

From the Pastor's Desk:

One of our favorite books to read to our children when they were younger was, *The Hello, Goodbye Window*, by Norton Juster. It is the story of a girl who goes to see her grandparents often and the joy of walking by the window that gives this book its name – the Hello, Goodbye Window. Each time she arrives at her grandparent's house, she passed by the Hello, Goodbye Window and her grandparents greet her with eager smiles, delighting in her presence and the joy of welcoming her to their home; similarly, when she leaves their house, they watch her walk by, sending her off with kisses and love as she passes the window.

I've been thinking about that book for three reasons. First, I like to think that's the way God acts when we walk toward any window because God delights in our presence and is elated to welcome us home; similarly, God is equally joyful when we leave a place to go out into the world to be God's people.

Additionally, I like to think that's how people feel when they come to Second Pres. for worship or a committee meeting or a mid-week Bible study or PW meeting or choir practice or any other time they come to this wonderful church.

Take a minute to consider that many of our entrances have quite a few windows (a delightful aspect of our church's architecture). This is an opportunity, friends. It gives us the ability to see who is coming our way so we might greet them with joy, as if they are coming home! As you know, there is nothing like being greeted with joy because it changes you, it makes you feel special and like you matter, it reminds you that someone cares.

Lastly, you've noticed that we been saying hello and goodbye to staff, welcoming new members, and saying goodbye to beloved friends and members who've died and joined the great cloud of witnesses. These are opportunities to welcome and send our people out into the world or to the heavenly realm, which are integral parts of God's call upon our lives.

I share all of this about windows because they remind me that God is doing something at Second Pres. and I'm overjoyed. We are growing – both numerically and in the depth of our faith and people want to join us on this journey. This means we have done great things; it also means we have work to do.

To end, I want to offer two invitations – to continue to greet one another with the love and joy of God every time you are at Second and, secondly, to wear your nametag. Here's why these things matter. To commit to greeting one another with the love of God is to acknowledge that such a greeting is transformative – both the receiver and giver. Furthermore, wearing your nametag gives others the chance to learn who we are so they might greet us in a similar manner – and helps you remember a name and face that you may have forgotten!

God is doing great things here at Second Pres., friends. Just look at the windows!

Now, I bet you'll never look at the many windows at Second in the same way again, will you?! May they be a reminder of God's gracious and loving welcome to each of us and of our call to mimic such a greeting to one another.

In Christ,

Rev. Ben





Lenten Preaching Series:

The Art of Forgiveness

Forgiveness is a hallmark of the Christian life – God forgives us and, in turn, we are called to forgive one another. But what does forgiveness entail? How do we do it and how do we receive it? Does everyone receive forgiveness – should everyone receive it? These questions and more will be explored in the Season of Lent at Second Presbyterian Church.

March 10 (4th Sunday): *What Do You Do with an Apology?* Genesis 50:15-21

March 17 (5th Sunday): *Journey of Forgiving* Matthew 18:21-22

March 24 (Palm Sunday): *What Forgiving Does for the World!* Luke 19:28-40 & Luke 23:34

March 31 (Easter Sunday!): *God Forgives You – Go Enjoy It!* John 3:16 & John 20

Second Hall Adult Education March 2024

The Gift of Love: Getting Our Affairs in Order

**Second Hall
9:50 a.m.**

The first four Sundays in March, explore some of our most important and personal questions surrounding how to end life well in the series **The Gift of Love: Getting our Affairs in Order** led by Rev. Alisa Secrest, Malinda Kirchner and guest speakers who are experts in their fields.

Let's explore together questions such as: what about guardianship for my children? what about a will? Give your family the gift of being prepared and informed about end of life issues and financial and estate planning decisions.

