

August 2021



EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER



**5k
For Life**

Saturday
August 7

**Youth Group
Events**

August 20-23
*Please watch for more
information*



**Church
Picnic & Baptisms**

Sunday
August 29

Skonewood Christian Retreat



A Note from Pastor Seth

If you have been following the news lately you have heard about UFO's. UFO's stand for "Unidentified Flying Objects." This raises a question for Christians. How are we to think of these sightings biblically? When secularists see UFO's what many conclude is that this proves life on other planets. There has been footage recently that shows objects in the sky that cannot be identified. While it is true that sometimes these objects may be a strange natural phenomenon, what has been seen lately is more than that. These objects are defying the laws of physics. They are traveling at speeds that no man-made object can travel. They are going into water without slowing down or getting wet. They are able to stop and speed up in ways that no man-made object can. Many government officials have said these are UFO's, while others have tried to keep these sightings quiet to prevent panic. But the footage is there and any reasonable person should conclude that these truly are UFO's. It is obvious that humans did not make them since no man-made object can do what they are doing. But if these UFO's are not from natural origin they can only come from one other place – the supernatural. But does the Bible explain what this is? Yes it does. If this is from supernatural origin then it is not from Light but from Darkness. Let me explain.

For decades secular scientists have been trying to find life on other planets. They are desperate to do so for one simple reason: they do not want earth to be the only place where there is life because that would give too much credibility to the Bible. The Bible says that, "God

created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). Another way to say this is that God created the universe and the earth. There are many planets in the universe but only one is highlighted as a very special place. It is a very special place because the great story in the universe is taking place on planet earth and it involves humans. Genesis 1 tells us that at one time mankind was good, but after some time, Adam and Eve fell into sin as Genesis 3 explains. Jesus Christ, who is God in the flesh, came to this earth on a rescue mission to save sinners (1 Timothy 1:15). The only way to enter into a relationship with the Creator is by believing in his Son Jesus (John 3:16). Through Jesus one may have eternal life. One day Jesus will return to the earth and reign forever with his people (Revelation 5:9-10; Revelation 22:5). This is the great story in the universe and the Bible indicates that it is only playing out in one place - planet earth. But secular scientists desire to show that we are not unique – that earth is just one of many places where long processes of Darwinian Evolution have occurred. With this in mind, it is reasonable to conclude that UFO's are created by Satan and his demons to give steam to the anti-God secular scientist push that we are not alone. But we should recognize his schemes (Ephesians 6:11).

But there is another factor to consider, and this relates to the end times. I believe the Bible teaches that there will be a final seven-year tribulation (Daniel 9:24-27). During this period Satan will possess a one-world ruler, and through this man, Satan will rule the world for seven years (Revelation 13:1-10). But before this happens Jesus will snatch his church

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Sunday Morning Service: 10:00am

*Kid's Church during Service

Sunday School: 9:00am

from the earth (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17) and take them to heaven during the seven-year Tribulation (John 14:1-3). But what does the rapture of the church have to do with UFO's and aliens? During the seven-year tribulation, as Satan rules through the Anti-Christ, he is going to do whatever he can to turn people away from God (Revelation 13:6). People will wonder what happened to all these people? It is reasonable to conclude that Satan through the Anti-Christ will explain away this mass exodus of people as an alien abduction. It may very well be that Satan is making these UFO's appear in the sky to fool the world in the future. It sure seems like the time of the end is close, especially given the world wide events of the last couple of years, and these strange objects may be setting the table. So do not think that UFO's have anything to do with life on other planets – it does not. Rather, these are The Devil's schemes (Ephesians 6:11). His goal is the same here as it always is – to turn people away from God.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Seth

THERE'S
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MissionReach

Penney Family

We flew out of Denver on June 5th for our final trip to Senegal feeling uncertain that we could accomplish all that we needed to in just three weeks. So it was with a huge sense of relief and satisfaction that we arrived back at our new home in CO in the wee hours of the morning on June 27th.

We praise the Lord that we were able to:

Say our final goodbyes to many people, and even quite a few places.

Provide excellent closure for our son Zack, who has spent his entire life there, and until recently, would have preferred to return and finish his high school years in Senegal.

Sort through 20 years of accumulated stuff and decide what to keep and what to get rid of.

Arrange for a container to be shipped to the US with the things we need for our new home there.

Sell nearly everything else. Not only were we able to get rid of most of what we decided not to ship back, but the proceeds from those sales went a long way toward furnishing the rest of our new home in Colorado.

