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Children's Ministry

Talent Zone & KidServe Sunday Follow Up

By Lisa Siedenburg

Some of our kids have been busy singing Christmas Carols and sharing the joy of the season with some new friends. Our Talent Zone kids prepared Christmas Carols during the month of November which they sang for three different occasions. The first was for their parents and the Wednesday Adult Bible Study. Then they went on the road and sang for the folks at El Dorado Retirement Home. Many of the seniors came to enjoy the visit from the kids. Their final opportunity was to sing in the worship service on KidServe Sunday. The Hammo family did a great job of opening the service with the Advent reading as well. Special thanks to Ellie Roenicke for leading the kids and Teresa Diener for accompanying them on piano!!

Our next Talent Zone session will focus on Music and Movement. We'll warm up with some aerobic steps to some upbeat worship music and then put together a lip sync. Save the date for February 15 to come see what we've prepared.

Talent Scouts and Agents still needed! Do you have some extra time on Wednesday evenings, a special talent you'd like to share, or just want to invest in the spiritual life of kids? Contact Lisa to get involved! children@bppc.org

Save the Date!

**Sports Camp 2023 will be
July 17-21!
(a week later than in the past)**

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

Going Rural

By Tom and Judy Horton

A very unique opportunity is developing with Rural Church Youth Ministry and the Montana Wilderness Bible School (MWBS).

Last October, Scott Erdahl and I took a trip to the Continental Divide in Montana where the school is located outside the town of Augusta at the end of a 23-mile dirt road. We met with Paul Hill, the President of MWBS, visited the campus, and had lunch with the 72 students. Later we met with a few students and received permission to return in March to recruit some students to lead a few rural mission trips next summer. Hopefully, when Dr. Dan Jester and his wife Gretchen (who will train and lead the team) and I do that visit, we can cast the vision for rural missions and begin a partnership with the school, recruiting students every summer for rural mission trips.

Please pray that students will be interested in going rural and that Dan and Gretchen will be successful in leading the team into two rural towns in central Montana this coming summer.



L-R: Scott Erdahl, MWBS President Paul Hill, Tom Horton



Photo Credits: Courtesy of Tom Horton

Working Together in the New Year

By Kathy Rainey

We have many volunteers here at BPC who put in multiple hours to help keep things running smoothly. The ones I'm writing about today are the church housekeepers. You may wonder who is cleaning up after you when dishes pile up in the kitchen sink, food collects in the sinks, or food remains too long in the refrigerator. We find that this does happen from time to time. That's when the housekeepers come in quietly and clean up. They organize, clean and sanitize all three kitchens plus a kitchenette in Room 431.

Housekeepers not only clean the kitchens, but one of them looks after all five floors of the church building. She comes quite regularly to dust, organize, store clean laundry and check that all of the rooms have what they need for their specific purposes.

How We Can Help as a Church Family

- **Clean up after ourselves.** Remember to **scrape** anything with any food at all into the compost container and **only then** spray the item at the sprayer sink; then you may wash the dishes at the sinks. (Housekeepers are always finding food scraps in the three stainless steel sinks.) Even a little food can cause drain problems.

Be sure to sort into proper containers:

- **Compost:** all food scraps, food-soiled paper which includes pizza boxes, etc.
- **Recycle:** paper and cardboard, plastic containers, glass jars and bottles and metal less than 2x2x2.
- **Garbage:** anything else like single-use plastic, shredded paper, styrofoam, used foil and diapers.

May we, in this New Year, all work together for the Lord remembering not only to esteem others as better than ourselves (Philippians 2:3), but also to have our work be pleasing to Christ.

What Is Truth?

By Pastor Bud

In John 14:6, Jesus said, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but through Me.”* Not too long after He uttered those words, Jesus stood before the Roman Governor, Pilate, as a wrongly accused prisoner, who asked Him, “What is truth?” Pilate did not seek the truth. Instead, the truth was foisted on him by jealous Jewish leaders hoping to put Jesus to death. Nevertheless, Pilate stumbled over the truth, and like too many throughout history, he picked himself up and hurried off as quickly as possible, validating what Winston Churchill once said, *“Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened.”*

In our current context, the prevailing cultural thinking is that there is no absolute truth. Instead, everyone possesses the truth. We hear phrases like “Your truth” or “My truth.” Ironically, those who claim no absolute truth state the claim absolutely. The claim itself is self-contradictory. The *truth* is that most people have not thought deeply about truth. While the question of truth is enormous, I suggest three simple categories of truth below. Hopefully, it will give us a jump start on thinking rightly about the world around us in 2023.

