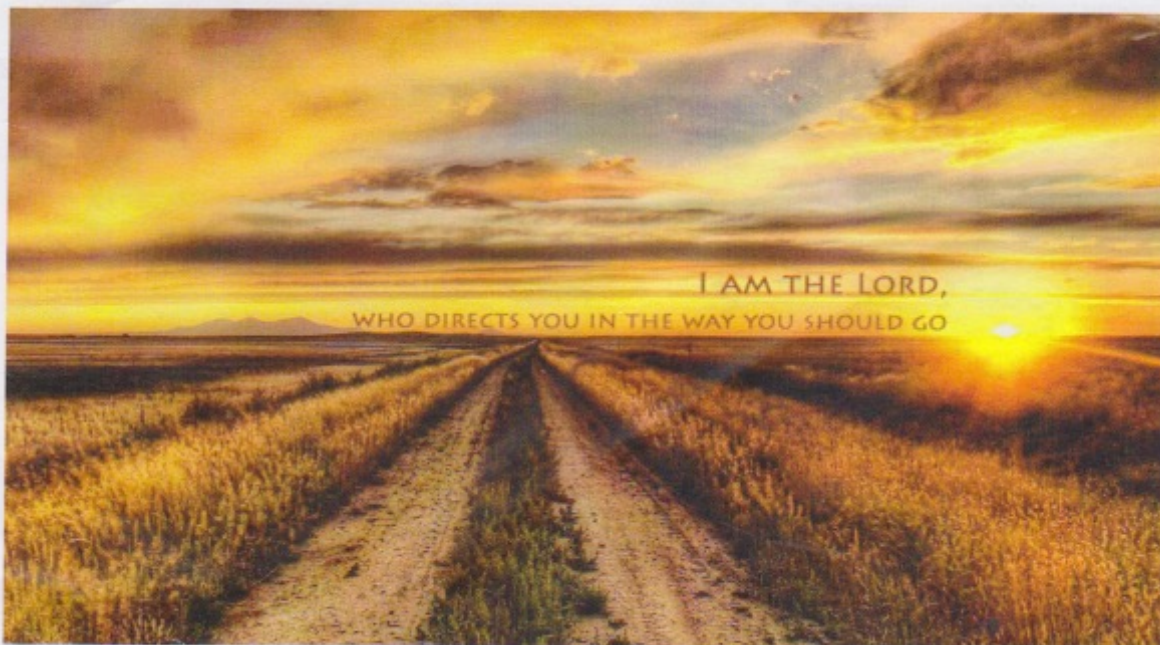


August 2017

EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER



I AM THE LORD,  
WHO DIRECTS YOU IN THE WAY YOU SHOULD GO

family  
**FUN**  
night

**Community**  
**Family Fun Night**  
Friday, August 18  
6:30pm  
Eureka Baptist Church

### Church Picnic & Baptisms

Sunday, August 20

Skonewood Christian Retreat

12:00pm

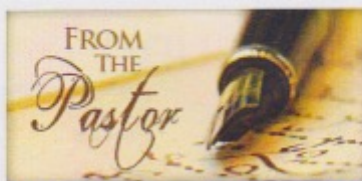
Baptisms to Follow



BAPTISM

At Eureka, one point I want to emphasize is that everything we do is rooted in the Word of God. We do not do things because that is the way we have always done it. We do not do things because that is the way others in the history of the church did it. We do not do things because it is cultural. Rather, everything we do comes from the Bible. The Lord Jesus gave the church two ordinances during his ministry: the Lord's Supper and baptism. We celebrate the Lord's Supper once a month and I plan to have a baptism every year. The remainder of this article will focus on the ordinance of baptism. Specifically, why does Eureka Baptist perform believer's baptism? Is it because we have Baptist in our name? We will see that is not the reason why. It is important to specify that when I say believer's baptism what I mean is a person is baptized upon profession of faith. Once someone becomes a follower of Jesus the next step of obedience is to be baptized (1 Peter 3:21). Jesus commanded that once disciples were made they were to be baptized and we follow that model (Matthew 28:19). Now let's begin the discussion.

