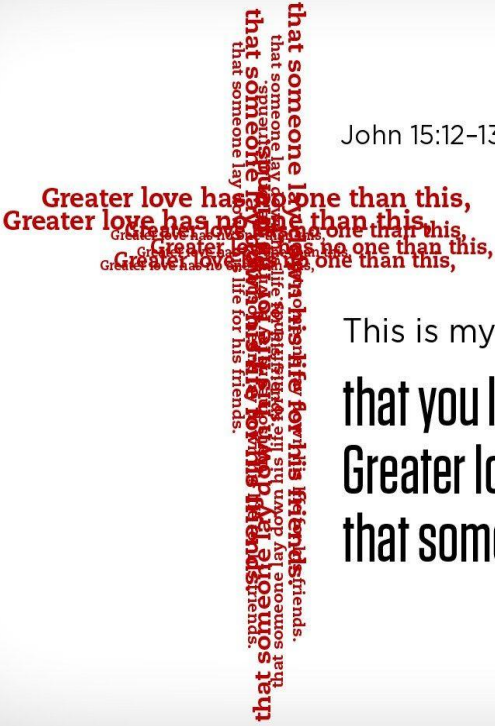




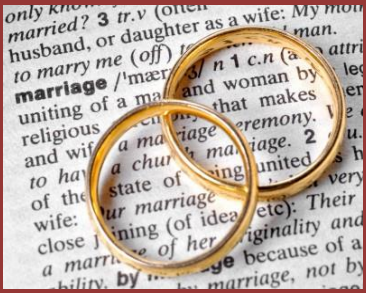
# EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER

John 15:12-13



This is my commandment,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.  
Greater love has no one than this,  
that someone lay down his life for his friends.




**Marriage Bible Study**

Monday  
February 6

**Happy Valentine's Day**

Tuesday  
February 14




**Youth Group Event**

Saturday  
February 18



## A Note from Pastor Seth

On January 22, we at Eureka Baptist, reflected on the unborn as we, along with other churches around the nation, recognized Sanctity of Life Sunday, which occurs annually at the end of January. This is a day to remember all the babies whose lives have been lost through abortion in America and to raise awareness about the cause to end abortion. Over the last couple of years, abortion has been a huge topic in the news with the overturning of Roe V. Wade on June 24, 2022. The overturning of Roe V. Wade has given laws concerning abortion back to the states. Before it was overturned, women could legally have an abortion in any state. Now, any woman desiring to have an abortion, must abide by the laws in the state one resides. Some states have very strict laws on abortion while others have very loose ones. Recently in the news, we learned how loose of laws the Democrats in the House of Representatives desire for states to have. In early January, all House Democrats, with the exception of two, voted to not provide medical care for a baby who survived an abortion. Yes, you heard that right; a baby outside the womb would be left to die. Now you would think there would be an outcry among well-known Christians, but there has been silence on this issue, as is all too common, because in recent years the compromise has been enormous on a number of issues within the American evangelical church, including the clear atrocity of abortion. We need to understand the dark state of the American church. The issue of abortion shows the bleak state maybe better than anything else. We have a political party that calls for women to have the right for an abortion on demand. Let me put this bluntly. In the history of America, there has never been a political party more removed from biblical Christianity than the present Democratic Party, and yet, there has never been more evangelical Christians either defending the Democratic party or voting Democrat themselves.

What I am writing is a deep concern for what I see and not many say much about the compromise on the abortion issue within the American evangelical church. In recent years, many well-known Christians have spoken on, written articles, and written books giving Christians permission to vote Democrat – the pro-abortion party. After the 2008 election of Barak Obama, John Piper was asked in a video if a Christian could vote for Obama. You would expect

