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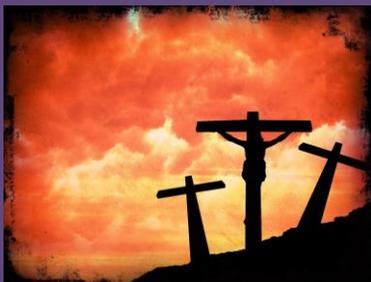


Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 5
Join us live on
facebook at 10:00am

Good Friday

Friday, April 10
Join us live on
facebook at
6:30pm



Easter Day

Sunday, April 12
Join us live on
facebook at
10:00am



A Note from Pastor Seth

You have heard it said over and over again recently that these are unprecedented times. I have only lived thirty-three years on this earth, but in that time I have never seen anything like this. People who have lived much longer are telling me the same thing. If Christ's return is delayed, we will look back on this time like we looked back on 9/11. Every one of us who was alive and old enough during that time remembers where we were when those planes crashed through the World Trade Center Buildings. It was a surreal sight, and the sights on the television screen for this Covid-19 epidemic are as well. It does not matter where one goes all over the earth one cannot escape the Coronavirus. The safest place right now would be deep in the sea or on the moon, but neither is a viable option. No matter where we go we are at risk of catching this infamous virus. We are right to follow the instructions of Federal and State governments who are telling us to social distance (Romans 13:1-7). At the very least we should follow this so that we do not pass on the virus to someone who is elderly, or one who has an underlying condition. Either could get very sick or even die.

But I want to stress that we will remember these times. In my seven plus years of pastoral ministry I have never changed a sermon at the last minute, and I certainly have not changed a sermon series at the last minute. I have done both over the last couple of weeks. The week when everything started to take off is when it entered my mind. Many sporting events and concerts were canceled, the virus was taking off in Italy, and well-known people like Tom Hanks came down with the virus. Then schools were closed for an indefinite period, and so I knew I had to change my plan. My sermon on Matthew 5:33-37 was ready to go and I was excited to preach it. But I knew that when I stepped into the pulpit on Sunday morning people's minds were going to be on the Coronavirus and this means to each individually and our world.

This is why I preached a sermon titled, *6 Reflections on the Coronavirus*. After that sermon I still planned on preaching Matthew 5:33-37 the following Sunday. Then I had a conversation with my father that changed my thinking. It occurred to me that normal life stopping from the Coronavirus was going to go on for a while. Every week over the next several weeks, even months people would be thinking about this virus and its impact on everyone. A desire grew in me to divert from our sermon series in Matthew. People need to hear from Scripture what is most in their mind.

Now I know that all Scripture is relevant at all times, but there are unique times, and this is very unique, when it is appropriate to change plans and address something that is staring everyone right in the face. You do not have to be a Christian to think about two realities that are on people's minds: death and the end of the world. With many dying all over the world from this virus people are shown how quickly this life can end. This invisible enemy that is taking lives has taken away the false security people had before. People are also thinking about the end of the world, and not only Christians. I was watching an interview where one of the best experts on this virus was asked the question, "is this virus the end of humanity?" He answered no, but the question itself shows that people are thinking about the end of the world. These reasons are why I felt it necessary to take a pause from Matthew and focus on what Scripture has to say about these two realities. This is why I am now doing a ten-week sermon series titled, *End of Life, End of Times*. We did the first sermon last Sunday.

As your pastor I confess to you that I have a frustration with the church in America. There is little to no talk about the end of the world and yet Scripture talks about it all over the place. It has been said that one-fourth of Scripture is prophecy. Some has already been fulfilled and some is still to come. I am aware of the Lord's providence that he is trying to get the world's attention with this birth pain (Matthew 24:8).