The first view we are going to look at is a view that we do not hold to, and that is infant baptism. As the name suggests once a baby is born into a Christian family he or she is immersed or sprinkled in water. Many denominations that believe and treasure the same gospel as us perform infant baptisms. I respect these people and I am grateful that they love Jesus and the gospel, but I think they are taking part in a practice that is not rooted in Scripture. Let me explain why. I will first present their interpretation of Scripture on this topic and then show why I think their view is unbiblical. Then I will explain why believer's baptism is rooted in the Word of God. I will not be presenting all the views on infant baptism (as there are several) because this article is not meant to be a book. Rather, I will be presenting the general view that baptism brings babies into the community of believers. What we will see is that faith and baptism go hand-and-hand and this makes infant baptism unnecessary. Proponents of infant baptism see baptism as equivalent to circumcision in the Old Testament. Just as a male Israelite was circumcised as a sign of joining the covenant community of God, so babies born into Christian homes are baptized as a sign to be ushered into a covenant with God's people. The passage that is appealed to is Colossians 2:11-12. Circumcision and baptism are mentioned in these verses and proponents of infant baptism argue that a connection between the two is being made. The problem is really no connection exists between circumcision and baptism in this text. Paul describes that believers are circumcised spiritually, and those spiritually circumcised are baptized with Christ being buried and raised with him. In this text, Paul simply uses an OT analogy describing the inward spiritual life of God's people. They are those that are made alive spiritually (circumcision) and this happened through spiritually dying and rising with Christ (baptism).



### A Note from Pastor Seth

The use of Old Testament language (circumcision) and New Testament language (baptism) does not mean that the two are parallel. In fact, if a connection exists between physical circumcision and infant baptism then why is this text describing only what happens spiritually. Infants cannot be buried and raised with Christ through faith since they cannot exercise faith. The apostle Paul never says that baptism is the new circumcision. He is simply symbolically describing what happens to a person spiritually once he or she is saved. This is the number one text that infant Baptist proponents appeal to and there is really nothing there to support it.

Secondly infant Baptist supporters argue that whole households were baptized in the New Testament. So, infants must have been among that number baptized along with the one who believed.

For example, during Paul's missionary journey in Acts 16:14 he came across a woman named Lydia. Paul shared the gospel with her and she believed and was baptized. Her household was baptized along with her. But there is no mention of babies being baptized, just others in the household. So this passage, and others like it in Acts do not support infant baptism. The strongest argument for infant baptism is an argument from church history. The dominant view from the 2<sup>nd</sup> century to the 15<sup>th</sup> century is the infant baptism position. While Christians should value the views of godly people from the history of the church (and we are indebted to many of them who held to sound biblical doctrine), the actions of Christians post New Testament is not without error. Everything must be tested by Scripture (1 Thessalonians 5:21). Any actions that are contrary to the clear teachings of Scripture should be opposed. Only the Scriptures are completely free from error (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Titus 1:2). So that must be our source and how we formulate our beliefs and practice.

Now I will explain why the New Testament supports believer's baptism. The clear pattern of the New Testament is people being baptized upon believing in Jesus. After Jesus ascended to heaven in 33 AD, the apostles were sent out to preach the gospel. As the gospel was preached people believed and the apostles called them to be baptized. In Acts 2:41, Peter preached a sermon and the text says, "Those who received his word were baptized." When Phillip preached the gospel in Samaria the text says that both men and women were baptized *when they believed* (Acts 8:12). When Peter preached the gospel to the Gentiles in the household of Cornelius the text says that the Holy Spirit fell on them.

This work of the Holy Spirit was the moment that each of these Gentiles became born again. Peter's response was this: "Can anyone forbid water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" Then Peter "commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ" (Acts 10:47-48). These three accounts present a clear pattern: people believe in Christ and they are baptized.

I already mentioned that infant baptism proponents argue that household baptisms mentioned in the New Testament support their view, but in reality each of these instances better supports the believer's baptism position. This is so because in each case one person in the house is mentioned as believing and then it says that each household was baptized. Each text zeroes in on one person without mentioning the others, and it is implied that the rest in the household also believed. I mentioned Lydia above. In addition, Paul told the Philippian Jailer to "believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household" (Acts 16:31). The jailer and his family heard the message and were baptized (Acts 16:33). Paul called them to believe and it appears that those in the household who were of age were baptized upon believing. The pattern of the New Testament is clear. People believed and they were immersed in water.

