenge you to consider the biblical grounds for a worldview, and I will ask you to adopt a biblical worldview.

One cannot exaggerate the importance of this exercise. We are currently engaged in a culture war like no other time in our history. Multiple sides with vastly different and incompatible worldviews are locked in a bitter conflict that permeates every level of society. Are you aware of it? The threat does not come from nuclear weaponry. No! The weapons employed in this battle are designed to capture our hearts and minds.

The only way to be victorious is to employ Paul's strategy of "*destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ*" (2 Cor. 10:5). We must replace all speculative thinking with divinely-inspired truth. Only then will our worldview reflect the mind of God and yield the fruit of righteousness to His glory.

## Your Help Is Needed on the Nominating Committee

The BPC Board of Elders invites BPC members to consider serving on the 2022 Nominating Committee which is being assembled for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Deaconess, and Trustee.

The committee is composed of representatives from each of these boards, plus up to six additional members representing a broad cross-section of the

congregation. The time commitment is very reasonable, typically requiring just two in-person meetings; the experience can be very rewarding. Members of the committee will be presented for approval at the annual meeting in June, and the committee will identify officer candidates for terms beginning in January of 2023.

Please contact Jon Recker if you are interested in serving or have questions.

## Milestones

### Death

**Sue Vercammen**

May 20, 2022

beloved mother of Miki, Matt and Mark. Sue served our church family through the years and multiple pastors as the church pianist.

## Reminders

### Deaconess Picnic

Saturday, June 4, at 12 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. All past deaconesses are invited. For more information or to RSVP please call Vicky Steiner at 206-767-9816.

### Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner has been set for **Wednesday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m.** The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the church budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year and to hear a state of the church report.

Please bring your favorite dish to serve 8 for the dinner. Plates and utensils will be provided as well as coffee, water and milk. Programs for children will be provided during the meeting at about 7:30 p.m.

### Graduation Sunday is June 12

The high school grads will be presented during the worship service and honored with a cake reception following the worship service.

## Tending the Flock

# Here Comes the Bride (of Christ)

By Doug Barton, Elder

## Calendar Events

### SUNDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

June 5, 12, 19, 26

9:00A Adult Sunday School  
9:15A KIDS and Youth  
Sunday School  
10:30A KIDS Church  
10:30A Worship In Person and  
Live Stream

**Sunday, June 5**  
Communion

**Sunday, June 12**  
Graduation Reception

**Sunday, June 19**  
Father's Day

**Saturday, June 4**  
12:00P Deaconess Picnic

**Wednesday, June 8**  
6:30P Annual Meeting and  
Potluck Dinner

**Tuesday, June 14, 28**  
6:30P Women's Bible Study

**Wednesday, June 15**  
Press Articles Due

**Saturday, June 18**  
8:00A Men's Breakfast at  
Pancake Chef

**Saturday, June 25**  
9:30A Men's day trip to the  
Army Museum at Joint  
Base Lewis-McChord

NOTE: The MPR will be closed for any activities during remodeling, unless cleared through the church office.

Since my family is just coming to the end of an 11-month period of two engagements and two weddings, it is not surprising that marriage has been in the forefront of my mind for a while now. It has been a wonderful journey watching my two oldest fall in love, get engaged, plan weddings, and of course, experiencing all the fun drama that goes along with that.

Through it all, I have often pondered the passages in scripture that talk about marriage. It all started in Gen 2:24: *"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."* Marriage is a sacred institution originated by God and the beginning of the family unit. This was God's plan. (Gen 1:28)

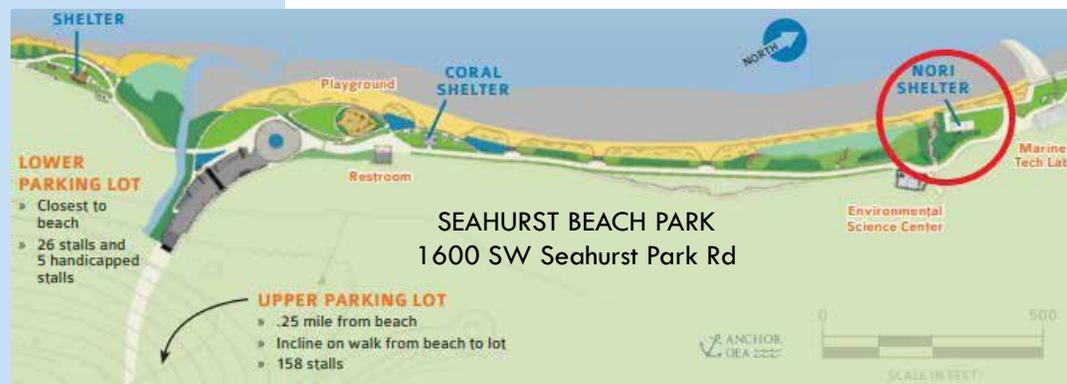
There are many other scriptures pertaining to marriage, but the ones that intrigue me the most are those that describe the church as the bride of Christ. True believers in Christ known as the church are called the bride and Christ is called the Bridegroom. One of the most well-known passages on the topic of marriage may very well be Ephesians 5:23-32. These verses, which are often used to help men and women understand their responsibilities as husband and wife, is also a picture of Christ and his church.