a simple no with a clear biblical explanation, but no such response came. In the video he said, he did not vote for Obama, but he knew of a staff member at the church he pastored who did, and he said because of the opportunity to vote for the first black President, he thought it was okay. Now to be fair, Piper did call out Obama on abortion in a sermon, but this video contradicted his condemnation. How do you call out Obama and then say it is okay to vote for him at the same time? Obama was for late term abortion when he was first elected in 2008, and at that time was the most pro-abortion president this nation had ever seen, and yet very few well-known Christians made loud cries about his election, either in 08 or in 2012 when he was re-elected. But when Trump was elected in 2016, you would have thought the man was for late term abortion, but he did more for the pro-life cause (even if it was for pragmatic reasons) than any other President. Remarkably, in his one term as President, he appointed three Justices who, with the help of two other Justices, overturned Roe V. Wade. The day it was overturned was an awkward day for many well-known evangelicals. The guy they fiercely opposed did what many thought could never happen, while the man they were largely silent on appointed two Justices during his two terms, these two Justices voted to uphold Roe V. Wade.

When you look at this, you start to realize that much of American evangelism is ruled by political correctness, and political correctness is a secular morality that comes from the Left. Simply speaking, political correctness is the rule to not offend. They do not want to offend, so they do not say what should be said biblically. This was seen through popular evangelical David Platt, who wrote a book in 2020 titled, *Before You Vote*. This book was written to tell evangelicals that voting Democrat is a legitimate option. As I alluded to above, it is not just famous Christians not wanting to offend worldly Christians who vote Democrat, what is even worse is that some of these famous Christians themselves. One of the most famous evangelicals in America is a man by the name of Tim Keller. It has been revealed in recent years that he is a registered Democrat. Now there was a time long ago when there was not much difference between Democrats and Republicans. My Great Grandfather, a godly man, voted Democrat in the middle of the Twentieth century.

## Eureka Baptist Church

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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

Personally, I like President Harry Truman, who brought an end to World War II and was one of the better Presidents we have had, since he was a man of common sense. However, those days are long gone. I do not know the chairman of the Democrat Party, but I do know who runs the Democratic Party - Satan. Scripture describes Satan as "a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him" (John 8:44). To end a baby's life at the earliest stages is murder, and how much more obvious when the baby is outside the womb! But abortion is presented as a medical option to not, "interfere with families' medical decisions." But this is what Satan does, as Scripture says, "When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies" (John 8:44). It is important for women who have either had an abortion or are considering one to understand the seriousness of aborting a child, but they must also understand that there is forgiveness in Christ (Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23).

So, this is the present-day Democratic Party. A movement that all Christians should utterly oppose. But where are the well-known Christians saying this? There is a small minority, yes, but we usually here unfounded statements saying there are legitimate reasons for a Christian to vote this way. The sad reality is that the American church is largely run by politically correct pastors who do not want to offend; even when the silent voice of the pre-born and even the baby on the operating table cries for their help. Every pastor and every Christian has a moral obligation to make their voices heard to prevent these atrocities. It defies reason to say you are pro-life and then be okay with aspects of the party that is pro-abortion. If you have abortion wrong, you have everything wrong! This contradiction happens because these pastors refuse to say what must be said. But the call of Jesus is to do what is right even if it costs you (Luke 9:23-24). These are the kind of Christians that we want to be at Eureka Baptist. We want to be known for our stand for truth and our love for people (Ephesians 4:15). To refuse to be silent for the smallest and most vulnerable is a very loving thing to do. You might lose friends and politically correct Christians will call you unloving, but you will be doing what God has called you to do. As Scripture says, "Open your mouth to the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy" (Proverbs 31:8-9). May we make our voices heard more and more that more little lives would be saved in this American holocaust.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Seth

# MissionReach

## Trevor Rubenstein

Trevor Rubenstein visited Eureka Baptist Church in December. Members voted at the 2023 Annual Business Meeting to financially support Trevor as a missionary. Please be praying for Trevor!