Now why is baptism used as initiation into the church? Baptism literally means to be "immersed into water." This is significant because of what it symbolizes. Baptism symbolizes what happens to a person spiritually when he or she believes. In other words, baptism is an outward sign of an inward reality. But infants cannot have this inward reality because they are not yet of age to believe. Paul says, "As many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27). Only those who have "put on Christ" (or are saved) are baptized. The best passage that symbolizes what baptism represents is Romans 6:3-4. Paul writes, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death." Paul is describing that believers die, are buried, and raised with Christ." This can only be true of those who believe, not infants who are not yet born again. Therefore, baptism is only a symbol for those who have experienced this inward change upon believing in Jesus. Once one believes he or she is united to Christ in his death and resurrection. As one is baptized physically in the water this spiritual reality must be on their mind. This is why at Eureka Baptist we practice believer's baptism. The Bible supports it, and Scripture is our sole authority.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Seth



**Church Picnic & Baptisms**  
Sunday, August 20th, 12:00pm  
Skonewood Christian Retreat

Please join us for a Pot Luck lunch at 12:00pm. Baptisms will follow at Pickerel Lake, located right at Skonewood.  
Address: 2104 260th Avenue, Cushing WI



**Women's Bible Study**

Saturday, August 5th  
9:00am

Women of all ages and life circumstances are invited to join us as we study God's Word together.



**Men's Breakfast**

Saturday, August 12th  
8:00am

Whether you are new to the faith, well grounded, or just want to learn how to be a man of God, you'll find our Bible study a good fit for you.

a bible  
falling apart  
USUALLY  
BELONGS  
TO SOMEONE  
WHO  
ISN'T.



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Sunday Morning Service  
10:00am  
\*Kid's Church during Service  
Adult Sunday School  
9:00am



A lady went to her Pastor and said "Pastor, I won't be attending this church anymore."

The Pastor responded, "But, why?"

The lady said "Ah! I saw a woman gossiping about another member; a man that is a hypocrite; the worship team living wrong; people looking at their phone during service; among so many other things wrong in the church."

The Pastor replied "Ok. But, before you go, do me a favor: take a full glass of water and walk around the church three times without spilling a drop on the ground. Afterwards, leave the church if you desire."

The lady thought; too easy! She walked three times around the church as the Pastor had asked. When she finished, she told the Pastor she was ready to leave.

The Pastor said, "Before you leave, I want to ask you one more question. When you were walking around the church, did you see anyone gossiping?"

The lady replied, "No."

The Pastor asked, "Did you see any hypocrites?"

Again, the lady replied, "No."

"Did you see anyone looking at their phone?" He asked.

The lady said, "No."

With a puzzled look on the lady's face, the Pastor explained, "You were focused on the glass making sure that you didn't stumble and spill any water. It's the same with our life. When we keep our eyes on Jesus, we don't have time to see the mistakes of others. We will reach out a helping hand to them and concentrate on our own walk with the Lord."



## **Graham Edwin Anderson**

Born June 2

8 lbs 11 oz

Welcomed by Shaun and Rachael Anderson  
and Big Brother Elias



A man prayed the same pleading prayer over and over again: "Please, Lord, let me win the lottery just once. If I can win it just once, I will never bother you again."

Day after day he prayed that prayer. Then one night, he had a dream in which the Lord appeared to him and said, "Look. Concerning this lottery prayer, perhaps you could meet me halfway—like maybe you could buy a ticket."



This joke makes us laugh, but it can also make us think. How often are our prayers like this? Do we pray for help and guidance, but forget that some action is needed on our part? God is all-powerful, but some effort on our part is expected. Cooperate with Him. (Read James 2:14-26)



### Skonewood's Sunday Musical Services

6:30pm on Sunday Evenings

July 30- Lindley Creek

Aug 6 – Glory Train

Aug 13- TBA

Aug 20- Mystery Mountain Boys

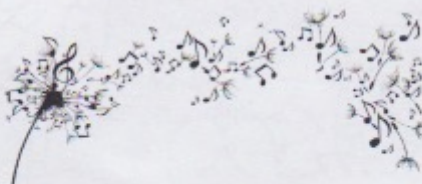
Aug 27 – Benson Family

Sept 3 – Garm's Family

Prelude preceding each service at 6:15 by accomplished pianist Ann Bell

Coffee & bars following each Sunday night Service.  
Donations of these items welcomed.