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Sunday Morning Service: 10:00am
*Kid's Church during Service
Sunday School: 9:00am
Bible Study: Weds at 6:30pm

These birth pains are calamities that increase in frequency and intensity before the end. If he is trying to get the world's attention, then as his church we must certainly be those who are paying attention. If Scripture has much to say about the end, and it does, then we should see what it has to say. A healthy study of the end times will only do us good. A verse I have shared with you recently is Revelation 1:3 that reads, "Blessed is the one who read aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written it, for time is near." From the testimony of Scripture I know that this sermon series will be a blessing to you. May our anticipation to be in his presence grow, may our joy in him grow, may our character grow, and may we grow in unity as a church as we ponder this marvelous future the Lord has prepared for those who love him.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Seth

L.O.C.K.D.O.W.N
is a time to:

- L**isten to God's voice and reflect. Let go and Let God.
- O**bey His Word and His teachings.
- C**all on Jesus's name and be Calm.
- K**now that God has a purpose for all of this.
- D**well in His presence. Do not panic.
- O**ffer a prayer for everyone's safety.
- W**ait on the Lord and be patient. This too shall pass.
- N**urture our personal relationship with God.

Mission Missions:reach



Jeff Denlinger
President, WorldVenture

Well, 2020 has been quite unexpected, hasn't it? COVID-19, the "Coronavirus," is impacting and disrupting our lives and plans, locally and globally. It's good at these times to remember that God is not disrupted; He is sovereign and even this will be worked out for His glory and our good. All praise to Him!

With hundreds of WorldVenture workers throughout Asia and across the world, we've been monitoring the situation for several weeks. You'll be pleased to know that we have leaders and protocols in place to provide information and protection for our workers while also empowering them to make the decisions they need to make to preserve the long-term ministry to which God has called them. On behalf of the WorldVenture family, thank you for your prayers and continued support of the global ministry that we are privileged to share with you.

Let's not lose sight of the greater vision that comes with following Jesus. The work of the Gospel must continue! We have a unique responsibility and opportunity to share the good news, perhaps with an urgency and receptivity we haven't experienced in some time.

In the meantime...

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26 NIV)

Stout Family: Macedonia

We are in exciting times, times that draw us closer to our dear Lord Jesus, to trust Him, and to be lights and salt to the people around us. With the rapid spread of the Coronavirus, many people are afraid and uncertain. Yet the Lord says in Psalm 91, "Because he loves me, 'says the LORD,' I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him (14,15).

Our family is doing well here in Macedonia. We are okay, safe, and sense God's peace during this time. Also our daughter Joy is doing great in Zagreb, Croatia. During this time I want to lead and serve my family well and our SEND Macedonia team too. Here are 3 Key things I have encouraged our team here recently and I hope it encourages your hearts too today!

1. Be wise - if you are able to work more from home and do online meetings, prayer walks, go for it. Be safe. Be smart. I personally am planning to work more from home these next couple of weeks, especially with the struggles of my respiratory system that I already have.
2. Don't panic - Do not fear, as this makes things worse. "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have PEACE. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33
3. Be bold - Many people are afraid and are looking for answers, for hope. We have the answer, the hope that is found in Jesus Christ. This is a great time to be bold for the Gospel. Pray for opportunities and take them with courage in sharing the hope of Christ with others during this time.

Thanks again for your continued prayers for our family. We do sense that God is up to something and we want to follow. However, today is the day of salvation and I want to be a BOLD and LOVING witness for Christ to the people around me.

God's blessings from Macedonia.

From a Farmer...

On Wednesday the 18th, we had a 5 week old bull calf disappear from the field. No trace of what happened or where he went. His mother bawled for him for two days to no avail. On Saturday when we checked the cows his mother ran around the field bawling and we followed her (they usually know where to look and will tip you off if you watch them) however she stopped in the field and appeared to start grazing again. We kept driving checking other areas.

We walked every fence row and checked every brush pile, no luck. We began to assume that coyotes had carried him off. I found it hard to believe that a 40-50 pound coyote would carry off a 150 pound calf and not leave a trace. So each time I would check the cows I would look for that calf. However, New calves were being born and life was moving on as we came to grips with the idea that the calf was not coming back.

