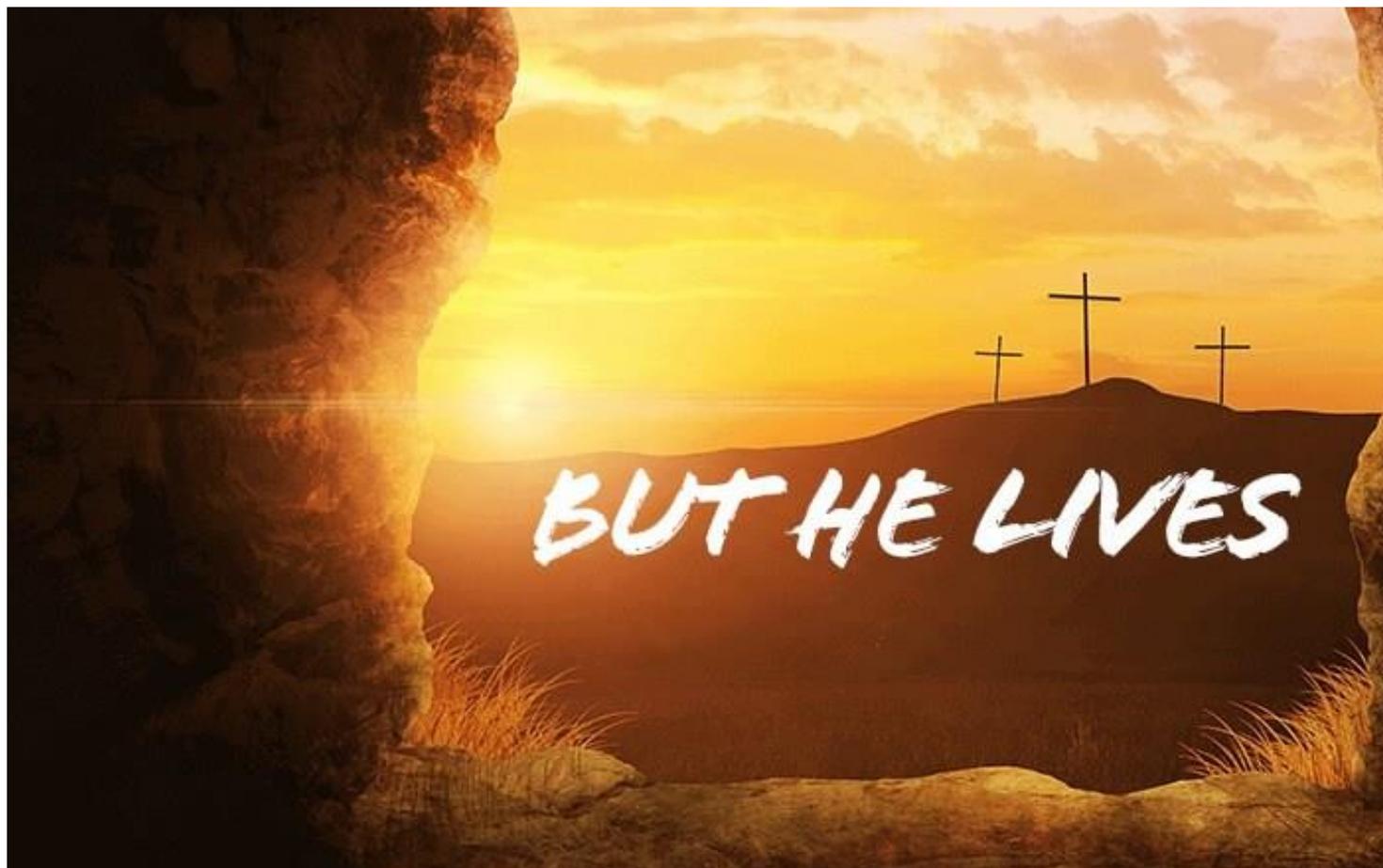


EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER



Sunday

April 1

Easter Sunday

Sunday

April 8

Informational
Membership
Meeting



Sunday

April 29

Church Social

Sunday

April 29

Quarterly
Business
Meeting





A Note from Pastor Seth

It has become popular in recent years for Christians to wonder whether they need the local church. The thought usually goes like this. I can follow Christ on my own and when I need community I can find it with my Christian friends. Another element added to this in recent years is why do I need a local pastor to preach to me when I can find a sermon online. I was with a pastor recently where we talked about all the reasons one should be a part of a local church. I am going to show you why it is not only important, but also necessary for a Christian to have a church home. I realize I am writing to those of you who already see the value in this, so my goal is to show you from Scripture what you already knew some of. Secondly, you may know Christians who do not belong to a church and you should pass this on to them to encourage them in this direction.

