

April 2024



EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER



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**Conference
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Deadline**

April 15

**Quarterly
Business Meeting/
Potluck**

April 21

**QUARTERLY
BUSINESS
MEETING**

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A Eureka Baptist/ Truth Script Conference

Church Conference

May 4-5



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 of the Creation of the universe, the fall of humanity, the global flood, The Tower of Babel and the scattering that followed, 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. This would be like C.S. Lewis entering the story he wrote, *The Chronicles of Narnia* or J.R.R. Tolkien entering the story he wrote, *The Lord of the Rings*. 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 in the person of Jesus (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. The apostle Paul describes this mission in 1 Timothy 1:15, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." 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 (Genesis 3). 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 (Isaiah 9:6-7), and he knows the Bible very well since he has been studying it for millennia. But what Satan didn't know is that Jesus needed to be sacrificed to reconcile humans to God. Satan apparently believed that it was enough for people to believe in God (like Abraham in Genesis 15:6) with no permanent, once for all sacrifice necessary as the book of Hebrews explains was always necessary (Hebrews 9:26).

We can understand this because Satan was the primary one behind the crucifixion of Jesus. As the apostle John records the Devil put it in the heart of Judas to betray Jesus (John 13:2). Satan irrationally thought he could still win and so he thought that by killing Jesus he would be victorious. He failed in the temptation, but he believed he would succeed here. But what Satan didn't realize is that this crucifixion he planned through influencing the Jews and Judas would be his undoing (1 Corinthians 2:8). By delivering Jesus up to be crucified he was committing suicide. The Lord who wills all things (Ephesian 1:11) knew what he was doing all along. As Scripture records, "For truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place" (Acts 4:27-28). This was always the Lord's plan, and as the events unfolded, it was a trap that Satan walked right into.

When Jesus went to the cross, he bore the holy wrath of God and God's wrath was satisfied (Isaiah 53:10; Romans 3:24-25). 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 humiliated and defeated as his efforts entirely backfired. The author of Hebrews writes that through his death Jesus destroyed, "the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil" (Hebrews 2:14). But the authors of Scripture can only describe this victory at the cross because they knew what happened on the Sunday morning that followed. On that morning Christ was raised gloriously from the dead

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Sunday Morning Service: 10:00am
*Kid's Church during Service
Sunday School: 9:00am
Wed Night Bible Study: 6:30pm
Women's Friday Group: 9:30am

(Matthew 28:1-10). This time of year, we celebrate what Jesus accomplished. It is the celebration of the pinnacle of events in human history when God was victorious over Satan in the death and resurrection of Christ. These grand events that we remember every Spring mark the time when sinners who believe in Christ are set free from the bondage that they were held under by sin and Satan (John 8:31-32). Because Christ was raised from the dead two thousand years ago all those who belong to him will be raised along with him (1 Corinthians 15:20-23). We live every day with this certain hope (Philippians 3:21).

While God is victorious and so are his people, Satan is living on borrowed time. He has already been defeated but he refuses to admit defeat. He tries to cause havoc (1 Peter 5:8), but the best he can do is cause havoc as a defeated foe. As a believer reads the end of the Bible we read of his end. As he makes his final push after the one-thousand-year reign of Christ, the Lord will finish him off finally and forever. As the apostle John saw in his vision, "And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever" (Revelation 20:7-10). In Satan's irrational pride he always thought he could defeat God, but the all-wise God outsmarted Satan through the redemptive work he planned accomplished by Jesus Christ. Not only is God victorious, but so are we. We truly have "overcome the evil one" (1 John 2:14). During this holy week, may we praise the Father and his Son Jesus in the victory they planned and accomplished in the death and resurrection of Christ.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Seth