Well, this morning when I checked on the cows I happened to drive through the area where his mother was “grazing” on Saturday and noticed what I thought was a huge groundhog hole. It was so big I backed up to see how deep the hole was and I noticed something moving in the bottom. I parked the tractor and got off to take a closer look.

Well, after 8 days, I had found that calf! He was 8 feet deep in a sink hole in the middle of the pasture field. His mother was not grazing on Saturday but trying to show us where her baby was! So I made a quick phone call for reinforcements, 20 minutes later David Witt arrived with ropes, a shovel, and a ladder! I opened the hole wider and put the ladder down in it. I climbed in with the calf and slipped a rope around his chest. We had planned to tube feed him with electrolytes, but he had so much energy we decided to just get him out of the hole.



Monthly Events



Women's Breakfast
Canceled until further notice



Men's Breakfast
Canceled until further notice

I lifted him as high as I was able, and David pulled him the rest of the way with the rope. As soon as the calf got to the opening of the hole he began flailing trying to climb out and kicked me in the side of my head. By the time I got out of the hole the calf had slipped out of the rope and was chasing the herd across the pasture trying to nurse any cow that would stand still! He finally found his mother who wasn't 100% sure she wanted him to nurse. However, once he got ahold of her udder he wasn't letting go. Her bag was swollen from 8 days without a calf nursing but in less than 10 minutes it was empty and tight up against her belly.

The calf had a huge milk mustache and his mother warmed up to him quickly. She began to bawl with excitement and used her chin to hold him against her like she was hugging him. It was clear she was grateful to have him back! We were also grateful and amazed to have him back. I have prayed many prayers in the past week for the calf's safe return.

I truly believe in the power of prayer as I have seen its results in my life on many occasions. This story reminds me of the Good Shepherd and the fact that Jesus will leave the 99 to find the one lost sheep. If you are lost, stuck in a hole, or just separated from the flock, Jesus offers redemption and an eternity with him in Heaven. All it takes from you is the acceptance of His love and forgiveness. Jesus has already done the work on the cross and He is searching for anyone who will answer his call.

If you have never accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior and would like to speak with someone about it feel free to reach out to Pastor Seth.



Weekly Events



Sunday School
Canceled until further
notice



Morning Service
Join us on Sunday
mornings at 10:00am on
facebook live!



Kids Church
Canceled until further
notice



Bible Study
Wednesday Evenings
Devotions sent out on
Wednesdays

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Church Announcements

-Weekly News Blast Emails are sent out with church information. If you are not getting these emails, please contact secretary, Amber Lindo – j.a.lindo@hotmail.com

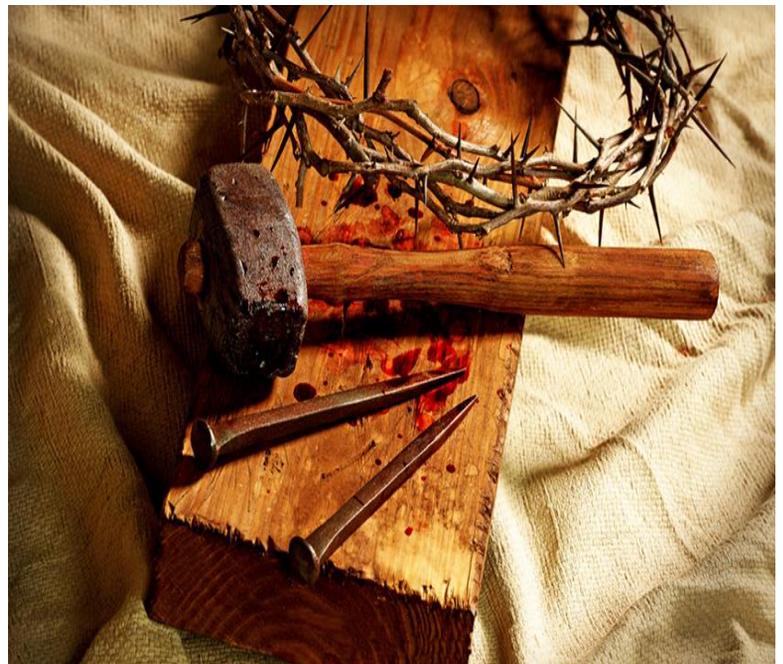
JOIN US LIVE ON FACEBOOK!!