The church was established in the first century A.D. when Christ first called his disciples. The Lord told his disciples that "I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). We need to ask the question what is the church? The church is anyone who believes in Christ, is given the Holy Spirit and enters the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13). Any time you meet someone who professes faith in Christ and there is clear evidence (by their character) of the indwelling of the Spirit, this person is a part of what is called the invisible global church. But where does the Lord expect you to find these people? The answer is he expects you to find them in local churches. In the first century it would have been troubling to one of the apostles that a Christian was not in a

local church. It was assumed that you would be in one. The apostle Paul wrote thirteen letters. Every one of these letters was either written to a local church or a pastor of a local church. For example, Paul's first letter, Galatians, was written to the churches in the region of Galatia (Galatians 1:2). The apostle Peter wrote to believers in eastern Europe and he told the elders of those churches to shepherd the flock of God (their church) among them (1 Peter 1:2; 5:2). In the last book of the Bible in Revelation Jesus addresses seven churches (Revelation 2-3). He does not address seven autonomous Christians but local churches. Jesus and the apostles expect all believers to be in a local church.

Throughout Scripture the Bible commands pastors to keep watch over their flock. I mentioned one above (1 Peter 5:2). The Bible also commands Christians to sit under the leadership of the pastor of their local church. The author of Hebrews says to "Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account (Hebrews 13:17). The journey through the life of faith is hard and the Lord appoints pastors to look after your soul and for you to follow his God-given leadership. Jesus has also given two ordinances that every local church should follow. These are Baptism and the Lord's Supper. A Christian cannot be officially baptized or take part in the Lord's Supper without a local church. The Lord sets it up that these two ordinances would operate in the context of the local church. I already mentioned the difficulty of the life of faith. The Lord expects believers to go on this journey together. The Lord gives the church

the "one another" commands (Romans 12:9-16). For example, believers are to "rejoice with those who rejoice weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another" (Romans 12:16). These are to be carried out as people do life together in the local church. Each believer has also been given spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12-14). The purpose of the spiritual gifts is to build up the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 14:26). This of course can only be done in the community of the local church. Lastly, yes, you can hear preaching online. But only your local pastor knows you and the application that you need from the Word of God. The Lord's design is for you to grow as you sit under this preaching week after week. You can see why it is important (and necessary) for a Christian to be a part of a local church. Once a person comes to saving faith in Christ, the Lord's design is not to have a "loner Christian", but rather to mature a believer in a local church. I am delighted to be a part of the Eureka Church community alongside you.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Seth

Informational Membership Meeting



***Interested in becoming a member
of Eureka Baptist Church?***

*Please stay for an informational
meeting after the Morning Service on
Sunday, April 8th.*

Eureka Baptist Church had a wonderful breakfast and Morning Service for Palm Sunday. Thank you to everyone that brought in a favorite breakfast dish or dessert. Many from the church invited family and friends. The children sang a song and waved palm branches. Mark and Lori Brooks sang for the church during the service.

PALM SUNDAY



Hosanna!



February Church Social

A Church Social is held the last Sunday of every month. Everyone is encouraged to attend!



Seated left to right: Mrs. P.C. Peterson, Mrs. Martin Olson, Mrs. Gust Johnson, Mrs. N.C. Nelson, Mrs. Nels Chris Nelson, N.C. Nelson, Mrs. Has Laudhal, Hans Christopherson. Standing left to right: Mary Peterson, Mrs. Jim Nelson, Mrs. Jim Laier, Mrs. Jim Amundson, Nina Peterson, Martin Olson, P.C. Peterson, Nels Chris Nelson, Nels Mortenson. Submitted by Betty Jensen.