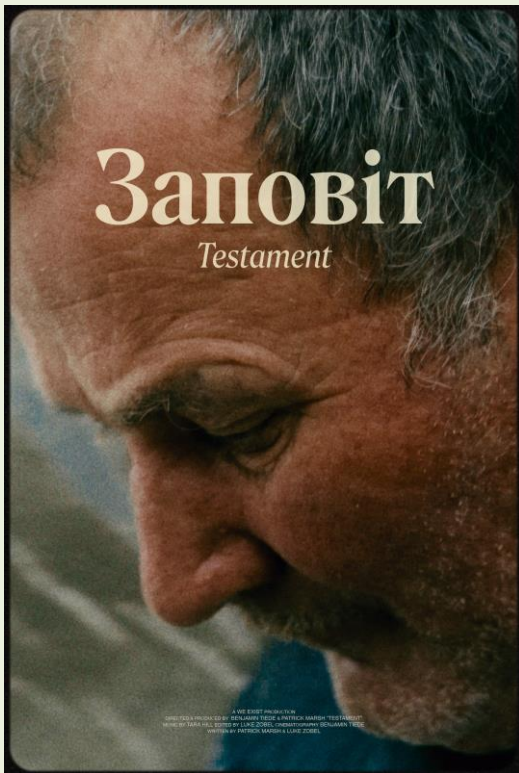
Mission Missions reach

Tokar Family: Ukraine

As I write this, it is Good Friday, a day marked by the great darkness of Christ's crucifixion and burial. Not only was it dark spiritually, it was dark physically as at the time of Christ's death the sun did not shine for three hours (Luke 23:44). In Indiana, we are in prime location this year to see the total solar eclipse on April 8, which will last mere minutes. Now, imagine three hours of night in the middle of the day! Definitely scary.

For Ukrainians, with all-out war raging, times could not seem darker, and the shadows of war seem to be growing in the free world. This Easter, we are reminded of the glory of the dawn that is to come. After the great darkness came the light of the glorious resurrection! Victory over death! We are praying this Easter that even in our day the light will overpower the darkness, that the forces of evil will be defeated and that Ukraine and the rest of the free world will be victorious, to the glory of God.

Up from the grave He arose
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes
He arose a Victor from the dark domain
And He lives forever with His saints to reign
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!



On February 24, the 2-year anniversary of the full-scale invasion, we held a private test screening of the documentary at Taylor University.



The feature-length documentary we have been working on this past year with filmmakers in the context of our relief work in Ukraine has been completed and has now been submitted to dozens of large film festivals. Our hope is that this film will bring viewers closer to Ukrainians living through a brutal existential war. We pray that God will use this film to inspire and call viewers to increased involvement in His mission around the world. You can follow film updates on Instagram @ <https://www.instagram.com/testament.doc/>. Also, some of the powerful media we have created from this footage for WorldVenture's Ukraine Relief Fund (more to come!) has been published @ <https://www.worldventure.com/urf>. We hope you will check it out!

April Ukraine Trip

From April 7-23, I (Josh) will be traveling again to Ukraine, this time to lend my expertise to assist the executive director of another partner ministry - READ Ministries. Please pray for us as we travel around Ukraine, connecting with Ukrainian ministry leaders involved especially in trauma care and training trauma responders. Please also pray for Sveta and the family as I travel. You can follow trip updates on our *Tokars in Ukraine* Facebook group.

The Great Rescue Story

Or do you think that I cannot call on my Father, and he will provide me here and now with more than twelve legions of angels? Matthew 26:53, ESV

...It could have been a great rescue story of the Son. He could have called 35,000, 45,000, even 50,000 or more angels to remove Himself from the grasp of His accusers. Jesus could have avoided all of this pain, the mockery, the beatings, the crown of thorns. He could have been rescued from it all.

But this was not the rescue story of Jesus. It was the rescue story of the world.

Jesus made it clear that He was saving us willingly, righteously, and zealously. He willingly endured the hatred, strife, pain, mockery, and even torture at the hands of the Jewish and Roman leaders. He willingly exchanged His sinlessness for our sin, His punishment for our benefit, His death for our life. Jesus did it for us, we who were the ones who placed Him on the cross, we who rebelled against God, sinned against Him, He did it for us. Willingly.

But why?

Because of His great love for us. He loved us, so He willingly went to the cross to save us.