For men there is the overwhelming reminder that we are to be the *"head of the wife, as also Christ is the head of the church"* and to *"love our wives just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her."* And all of this for the purpose *"that he might sanctify*

*and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word that he might present her to Himself a glorious church...holy and without blemish."* Just as Christ has done all this for his bride the church, so men need to do likewise by living sacrificially and providing for their wives to grow in the grace and knowledge of God. And wives are to *"submit to their husbands as to the Lord...just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything."*

This passage in Ephesians 5 uses the intimacy of marriage between a man and a woman to describe the love Christ has for his church and what he has done to purify us for the future marriage of all marriages. We are separated from Christ for a time, but Revelation 19:7-9 describes that final union of Christ and his church in the idea of a marriage. *"Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come...Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!"*

That is what we all long for and are reminded to be watchful for in Matthew 25 in the parable of the virgins. Five virgins prepared and awaited the coming of the bridegroom; five did not prepare and fell asleep. When the bridegroom came, the five who were prepared went into the wedding but the other five were left behind. Verse 13 reminds us to *"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."* We are all to be anxiously awaiting and watching for the return of our bridegroom. Come Lord Jesus!



## CELEBRATE WITH THE HARDERS!

The Harders would like to welcome our church family to an open house to celebrate Noah's graduation on Sunday, June 12, at Seahurst Beach Park (1600 SW Seahurst Park Rd, Burien) from 2:30 to 5 p.m. It will be in the Nori Shelter, which is the northern-most shelter just off of the gravel path (see map at left).

All Past Deaconesses are invited  
to a picnic lunch held in your honor on  
Sat June 4th at 12 noon in the MPR.\*  
RSVPs appreciated but not required  
to Vicky Steiner 206-767-9816 or  
bvsteiner@comcast.net



\*moved from rm 151

## MEN

Join us for a visit to the Army Museum at  
Joint Base Lewis-McChord on Saturday, June 25.

Leave church at 9:30 a.m. and return about 2 p.m.

Lunch stop at the Poodle Dog Restaurant  
in Fife on the way home.

## Lewis Army Museum



***We plan to use the church van; if more than 14  
men are going, we'll also use private vehicles.***

### MORE FOR MEN

Meet with other men  
for breakfast at  
The Pancake Chef  
(15215 Military Rd. S.)  
for fellowship  
and sharing.

We will meet the third  
Saturday morning  
each month at 8 a.m.

*Note: There is no formal  
agenda or study.*

## Celebrations!

### June Birthdays

- 1 Noe Martinez
- 2 Lisa Siedenburg
- 3 Judy Mattson
- 4 Farouq Hammo
- 5 Kian Conroy  
Gene Deda
- 6 Ian Faulkner
- 7 Lisa Jones  
Larry Rice  
Gary Stariha
- 8 Cora Miller  
Russell Parr  
Nathan Recker
- 9 Robin Groves  
Natasha Hartley
- 10 Kali Carvo  
Tamara Mackey
- 11 Trudy Lindberg  
Laszlo Nagy
- 12 Phoebe Easterling  
Bob Huff  
Skip Kulle
- 13 Nancy Kido
- 16 George Graham  
Janell Hartley
- 19 Anita Recio
- 20 Shirley Hartley
- 21 Norma Walters
- 24 Carol Gillihan  
Jan Hall  
Alice Hammond  
Mark Hildebrandt
- 25 Judy Horton  
Judy Volkers
- 26 Doug Johnson  
Joanne Patterson  
Gloria Prince
- 27 Joshua Barton  
Peg Frederick

### Early July Birthdays

- 1 Jacob Barton  
Makin Yee
- 2 Marilyn Papini  
Harvey Siedenburg
- 7 Jan Deda
- 8 Jayce Graham  
Addison Partridge  
Brooklyn Partridge

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

## Children's Events in May

### FATHER-SON FISHING

Several families joined us early Saturday morning, May 14, to do some fishing on Angle Lake. Four fish were caught and friendships were deepened. Special thanks to Barry Dubnow and Ron Brown for their fishing expertise!



Photo Credit: Lisa Stedenburg



## Children's Events in May

### LITTLE LADIES TEA

We had a sweet time together learning about the fruit of the Spirit and making new friends! Special thanks to Kelly and Kara Siedenbug and Peggie and Lauren Recker.



### GLOBAL 6K

25 kids participated in World Vision's Global 6K Walk for Water, and 23 finished their 60 laps around the gym. We learned about meeting people's physical needs of water and their spiritual need for Jesus!





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## Care Net's Bottle Fundraiser Ends on June 19

By Ellyn Roe, Care Net/BPC Liaison

THANK YOU, CHURCH FAMILY, for supporting Care Net's 2022 Baby Bottle Fundraiser. PLEASE keep rounding up your spare change, and/or bills and saving them at home until the **June 19 Father's Day collection** of all donations at church. Checks are always welcome (Care Net of Puget Sound) as well as donations in ANY container.

**To protect your donation, my sanity, and that of the church staff, PLEASE do not bring your contributions back before Sunday, June 19.** I will also have the giant baby bottle bank at church that day for spontaneous donations you may discover in your pocket or purse.



# FREEDOM GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY JULY 22, 2022

**Lake Wilderness Golf Course**  
25400 Witte Rd SE  
Maple Valley, WA 98038

1:00 PM Shotgun

Early Bird Single Entry	\$90
Early Bird Foursome Entry	\$350

Tickets: [genesisnow.ejoinme.org/freedom2022](https://genesisnow.ejoinme.org/freedom2022)

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