Monthly Events



Women's Bible Study
Saturday, April 7th
9:00am



No Men's Breakfast in April.
However, please join us at the
Men's Retreat in Fredric!
April 13-14



Kid's Night
Saturday, April 28th
6:00pm-7:00pm



Church Social
Sunday, April 29th
After Morning Service

March Kid's Night



Left - 1981 Church Board, left to right: Floyd Jackson, Trustee; Vera Jackson, Clerk; Goodwin Hanson, Deacon; H. Russell Jensen, Deacon; Bud Jensen, Trustee; Alvin Matson, Deacon; Ray Christensen, Trustee; Rev. Ralph Shepard; Larry Jensen, Trustee; Leonard Olsen, Deacon; Patricia Jensen, Treasurer; Rodney Swanson, Trustee.

Right-Deaconesses:
Susan Matson,
Marilyn Jensen,
Laura Jensen.



Right - 1981 Choir:
Backrow, Bernice Stoltz,
Leonard Olsen, Russel
Jensen, Bud Jensen, Pastor
Shepard. Middle row:
Bernice Jensen (pianist),
Vera Jackson, Pat Jense,
Millie Hanson, Marilyn
Jensen, Susan Matson.
Front row: Jill Christensen,
Jenny Shepard, Betty
Jensen, Ruth Shepard.
Submitted by Bob
Swanson.



Weekly Events



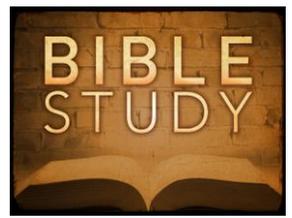
Adult Sunday School
Sunday Mornings
9:00am



Morning Service
Sunday Mornings
10:00am



Kids Church
Sunday mornings during
Morning Service



Bible Study
Wednesday Evenings
6:30pm

2018 Board Members

Deacons

Shaun Anderson
Gordon Trombley

Trustees

Randy Clark
Jeremiah Johnson
Shaun Anderson

Deaconess

Barbara Trombley
Amber Lindo
HansiStridde
Abby Swanson

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Amber Lindo

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Sharon Jorgenson

Auditing Committee

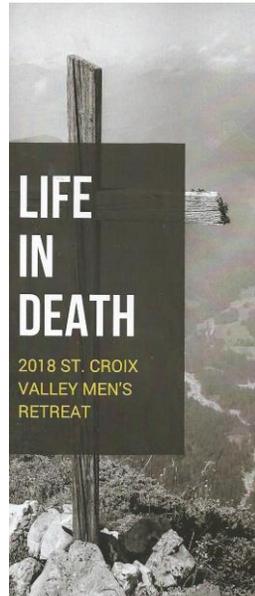
Sharon Jorgenson
Jeremiah Johnson

2018 Church Mowing Schedule

It soon will be warm out, which means the grass will start growing. Please consider helping with the mowing! Sign up sheet is at church.



"Parting the church lawn and the Red Sea are not exactly the same."



2018 St. Croix Valley Men's Retreat

April 13-14, 2018

The St. Croix Valley Men's Retreat has been taking place at Oak Forest Center in Frederic for over five years. Each year, like-minded men gather together for two days to encourage one another toward knowing Christ Jesus more.

This year, the theme of the retreat, "Life In Death," will force men to consider Jesus' call to take up their cross and follow Him. The Apostle Paul called following Jesus dying with Jesus in order to live in Christ (see Gal 2:20). You won't want to miss this encouraging time as men seek the Lord together.

Teaching Sessions with Pastor Mark Barlow from Grace Church, Pastor Seth Brickley from Eureka Baptist Church, and Pastor Chandler Wiley from New Life Christian Community.

Registration deadline is April 8th. Forms are located at church.

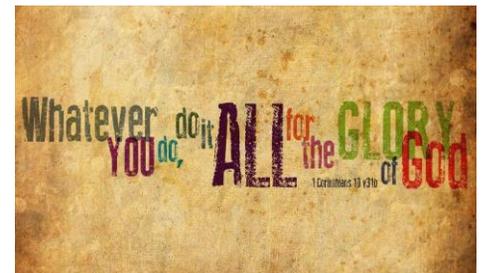
TEAM MEETINGS

Meetings are held after Morning Service

April 8 – Informational Membership Meeting

April 15 – Fellowship Team Meeting

April 22 – Facilities Team Meeting



Thanks to Stephen Birch (See Genesis 6-8) 05-19-2005

WE WERE TOLD YOU WERE TAKING CREATURES
THAT CAME TO YOU IN PEARS



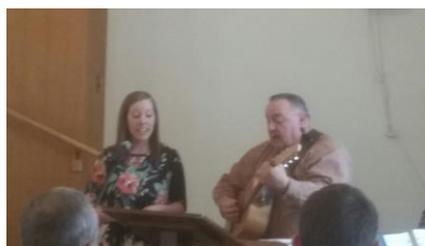
Quarterly Business Meeting

Sunday, April 29th
After Morning Service

Kid's Night

Any kid
(young and old) is
invited to Kid's
Night!