He died. *We lived.*

He suffered. *We triumphed.*

He was held captive. *We became more than conquerors.*

Because of Jesus, you have been rescued.

And through faith in Him comes no condemnation, no death, no loss of life.

In Christ, you are rescued. Freedom. Forever.

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Would You Have Welcomed Jesus or Rejected Him?

By Billy Graham

Christians around the world celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem (which we usually call "Palm Sunday," because the crowd welcomed Him by spreading palm branches in His path). Those who greeted Jesus were convinced He was the Messiah, or "anointed one," sent by God to establish His Kingdom on earth.

So, why did the crowds turn against Jesus so quickly? One week they welcomed Him, and the next week they demanded He be crucified. No events in human history were more important than Jesus' death and resurrection, and yet many people (even Christians) never take time to study them.

It must have been a dramatic sight as Jesus approached Jerusalem on a donkey (which was a sign of His humility). The Bible says that "the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices ... 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!'" (Luke 19:37-38). Even those who weren't part of that welcoming crowd listened eagerly to His teaching during the next few days.

But not everyone in Jerusalem welcomed Him; the very next verse says that "the whole city was stirred and asked, 'Who is this?'" But soon many turned against Jesus and demanded His death: "'What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called Christ?' Pilate asked. They all answered, 'Crucify him!'" (Matthew 27:22).

These weren't necessarily the same people who had welcomed Him—but the reversal is still striking. Were they disappointed because He refused to establish an earthly political kingdom? Probably. But Jesus didn't come to set up a new political system. He came instead to change our hearts and save us from our sins by His death and resurrection. He declared during that last week, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight. ... My kingdom is from another place" (John 18:36). This deeply disappointed those who hoped He would throw out the hated Roman occupiers. They may also have disliked His demand that they repent.

Where would you have been on that first Palm Sunday? Among the disciples who welcomed Him—or among the skeptical crowds? It's easy to condemn those who condemned Jesus—but would we have acted any differently? We too are sinners, and we too have rebelled against God.

But the central message of Easter is that God still loves us, and because of Christ we can be forgiven. He came for one reason: "Christ died for sins once for all ... to bring you to God" (1 Peter 3:18). May you welcome Him into your life.

Events



Women's Group
Saturday, April 6
9:00am



Men's Breakfast
Saturday, April 13
8:00am



Weekly
4:30pm-6:00pm
Every Sunday



Bible Study
Wednesdays 6:30pm



**GOOD FRIDAY
&
EASTER SUNDAY**



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

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Church Announcements

- The **Conference Committee** will be meeting during the month of April. Please watch for updates.
- **There will be a Quarterly Business Meeting and Potluck on Sunday, April 21 after morning service.**
- Thank you to the **Kitchen Team** for preparing Palm Sunday Brunch!
- There will be a **Jorgenson Baby Shower** on Saturday, April 20 at 10:00am.
<https://www.babylist.com/list/madison-jorgenson>
- **Church Teams** – please remember to keep your team financial sheets updated.
- 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.
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Study** is meeting weekly at 6:30pm.
- The **church yard** is soft this time of year. Please do not park on the Parsonage yard or the Church yard.
- **Youth Group** and **Uncommon Women** will meet every Sunday in April 4:30-6:00pm.
- If you are interested in helping to **clean the church**, please talk with Patsy Anderson or Linda Owens.
- **Women's Friday Fellowship** will not meet on Good Friday.
- **Church Membership**: we will vote on membership at the Quarterly Business Meeting. Please talk with Pastor Seth if you have any questions.
- Thank you to the Facilities Team for the work on the church balcony and the downstairs hallway.
- HAPPY BIRTHDAY**: Jordan Braund 4/3, Eric McKinley 4/6, Sierra Braund 4/10, Joan Lee 4/11, John Hahn 4/14, Heather Taylor 4/21, Hannah Braund 4/22
- Send birthday/anniversary information to Amber – jeffamberlindo@gmail.com

BE NOT CONFORMED

A Eureka Baptist/ Truth Script Conference

May 4th-5th, 2024

Eureka Baptist Church - St. Croix Falls, WI



Seth Brickley
Pastor, Eureka Baptist Church



David Wheaton
The Christian Worldview, radio program



Jon Harris
Conversations That Matter podcast



Dr. Russell Fuller
Teacher | Semiticist | Theologian



Jeff Kliwer
Pastor, Cornerstone Church

"Courageously following Christ, in the Age of Opposition."

