

January 2022



EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER

New Year  
Same Jesus



## Finance Night

Wednesday  
January 12  
6:30pm

## Annual Meeting

Sunday  
January 16  
After morning service



## Youth Group Event

Saturday  
January 29  
More details soon



## A Note from Pastor Seth

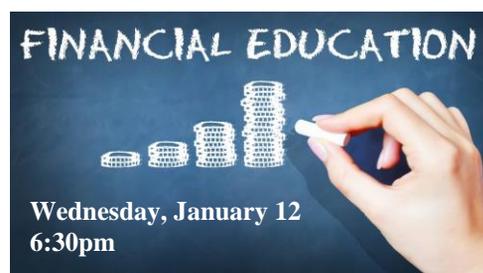
We live in a world devoid of common sense. You cannot live in this world without it, but so many throw it by the wayside when it is inconvenient. So what is common sense? According to Merriam-Webster's dictionary common sense is, "Sound and prudent judgment based on a simple perception of the situation or facts." In the 17th and 18th centuries there were philosophers who engaged in severe skepticism. They lived in a world of common sense but questioned the obvious. This led Scottish philosopher Thomas Reid to formulate a school of philosophy known as, Scottish Common Sense. In this philosophy he and other proponents stressed that the foundation of understanding the world comes through common sense. That is, every human has the natural ability to understand common ideas as they observe the world around them. Another thinker of this time also used the term, common sense, but this time in relation to politics. In 1775 Thomas Paine wrote a document titled, Common Sense Pamphlet. In it he wrote to the thirteen colonies listing the reasons why it made sense to declare independence from Great Britain. Furthermore, in our day-to-day experience you hear people talk about common sense all the time. When someone does not understand the obvious what you frequently hear is what you here another say in return is, "It is common sense!"

Common sense is friends with the truth since it is essentially understanding the world the way it really is. In 2021 America we have to emphasize common sense because there is a widespread fight against it in the most powerful places in our country. We live in a world that denies obvious realities. It is controversial to say that life begins at conception (Psalm 139:13-16). But there is a beating heart three weeks into the pregnancy, so how is it possible not to have a human life? To deny this reality is to defy common sense. Then you have the transgender issue. How is it that one with an XY chromosome can suddenly become a female? It is obvious that one with an XY chromosome will always be male and nothing can change that (Genesis 1:27). To say that one gender can become another is to defy common sense. Then you have the issue of marriage. If everyone married the same gender the human race would be doomed. God made it that only a male and female can have a child (Genesis 1:27-28). To say otherwise is to defy common sense. Then you have the issue of the Covid-19 vaccine.

God has made our bodies to fight the virus through natural immunity (Genesis 1:26, 31). To insist that those with natural immunity must get the vaccine equally as much as someone who has never had the virus is silly. It is common sense to say that God's vaccine (natural immunity) is superior to man's. But natural immunity is not even a consideration with the federal government. There must be something else motivating them besides science? Once again we see common sense thrown out the window.

Now why is common sense important as Christians? It is important because the Bible is a book of common sense. The Bible tells us how the world really is. We live in a world where we can tell there is a God and the Bible says this (Genesis 1:1). To say otherwise is a complete neglect of common sense (Romans 1:18-23). We live in a world that is broken. The Bible tells us why this is. A curse came on this earth when Adam and Even sinned (Genesis 3:17-18). The reason there is so much suffering is because of this curse. Adam and Eve's sin is also the reason that humans are corrupt and by nature are rebellious to God (Romans 5:12). Everyone can see that there is a problem with this world but only the Bible offers the solution. The most well-known verse in the Bible is John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Everyone must admit that this world is broken, and it starts in our own hearts. We all need a Savior and Jesus is that Savior (John 14:6). To think that man is good is to defy common sense. To think that this world will keep going as it is defies common sense. This world is fast approaching its end. Christ will return soon (Revelation 22:12). But everyone must understand that the Bible tells reality. The question is will one submit to its teaching? We live in a world full of lies (1 John 5:19), which is why common sense is lacking. Common sense is a friend to truth, and as people of the truth it is our friend also.

