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EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER



*In Christ alone*  
MY HOPE IS FOUND



Carol Sing

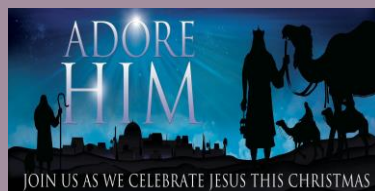
Sunday,  
December 16<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm

Christmas  
Service

Sunday,  
December 23<sup>rd</sup>

Treats: 9:20am  
Morning Service:  
10:00am



Merry Christmas!

Tuesday,  
December 25<sup>th</sup>



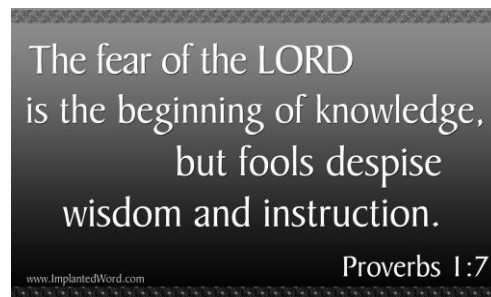
## A Note from Pastor Seth

One goal I have for us is that we would be a reading church. This is my great desire since a reading church is a more mature congregation. Since the early days of human history the major way of communicating one's ideas to the world was in the form of books. It used to be that books were the primary way to learn. This has obviously changed over the last one hundred years or so. In the twentieth century the radio and television were invented. Then later on computers were invented and each of these became a new way to learn information. A common saying has become, "that knowledge is at your fingertips." All of these relatively new means of learning have led some to view reading as a past time. But when you think of all the ways that God could have communicated his revelation to the world, he used a book to tell humans the meaning of life and what he expects of them. The fact that God chose a book to communicate his truths to the world should tell us the important place reading should hold in our hearts and minds.

The Bible, written thousands of years ago, is still the most widely sold book in the world. No book has impacted the world more. There have been an estimated 130 million books written in the history of the world. The Library of Congress in Washington D.C. has sixteen million books in there library alone. As we think about how much has been written this can be overwhelming. With all of these books what should we read? The reality is we will never read most of the books that are out there. In one sense, this is a good thing since some books are not worth reading. Some books are better for firewood than they are for learning new ideas. However, there are many books out there that are worth reading. So what books should people read?

There are many different fields of study that one can read and learn where it can be a benefit to you. It is good for people to read some science, mathematics, history, economics, fiction etc. Each of these fields and genres and many more are worth reading because they tell us about God and his world. What we must understand is that all learning is meant to point us to God (Proverbs 1:7). Anytime you learn anything about the created

order and its history you are learning something about the one who created it. It all points back to him (Romans 1:19-20). So by reading non-religious texts you can still learn much about God. Not everything written will be entirely accurate since humans make errors. However, people who say true things from fields that are not inherently religious we should strive to learn. This is so because all truth is God's truth. But let me say this word of advice. Do not spend too much time on these texts (unless your career requires you to), but spend most of your reading time striving to understand the most important texts of all.



The book that we should spend the most time reading is the book that God wrote. He wrote a book written by forty humans authors whose texts were inspired by the Holy Spirit (2 Timothy 3:16). What many people do not know about Abraham Lincoln is that there was one book he read every day, and that was Holy Scripture. We can admire this about our sixteenth president. While there have been an estimated 130 million books written in the history of the world not all books are equal, and it is not even close. The word, "Bible", literally means, "book." This means that the book that God wrote is called, "The Book." To be more specific it is called, "The Holy Book." The title itself tells us that this book is head and shoulders above all others. The Bible is the only book that God has written. It is a book that communicates timeless truths. It tells us the history of the world and it tells us where we are going. Anyone who has the Holy Spirit in their life can see a clear difference between the Bible and all other books when he or she reads. Believers hear the voice of their Chief Shepherd and they follow his instruction (John 10:27). So the book you should read the most is the Bible.

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Sunday Morning Service: 10:00am

\*Kid's Church during Service

Adult Sunday School: 9:00am

Bible Study: Wednesdays 6:30pm

The book that truly has the power to transform you from a wretched sinner to a holy child of God (2 Timothy 3:15-17).