For further info refer to:

truthscript.com/conference/be-not-conformed-conference-2024/

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Please register online by April 15

Meals provided.

Register by April 15!
Thank you to the Conference Committee for planning the details of this event!
Thank you to everyone that is going to be helping make this event a success!



CHURCH LIBRARY *News*

Featured Book
Bible Prophecy Under Siege
By: Ron Rhodes

Many people today cast doubt on the promises God gives his church in Bible prophecy, as predicted by Scripture itself: "Scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, 'Where is the promise of his coming?'" (2 Peter 3:3-4).

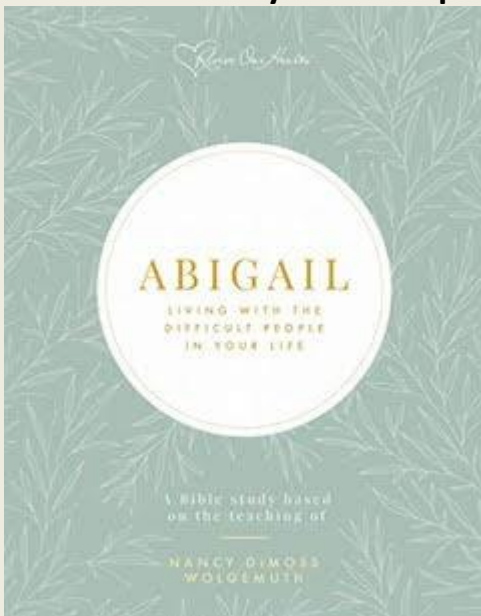
Bible Prophecy Under Siege provides a thorough survey of the misunderstandings and misguided thinking people sometimes have about the last days. Prophecy expert Ron Rhodes offers you careful guidance through these differing viewpoints, and you will

- learn the ways Bible prophecy is under siege and how to respond to false claims biblically
- gain helpful historical insights about the rapture and other prophetic issues
- be emboldened to hold firmly to prophetic biblical truth during trying times
- be encouraged to live with conviction rooted in God's Word


With a perspective grounded in the Bible, you will be equipped to discern flawed views on prophecy, rest secure in immovable truth, and grow in anticipation of the day when Christ will make all things new.

Julie Johnson
Eureka Baptist Church Librarian


Women's Friday Fellowship




Starting on April 5, the Friday group will be doing a study of Abigail, a woman of the Bible.
Join us at 9:30am.



We have chosen Graham Anderson as our student of the week. Graham is a 1st grader in Mrs. Dyzak's classroom. He lives with his mom, dad, and brother, Eli. When at home, Graham loves playing with Leggos. Art is his favorite subject in school as he really enjoys painting. He would like to be a hunter and own a leather shop when he grows up. Christmas is Graham's favorite holiday because it's Jesus' birthday.



Emerson Spoelstra has been chosen as St. Croix Falls High School's student of the week. He is a Sophomore and the son of Josh and Angie Soelstra. Emerson is a hard worker who is not afraid to ask questions. He works well with his classmates, and he is always looking to help anyone that has a question. Emerson is involved in Basketball, Golf, FFA and Skills USA. Emerson has not decided what he will do after High School but he plans on pursuing Agriculture or a trade in the HVAC industry.



St. Croix Saints Students of the Week!

You should recognize these familiar faces!
Congratulations to **Graham Anderson and Emerson Spoelstra!**




Congrats to Lucy Braund

Left: Champion Volleyball Team

Below: Placed 8th at State Powerlifting. She will compete at Nationals in April.





The balcony glass is installed!

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