The first category of truth is propositional truth.

A proposition is any statement of truth. If a proposition is confirmed, we say it has a truth value of “true”; if it is false, its truth value is “false.” For example, “Cows are mammals” and “2 + 5 = 5” are propositions. The first proposition has the truth value of “true,” and the second is “false.” Jesus said, *“Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth”* (Jn. 17:17). The Bible is filled with language that communicates absolute truth in propositional terms. According to the Psalmist, the truth value of Scripture is true. *“The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments is everlasting”* (Ps. 119:160).

The second category of truth is subjective truth.

Our world often uses the word truth subjectively. Someone may say, “Wow,

it’s cold in this room!” Such a statement is based on subjective feelings. While it may be true for the person making the statement, a contradictory statement may also be subjectively true. This is the origin of “my” or “your” truth. Subjective truth is unacceptable as a basis for one’s life because its nature is unstable and mutable.

The third category of truth is objective truth.

Objective truth is any proposition that corresponds to reality. To state that something is objectively true means it is true for people of all cultures and ages. Theological and moral truth belong to this category. Here are a few examples of objective truth: *“Jesus Christ is God.” “Salvation is by grace through faith.” “Jesus is coming again.”* Objective truth comes from God and is always true. It is absolute, not subjective, and never contradictory.

Objective truth is critical for our lives and our eternal destiny. In Isaiah 5:20, the prophet warns against those “who call evil good and good evil, who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness, who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!” It is dangerous when one considers objective truth subjective. Our society calls it deconstruction, and sadly, people are deconstructing objective biblical truth and trying to make it subjective. Isaiah’s warning continues in verse 21, *“Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and understanding in their own sight!”* Paul echoes the thought in Romans 1:21-22, *“For even though they knew God, they did not glorify Him or give thanks, but they became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools.”*

Welcome to 2023! I urge you to be seekers of truth this year, not deconstructors or deniers. May your relationship with objective, transcendent, biblical truth be like that of David, the Psalmist who said, *“Teach me Your way, O Yahweh; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name”* (Ps. 86:11).

Happy New Year,
Pastor Bud

Calendar Events

SUNDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

January 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

9:00A Adult Sunday School

10:30A KIDS Church

10:30A Worship in Person and Live Stream

Sunday, January 1

Communion

No KIDS or Youth

Sunday School

Tuesday, January 3, 17, 31

6:30P Ladies Bible Study –

Ruth: Loss, Love &

Legacy (431)

Wed., January 4, 11, 18, 25

10:00A Women’s Bible Study –

Becoming a Woman

of Excellence (444)

Sunday, January 8

12:00P 50th Wedding Anniversary

Reception for Hucks

Monday, January 9

11:00A Ladies Fellowship Circle

7:00P GriefShare Support Group

Tuesday, January 10 & 24

9:30A MOMlife

Sunday, January 15

Press Articles Due

Wednesday, Jan. 18 & 25

6:30P Light Dinner

Adult Bible Study

KIDS Talent Zone

Youth Group

Saturday, January 21

8:00A Men’s Breakfast

Sunday, January 22

Sanctity of Human Life

Sunday

Saturday, January 28

10:00A Women’s Ministry Event

– Coffee, Tea, Cocoa and

Conversation (431)



BPC Holiday Event

Family Dinner &

Article and Photos by Natalie Malis

Citizens Christmas Concert

We were privileged to begin our holiday season at BPC by gathering outside of our typical rhythms and routines for a family dinner and Christmas concert led by special guests: Citizens!

Just under 200 people registered for the evening, and while snow and sickness prevented a few from joining us, the building was full of many BPC families as well as some new friends from churches in the surrounding area from Federal Way to Shoreline.

