

EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

HAPPY New Year

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face
shine upon you, And be gracious to you...



Happy New Year!
Monday, January 1st

2018 Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 21st
After Morning Service
Pot Luck Lunch



Sledding at Skonewood

Saturday, January 27th
10:30am

Lunch and Hot Cocoa provided!



A Note from Pastor Seth

We are blessed to live in a country that has Christianity’s fingerprints all over it. We have three holidays during every calendar year that are devoted to God. The first is Easter in the Spring. This day is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter has been celebrated as a holiday since Christ’s resurrection about 2,000 years ago. In November we have another major holiday called Thanksgiving. This was a holiday that started in the early 1600s when the pilgrims set aside a day, with their Native American friends, specifically focused on Thanksgiving to God. In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln made the last Thursday of November a federal holiday. Lincoln said that this day was set aside to give thanks to the God of the Bible. The last major Christian holiday is Christmas. I remember in my elementary school days thinking that Christmas was about Santa Claus and presents. During one of our assignments, my classmate asked me how to spell Christmas. I spelled it C-h-r-i-s-m-a-s. I forgot the “t” that spelled the first part of the word, Christ. I was distracted because the world around me had forgotten that Christmas was all about Jesus Christ and my little mind forgot.

I know that as you see this posting in the Newsletter Christmas has just passed. But with the holiday still fresh on our mind I want you to remember what this Holiday is all about. December 25 is intended to mark the day the God-man was born into the world. He came to this world on a mission to establish a forever kingdom (Luke 1:32-33) and to save a people who will populate this future kingdom (Matthew 1:21). The angel had Mary and Joseph name the baby Jesus because he will save his people from their sins. The name Jesus literally means, “Yahweh (God) is my salvation.” Everyone on planet earth is a sinner in need of a Savior. God is ready to forgive you of your sins if you will believe in this Savior King. Christmas is a celebration of the first advent (coming) of Jesus. The Christian hope is the second advent (coming) of Christ. One day Jesus will return to establish his eternal kingdom on this earth. If you believe in Christ you will reign with him in this kingdom. This is what Christmas is all about! As we kick off a New Year, may the wonderful reality that God became a man to accomplish his great purposes in the world be on our minds.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Seth



Looking to make a difference in 2018? If you took the time to invite just one person to church each month - that would touch at least 12 people by the end of the year!!

The thought of inviting a friend or neighbor to church can be daunting, even to the most seasoned of Christians. However, understanding the gravity of this invitation demonstrates how life changing the invitation may be. (Romans 1:16)

Tips:
DEPEND ON GOD
Appeal to God’s promise that He will soften hearts to the gospel (Ezekiel 11:19) and ask God to open a door for opportunities to come with those you know. (Colossians 4:3)

BE A GOOD FRIEND
Unbelieving friends have a lot to offer us, as they are a good gift from God. God calls us to love our neighbors, even if we do not always get to share the gospel.

CROSS POLLINATE
God has richly blessed us with church family to partner with us as we share the gospel. Seek out ways to introduce those you invite to others at church. For example, try a new restaurant together or take your kids on a play date. By connecting your unchurched friends to those inside the church, or cross pollinating, when your invited friends come to church they will see a sea of familiar faces and feel more at home.

TALK ABOUT CHURCH
Many of our friends have skewed ideas about church or just have no idea of what going to church entails. The more we talk about church; the more we help demystify church and break down misconceptions. Help those you know see that church is about getting to know God and his people, not rules and tradition. Talk about the benefits of belonging to a church and share about the exciting ministries you are a part of.

SIMPLY INVITE
Questions such as, ‘Hey, what are you doing Sunday morning, want to come along to church with me?’ or “There is a men’s breakfast coming up at my church, want to come along?” are all it takes to extend an invitation to church. If they say no, do not become discouraged, as it may take multiple invites before they come. Continue to be their friend and wait for other opportunities to arise. When the timing is right, ask them again.