We released our employees (a house helper and a night guard, both of which are virtual necessities in Senegal). Surprisingly, this ended up being the most challenging task, since we discovered that the consultant we had used to pay their taxes and do all the other complicated legal stuff for them over the last few years had not done things properly. We had to hire a different consultant, and with his help, clean up the mess so that not only would we not violate Senegalese laws, but our employees of many years would receive the proper credit toward their retirement and medical benefits.

Photos below: At the farewell party from our WV team, Charley presents Dan with a "scepter", representing his leadership for 15 years (along with some more serious gifts). Four-wheeling on the dunes and beach, one of the things Zack wanted to do as part of his "goodbye" to Senegal.



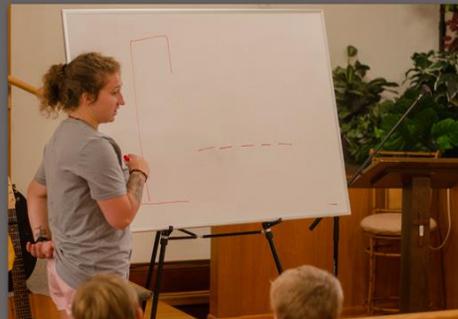
Stout Family: Croatia

1. Thank-you for your prayers for our Croatian Language Level B1.2 Test that we took a couple of weeks ago. Debby and I both passed, YEAH! This means that Debby has more freedom and that Brian needs to keep studying, as he needs to be at a Level B2. We are making progress!

2. This past week, we were blessed to have Alexander and Maja visit us in Zadar. They are from Macedonia and Alexander thanked us for sharing the Gospel with them these past years, as he is now a true believer!

3. God still does miracles! This past week, my friend Bozo from the church asked me to pray for his appointment with a 27 year old guy named Luka who was really struggling. On Thursday, I met his mother and prayed for Luka together with Bozo. On Sunday, I met Luka and guess what??? Luka came to Christ on Saturday and he was a changed man, saying that Jesus is Lord. Then at the baptism last night, he was handing out Gospel tracts along the beach! Praise the Lord for His work!

4. We are so excited that our daughter Grace got baptized last night in the sea here in Zadar, with our Pastor Ivan and her dad.



Monthly Events



Women's Bible Study
Please join us at the 5K for Life!



Men's Breakfast
Saturday, August 14
8:00am



Marriage Bible Study
Monday, August 2



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

2021 Board Members

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Gordon Trombley

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Church Announcements

- Thank you to everyone that helped with 2021 VBS!
- **Youth Group** will be joining with Bloomer Youth Group. There are events planned from August 20-23. Please watch for more information.
- The **Cleaning Schedule** and **Mowing Schedule** is now posted. Please sign up if you are able to help out.
- We will continue to sell the **cookbooks**. Please keep them in mind for shower gifts, wedding gifts and as a welcome gift to new neighbors.
- **Cassie Johnson** will be baptized on Sunday, August 8th after morning service.
- Our **Church Picnic and Baptisms** will be held Sunday, August 29th at Skonewood following morning service.
- Start setting items aside for **River Road Ramble** yard sale in September!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Alvin Matson 8/6, Amber Lindo 8/10, Rachael Anderson 8/22, Abby Swanson 8/22, Jacob Lindo 8/24, Anne Miklya 8/27

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Derek & Madison Jorgenson 8/1, Mark & Lori Brooks 8/9, Mike & Tammi Braund 8/14, Dan & Sue Meyers 8/15,



Thank you!

We had such a successful week of VBS!

A special thank you to:
Barb Trombley, Hansi Stridde, Heather Taylor, Rachel Hall, Jordan Braund, Pastor Seth Brickley, Mark & Lori Brooks, Abby Swanson, Amber Lindo, Debi Swanson, Sandy Clark, Hope McKinley, Nancy Hahn, Patsy Anderson and Rachael Anderson

JESUS PAID IT ALL

SIN	PAID
SHAME	PAID
PAIN	PAID
PAST MISTAKES	PAID
REJECTION & LONELINESS	PAID
SLAVERY TO SIN	PAID
SPIRITUAL DEATH	PAID

AMOUNT DUE 0.00
CHANGE 0.00

Subtotal 0.00
GRAND TOTAL 0.00

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FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.
ROMANS 6.23

When I say that "I am a Christian," I am not shouting that "I am clean living." I'm whispering, "I was lost, but now am found and forgiven."