March 3: *Life and Death Matters*

Justin Wittenberg, President and Manager, Ruebel Funeral Home

March 10: *What is Hospice?*

Dr. Neal Wyatt, Hospice & Palliative Medicine

March 17: *Peace & Possibilities: Practical Preparation for End of Life*

Rev. Alisa Secrest and Malinda Kirchner

March 24: *Basic Financial and Estate Planning in a Nutshell*

Jim Hyden, J.D. LL.M. and Ryan Holder, CPA

The Hard Work & How-To of Forgiveness

March 6 and 13
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

It might be easy to forgive the little things, but have you ever wondered how you could possibly move forward in a relationship after the pain of betrayal, injury, or the breaking of trust with another person? All of us have a deep need to offer and find forgiveness, but sometimes the task seems impossibly complicated, or too painful to even start. And how do you forgive yourself? Your pastoral staff understand this challenge all too well. Join us after a catered dinner for a brief discussion of the work of authors Desmond Tutu and his daughter Mpho in The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World. This guide will lead us step-by-step through effective exercises that bring us towards the joy and freedom of forgiveness. Learn to tell the story of what happened, name the hurt, and offer forgiveness by finding a different way forward in renewing or releasing a relationship.



Intergenerational Dinner in the Great Hall at 5:30 p.m., followed by short lecture in Second Hall at 6:00p.m., releasing by 6:30 p.m. for those in choir. Childcare and children's programming available through W.A.C.K.Y. (Wednesday At Church for Kids and Youth). Use the QR code or call the church office to make your dinner reservations.



Holy Week Service Schedule



Maundy Thursday

March 28
6:00 p.m.
Great Hall

Good Friday

March 29
6:30 p.m.
Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

March 31
8:30 a.m. and 11 :00 a.m.
Sanctuary



Sunday, March 31 9:30 AM Great Hall

Join us for the annual Easter Sunday Breakfast as we Rejoice in our Risen Savior! All ages are invited to attend. **Cost:** \$10 per person up to \$40 per household maximum. There is a 3% surcharge when paying online.

Register and Pay: online at: <https://bit.ly/seceasterbreakfast> scan the QR code, or call the office at (501) 227-0000. **Deadline to Register Online** is Wednesday, March 27.



Maundy Thursday RSVP

Please RSVP with the QR code or in the church office for the Maundy Thursday dinner. There is no charge.



The Church Office
will be closed
on **Monday, April 1.**



Welcome to Doug Barr! Our New Director of Children and Family Ministries

Doug brings with him over twenty years of experience working with children and youth in ministry, most recently with Farmington Presbyterian Church in the Memphis area. He is excited to join the Second Pres staff team,

leading programs for our littlest through fifth grade and their families such as Sunday school, family retreats, milestone ministries, Vacation Bible School, and more.

Doug and his wife Rachel were married at Second Pres twenty years ago on February 29 and look forward to re-establishing roots in Little Rock with their children Hadley and Hudson. Although Doug starts his ministry with us in March, the rest of the family will make the move after the school year ends. Join us in welcoming Doug and **remember to wear your name badge.**



New Sexton on Staff Logan Humphrey

Welcome to Second, Logan!



Ministry Milestone: Third Grade Bibles Sunday, February 25



BUDGET 2024 UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who prayed, pledged, and participated in the 2024 Stewardship Campaign that aimed to *Join Christ on the Mountain*. With joy I can proclaim that we did join Christ on the mountain. At our February meeting, the Session approved the 2024 budget that was presented by the Finance Committee. Here are the highlights.

This year's campaign raised the largest budget in Second Presbyterian Church's history for a total of \$3,006,400. The budget includes the following breakdowns of revenues: \$2,227,500 in pledges from 408 Estimate of Giving Cards and \$470,000 in endowment distributions.

This is something to celebrate; it is also something that calls us to pay attention to the mission, ministry, and discipleship God believes we can enact in this coming year. The Session has allocated \$564,000 to Office and Property (what it takes to "run" this church and building), \$1,686,000 to Personnel (the "who" of this church), and \$560,000 to Outreach. Within these numbers, we have increases in salaries for our admins and facilities staff, new hires for communications and Children's and Family, monies to assist our staff in developing their education and ministry, and monies to be grants to our many Outreach and Mission partners and agencies. As many of us know, it is always a goal to try to give away 25% of our previous year's giving to Outreach and we've nearly accomplished that with 24.4% going to support such agencies.