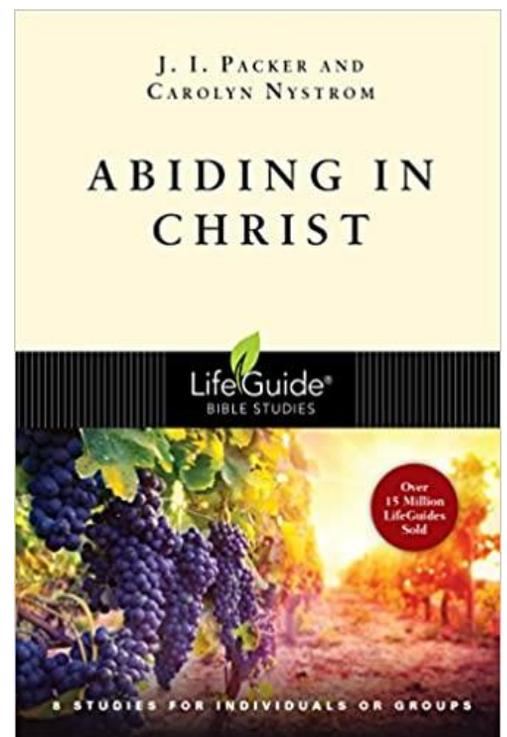
Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Seth



## Eureka Baptist Church

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www.eurekabapchurch.com  
Sunday Morning Service: 10:00am  
\*Kid's Church during Service  
Sunday School: 9:00am



Friday Women's Group  
starts back up on January 7 at 9:30am



## 2022 WALK FOR LIFE

Sunday, January 16  
3:00pm

St. Joseph's Church, Osceola, WI  
Chili, Hot Chocolate, Desserts after  
Dress Warm!

# MissionReach

## Stout Family: Croatia

Thank you for your prayers and support for our family, ministry, and this past year's transition to Zadar, Croatia!

Here are a few prayer requests and praises:

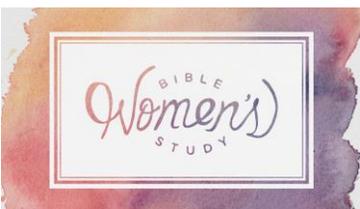
1. Pray for Brian, as he preaches this Sunday in the Croatian language for the 1st time at Zadar Baptist Church: He will be sharing the Gospel.
2. Pray for salvation of the other foreign students who are also studying Croatian, as seen in the picture below.
3. Pray for open doors and creative outreach ideas, to share the Gospel to others in our new neighborhood.
4. Praise God that Joy arrived this week to Croatia, and that all 7 of us are together in Zadar!
5. Praise the Lord for the healing HE has brought to our lungs this past year, so that we can breathe freely and for healing Isaiah's bad skin rash on his arm.



The Church Youth enjoyed a Progressive Dinner. Each part of the meal was different host. Thank you to the Brickley Family, Mark & Lori Brooks, David & Patsy Anderson and Hansi Stridde.



## Monthly Events



Ladies' Christmas Dinner  
No January Meeting



Men's Breakfast  
Saturday, January 8  
8:00am



Marriage Bible Study  
Monday, January 3  
7:00pm



## 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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### Elder

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Hansi Stridde  
Abby Swanson

## Church Announcements

- After taking a short break for the month of December, **Friday Women's Group** starts back up on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.
- There will be a guest speaker on Wednesday, January 12 at 6:30pm talking about **finances**. Please plan to join us!
- The **Annual Meeting** will be on Sunday, January 16. We will have a potluck meal after the morning service followed by the meeting.
- **Walk for LIFE** is Sunday, January 16. Please find more information in this newsletter.
- There will be a **Youth Group Event** on Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for more details.
- Sign up sheets for **church cleaning and snow shoveling** are on the back bulletin board at church. Please sign up and help if you are able.
- Save the date! **Ice Fishing** will be Saturday, February 19
- Congrats to those that were baptized in December. Thank you to **Taylor's Falls Baptist** for letting us use their building.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Terry Lee 1/4, Elias Anderson 1/5, Tammi Braund 1/13, David Anderson 1/19, Jeremy Hall 1/23, Mike Braund 1/25, Gregg Peterson 1/30



Congratulations to Nick Fox, Van & Jessica Mathson,  
Mandi Taylor and Jadon Taylor





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