Saturday, April 28th
6:00pm-7:00pm



Thank you to those that have specials and sing for our Services. Eureka Baptist Church is blessed! If you have a song, reading, or something other to contribute to the Morning Service, please let us know!

Happy Birthday!!

Sandy Clark 4/12

Happy Anniversary!!

Steve & Sharon Jorgenson 4/11

Words About...Smiling

Smile, it is the key that fits the lock of everybody's heart.

~Anthony J. D'Angelo

If you see someone without a smile,
give them one of yours.



Smiling Is Infectious

Spike Milligan
Smiling is infectious,
you catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today,
I started smiling too.
I passed around the corner
and someone saw my grin.
When he smiled I realized
I'd passed it on to him.
I thought about that smile,
then I realized its worth.
A single smile, just like mine
could travel round the earth.
So, if you feel a smile begin,
don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic quick,
and get the world infected!

a warm smile
is the universal
language of
kindness

WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD

Submitted by Barbara Trombley

What does the Bible say?

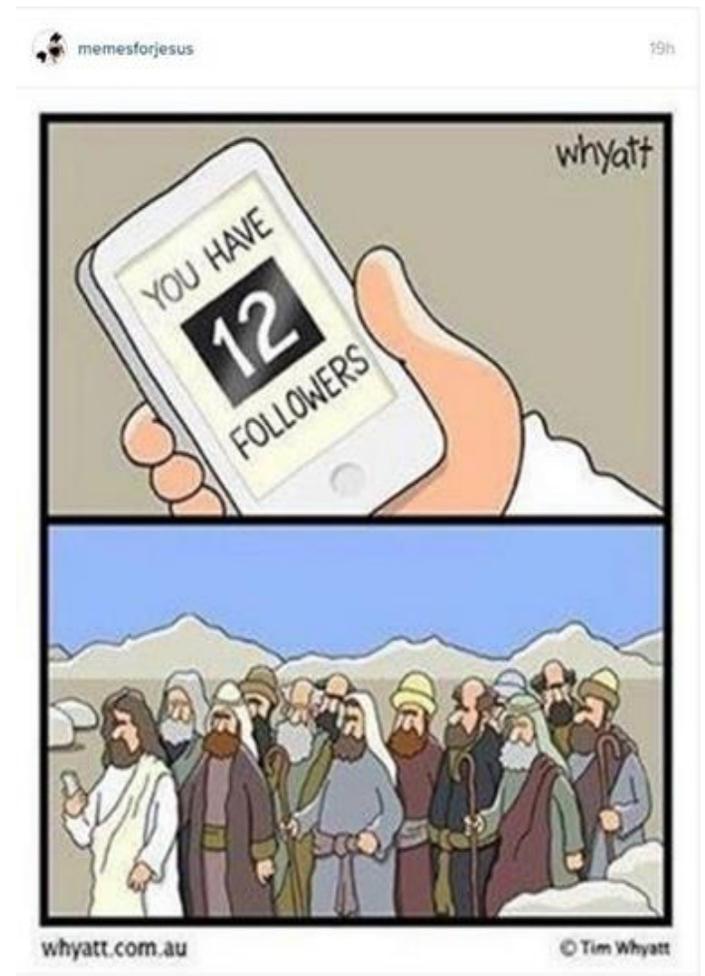
Proverbs 15:30 A cheerful look brings joy to the heart;
good news makes for good health.

Proverbs 17:22 A joyful heart is good medicine, but
depression drains one's strength.

Proverbs 15:13-15 A glad heart makes a happy face; a
broken heart crushes the spirit. A wise person is hungry
for knowledge, while the fool feeds on trash. For the
despondent, every day brings trouble; for the happy heart,
life is a continual feast.

Psalms 126:2-3 Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among
the nations, "The LORD has done great things for
them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are
glad.

Zephaniah 3:17





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