

EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

*“For I know the plans
I have for you,”*

declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future."

-Jeremiah 29:11



Sunday

June 17

Leadership
Meeting

Sunday

June 17

Father's Day



MISSIONARY
Visit!

Sunday

June 24

Missionary
Visit: Shepards

Pot Luck to
follow Morning
Service

Friday

June 29

6:30pm

Family Night





A Note from Pastor Seth

As one whom the Lord has sent to look after you (Hebrews 13:17), I am sending you this letter to offer a challenge to you for this summer and beyond. I have been your pastor for fifteen months and I am so grateful that the Lord led me to be your shepherd, and I would not want to be anywhere else. I desire to be here for the long haul. I came here because I desired to come to a church that wanted to grow spiritually and to make a difference in this community for Christ, and you clearly shared that desire by calling me to be your pastor. In order for this to happen the people in our church need to be fully committed. As I write this, I realize that some of you are very committed to Eureka, and I am grateful for the example that you set for everyone in our church. But I write this letter out of concern for a lack of commitment that is centered on a misplacement of priorities. Jesus told us that the greatest commandment is to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind” (Matthew 22:37). How do we know we love him more than anyone or anything in the world? It shows in the way we live our lives (John 8:31).

The Lord accomplishes his purposes in the world through the church (Matthew 16:18). He calls his people to be committed to the church (Hebrews 10:24), of which Christ is the head and we are the body (Colossians 1:18). We fulfill God’s plan in our lives as we strive to grow in Christ together, ministering to one another, leading to maturity in each person (Ephesians 4:12-13). I write this as summer has arrived. A time when you may be tempted to be drawn away from what

God desires of you. One of the ways that you can have confidence that God is number one in your life is if you are deeply involved in his church, showing it to be a major priority. Are you serving the church (and building it up) with the gifts that God has given you (1 Corinthians 14:4)? Do you minister in the local church where you give of yourself and you receive the blessing of others (Ephesians 4:15-16)? If you are not, your words that he is number one ring hollow.

The big gathering every week is our Sunday morning service at 10 am. If you are only going to make one meeting a week, this is the one to prioritize the most. We have almost seventy people in our directory who are able to make it on Sunday’s (a few in their old age are not able). I realize there are some good reasons to not be there on a Sunday morning, but many reasons are not good ones. I encourage you to evaluate yourself. When you are not there do you absolutely have to miss, or could what you are doing wait till later that day? If you are going to grow, and if we as a church are going to make a difference in this community for Christ, it is very important to be there. You need the gathering of believers for own spiritual health, and you need to be working in unity with your fellow church members to reach the lost (Ephesians 4:3; 4:12-13; Matthew 28:19). How can these two objectives be accomplished if you have sporadic attendance? As your shepherd, I need to speak out when I see something concerning. Please do not let the beautiful weather and other obligations keep you from gathering with the community of believers at Eureka Baptist.

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Sunday Morning Service: 10:00am

*Kid's Church during Service

Adult Sunday School: 9:00am

Bible Study Wednesdays: 6:30pm

Each Sunday when we meet God’s presence joins us in a special way. Scripture says that when we meet together the people of God become the temple of God as the Spirit dwells with us (1 Corinthians 3:16). During the preaching of the Word on Sunday’s God the Father and God the Son are with us looking on in a special way (2 Timothy 4:1-2). Think about this. Do you miss this wonderful gathering each week for something that should be much lower on the priority list? The Bible commands us not to neglect to meet together (Hebrews 10:24-25). You will be tempted to do something else in its place, but do not listen to those distractions. I encourage you to prioritize our gatherings at Eureka for your benefit and the benefit of our whole flock. At the end of your life you (and I) will have regrets. Something you will never regret is prioritizing meeting together with the people of God.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Seth

*And let us consider
how we may spur one
another on toward
Love and good deeds*



*Let us not give up
meeting together ...
but let us **encourage**
one another.*

Hebrews 10:24-25



Rev. Pat Phinney is the Executive Director for North Central CBA and was present during the time we welcomed Pastor Seth Brickley to Eureka Baptist Church. Pat Phinney's wife, Karen, was diagnosed with stage three Ovarian cancer on Labor Day 2017. She had not been responding to various chemotherapy treatments. After a strong treatment recently, Pastor Phinney has this update:

