

January 2023



EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

A NEW YEAR
FOCUSED ON
JESUS



Happy New Year

Sunday
January 1

Women's Friday
Fellowship

Fridays
Starts back up on January 6
9:30am



Annual Meeting
Potluck

Sunday
January 15



A Note from Pastor Seth

The Bible tells us that Satan is the ruler of this present age (1 John 5:19). As the temporary ruler of this world, he has certain strategies. It is important for every Christian to understand what these strategies are. One of Satan's chief efforts in our present world is to tear down male headship. Yes, you heard it. Now you might be thinking that we hear little to nothing about this, but all you have to do is to look around to see how prevalent this movement is in our world. When I was growing up the most popular TV show was *The Simpson's*. The show presented the father, Homer Simpson, as an unintelligent, deadbeat slob who could do nothing right. He did not lead his wife; he did not lead his kids; he was just there for viewers to laugh at his dopiness. We might be tempted to laugh at this, but when you stop to look, Satan's influence is all over this modern perception of what a man is. His goal is to demasculinize men. He does this by making men worthless like Homer Simpson or making them feminine. The feminization of men should be obvious to all who look. Why is this Satan's strategy? As Christians we should despise Satan but one thing we need to acknowledge is that in the pursuit of evil he knows what he is doing. He knows how to advance evil far and wide. He does what any enemy does well against one's opponent - he takes out the leaders. As Scripture says, "Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered" (Zechariah 13:7). This is what smart enemies do in war. To take out soldiers is one of the objectives but to take out the commanding officer is a brilliant strategy. If you take out the leader, then those who are supposed to follow do not know what direction to go.

In our modern world people are offended because men, whether leading the right way or not, have been in places of leadership for thousands of years.

But even if men have led wrongly far too often this does not mean it is wrong for men to lead. The clear call from Scripture is that male leadership is God's design. As the apostle Paul wrote: "Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor" (1 Timothy 2:12-14). What we see here is a clear order in God's plan in creation. God made man before woman and the God-given role to men is to lead. This does not mean that men are superior; they are not, but the responsibility of leadership is given to men and not women. This does not mean that women are unable to lead. Many women make excellent leaders but there are only certain arenas where they are to lead. God has given women the ability to lead other women and children. When men and women are together it is the responsibility for men to lead. When men do not lead things fall apart since it is in man's very nature to lead. I once heard a pastor say, "Just as birds have wings and fish have fins so it is in the nature of men to lead." This is clearly seen in Scripture. When God gives instructions as to what a church should look like he says, "An overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife" (1 Timothy 3:2). What this states is that a shepherd must be a man. A church is an entity that will only run smoothly if a man leads it. A husband is also to lead his wife (Ephesians 5:22-24) and his children (1 Timothy 3:5). In some capacity all men are called to lead. To not lead is to go against one's God-given nature.

But we live in a backwards world where insisting on male headship is seen as a negative (Isaiah 5:20). Satan wants it this way. In the present-day male headship is seen as oppressive.

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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

It is seen as restricting women from what they should really be doing. The cry today is for women to lead. But this is still God's world and God did not create it this way. For the church, the family, and society to flourish men need to lead. They were made with the fortitude to do so. Leadership is not something that is as rosy as everyone makes it out to be. Leadership is incredibly difficult, and God has given men the mental, emotional and physical strength to be able to lead in different environments. When the apostle Peter writes that women are "the weaker vessel" (1 Peter 3:7) he is not saying that women are inferior. He is saying that they were not given the mental, emotional, and physical strength that God gave men. The emotional toll that leadership takes can be hard for one to bear, but God made it that man can withstand the toll of leadership. To be in leadership means taking bullets for others. As Harry Truman once said, "The buck stops with me." To take bullets for others is a masculine attribute. It is the responsibility of men to do so. It is the responsibility of men to do the hardest things.

When men carry out their God-given nature to lead in family life, church life, and in society things run better, and they run better as long as the man leads the way God calls him to. To be domineering is condemned in Scripture (1 Timothy 5:3). To be a servant leader, following the example of Christ, is the call to men (Mark 10:45). When men lead like this all those who follow are blessed. But Satan wants to tear down male headship. He desires to take out the leaders so that those who follow do not know where to go. He does this by saying that biblical male headship is oppressive. He takes out the shepherd so that the sheep will scatter (Zechariah 13:4). He has been mighty successful in this effort, but we need to be a minority voice in a world that continues to push forward Satan's strategy.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Seth

Mission Missions reach

Miron Family: Ireland

We are thankful to have our areas of discipleship continuing. Our community group has been a joy and steadily growing together. Another family has been joining us in the last couple months and they've been a blessing. They're an Irish family that just moved to the area earlier in the year. They also nearly double our numbers, as they have their 10th kid on the way.

Sarah is still leading the Bible study with the ladies which has been a great encouragement. I've been able to do a study on the gospel with 2 of the teens from one of our fellow WorldVenture families, as well as one of their friends that just recently gave his life to Christ this summer.

Two of the most encouraging things to note is some fruit we've seen from a couple of our relationships. Thank you for praying for Joe. We've continued our Bible study together, but he has also began helping with worship over at the little Furbo church we help out with. Last month we actually got to lead a service together! And just last week he and I began discussing baptism and hope to look at that together in the new year. It was just a little over a year ago when he first walked into Furbo church with some questions about what Christianity was all about. Now he's joyfully professing a faith in Jesus and walking it out faithfully!

The other is with some friends of ours from the village. Sarah had dinner with the wife of the couple, Eve (changed for privacy), and during their conversation Eve began asking some questions about our church and Sarah's faith. Eve shared about her religious upbringing and how she doesn't want to go back to that church, but feels conflicted in how to raise their children. Sarah got to share the gospel with her and they had a great conversation. It was a great encouragement to see one of our friendships go deeper and for her to trust Sarah with spiritual conversations.