FEBRUARY 2024 NEW MEMBERS

Sarah Broyles and Stephen Schueth joined by Reaffirmation of Faith. They are friends of church member George Chambers. They joined on 2/4/24.



Thadd and Jillian Baird joined on 2/4/24 by Reaffirmation of Faith. They have a daughter Charlotte. They enjoy hiking and going to parks.



On 2/4/24, **Sara Landes** joined by Reaffirmation of Faith. She and her husband Brad Castrellon have a 1 year old daughter.



Steve and Alexis Jones joined by Reaffirmation of Faith. They have a son Griffin. Steve is the managing bartender at Heights Tacos & Tamales. Alexis is a real estate agent. They joined on 2/4/24.



Jason Turner and Keith Ivey joined on 2/11/24 by Reaffirmation of Faith.



Ricky Martinez and Mark Norwine joined on 2/25/24.

Birthday Fund

Sunday, March 10



If you have a March birthday, you may give a gift as well as receive a gift. You are invited to give a dollar celebrating each year of your age to our church's endowment fund. You may also give in honor or in memory of the birthday of a loved one. Our endowment fund supports all of the ministries of our church, such as outreach missions, youth scholarships, pastoral care, music, Christian education and more.

Celebrate your birthday at the Birthday Fund table on Sunday morning in the narthex. Birthday Fund envelopes are located at the table, at the welcome center and in the church office.

**SPRING
HOME GATHERINGS**
FOR FUN AND FELLOWSHIP
Coming in April & May

Herb Rule: Passionate and Generous



Herb Rule made the faithful and generous decision to support our church's ministries during his life and after his death through a planned gift. He was passionate about our music program and continuing education for pastors in the area of preaching. In addition to practicing law, Herb was a public servant who was always ready for the next fight to help those less fortunate than he.

He was a lifelong member and an ordained elder at our church. He was also a member of the Outreach Ministry for most of his adult life. He was instrumental in the creation of Stewpot and volunteered for there for many decades. He was an active volunteer for Family Promise, Bale Elementary School, and a member of the church's hospital visitation team. Herb was also a dedicated member of our choir.

Because of the Rule family's passion for music, over three decades ago, he and his brother, Jim Rule, and their sister, Joan Campbell, established a music endowment in memory of their parents. This endowment has grown and added beautiful music to our All Saints Service for many years.

Many thanks to Herb for his passion to help others and our church's ministries.

*there's
always
room at
the table*

Church Wide Lunch Sunday, April 7

The Belonging Ministry is hosting a church-wide lunch after the 11:00 a.m. worship service on the first Sunday

of every month. **Our next lunch will be Sunday, April 7.** We will gather at the Lord's Table during worship and then gather round our Great Hall tables to enjoy a delicious meal together.

Please make a reservation using the QR code or by calling the church office. For more information, contact Lindy Vogado (lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org).





March 2024

The Second Presbyterian Environmental Stewardship Ministry works to help church members and our community live healthier and more sustainable lives. One way we can reduce our impact on the earth is to cut down on meat consumption, as livestock farming represents about 15% of global greenhouse gas emissions. Whether you choose Meatless Mondays, 40 days without meat for Lent, or a long-term vegetarian or vegan lifestyle, you can help our planet by watching what you put on your plate.

We encourage you to buy locally grown produce and to watch how you cook your meals in addition to what you cook. Glass, stainless steel, ceramic and cast iron cookware are all better for you and our environment than non-stick coatings and plastic.



Our hope is to encourage more sustainable living wherever you find yourself on the path of vegan and vegetarian dining. Please enjoy these vegan and vegetarian diets and share them in fellowship with others. Use the QR code below to see some of our favorite vegan and vegetarian recipes.

Presbyterian Women: March 2024

"Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience." *Colossians 3:12*

"Lent is not just a season; there is a reason for Lent. The reason for the season is **hope**. We have hope because we know how it all turns out: Our loving Lord suffered, died and rose again for us and continues to live in and through us. What a Lord we have to love and worship each day!" This comes from the Lenten Devotional entitled "A Season of Hope." These words are meaningful to us today and it is my hope that you may find the reason for Lent also through worship, devotions, meditations and prayer.