Utilizing these tips are just a few of the ways to extend that important invitation to church. Additionally, be sure to be welcoming when others bring their unchurched friends, a smile and warm hug go a long way.



Thank you to everyone that helped decorate the church for the Christmas Season! And thanks to Shaila Johnson for coordinating all the decorations!



DECORATE!!



Eureka Baptist Church - Bible School 1940

Back Row: Teacher Alme Hinz, Don Nelson, Daniel Andrewson,
Donald Anderson, Sherman Jensen

Front Row: Alvin Matson, Marilyn Brown, Eunice Christensen,
Mildred Smith, Clarence (Sonny) Jensen, Bobby Peterson

Submitted by Betty Jensen

Taken from a Eureka Baptist Church Bulletin, 1978

I HAD NO TIME



The day slipped by and time was spent
And all the good things that I meant
To do were left undone because:
I had no time to stop and pause,
But rushed about, went here and there,
Did this and that, was everywhere.
I had no time to kneel and pray
For that lost soul across the way;
I had no time to meditate:
On worthwhile things. No time to wait
Upon the Lord, and hear Him say:
"Well done, my child," at close of day.
And so, I wonder, after all,
When life is o'er and I hear the call
To meet my Savior in the sky;
Where saints live on and never die,
If I can find one soul I've won
To Christ by some small deed I've done
Or will I hang my head and whine,
"Forgive me, Lord, I had no time."

—Mrs. Herbert Bell

Submitted by Susan Matson



The Community Carol Sing was held on December 10th. The event was very well attended by many throughout the community. Micah Hoyt played guitar and Ronda Haley played piano. Brianna Brickley was lead vocal. Cookies and hot cider were served after the program.





Christmas Service

Sunday, December 24th





Eureka Baptist Church had a beautiful Morning Service celebrating Christmas. A Community Social with treats and coffee were served before the service.

Children's Program: Sophie Lindo, Narrator, Roger Swanson: Baby Jesus, Josie Johnson: Mary, Drew Lindo: Joseph, Caroline Hall: Angel, Julianna Johnson: Angel, Lillie Lindo: Angel, Johnny Johnson: Shepherd, Elias Anderson: Shepherd, Annabell Hall: Sheep, Alethia Brickley: Sheep, Jacob Lindo: Sheep, Graham Anderson: Barn Cat.



On MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018,
let's gather at NOON for a little



Teaching,
Lunch,
Conversation!

Please come if you are able
and join friends around the table.



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After Morning Service

A Pot Luck Meal will be served after Morning Service.
The Annual Meeting will follow the meal.



SLEDDING AT SKONEWOOD!

Saturday, January 27th - 10:30am
Lunch and Hot Cocoa provided.
Remember to bring a sled!



Can you imagine what it would be like to live in a life-sized gingerbread house? That would almost seem like the perfect place to live. Well, the Bible tells us about a real live "perfect place to live." It's called Heaven. God sent Jesus because He loves you very much! One day, when Jesus was still a young man, He left His home on Earth. He took the punishment for all the bad things we've done when He died on a cross. And now He has a new home. Do you know where that is? He still lives in Heaven, but He wants to live in our hearts. He will come and live in our hearts if we just ask Him to. He will forgive us for all of the wrong things we've done.

Thank you to Shaila Johnson for coordinating the Gingerbread House event and providing the houses/candy!



