

April 2021



EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

JESUS IS ALIVE
LIVE FOR HIM

GOOD FRIDAY

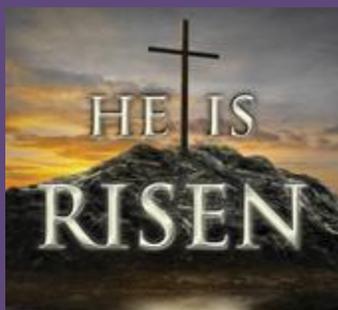


Good Friday

Friday
April 2

Easter Sunday

Sunday
April 4



**QUARTERLY
BUSINESS
MEETING**

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Meeting**

Sunday
April 18



Eureka Baptist Church

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Sunday Morning Service: 10:00am

*Kid's Church during Service

Sunday School: 9:00am

A Note from Pastor Seth

More than any other book, the Bible tells us world history and the story of life that we all find ourselves in. When we look at the most important events in the history of the world, the Bible tells us what they are. It tells us the Creation of the universe, the fall of humanity, the global flood, the rise of the nation of Israel, the deliverance of Israel from the Egyptians through God's power. It tells us the rise of the Monarchy in Israel with great kings such as David and Solomon. Then Israel declined as they plunged into sin and God judged them. He used the Assyrians and then the Babylonians to take the Israelites into exile. Not only was Jerusalem destroyed, but so was the Holy Temple. But then God brought Israel back to the land and they were able to rebuild Jerusalem and rebuild the Temple. This is Old Testament history in a nutshell.

But then we get to the New Testament era (the first century) where the most fascinating part of world history happens. The same One, who created this universe and is the author of all of history, enters the story. Think about that. The writer of the story of life becomes a character in the story. Now it is of course true that God was a character in the Old Testament as he worked in every event, but what happened in the first century was different. God became a human (John 1:14). He breathed the same air we breathe. He drank the same water. He ate the same food. What happened is that God, in the second person of the Trinity, took on a new nature.

He became the God-man, maintaining his full deity, while also being fully human. He came to this earth on a mission. This mission is that, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15).

Two thousand years ago, while the God-man Jesus was in his thirties, the story of human history reached its peak. The great enemy of God, Satan, tried to ruin Jesus, but he failed. When he tempted the first human thousands of years before he succeeded, as Adam fell into sin. But the most evil of all creatures would not succeed with this man. He tried to tempt Jesus to sin but he failed. After tempting Jesus, Matthew 4:11 records that Satan walked away in defeat. But Satan was not done just yet. Satan knew that God's plan is that this man before him, Jesus, would reign forever. This was predicted in the Old Testament and he knows the Bible very well. But Satan did not know that Jesus needed to be sacrificed to reconcile humans to God. Satan apparently believed that it was enough for people to believe in God with no permanent, once for all sacrifice necessary. I say this because he was the primary one behind the crucifixion of Jesus. As the apostle records the Devil put it in the heart of Judas to betray Jesus (John 13:2).

Satan thought he could still win and so he thought that by getting Jesus off the scene he would be victorious. He failed in the temptation but he believed he would not fail here. But what Satan did not realize is that this crucifixion he planned through influencing the Jews and Judas would be his undoing.

By delivering Jesus up to be crucified he was committing suicide. When Jesus went to the cross he bore the holy wrath of God and God's wrath was satisfied (Isaiah 53:10). The only way any human can be reconciled to God at any point in history is through the death of Christ. Through this event Satan was defeated. Hebrews 2:14 says that through his death Jesus destroyed, "the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil."

But the authors of Scripture can only describe this victory at the cross because they knew what happened two days later. This month is a celebration of Easter. It is the celebration of a pinnacle event in human history. But if what people all over the world are remembering is not history then we are wasting our time and there is no meaning and hope in life (1 Corinthians 15:17-19). Any other effort at finding meaning and hope is a lost effort. So as you can see there is a ton riding on the historicity of the Bible, and specifically the resurrection. We at Eureka Baptist believe this. We believe that one day Christ will raise us as he was raised (Philippians 3:21). But my prayer is that everyone reading this would believe. The one who understands and believes this has found the meaning of life and will live forever in eternal blessedness with God (John 17:3; Revelation 21-22:5). May we rejoice in that reality this Easter season.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Seth

MissionReach

Llapushi Family

It is always a joy and a blessing to share with you about what God is doing in our lives and ministry here in Albania.

Family update:

We are thankful to God for His protection and provision and care. We have all been very healthy physically, spiritually and emotionally during this time. In February we had snow which is unusual for Tirana. Both our kids and we enjoyed the snow.



Covid 19 Update:

We have very strict restrictions here because of Covid-19. We can't meet with more than 10 people in one room; we are not allowed to go out between 8pm until 6am; we are required to wear masks everywhere we go; the people that come in the church are required to measure fever, etc...

Of course it is not easy to do ministry and serve with all these restrictions, but at the same time there is no reason to stop serving our Lord Jesus and to make His name known among Albanian muslims. We are thankful that God has given us so many opportunities to serve Him.

Even though we have strict restrictions, we are still continuing to meet physically with our church. We just launched a brand new sermon series on the Gospel of Mark called "Crown and the Cross", a great biography of Jesus, who Jesus is and what Jesus did.