- **Palm Sunday 10:00am**
- **Good Friday 6:30pm**
- **Easter Sunday 10:00am**
- **Sundays at 10:00am**

Please continue to watch emails and mailings with updates about Church events. As you know, plans change daily.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Sandy Clark 4/12



Through all this isolation, we can be thankful that we still have outlets that allow us to hear Sunday Sermons from Pastor Seth. Since March 22, he has delivered the sermon live through the Eureka Baptist Church facebook page. Please tune in on Sunday mornings and share the events with your friends. For those of you that are not active on facebook, the sermons are also loaded to our website: www.eurekabapchurch.com



Miron Family: Ireland

Greetings from the Emerald Isle! I am writing to let you know: We are alive. We are in Ireland. We are not quarantined. Sorry we haven't updated you all sooner, but it has been a whirlwind!

Last weekend was just a little bit crazy as our plans got completely tossed on their heads. It was so hard to lose the goodbyes we had planned with the people we love. We have been told so many times throughout this process how important the goodbyes are, nobody ever told us what to do when a global epidemic keeps you from having your goodbyes altogether! But we are thankful for the moments with people that we did get to have last weekend, and all the extra time we had leading up to it!

In the end, just the fact that we got into Ireland when we did is remarkable. I mean, the timing of all of this is pretty ridiculous. God could have allowed our entry into Ireland at any time, but He didn't plan it for any of normal time. No, He decided to align it with a historical global pandemic that on that very week would basically shut down all international travel. We got in on Monday, and on Tuesday Ireland began requiring 2 weeks of quarantine for all international travelers coming into the country. The day after that the EU began making decisions on closing the door to any travelers coming into Europe. And yesterday the US put out a level 4 advisory against any international travel all together.

Sometimes you just need to take a beat and marvel at the way God does things, and this is one of those times.

Thank you all for your support through all of this! Oh how good it feels to finally be sending you all an email from Ireland. If you've reached out personally in the last couple weeks and haven't heard back from Sarah and I, please don't be offended! It really has been non-stop for us. Since we've landed, we have been hard at work trying to get our house ready to live in, car purchased, bank account set-up, etc. etc. Our brains are totally fried, but our team here has lovingly and generously been hosting us and helping us along the way.



A fun photo from a Eureka Baptist Church event around 1996. Pictured L-R: Luke Becker, Amber Lindo, Shaun Anderson, Hansi Stridde, Kyle Swanson

A Family in 'Lockdown' Noah's Ark



40 days, 40 nights in the Ark, Noah's family was confined in a boat. There were no windows, no balconies, no terraces, no internet, no phone, no TV, no Youtube, Facebook or Netflix. They only heard the rain. They spend their time praying, loving each other and caring for the animals. God the father took care of them as Noah was a man of faith and obeyed His word. Remember even though there is out there an ocean of viruses and life seems like a stormy ride, Our God is watching over us! Do not be Afraid! Be faithful to Him and wait patiently. The rain will stop one day. A rainbow will shine and all be well again.

Tithes & Offerings

We hope this message finds each of you well. These are strange times and indeed and we are all trying to navigate through this together. The Lord is making each of us stronger individually, and we as a church as we persevere through this trying time. We understand that some of you may have been impacted financially by the events surrounding Covid-19. We are sorry for that and we pray for the Lord to provide your needs. With that in mind, we encourage each of you to continue to give as you are able your tithes and offerings to the ministry of Eureka Baptist Church. It goes without saying that we cannot do what we do here without your generosity. That goes for normal times and times of crisis like we are in. Please mail your giving to our church address below:

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May the Lord take care of you and bless you physically and spiritually during this time.



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