Trevor was born in Virginia, Minnesota where he was raised in a nominal Conservative Jewish home. His family moved to Littleton, Colorado when he was a boy. He received his Bar Mitzvah at thirteen but later embraced atheism. He struggled with depression and consistent thoughts of suicide which led to drinking and drug abuse. He was eventually expelled from high school. Later, when attending a local community college, he unknowingly entered a Bible study put together by a cult. He read the words of Jesus for the first time and became overwhelmed by the presence of the Lord. By the grace of God, He never joined the cult but soon after did give his life to Jesus. Immediately after his salvation, the depression was gone and he never returned to the substance abuse. Trevor developed a broken heart for the lost and those he could relate to – the depressed, the addict, those involved in cults, but especially the Jewish people. The Lord changed his focus, and he spent much of the next twenty years ministering to hurting people, studying the Bible, and studying the history and teachings of other religions particularly modern rabbinical Judaism. He has been blessed to be able to study under some of the greatest modern Christian apologists. Trevor has worked and volunteered for many ministries and churches including Samaritan's Purse, The Denver Rescue Mission, and Christian Apologetics Research Ministry. He has spent many years traveling the country, teaching at churches, and sharing the message of a saving faith in the Messiah with anyone who will listen. Trevor was also the director of the oldest evangelical outreach to the Jewish people in America. Currently, Trevor is still active in evangelism and discipleship, leading evangelism groups in Minneapolis.



## Stout Family: Croatia

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands". Psalm 19:1 This past month, I was able to fly high above Zadar with a pilot friend from church, in a 2-passenger airplane. It was amazing to see God's handiwork, the seas, mountains, islands, as you see in the picture below. It is also humbling to think that God created you and me in His image. You are a miracle! Praise the Lord for His work in all of our lives. May we truly give Jesus Christ praise in this coming new year!

### Praise / Prayer Croatia Update

Revive Youth Conference in Germany was great as there were around 2300 youth from 86 different countries. We had a SEND table and were able to talk to many youth about missions, next steps, pray with them and even share the Gospel with some of them. Pray for Five from Revive to serve with SEND Europe!

Praise the Lord that this past week we received our 1-year Visa for Croatia! This is always an answer to prayer.

Pray for a new ministry that is being offered through the church - Global Connections Zadar, where Brian will be teaching conversational English. Pray for students to come, and for good English, connections, and to be a light for Christ!

Health especially for Debby, who has wrestled with migraines and vertigo these past couple of months. May the Lord bring healing.

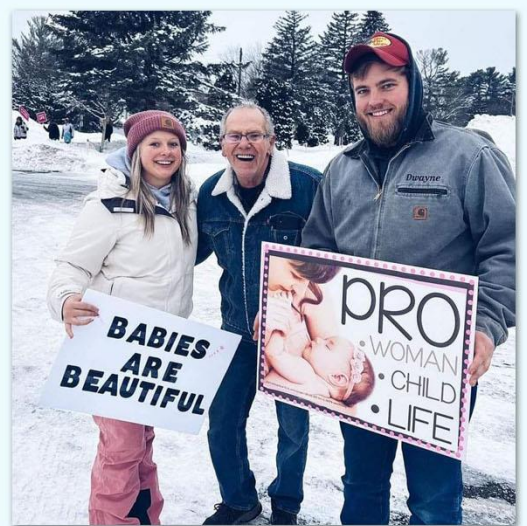
Pray for Brian as he preaches on Psalm 19 at the end of this month. May the Lord use His Word to encourage and challenge the church here in Zadar!

Thank you for your partnership with us here in Zadar, Croatia! We praise the Lord that we were over 100% supported this past year! Thank you for your many prayers!

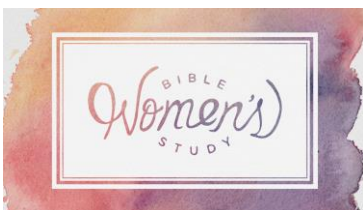


Options for Women  
TRI-COUNTY, INC. PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

2023  
Walk for Life



## Monthly Events



Women's Bible Study  
Saturday, February 4  
9:00am



Men's Breakfast  
Saturday, February 11  
8:00am



Marriage Bible Study  
Monday, February 6  
7:00pm

## May this love letter to Jesus open your eyes to the intimacy with Jesus that is possible for you and may praying these words stir your heart to greater devotion to the Lord...