PW continues to gather in March. Our lesson is entitled "An Ethiopian Eunuch Encounters the Good News of Jesus" and Rev. Alisa Secrest will lead our lesson on **Tuesday, March 12, 10:00 a.m.** in Second Hall. Other Circles to meet in March are Anna Circle, which will meet Sunday, March 24, 4:30 p.m. (Place TBA) and Huldah Circle will meet Wednesday, March 27, 11:00 a.m. at Presbyterian Village. Together in Service will be on Tuesday, March 19, 9:30 a.m. at Ferncliff. Please come join us in our lesson and fellowship. We plan to serve lunch for Gathering on March 12' \$10 per person. **Please RSVP to the church office or your Circle leader by March 7.** Go in Peace.

Pam Babb, PW Moderator

Cheeses With Jesus

We are a dynamic community, bridging the gap between 'young adulthood' and retirement with grace and zeal. Our doors swing wide to welcome newcomers seeking spiritual enlightenment and treasured long-time members alike.

Our next meeting is on **March 13** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Melissa Hendricks. Email Justin for the address. We are studying Six Themes in the Bible Everyone Should Know by Barry A. Ensign-George and Eva Stimson. Contact Catherine Allsbury or Justin Villines if you want to join us: villinesjustin@gmail.com. ALL are welcome.



Children and Family Ministries
SPRING FAMILY RETREAT
April 12-13
Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center



We are so excited for our family retreat this year; we are working on a speaker currently so be on the lookout for that announcement. The cost for the retreat is \$125 per family. Cost includes lodging for Friday night at Ferncliff and three meals together (dinner Friday and breakfast and lunch Saturday). Please RSVP by using QR code.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 30
10:00am

Gather with your family,
friends, and neighbors!

Hear the story of the
Resurrection!

Bounce House and
Cookie decorating!

Hunt the grounds for
treat-filled eggs!

Second Presbyterian Church
 600 Pleasant Valley Drive
 Little Rock AR



SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School

June 10-14, 2024.

Contact Doug Barr or Leslie McCormack to volunteer or for more information:

doug barr@secondpreslr.org
lesliemccormack@secondpreslr.org

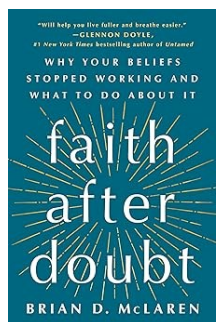


ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

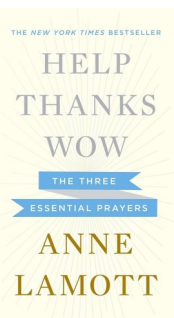
We're springing into new courses in March!

Plant the seeds for growth by digging into these new studies.

The Seeking More Light class introduces a new book, *Faith After Doubt* by Brian McLaren, led this week by Joe Henry, and later in March by Greg Leding. Books are available in the church office.



SPECIAL NOTE: On March 10, guest speakers Kwami and Clarice Abdul-Bey will discuss their work with the Arkansas Peace and Justice Memorial Movement to remember those lynched by racialized violence in Arkansas. Join us in room 67 and on Zoom.



The Spiritual Nourishment Class approaches wrapping up their study on Anne Lamott's *Help, Thanks, Wow*.

The Bible Study class shifts to a new series in *The Present Word* focused on "Examining Faith." Digital copies of the curriculum are still available. Join rotating leaders Graham Catlett, Chris Boggs and Philip Boggs on Zoom and sometimes in the Library for this rich discussion of the biblical text.



The Connections Class (for adults with busy lives) dives into the work of author Brené Brown to dismantle shame and revitalize life and faith. Join leader Kathryn Hyde as she distills Brené's best work (*The Power of Vulnerability*, *The Gifts of Imperfection*, etc.) into quotes, articles, and encouraging conversation in Room 62-63.

