Happy Valentine’s Day!

Wednesday, February 14th

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More than any other book, the Bible tells us about 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 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, the same one who 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. 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 succeed 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 it must be history to have any importance. 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 bodily resurrection. We at Eureka Baptist believe this. We believe that one day Christ will raise us as he was raised (Philippians 3:21). 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 all rejoice in this glorious reality this Easter season.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Seth
Llapushi Family: Albania

Greeting from Llapushi Family!

We hope and pray this finds you well!

The last two months (February & March) have been very busy with so many activities at our church.

It is little hard to decide what to share in this newsletter, because God has been doing so much.

We will do the best to share with you some of the main things God has been doing here lately.

First, we as family are all doing good!

Kids are continuing to go to school and they love it, Ida and I continue to be busy working intensively in ministry of leading the “Impact Tirana Church” and the “Impact church-planting movement”.

God has been so good with us, He has been leading us and our team, He has kept us safe, He has provided everything we need to continue the work of the gospel. We give glory to Him!

Church is growing!

With the new space we have now the church has really grown!

Since we moved to the new space the church has doubled in numbers.

One of the things that I love the most in this growth process is that we are growing slow but healthy.

People are studying the Word of God, are being discipled, come together to pray and Worship, people are active in sharing the gospel with the lost and active on helping one another and our community.

Current needs you can Pray and Help.

We are now thinking to start piano, guitar and drum classes for young people for the purpose of sharing the gospel.

To do so we need to buy some instruments.

Specifically we need:

a. Piano (keyboard) $800.
b. Drum set $600.
c. Sound system $800.
Total needed is $2200.
Monthly Events

Women’s Bible Study
Saturday, April 1
9:00am

Men’s Breakfast
Saturday, April 8
8:00am

Marriage Bible Study
Canceled for April

Youth Event
A favorite youth event is the Walmart Scavenger Hunt. Adults from church dress up and hide within the crowds at Walmart. The youth need to find them and yell out “Eureka!” A Bible Study was held after the event. Apparently, Pastor Seth dressed up a little too well. The cops were called because he looked suspicious.
Weekly Events

Sunday School
Sunday Mornings
9:00am

Morning Service
Sunday Mornings
10:00am

Fridays
Matson Building
9:30am

Kids Church
Sunday mornings during
Morning Service

PASSOVER DINNER
Missionary Trevor Rubenstein visited Eureka Baptist and gave a Passover Demonstration. Thank you to the Kitchen Team for making dinner for 100 people!
The dinner was wonderful.
Church Announcements

- No **Women’s Friday Fellowship** on April 7.
- Thank you to everyone that **helped to shovel snow** for the winter!
- A reminder that we have a new system for **church reimbursements**. Please get a form at church or in the weekly emails.
- After the snow melts, the congregation is welcome to park in the **Parsonage driveway** if there is room. Please do not park on the grass, only park on the driveway.
- There will be a **Quarterly Business Meeting** on April 16 after morning service.
- If you are interested in helping with **Childcare during morning service**, please talk with Pastor Seth.
- If you have any items to add to the **May Newsletter**, please have them to Amber by April 20.
- We have a new and improved **weekly email update system**. If you do not receive weekly updates and would like to, please let Amber know. jeffamberlindo@gmail.com
- There will be a **potluck on Sunday, April 16**. Please watch for more information.
- The **Kitchen Crew** has been working so hard these past few weeks. Thank you for all that you do!
- At the Annual Meeting, we budgeted to hire an **Associate Pastor** to the staff. Although we do not have that position filled, please be praying for the man that will eventually join us!
- Parents: Please remind your kids that their little feet need to be **walking and not running.**


Join us for some great **Women’s Topics!**

**April Meeting**
Topic: A Gathering of Gardeners
Saturday, April 1 9:00am
We will continue our discussion on the topic of gardening.

**May Meeting**
Women’s Bible Study Group will learn more about creating healthy boundaries. The discussion begins at 9 AM.

**Women’s Friday Fellowship**
Looking Ahead: During our Friday Bible Studies on March 31, April 14, April 21, (and possibly April 28) we will watch and discuss this video series. Note: There will not be Bible Study on Good Friday (April 7).

**Podcasts Worth Pursuing**
This month’s featured podcast is Revive Our Hearts. The host, Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth, has an incredible passion and love for Jesus Christ. She always delivers such godly wisdom, while encouraging women to live their best lives through Christ. Give it a listen! You will be challenged and blessed.

**What are the most helpful podcasts you listen to?**
Please tell us, so we can feature them in this column.
Featured Library Book
**Canceling Christianity**
By: David Fiorazo

Canceling Christianity is about the battle for the heart and soul of America, the spiritual conflict we find ourselves in, and how the forces of darkness, both human and demonic, are behind today's progressive "cancel culture." As we watch our institutions being hijacked by anti-democratic philosophies, cultural Marxists, globalists, and extreme leftists, Fiorazo shows us how to identify the evil in our midst and reclaim our country and our churches. This is a clarion call for believers who don't want to stand by, and watch America disintegrate into the atheist abyss. It is a timely and relevant message for today's church.

Featured Children’s Book
**3 in 1: A Picture of God**
By: Joanne Marxhausen

3 in 1: A Picture of God uses the analogy of an apple to explain to children the Triune God. Simple terms and illustrations help teach children how God the Father creates and protects them, how God the Son saves, and how God the Holy Spirit plants faith in their hearts and causes it to grow.

Julie Johnson
Eureka Baptist Church Librarian

Church Parking: Due to a couple of different reasons, we have been asked that people do not use the south side of 210th Avenue as a parking option. Please see the map below. This request is also asked for Wednesday, Friday and Saturday groups/events.

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