Dear Jesus, when you are present to me, all is good and nothing seems difficult; but when I forget you, all is hard and empty.

Jesus, your voice to me is the most precious sound in existence. If I don't hear you speaking inside my soul, all other comfort is worth nothing, but if you speak but one word to me I am greatly comforted. I recall that Mary rose immediately from the place where she wept, when Martha said to her: "The Master is come, and he calls for you" (John 11:28). Yes! What a happy moment it is – no matter how difficult my situation is – when you call for me!

Oh, how foolish I am when I go into any situation without having you on my mind Jesus. What vanity for me to desire anything outside of you. The world without you profits me nothing. To be without you is grievous hell; and to be with you Jesus is sweet Paradise. When you're with me no enemy can hurt me. To find you is to find the real treasure – the Good above all good – and to become the richest person on earth. But to lose you is to lose more than the whole world and to be left in abject poverty.

Oh, Jesus it is the greatest skill to know how to hold familiar conversation with you! Lord, teach me this skill! Oh, to know how to keep you in my consciousness at all times – this is the greatest wisdom! Please, dear Lord, tune my heart to your presence with me at all times. If only I would be humble and peaceable then Jesus you'll remain with me. If only I would be devout and quiet then you'll stay within me.

But I fear that I may soon drive you away Jesus, that I'll turn to outward things and lose the favor of your presence. If I turn from you and lose you Jesus, where will I go? Who else can I turn to as my friend? Without a friend I cannot live well and Jesus you are above all a Friend to me – my one Soul Friend – and without you beside me I'd be sad and desolate.

You are the One, Jesus, who I trust and rejoice in above all others! I'd rather have the whole world against me than to have you offended with me. Among all those who are dear to me you stand out Jesus. You are the One that I especially love.

Jesus, I love all people for you, but I love you for yourself. You are the Christ, the unique Son of God, and you are, singularly, my Beloved. You are good and faithful above all friends. For you and in you, I let my friends and my foes be dear to me and pray that they would come to know and love you.

I don't desire to be singularly commended or beloved, for that position belongs to you only Jesus – you are God and there is no one like you! Neither do I desire that the heart of any person would be set on me. Nor do I set my heart on the love of anyone. Jesus, my one consuming desire is that you would be in me and in every person who calls on you.

Yes, Lord Jesus, I long to be pure and free within, devoted entirely to you, and not entangled with any creature. Help me to carry my heart pure toward you so that I can be free from all worldliness and can see clearly how good you are. Oh, to be drawn into you by your grace, to see your glory, to attain to that heavenly happiness, to be emptied of all but you, to take leave of all but your kingdom, to be with you alone Jesus and to be made one with you.

Lord Jesus Christ, when your grace comes to me I am made strong and able for all things. But without your grace I am poor and weak and the best I can hope for is your discipline to re-awaken me to seek your face. And when I do need to be disciplined by you please help me not to be discouraged, but to stand with my thoughts fixed on you, enduring whatever hardship comes upon me for your glory.

Jesus, you know that I want always to be in the springtime of enjoying your love, but sometimes I need the winter season. Sovereign Lord, you have ordained the seasons, including those that don't feel good, and I love you for this too! Help me to remember that after winter comes spring, after night comes day, after the storm comes a great calm. More than that, help me to trust that all seasons are good when I live them with you Jesus.

I love you Jesus! You are the best Friend I could have!

-Bill Gaultiere

## 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

## 2023 Board Members

### Deacons

Shaun Anderson  
Gordon Trombley

### Elders

Mark Brooks  
Keith Johnson

### Trustees

Eric McKinley  
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### Deaconess

Barbara Trombley  
Lori Brooks  
Hansi Fox  
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### Secretary

Amber Lindo

### Treasurers

Hansi Fox  
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## Church Announcements