Eureka Baptist Church
Annual Meeting and Potluck
Sunday, January 15
After morning service



**How to Protect Yourself:
Safety Tips for Women and Girls**
will be the topic of our
Saturday, January 7th meeting.
Please come if you can and learn
about this valuable subject.
Sharlene Prinsen will be leading us.

On January 15th, we have our Annual Business Meeting. At this meeting, we will be voting in new members. If you are interested in pursuing membership, please reach out to Mark, Keith, or Pastor Seth before then. To become a member, we will need to hear your testimony, see that you were immersed in the waters of baptism, and once the evidence of your faith in Christ is clear to us, we will recommend you for membership to the congregation who will vote. We are a congregational church so such matters as these are voted on. At Eureka Baptist we value church membership, we believe it is biblical, and if you have any questions concerning what church membership is all about we would be glad to answer any of those questions.



Monthly Events



Women's Bible Study
Saturday, January 7
9:00am



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



No Marriage Bible Study in January



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

2022 Board Members

Deacons

Shaun Anderson
Gordon Trombley

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Mark Brooks
Keith Johnson

Trustees

Eric McKinley
Shaun Anderson

Deaconess

Barbara Trombley
Lori Brooks
Hansi Fox
Abby Swanson

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Amber Lindo

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Hansi Fox
Abby Swanson

Church Announcements

- The **Friday Women's Group** will resume meeting on January 6th.
 - Thank you to **Abby Swanson** for organizing the children's Nativity program.
 - There will be a **movie showing** on Friday, January 13th at 6:00pm. Cheese/cracker tray will be served. More information can be found in this newsletter.
 - 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
 - **2023 Annual Meeting** will be Sunday, January 15th. We will have potluck following morning service and start the meeting shortly after.
 - There will now be **Communion Kits** in the balcony for those that would like to participate.
 - Thank you to everyone that contributed to the Christmas Services. We enjoyed all the music!
 - There will be a Youth Event in January. More information coming soon.
 - Thank you to **Patsy Anderson** and **Shaila Johnson** for decorating the church for Christmas!
 - Thank you to **Mark Brooks** for shoveling the church during the very snowy December month!
 - Thank you to the **Kitchen Crew** for serving all the Christmas Treats and helping with the Ladies' Christmas Dinner!
- HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Terry Lee 1 /4, Eli Anderson 1/5, Tammi Braund 1/13, David Anderson 1/19, Jeremy Hall 1/23, Mike Braund 1/25



Winter Church photo taken by Brianna Brickley



Movie Night
Friday, January 13
6:00pm

Thank You

Thank you to all who sent me cards and for the goodies at Christmas. I probably won't see you until spring.

-Susan Matson

DO THESE 5 THINGS
*before you make your
2023 resolutions*

NUMBER ONE
ask God for *wisdom*
and *discernment*

JAMES 1:5

NUMBER TWO
posture your heart
away from selfishness

PHILIPPIANS 2:3

NUMBER THREE
pray that your *motives*
would be *pure*

JAMES 4:3

NUMBER FOUR
declare *God's will* over
every plan and goal

PROVERBS 16:9

NUMBER FIVE
pray for *favor and*
peace throughout 2023

2 PETER 1:2



Betty Jensen

February 7, 1932 - December 18, 2022

Betty Ann Jensen passed away peacefully at Comforts of Home; St. Croix Falls on December 18, 2022 surrounded by family.

Betty was born on February 7, 1932 at home to Martin Edward and Augusta Catherine (Raitz) O'Donnell. She lived in the Frederic area with her 10 siblings. She graduated from Frederic High School in 1950. While attending the Polk County Normal School in St. Croix Falls to get her teacher's license, she met her husband, Sherman Jensen. They were married August 23, 1952. She taught school for one year at Manitou Lake School. She then stayed home to help with the farm and raise their 4 children, Steven, Arlene, Douglas, and David. After selling the cattle and renting out the farm Sherman and Betty owned and operated Eureka Center Antiques from 1972-1988. Betty and Sherman then went to Clock Maker School, and they repaired many clocks until 2011.

Betty had a love and extensive knowledge of local history. She was a member of several local historical societies. She loved working at the Little Red School House at the Polk County Fair. She was named Polk County's History Woman of the Year in 2012 by the Polk County Historical Society.

Betty was a member of the Eureka Baptist Church. She was past treasurer, sang in the choir, and taught AWANA. Betty loved to quilt, make sock monkeys and play cards.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents, 4 sisters and 5 brothers, husband Sherman and grandson Sherman Scott.

Betty is survived by children: Steven (Jeanne) of St. Croix Falls WI, Arlene (Randolph) Scott of Clarksville, TN, Douglas (Pamela) of Colfax, WI, and David (Nancy) of Centuria, WI. Grandchildren: Travis (Audrey) Jensen of Wausau, WI, Tara (Jared) Rothe of Almelund, MN, Randi (James) Carr of Columbus, OH, Jeffrey (Jennifer) Jensen of Watford City, ND and Jesse (Rebecca) Gross of Centuria, WI, Frank (Angela) Behning of St. Croix Falls. Great Grandchildren: Autumn & Jaymie Carr, Carter & Kenzey Rothe, Cade & Maren Jensen, Evan & Lily Jensen, Julyann Linc & Richard Gross and Ethan and Natalie Behning. Siblings: Dorothy Norton and Martin Edward O'Donnell Jr.

A Celebration of Betty's Life will be held 11:00 am, Saturday June 17, 2023 at the Eureka Baptist Church with a visitation one hour prior to the service at the church.

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