When I say, "I am a Christian," I don't speak of this with pride. I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say "I am a Christian," I'm not trying to be strong. I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.

When I say that "I am a Christian," I'm not bragging of success. I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say that "I am a Christian," I'm not claiming to be perfect. My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.

When I say that "I am a Christian," I still feel the sting of pain. I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.

When I say that "I am a Christian," I'm not holier than thou. I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace, somehow.



HOPE CHURCH
933 - 248TH ST.
OSCEOLA, WI

Saturday, August 7th
Registration begins @
8:00 am

Kids Fun Run @ 8:30 am
Walk & Run @ 9:00 am

Pre-register @
optionstricounty.org
or by calling
715-755-2229



caitlin_a_henderson What if instead of being frustrated that you don't know exactly what God wants you to do, you just start doing the things that you KNOW he does want you to do.

Spread the gospel, love your neighbors, feed the poor, clothe the naked.

Maybe we get to hung up on our "callings." We're told to niche down, find a problem and offer a solution... but then when God doesn't give us a crystal clear answer we become frustrated.

But... Maybe that's because He already has.

The Bible is already the road map we need. The people who've gone before us and shared their stories. We think of them as the greats. Moses, Paul, Timothy, etc.

Sometimes I think we forget that they were real people.

They felt joy and sorrow. They struggled with sin. Maybe they even struggled with knowing exactly what God was calling them to do?

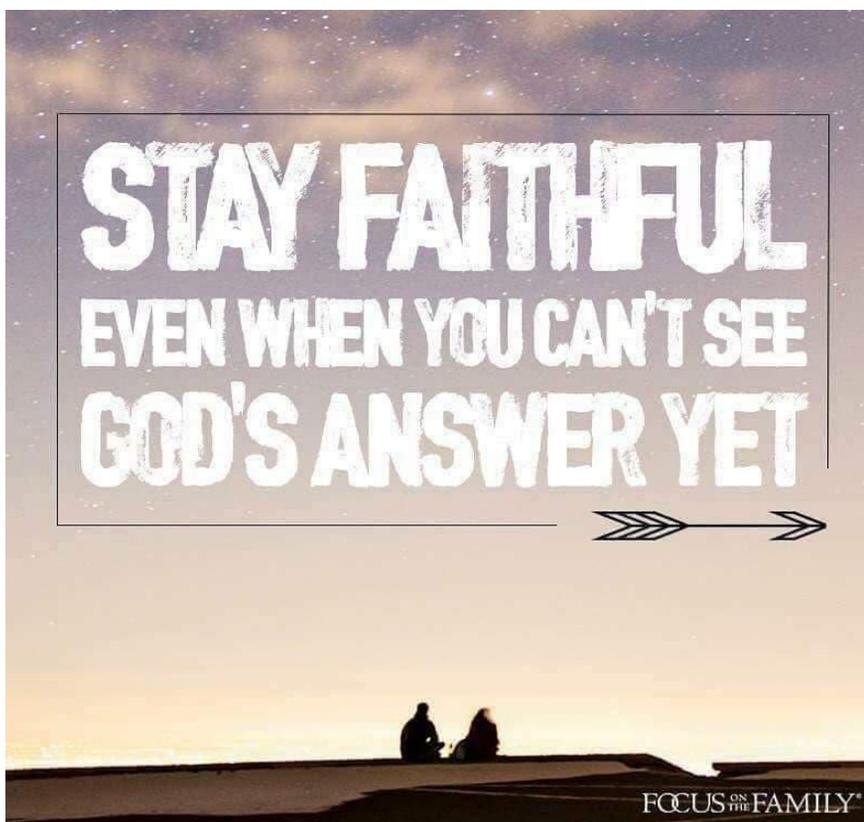
Maybe they felt completely inadequate?

I bet they asked God "why me?" I've failed so many times. I'm far from perfect. There are others more qualified. Maybe a priest that knows scriptures better? Surely you don't want me?

But God does want us. He is calling us.

And we don't have to have the perfect mission statement, the perfectly crafted logo or color scheme to walk in our callings.

We have everything we need because we have the gospel. And I don't want to waste a single day not going where I know He has already called, just because I can't see every detail.



There are a few that attend Eureka Baptist Church that are planning to be baptized in August. If you would like to be baptized or have any questions about it, please talk with Pastor Seth or Mark Brooks.

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