- The **Friday Women's Group** will meet every Friday in February.
  - Thank you to the **Kitchen Crew** for organizing the potluck lunch for the Annual Business Meeting.
  - Thank you to all the **Ministry Teams** for being so organized for the Annual Business Meeting. Please continue to track your expenses and be able to provide that amount when needed.
  - 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
  - A shout-out to the ladies that teach **Children's Church** every Sunday. We all appreciate the work that you do!
  - **Marriage Bible Study** will be meeting on Monday, February 6 at 7:00pm.
  - A reminder to grab your **Church Contribution Statements** at church. Thank you to Hansi Fox for preparing those for us!
  - Please continue to keep the **Penney family** in your prayers. Although they are not needing financial support any longer as missionaries, they continue to do important work at headquarters.
  - Please correct **Susan Matson's address** in your member book: 2019 180<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - 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!
- HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Lucy Braund 2/6, Julia Johnson 2/7, Barb Trombley 2/9, Jeremiah Taylor 2/23, Peggy Chupp 2/25

### Join us for some great Women's Topics!



**February Meeting**  
Topic: Decluttering  
Saturday, February 4  
9:00am



**March Meeting**  
Topic: A Gathering of Gardeners  
Saturday, March 4  
9:00am

If you like to garden, or would like to know more about gardening, this First Saturday talk is for you! See you at nine AM on Saturday, March 4th. Bring your tips, tricks, and questions.

**“Lord, please let me make a difference for you that is utterly disproportionate to who I am.”**

1 Peter 4:10 says my power works best in weakness.

-submitted



There is a new system for church reimbursement.

All receipts must be attached forms provided at church. You can also download them from the Weekly News Blast emails.

Teams must ask approval for purchases above \$200. Teams must also ask approval if the total year expense exceeds the approved proposed budget amount. (Team Leaders - please keep track of your year-to-date spending.)

## MARTYRS & MISSIONARIES



### Podcasts Worth Pursuing

As of January 2023, there are over 5 million podcasts available. Trying to navigate through this conglomeration can be daunting. Which ones are most helpful and worth a listen?

This month I am suggesting a podcast I listen to regularly, and invite you (yes, YOU) to share podcasts which inspire you.

**Martyrs and Missionaries.** The title may or may not instantly draw you in, but the stories of these heroes of the faith are both heart wrenching and inspiring. The host, Elise, is very engaging. Best of all, God is magnified in each episode. Check out an episode and let me know what you think.



# CHURCH LIBRARY *News*

Featured Library Book

## **How to Win Souls and Influence People** by: Ray Comfort

This book will show you how to be an effective witness for the Lord. It will place powerful weapons in your hands and teach you how to persuade even the most avid skeptic that God is real.

You will also read about many of Ray's fascinating personal experiences, including encounters with Hollywood stars. It will instruct and equip you, so that with the help of God, you can learn how to win souls and influence people for the Kingdom of God.

Please let me know if you have any recommendations for children's books to purchase for the library.

Julie Johnson  
Eureka Baptist Church Librarian



Photo taken by Barb Trombley



### **Youth Group Event**

Saturday, February 18  
4:00pm

A fun night with *I Am Second* videos, games, food, devotions and a challenge for your walk with Christ.  
Bring your bible and an appetite.  
Any questions, ask Abby Swanson.

### **2023 Annual Business Meeting**

#### Meeting Highlights

The Annual Meeting was held Sunday, January 15 after morning service.

#### **Financial Report**

A separate account was opened for future addition/building projects. \$20,000 is currently in that account with plans to add additional funds every couple of months.

#### **New Members**

Welcome, Scott and Pam Holm.

#### **Missionaries**

Members voted to financially support Trevor Rubenstein. The Penney family will be removed as they are living in the U.S. and no longer need financial support.

#### **Staff**

Members voted to add three paid staff positions at Eureka Baptist Church: Associate/Youth Pastor, Clerk/Secretary, and Treasurer.

#### **Church Teams**

All receipts for reimbursement need to now have an expense sheet attached. The sheet will be sent to the congregation. The Trustees will meet with an architect soon to plan for an addition to the church entry and possibly a future addition to the sanctuary. All four church roofs will be done this spring due to hail damage.

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Scott & Pam Holm**

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