SPY MARCH 2024 TIMELINE

SEE WHAT OUR
YOUTH ARE UP TO
THIS MARCH



ST. PATTY'S NIGHT

A Youth Group Game Night!
St. Patty's Day Minute to Win It
Games and Prizes

MAR

sunday
MARCH 3
5:30-8:00PM

saturday
MARCH 9
9:00AM-4:00PM

MAR

SPRING RETREAT

will be at AdventrueWorks in
Hot Springs. All students and
friends, 6th-12th Grade, are
invited to attend.

YOUTH SUNDAY PREP

Planning time for Youth
Sunday. Skit, dance, readings,
and prayers.

MAR

sunday
MARCH 10
5:30-8:00PM

**NO YOUTH EVENTS
MARCH 17 (SPRING BREAK)**

sunday
MARCH 24
5:30-8:00PM

MAR

HALF N' HALF

St. Patty's Games & Youth
Sunday Prep Work at Youth
Group

**NO YOUTH EVENTS
MARCH 31 (EASTER)**



Facing grief this time of year? Come to the monthly Faith and Grief community support group for encouragement and listening. It is a safe place to sit and listen and a safe place to name your loved one, if you like. We meet the third Tuesday of the month (**March 19**) in Second Hall at Noon. Lunch is available. Please let us know of your plans to attend by registering through the office or at faithandgrief.org.



Give Online to Support the Ministries of Second Presbyterian Church

You now have the opportunity to support the ministries of Second Presbyterian Church through online giving. Visit secondpreslr.org/giving or use the QR code to contribute to the Annual Budget, make a Memorial Gift or Birthday Fund contribution.

Missed a Sermon?

Did you miss one of the sermons? If so, you can watch recent sermons on the church website at secondpreslr.org. To receive a copy of a sermon either by e-mail or regular mail, contact Karin Howze at Howze@secondpreslr.org or (501) 227-0000.



CELEBRATING 31 YEARS OF STEPHEN MINISTRY AT SECOND PRESBYTERIAN!

commissioned May, 1992

If you or someone you know is hurting and you would like more information about receiving Stephen Ministry care, please contact any of our Stephen Leaders.

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Cathy Crass 501-951-5890

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Jana Villemmez 501-517-1474

JoAnn McQuade, Grief Care

Rev. Alisa Secrest 501-227-0000

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GIVING COMFORT, LIFTING SPIRITS**



Those Serving Our Country

Taylor Douglas, son of Susan & Kevin Douglas – San Diego, CA

Jackson Hudkins, son of Jay Hudkins and Becky Latch, RAF Lakenheath, Suffolk, England

Greer Johnson, daughter of Cory and Stephanie Johnson, granddaughter of Kelly & Judy Johnson - Air Force Academy, CO

Jonathan Johnson, grandson of Helen Scott, nephew of Clarke & Cindy Scott Huisman – stationed in CO

Daniel Jones, Marjorie Watkins' nephew, Sarah Ceja's cousin – stationed in Offut AFB, NE

Kyle Rought, Mary Ibis' cousin – stationed in Fort Hood, TX
Cogan Wade – Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune



Easter Lilies: Honoring Loved Ones

Easter is a time to remember the special people in our lives—those who have gone from us, and those who are still enriching our lives! Place an Easter lily in the sanctuary in their memory or in their honor. A list of those being honored and remembered and their donors will be printed in the Easter bulletin. **The deadline to order is Monday, March 25.** The cost per plant is \$15 (plus a 3% processing fee).

Order through the link: <https://bit.ly/seceasterlilies>, in the church office or scan the QR code.