Free will offering taken to help defray costs for Musical Entertainment Groups.



## Words About....Prayer

Start your days  
with prayer and praise!



*Do not face the day until you have faced God.*

More things are wrought by prayer  
than the world dreams of.

Nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer  
except that which lies beyond the will of God.

But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be  
overburdened...with cares of this life...Watch, then, praying  
at all times. Luke 21:34-36

Prayer is so simple-  
It's like opening a door,  
Slipping into the very presence of God.  
In the stillness,  
listen to His voice,  
Petition, perhaps, or only listen-  
It matters not.  
Just to be there in His presence  
Is PRAYER.

*God's answers are wiser than our  
prayers.*

"In prayer it is better to have a heart without words  
than words without a heart."

~John Bunyan

Don't pray when you feel like it.  
Have an appointment with the LORD and keep it.  
A man is powerful on his knees.

~Corrie ten Boom

**True prayer is a way of life, not  
just in case of emergency.**

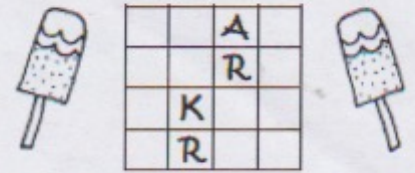
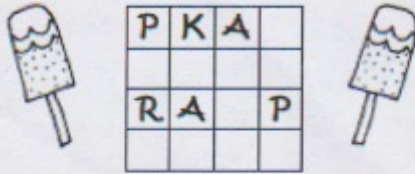
*Prayer will make a man cease from sin,  
or sin will entice a man to cease from  
prayer.*

No one can live wrong and pray right.  
No one can pray right and live wrong.

Submitted by Barb Trombley

## Lolly's at the Park Sudoku

Fill in the grid with the letters P, A, R, and K making sure no letter is repeated in each row, each column and within each mini grid.



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## WELCOME SUMMER

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 FISHING  
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 ICE CREAM  
 JULY  
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 VACATION

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\*If you have anything you'd like to add to the September Newsletter, please have it to Amber by August 20th.

\*If your Birthday or Anniversary is not included in the Newsletter, please contact Amber so it can be added.

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Last year, Eureka Baptist Church held a Garage Sale during River Road Ramble in September. It was a huge success, with proceeds going to Missionaries. We'd like to do it again this year. If you have anything that we could put on the Garage Sale, you can put it in the Annex building. This year, the proceeds will go towards materials for updating the Annex building so the children can use it in the winter months. Anything left after the Garage Sale will be donated to a thrift store, unless prior arrangements are set up. Please have your items to the Annex building by September 3rd.

Join us on Friday, August 18th  
6:30pm

Campfire, Games, Sing-a-longs, FUN!  
Please invite friends and neighbors!

Family  
fun night

#### Happy Birthday!!

Alvin Matson 8/6  
Amber Lindo 8/10  
Abby Swanson 8/22  
Rachael Anderson 8/22  
Jacob Lindo 8/24

## Kid's Corner Julianna Johnson



Julianna is the 7 year old daughter of Jeremiah and Shaila Johnson. She lives in Eureka Center, WI. Julia has an older sister, Josie and an older brother, Johnny.

*What have you done this summer so far?*

I'm entering things in the Polk County Fair! I'm making cookies, I painted an angel and I made a book about my animals. I like to show the judge my projects.

*What does Heaven look like?*

It's white everywhere. The furniture is made out of clouds. God is in Heaven and so is our pet Nilo that just died. So is Crystal, Tessa's mom.

*Do you have a favorite pet? If so, why is it your favorite?*

Nilo our rabbit. Because he was so fluffy and like to jump around a lot.

*Jesus loves children. Why do you think he loves them?*

Because he loves everyone! And because they are cute.

*Why did God make clouds white?*

Because if he made them a different color, they would look weird in the sky. And the colors blue and white go really well together. If they were pink, that would be ok too, because pink and blue go together too...but, He chose white, and that looks good too...

*What do you want to be when you grow up?*

I want to be a house cleaner or a veterinarian.

*What is your favorite thing to do at school?*

I like to play with my friends. We like to race the boys.