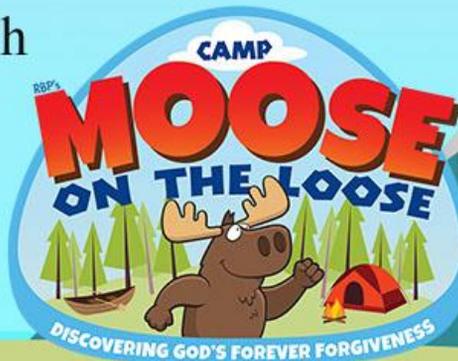
I have been waiting to update our many dear friends concerning Karen's health and bout with ovarian cancer. It has been a very challenging journey that God has put us on these past nine months. During this time, we have remained thankful to Him for His steadfast faithfulness to us and our entire family. Karen's first round of treatment, which is commonly known as the Golden Standard, had no effect on the cancer. It was so disappointing because seventy percent of all women with ovarian cancer respond positively to the treatment.

Karen did not. So, we began the second round of treatment, praying it would make a difference. The plan was for Karen to have abdominal surgery on January 11 to eliminate as much cancer as possible (they removed 90%), three months of treatment in February, March and April and then a CT scan on May 11 to determine if the treatment was successful. We saw four possible options at the consultation: the cancer would be completely eradicated, there would be a positive sign of progress, the cancer would remain and finally, the cancer would continue to advance with no response to treatments. The week between the CT scan and consultation was a very difficult wait. It seemed like an eternity, but we continued to trust in God's sovereignty. As the oncologist walked into the room, you could cut the air with a knife. She smiled and said, "Karen, the CT scan looks just great. You are disease free!" What? Our hearts were filled with praise to God for the miracle He gave.

Only three treatments with the new round of chemo and Karen has no sign of disease. They will not call her cancer free because she has two lymph nodes that are inflamed and somewhat suspicious, but they are not concerned about them at this point. Praise God! Karen will continue with three more cycles of chemo, which will be completed in late July. They will do another CT scan early August, to determine if the chemo is continuing to work. If so, Karen will be monitored for months to come. Ovarian cancer has a nasty habit of returning, but for now we are so thankful to God. Rejoice and give thanks with us before God, but please do not stop praying. We are here today because of you, so you must continue to uphold us before God. We are excited about planning a vacation and spending time away, enjoying this new chapter in our lives. We love you all more than you will ever know. All praise and glory goes to God.



Eureka Baptist Church
VBS



July 8 - 12
5:30pm -7:30pm



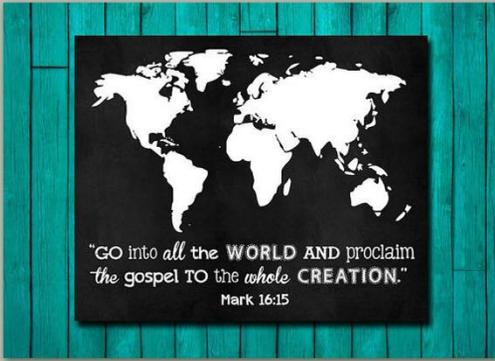
Ralph & Ellen Shepard

Missionaries visiting Eureka Baptist Church on Sunday, June 24th

As a teen, Ralph decided he wanted to know and follow God. He graduated with a degree in Bible theology from Moody Bible Institute. In 2009 he earned a masters in organizational leadership.

Ellen was raised in a Jesus-loving home and became a Christian at eight. Attending the University of Colorado as a Spanish major, she felt God's nudging toward missions. She and Ralph had met at Moody Bible Institute and after a long, mostly-correspondence dating relationship, were married in 1977.

From 1985 to 2005 Ralph and Ellen lived in Lima, Peru, being part of the neighborhood and community, raising their children, two of whom were born there, and contributing to the development of two communities of Christ followers. In 2007 they moved to Guadalajara, Mexico.



Happy Father's Day

What Makes A Dad?