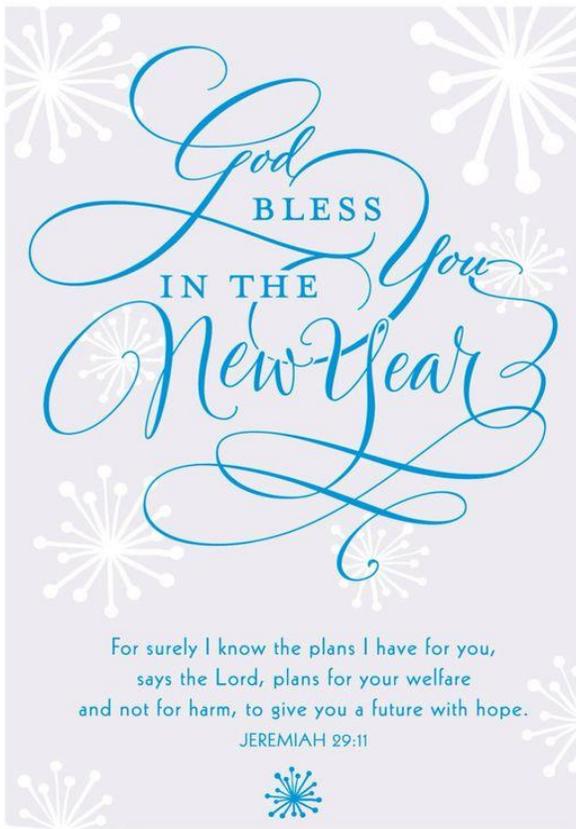
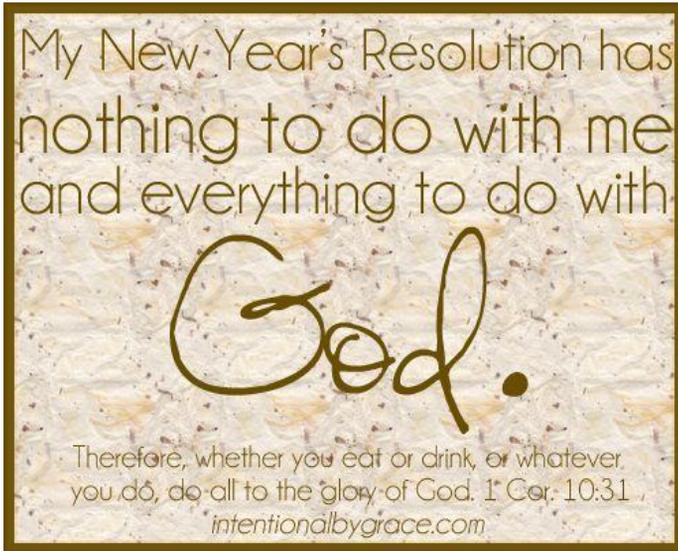
The children worked hard learning their parts for the Christmas Program. They enjoyed pizza after rehearsal. Thank you to Shaun and Rachael Anderson for providing the pizza.



Happy Birthday!!

Elias Anderson 1/5

Jeremy Hall 1/23



Women's Bible Study

Saturday, January 6th

9:00am

Men's Breakfast Group

Saturday, January 13th

8:00am

Words About....Bible Reading

The Bible will change your life...but you have to read it.

The Bible is God's side of the conversation.

This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night that you may be careful to do all that is written in it, for then you shall make your way profitable and then you shall have good success. (Joshua 1:8)

Ten Books of the Bible to read in 2018

1. Genesis...*where it all begins*
2. John...*getting to know the Son of God...*
3. Romans...*and His righteousness*
4. Psalms...*worshipful words*
5. Ephesians...*blessings in Christ*
6. Proverbs...*practical wisdom*
7. Philippians...*the joy-filled life*
8. 1 John.... *fellowship with God*
9. James....*genuine faith*
10. Isaiah...*salvation*

We treasure the word of God not only by reading the words of the Scriptures, but by studying them. We may be nourished more by pondering a few words, allowing the Holy Ghost to make them treasures to us, than to pass quickly and superficially over whole chapters of scripture. (Henry B. Eyring)

This Book will keep you from sin

or sin will keep you from this Book.

I have hidden Your Word in my heart

that I might not sin against You.

(Psalm 119:11)

The more you READ THE BIBLE the more you will LOVE THE AUTHOR!



Submitted by Barbara Trombley



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