SECOND PRES YOUTH SUMMER TRIPS

2024



MIDDLE SCHOOL



MONTREAT MIDDLE

July 17-21
Maryville College, TN
\$335.00

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION WEEK

August 4-10
Little Rock, AR
\$150.00



HIGH SCHOOL



APPALACHIAN SERVICE PROJECT

June 23-29
Appalachian Mountains
\$300.00

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE

July 21-27
Montreat, NC
\$700.00



ELIZABETH CAHOON, YOUTH DIRECTOR
elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org

Middle School BURGER HUNT

May 27 The Youth Building

June 3	WHAT-A-BURGER	July 8	Way Back Burgers
June 10	Big Orange (Promenade)	July 22	Purple Cow
June 17	Buffalo Grill	July 29	Five Guys (Chenal)
June 24	David's Burgers (Bowman)	August 5	Leo's Greek Castle
July 1	Back Yard Burgers	August 12	The Root Cafe

MONDAYS 6-7PM
SUMMER 2024

Contact Elizabeth Cahoon
for any questions



High School DESSERT HUNT

May 29 The Cove

June 5	The Cove	July 17	Lulu's Desserts
June 12	Crumbl Cookies (Cantrell)	July 24	The Huckleberry (@ Montreat)
June 19	Loblolly Creamery	July 31	Cinnaholic
July 3	Hurt's Donuts	August 7	Nothing Bundt Cakes
July 10	Community Bakery (Shackleford)	August 14	Shake's

WEDNESDAYS 6-7PM
SUMMER 2024

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for any questions



Young Adults

THURSDAYS 7-9 pm

1st Thursday

Bible Study @ Youth Building

2nd Thursday

Supper Club @ Youth Building

3rd Thursday

Game Night @ Various Locations

4th Thursday

Trivia Night @ American Pie Pizza



fall retreat



trivia night



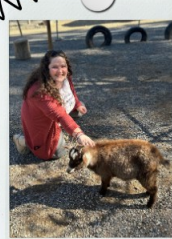
scary!



alligator farm



this is fun!



animal lover



considerate!



friendship



Sunday Online Worship Service

Available beginning at 11: 00 a.m. at secondpreslr.org

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.E. Kane

Associate Pastors

Rev. Alisa Secrest

Rev. Lindy Vogado

Parish Associate

Dr. Robert Williamson

Interim Director of Adult Education

Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell

Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Elizabeth Cahoon

Director of Music and the Arts

Dr. Bevan Keating

Director of Children and Family Ministries

Doug Barr

Interim Directors for Children and Family Ministries

Leslie McCormack

Maggie Kirchner

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Adam Savacool

Business Administrator

Aileen Moore

Director of Planned Giving

Malinda Kirchner

Facilities Manager

David Beach

Administrative Associates

Karin Howze

Tracy May

Carrie Johnson

Food Service Manager

Brenda Majors

Child Care Coordinator

Karin Howze

Sexton

Guy Howze

Logan Humphrey

Bulletin Board

Hospitalized (*Discharged) *Alice Andrews, * Betty Herron, Brad Wooley, *Joan Rorex, *Imogene Gillmore, ,*Terri Cross, *Janet Carson, *Pam Luther, *Joy Sparrow, *Audrey Campbell, *Charles Allen, *Jamie Elliott, *Jess Askew

We celebrate with David Beach and family in the birth of a granddaughter Caroline Reese Beach, parents are Grant and Casey Beach; Catherine Allsbury and family in the birth of a great granddaughter Victoria Lynn Payne.

Our sympathy goes to Martha Stephenson and Boyd Stephenson in the death of their husband and father Warren Stephenson; Hardy Winburn and family in the death of his mother Carolyn Winburn; Linda K. Smith in the death of her father Loyd Stanley Martin; Suzanne Pate in the death of her father Dr. James Clark, Jr., Family and friends in the death of Jean Pope.

We would appreciate your help in keeping the church office informed when there is a sickness in your family, when someone is in the hospital, or a death has occurred. Please also keep us updated on the sickness or concern so that the information we have on our Care and Concern Line is accurate. Members and friends can call the Care and Concern Line, (501) 227-6117, on weekdays to receive information about prayer concerns in our church family. We will honor all requests for confidentiality, but in order for us to offer pastoral care we need to be aware of your situation. We also want to know about the joys, accomplishments and achievements of members of the church. Please call Alisa Secrest or Tracy May in the church office with information, (501) 227-0000, or e-mail alisasecrest@secondpreslr.org or tracymay@secondpreslr.org. Thanks for your help!

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Upcoming Deadlines:

Wednesday, March 27

Wednesday, April 24



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