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,

The warmth of a summer sun,

The calm of a quiet sea,

The generous soul of nature,

The comforting arm of night,

The wisdom of the ages,

The power of the eagle's flight,

The joy of a morning in spring,

The faith of a mustard seed,

The patience of eternity,

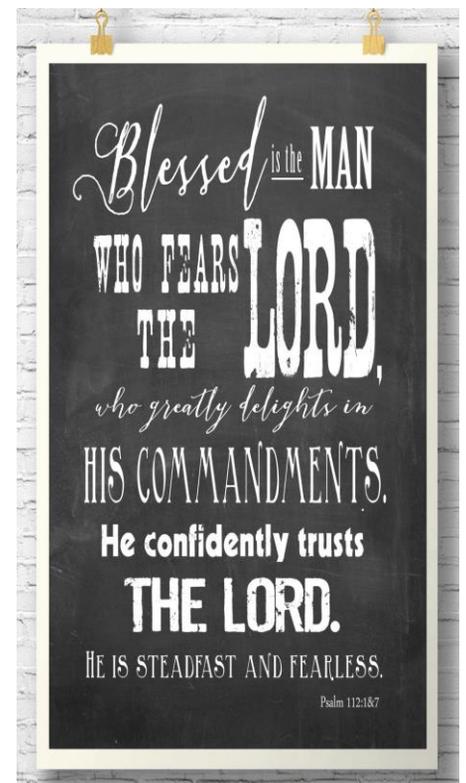
The depth of a family need.

Then God combined these qualities.

When there was nothing more to add,

He knew His masterpiece was complete,

And so, He called it ... "DAD!"



Monthly Events



Women's Bible Study
Saturday, June 2nd
9:00am



Men's Breakfast
Saturday, June 9th
8:00am



Family Night
Friday, June 29th
6:30pm

Annex Update



Being built in 1952



Working on the building 2018

Last year, Eureka Baptist Church held a garage sale during River Road Ramble. It was decided that the proceeds from the sale would go towards fixing the Annex building. \$1,000 was raised from that sale. Work has now started on the exterior of the building. The building was roofed last fall and new windows, doors and garage door are currently being installed. The improvements will make the building more functional for gatherings and events. The Annex was built in 1952 because of crowded conditions for Sunday School.

thankful



David & Patsy Anderson
for donation of the
windows and doors

Matson Family for
donation towards the
Garage Door

Shaun Anderson for all
your talent and hard work
with the construction

Weekly Events



Adult Sunday School
Sunday Mornings
9:00am



Morning Service
Sunday Mornings
10:00am



Kids Church
Sunday mornings during
Morning Service

2018 Board Members

Deacons

Shaun Anderson
Gordon Trombley

Trustees

Randy Clark
Jeremiah Johnson
Shaun Anderson

Deaconess

Barbara Trombley
Amber Lindo
Hansi Stridde
Abby Swanson

Secretary

Amber Lindo

Treasurers

Hansi Stridde
Abby Swanson



Church Gift Shelf

Looking for a unique faith-based gift?
How about that hard-to-shop-for person?

Check out the new gift shelf at the back of the church. Prayer Journals, Necklaces, Decorations, Jewelry Trays, Earrings, Bracelets and more!!

Happy Birthday!!

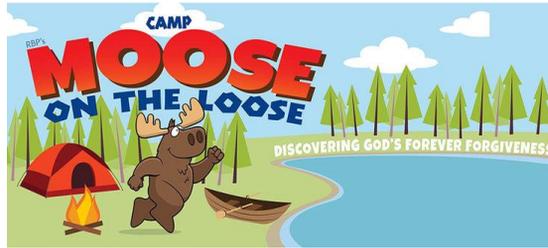
Graham Anderson 6/2
Bob Swanson 6/12
Jeremiah Johnson 6/13
Rachel Hall 6/14
Kyle Swanson 6/22
Jonathan Johnson 6/24

Happy Anniversary!!

Pastor Seth & Brianna Brickley 6/28

Do we have your birthday and anniversary? We'd love to pray for you on your special day! Please email your information to Amber! J.a.lindo@hotmail.com

Church Announcements



Please sign up to help for VBS! Even 2-3 days would be wonderful! We're not expecting you to be teaching a class or leading the singing. There are many ways to help!