I'm doing expository preaching going verse by verse, chapter by chapter. After six weeks we are still in chapter two. Every week as I'm preparing for the sermon I'm really growing and enjoying, learning more about Jesus. The church is also experiencing the same thing!

Launching of the youth ministry:

It is our heart and vision to reach young muslim people for Christ. After much prayer and preparation we launched the youth meeting for the first time on January 16th 2021. Anton is leading the youth ministry. I have been discipling Anton for three years, and he is ready to take over leading the youth ministry. It is a great joy and encouragement seeing one of my disciples now discipling others.

Bible Class:

One of the goals we have for this year is to grow strong in the word of God. We started a Bible class for the purpose of learning more from God's word. Pastor Pellumb Ranxha is the pastor that disciplined me when I came to Christ 20 years ago, and he is coming now every other Wednesday to teach the Bible to our church.

Pellumb said this to me: 20 years ago I didn't know that you, Toni, would be a church-planter and that you will be a pastor, but I did know I was called to make disciples and that's what I did; and I'm encouraged to see the fruit of the ministry.

We just finished studying bibliology and next week we will start a study on "inductive bible study".

This really is a great opportunity for us to grow more, we are thankful for Pastor Pellumb who is coming to help regarding this.

Thank you so much for partnering with us through prayers and giving from your finances. We are blessed to serve Christ with you in reaching Albanian muslims for Jesus.

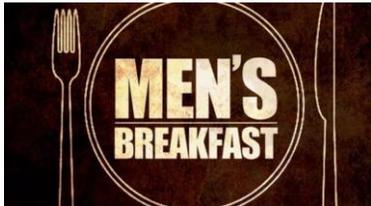
Fish Fry



Monthly Events



Women's Bible Study
Saturday, April 3
9:00am



Men's Breakfast
Saturday, April 10
8:00am



We had a beautiful day in March for our Fish Fry. Ice fishing was the plan, but the warm weather moved in early. Thank you to Shaun & Rachael Anderson for hosting this gathering! Thank you to Shane Anderson for frying the delicious fish!



Weekly Events



Sunday School
Sunday Mornings
9:00am



Morning Service
Sunday Mornings
10:00am



Kids Church
Sunday mornings during
Morning Service

2020 Board Members

Deacons

Shaun Anderson
Gordon Trombley

Elder

Mark Brooks

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Randy Clark
Shaun Anderson

Deaconess

Barbara Trombley
Amber Lindo
Hansi Stridde
Abby Swanson

Secretary

Amber Lindo

Treasurers

Hansi Stridde
Abby Swanson

Church Announcements

- **Quarterly Business Meeting** – Sunday, April 18th after morning service
- **Marriage Bible Study** – Monday, April 12 at 6:30pm
- **Women's Group** is meeting Friday mornings at 9:30am in the Matson Building.
- There are quite a few **Youth Group** events being planned. Please watch the announcements for more information!
- Thank you to **Patsy Anderson** for cleaning the church during the winter months!
- The **Cleaning Schedule** and **Mowing Schedule** is now posted. Please sign up if you are able to help out.
- Are you getting our **Weekly News Blast** emails? Please talk with Amber Lindo if you are not receiving them.
- **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Jordan Braund 4/3, Eric McKinley 4/6, Sierra Braund 4/10, Joan Lee 4/11, Sandy Clark 4/12, John Hahn 4/14, Heather Taylor 4/21, Hannah Braund 4/22



PALM
SUNDAY

Eureka Baptist Church had a wonderful Palm Sunday Service and a fantastic potluck brunch. Thank you to the Kitchen Crew for setting it up!



During our recent Wednesday night Bible Studies, Pastor Seth has been sharing information about our church history. Early church leaders guarded the Truth and fought against heresy. Here are some wonderfully wise words, written over 1500 years ago by one of them: the prolific Augustine.

You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.

God had one son on earth without sin, but never one without suffering.

Faith is to believe what you do not yet see; the reward for this faith is to see what you believe.

Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.

Resentment is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die.

Since love grows within you, so beauty grows. For love is the beauty of the soul.

This is the very perfection of a man: to find out his imperfections.

Patience is the companion of wisdom.

If you believe what you like in the gospels and reject what you don't like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself.

Men go abroad to wonder at the heights of mountains, at the huge waves of the sea, at the long courses of the rivers, at the vast compass of the ocean, at the circular motions of the stars, and they pass by themselves without wondering.

He who created us without our help will not save us without our consent.

Humility is the foundation of all other virtues hence, in the soul in which this virtue does not exist there cannot be any other virtue except in mere appearance.

Every Christian should be an alleluia from head to toe.

To seek the highest good is to live well.

~Barb Trombley

YOUTH GROUP EVENT

Saturday, April 17
9:00am

Roadside Clean Up
210th Avenue
(church road)

Please talk with Hansi Stridde for more information



We have a list of things that need to get done in the church building and outside. If you are able to come help us tackle everything in a couple of hours, we'd love to have you. Pizza served after!

Saturday, April 24
9:00am

If you have any questions,
please talk with Shaun Anderson

Not "Well done, good and successful servant."

Not "Well done, good and popular servant."

Not "Well done, good and impressive servant."

Not "Well done, good and worldly servant."

This instead: "Well done, good and FAITHFUL servant."

(Matthew 25:23)

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