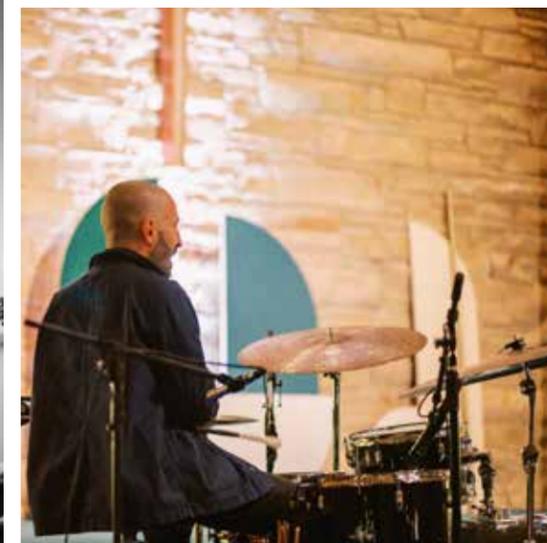
Our dinner was a robust burrito and salad bar catered by Qdoba that spanned three tables with the choice of many delicious options. Thank you to Kelly Graham and her team of helpers for serving!

Citizens, led by Zach Bolen, has been playing music and recording together as a band for over a decade. They began as a church worship team in Seattle before releasing their first EP in 2012, followed by subsequent full-length albums that led to their success. The band is now spread out all over the country in Nashville, Los Angeles, Colorado, and Seattle, reconvening often to record music together and go on tours locally and internationally.

While their music often is characterized by an indie rock sound with synthesizers and electronic melodies, Citizens played a stripped down set for us from an acoustic guitar, piano, and drum set. Talented as they are, the guys also switched between a few other instruments during the concert, including violin, bass, and electric guitar.

Their set list included several familiar Christmas songs, as well as a large selection of their original tracks, which you can find online on Apple Music, Spotify, and YouTube. A notable new favorite that inspired laughter from the crowd was their holiday single entitled, “(Why Don’t You) Marry Christmas”.

It was such a blessing to break bread together and have this sweet time of worship to kick off the season. Special thanks to the volunteers who helped make the event go smoothly, to Roger and Mary Cox and Hannah Barton for their contributions to the set design, and to Conor Malis, who worked tirelessly to plan and coordinate the entire evening for us to enjoy!



MEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY JANUARY 21ST

8 AM MPR



Enjoy a hot breakfast and fellowship with other men

Dads: Bring your kids

Learn to play 9 square



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Many who have attended the Grief Share Sessions have expressed a desire for continued support in between offerings of the program. In response to this stated need we are holding a Grief Support & Connection Group for anyone dealing with the death of a loved one past or present. This informal gathering will help people to exchange ideas, find support and compassion as they continue on their grief journey.

WHO: Those grieving the loss of a loved one

WHEN: 2nd Monday of the month 7 to 8:30 p.m. starting January 9, 2023

WHERE: Boulevard Park Church in Room 431

Contact: Katy Lynch ~ ktji2go@gmail.com or 206.371.0554

Milestones

Births

Jason Elliott McDaniel

December 24, 2022

Parents: Stacie and Jeremy McDaniel

Grandparents: Tom and Judy Horton

Deaths

Steve Noble

October 27, 2022

brother of Stan Noble

John Schumacher

November 27, 2022

brother of Mary Miller

Shirley Sayre

December 1, 2022

mother of Sherri Henry

Roland Recker

December 19, 2022

brother of Ernie Recker

Women: What's Your Best New Year's Resolution?

How about: More Time in God's Word!

Mary Cox and Ellyn Roe will co-lead a twelve-week Bible Study for women, using videos of Cynthia Heald teaching from her updated classic, *Becoming a Woman of Excellence*. Join us in Room 444 at 10 a.m.

on Wednesday morning January 4, 2023. Bring your coffee, your Bible and \$9.00 for your book. (Complimentary books are available if your finances are tight.) **Please RSVP to Mary or Ellyn.** More details are available in the November 2022 Press.



Please join us for our

BPC Ladies' Fellowship Circle

January Get Together!

When: January 9th at 11:00 am

Where: in Room 431

Bring your lunch, and we'll provide the drinks and dessert! It'll be a time for fellowship and fun...and a couple of surprises, too!

Questions? Call Lisa Bowen at 206.354.0339.