Clean up crew, helping young children find the restrooms, serving supper, assisting with crafts, learning verses...we can use your help! The VBS signup sheet is at church.

July 8 - 12
5:30pm-7:30pm

We are busy planning for a great Vacation Bible School this year! We're very thankful for always having such a well attended and successful VBS week.

However, we need your help!



Family fun night

Join us this summer for Family Fun Nights! Everyone is welcome!

Games * Snacks * Campfires

Friday, June 29th
Thursday, June 12
Friday, August 17th
6:30pm



Thank you to **Bob Swanson** and **Kyle Swanson** for the yard work and parking lot work at Church!

LEADERSHIP MEETING

LEADERSHIP MEETING June 10 after Morning Service

Kid's Night



Words About.....Graduation

*These words are true for everyone, every day.
Graduation provides an opportunity to ponder them~*

**Remember the past with fondness,
Look to the future with eagerness,
Live each moment to the fullest.**

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD,
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give
you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

FAITH is not knowing
what the future holds,
but knowing
who holds the future.

The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you;
He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid;
do not be discouraged.

Deuteronomy 31:8

CHOOSE YOUR *Friends*
WITH CAUTION;
PLAN YOUR *Future*
WITH *purpose &*
Frame YOUR LIFE
WITH *Faith.*
-THOMAS S. MONSON

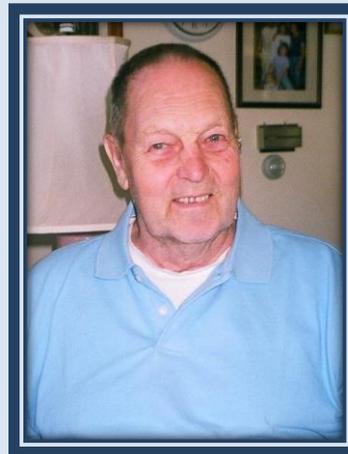
Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for
the LORD.

Psalms 27:14

**Your
attitude
determines
your
direction.**

Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge Him
and He will direct your paths.
Proverbs 3:5,6

Submitted by Barbara Trombley



Roald Johnson

May 15, 1931 - May 6, 2018

Roald T. Johnson, 86 of Milltown, passed away at the United Pioneer Home in Luck, Wisconsin on Sunday, May 6, 2018. Roald was born in Luck, Wisconsin on May 15, 1931 the son of Reynold and Selma (Severson) Johnson.

Roald leaves to celebrate his memory: daughter, Sharon (Steve) Jorgenson, Luck, WI; son, Wayne (Kristi) Johnson, Milltown, WI; daughter-in-law, Debbie Johnson, St. Croix Falls, WI; brother, Roger (Connie) Johnson, Centuria, WI; brothers-in-law, David (Sandy) Halvorson, Duane (Jean) Halvorson, Jerry Halvorson, sister-in-law, Alice Kleven, grandchildren, Thomas, Bryan, Michael (Sabrina), Kayla Johnson, Derek Jorgenson, Shauna (Max) Musial, April Johnson and Beth Johnson, great-grandchildren, Emma Johnson, Brooklyn Johnson, Abigail Johnson and Preston Thibault, many nieces, nephews, cousins and other friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Reynold and Selma (Severson) Johnson, infant sister, Joan Johnson, wife, Elaine Johnson, son, Larry Johnson, great granddaughter, Tiffany Johnson, father-in-law and mother-in-law, Joe and Lillian Halvorson, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Roger and Judy Halvorson, Donna Kounkel, Merle and Georgine Burrows.

The funeral service for Roald was held on Friday, May 11, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. at Eureka Baptist Church with Pastor Seth Brickley officiating. Visitation was on Thursday, May 10, 2018 from 4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. at the Kolstad Family Funeral Home in Centuria and again on Friday at the church from 10:00 A.M. until the time of service. He was laid to rest at North Valley Cemetery with full military honors following the funeral service.

Pallbearers were Derek Jorgenson, Bryan Johnson, Thomas Johnson, Earl Ericksen, David Halvorson and Steve Jorgenson. Honorary Pallbearer was Special Friend, Chuck Beals.

Absent FROM THE *Body*
PRESENT WITH
THE *Lorde*



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