But we should not only read the Bible. As followers of Christ at Eureka Baptist we are a very small part of very large group of believers throughout history. Our own understanding of the Bible can be limited and we can better understand Scripture with other peoples help. As you read the Bible, what you find early on is that you need a teacher. The Holy Spirit helps you understand, but God also uses others bring things to light as well. Reading what credible people have said about the Bible throughout church history, including the modern day, we would be wise to consult (Proverbs 15:22). My own learning about God comes from not only reading the Bible, but also reading what others have pulled from Holy Scripture. Even the apostle Paul, a writer of Scripture, saw the need to read books other than Scripture. Paul told Timothy to bring him, "the books, and above all the parchments" (2 Timothy 4:13). As remarkable as this sounds, Paul could learn things about the Lord and his world from other people's writings! So what we must do is spend most of our time reading the Bible and books about the Bible.

Beware of many books that you see in a Christian bookstore. Some of these books are at best shallow and at worst heretical. These books are hardly Christian at all. You can tell how good a Christian book is by how much it points you to Scripture. The best Christian books (and only ones worth reading) are those that make you want to read the Bible more and not someone's opinions. As you read these quality books you will have the Bible in hand, and the words of the author will shed light on the texts of Scripture. The goal of reading is to learn more about God. As you learn, the Lord will use this in your life to bring you into a deeper relationship with him. Our mission statement at Eureka Baptist is, "To Grow in Christ Together." One of the ways to do this is by reading the Bible and books that give you a better understanding of the beautiful truths of Scripture. May we be a church that uses the timeless activity of reading to know our great God more intimately.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Seth

# Community Carol Sing





## Monthly Events



Women's Bible Study  
Saturday, December 1st  
9:00am



Men's Breakfast  
Saturday, December 8th  
8:00am



Carol Sing  
Sunday, December 16th  
6:00pm



**Weekly Events**



Adult Sunday School  
Sunday Mornings  
9:00am



Morning Service  
Sunday Mornings  
10:00am



Kids Church  
Sunday mornings during  
Morning Service



Bible Study  
Wednesdays  
6:30pm

## 2018 Board Members

### Deacons

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Gordon Trombley

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## Church Announcements

- ⇒ No **Adult Sunday School** classes on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Join us for the **CAROL SING!** December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. It's always a popular event, so make sure to let friends and family know about it early! A great tradition for the Christmas Season!
- ⇒ We're updating **church records**. If we do not have your birthday and anniversary, please email Amber – [j.a.lindo@hotmail.com](mailto:j.a.lindo@hotmail.com)
- We're keeping everyone up to date with **WEEKLY NEWS BLASTS**. If you'd like to receive them, please contact us! A lot of important information is included in these emails.
- ⇒ **Parents of children** – if you have any questions about the children's portion of the Christmas Service, please see Abby Swanson.
- No **Bible Study** on Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!!



## Eureka Baptist Church

### CAROL SING

Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm

Bring your family, friends and neighbors to enjoy an evening of singing Christmas songs in a candlelit church.