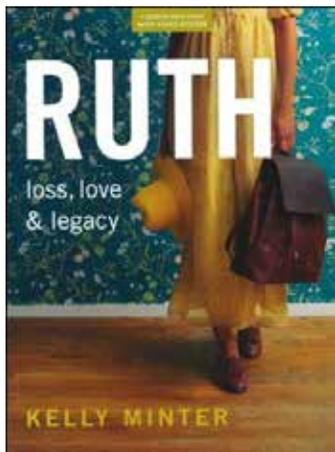
Thoughts after Christmas

By Donna Lightfoot

Christ came as a baby – but is it just maybe
We leave Him as a child, so soft and very mild?
When in all reality it's a shame and a pity
To forget the mission He brought to fruition.

Christmas is just one day when each of us can weigh
Our own personal worth as we live on this earth
To the glory of God – who shows us we are flawed.

And then we can all sing to the Savior our King,
As we recall our due to the only One who
Came to Earth us to save and put death to the grave.



Do you trust God to write a happy ending? We all struggle through seasons of bitterness, tears and loss, wondering if there could ever be a happy ending to our stories. The story of Ruth affirms that yes, there is hope for you and it is found in the power and protection of a sovereign God who never takes His eyes off you for even a moment. It's a story of unbearable loss, redeeming love, and divine legacy. In this study we will see how God proves Himself faithful as the One who rescues, revives, and restores.

Ladies, please join us for this **7-week Bible Study, beginning Tuesday evening, January 3 at 6:30-8 p.m. in Room 431.**

Books will be available the first evening. (\$15 suggested donation)

Contact Lisa Bowen at lisa.bowen@bpcburien.org or 206.354.0339 with questions.

Ladies! You are invited to a special morning of

coffee, Tea, cocoa
and
conversations!

Saturday, January 28

from **10 a.m. to noon**
in **Room 431**



Come and spend some sweet time getting to know your BPC sisters,
while visiting over your favorite hot beverage!

Questions? Contact Lisa Bowen at lisa.bowen@bpcburien.org
or phone/text at 206.354.0339

Celebrations!

January Birthdays

- 1 Lynda Eck
- 8 Edmund Faulkner
- 10 Sheila Richardson
- 12 Kelly Graham
- 15 Dan Kent
Katie Siedenburg
- 17 Carrie Hilstad
Kyle Jerde
Sylvia Thompson
- 18 Jean Rose
- 19 Doug Barton
Bud Thorne
- 22 Forest Kluth
Shawn Will
- 23 Tim Simmonds
Vicky Steiner
- 24 Christabelle Hall
Rachel Wagner
- 28 Annette Conroy
Dee Secrest
- 29 Chris Moore
Diane Siedenburg
- 31 Pat Jorgensen

Early February Birthdays

- 1 Anita Coffman
Donald Ellefson
- 3 Aidan Conroy
- 4 Debbie Bryce
- 5 Scott Boone
Jim Buck
- 6 Karen Shickley
- 7 Sherry Clemons
- 8 Elijah Wagner

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

Begins January 1

The **2023 Bible Reading Plan**
now is available from the church
office via paper copy or email.



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New Year Greetings from Your Trustees

By Donna Lightfoot

We sincerely hope you were all able to read last month's article and now are familiar with at least two alternate exits from our building.

As safety is a paramount concern, we again urge everyone to become familiar with exit routes from any room one is apt to visit. Being daring to try different exits on your own, or even purposefully looking outside from them may not be as imperative as being willing, during a fire, to actually use them at a moment's notice. We believe familiarity with all these exits beforehand will not only make it easier for each of us to be more willing to go out in a particular and different way, but will also be a boon to any visitors who are not familiar with an exit except the one they entered.

It is important for everyone to get out safely, and this implies quickly. None of us will have the option of seeking someone who may have gone into another room or onto another floor. (We don't need anyone to be

on a wild-goose chase, especially if that one finishes as a cooked goose.) Please, do NOT go seeking your children. The Children's Workers will be very busy escorting all their charges safely out to the unpaved parking lot where you will be able to connect with them. Each person will be expected to walk safely and directly outside from wherever they are within the building following a general plan yet to be published. In a future article we will explain where each exit group will first go and how everyone can meet up later.

Are you having concerns? If so, please contact Randy Sneesby. Thank you for taking fire evacuation procedures seriously.

NOTE: The Trustees are now engaged in creating a fire evacuation plan for all events in the church, and in producing new exit route maps for each room.

Stay tuned to future editions of the Press for additional details.