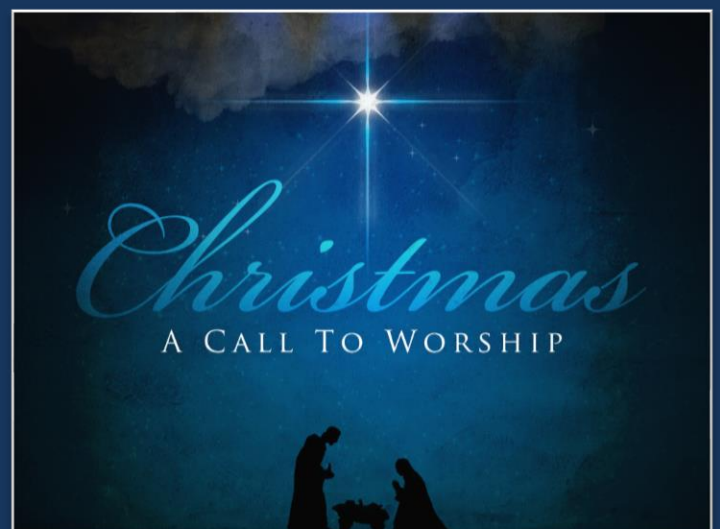


## Christmas Service Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

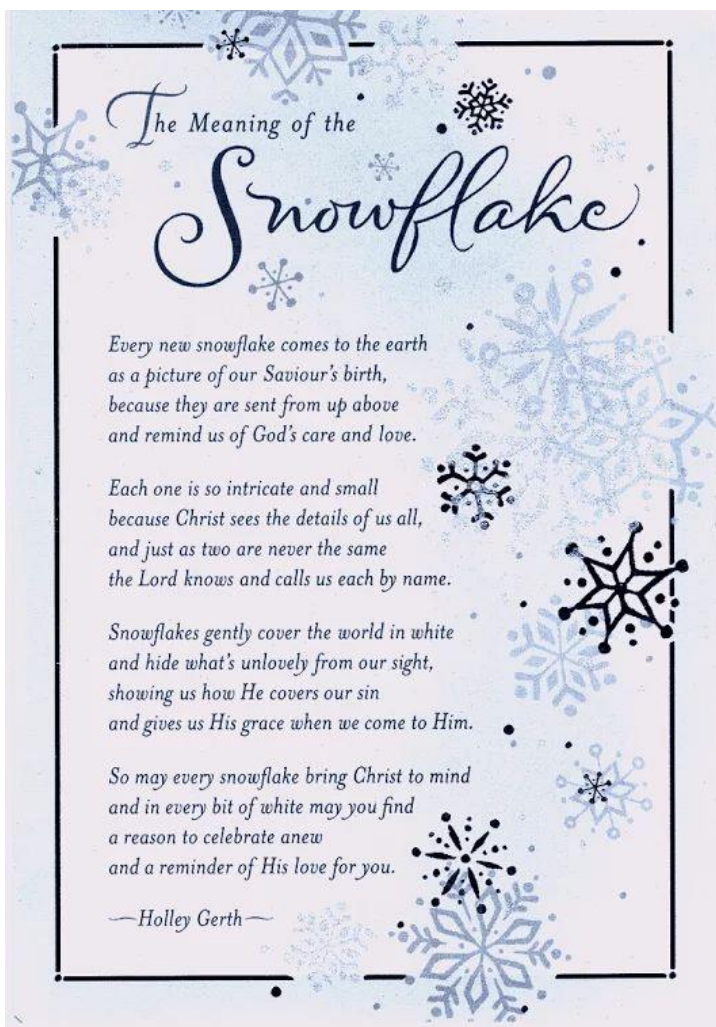
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Christmas Service  
10:00am

*Please invite friends and neighbors to celebrate the birth of our Savior!*



If you'd like to contribute to the Christmas Service, please talk with Pastor Seth.

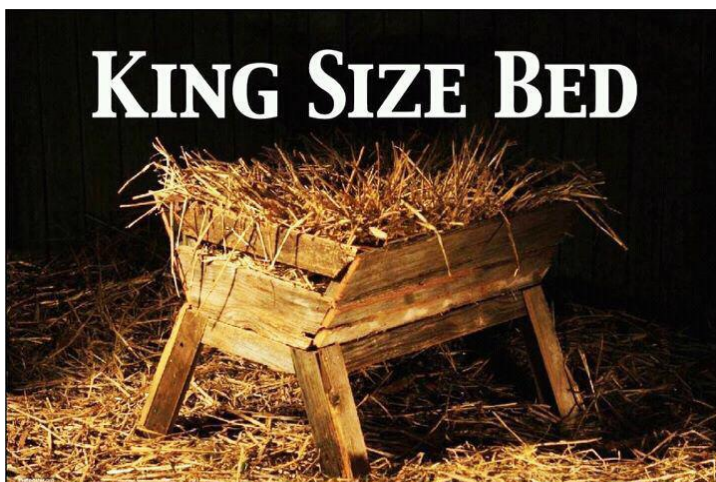


Submitted by Abby Swanson



Thank you, Eureka Baptist Church! Your generosity provided 16 shoeboxes to children all across the world. Every recipient will hear the gospel in their own language, so be sure to pray for them. Those of you who are following your boxes online be sure to keep us posted about where your box is delivered. May God be glorified!

-Karen Mickelson-



This is the  
**season**

This is the  
**reason**



**Happy Birthday!!**

Pastor Seth Brickley 12/3

Jeff Lindo 12/7

Teresa Crowder 12/7

Shaila Johnson 12/11

Brianna Brickley 12/14

Shaun Anderson 12/20

Patsy Anderson 12/30

Do we have your birthday and anniversary? We'd love to pray for you on your special day! Please email your information to Amber! [J.a.lindo@hotmail.com](mailto:J.a.lindo@hotmail.com)



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