



EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER



Independence Day

Thursday
July 4

**Vacation
Bible School**

July 8
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July 12

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**Quarterly
Business Meeting**

Sunday
July 21



A Note from Pastor Seth

We do a certain kind of preaching at our church known as expository preaching. The two most common forms of preaching in our world today are that and topical. A simple definition of expository preaching is this: The unfolding of the meaning of a passage of Scripture and bringing the application to bear on one's life. On the other hand, topical preaching is choosing a biblical topic and then finding verses in Scripture that agree with the ideas coming from the preacher's mouth. Everything that we aim to do at our church is to be in line with biblical Christianity. You should be able to look at everything we do and find it rooted somewhere in Scripture. That includes the way we preach. I am going to spend the remainder of this pastor's page explaining why we do this type of preaching and not topical. Before I go any further let me stress that there is a place for topical preaching. But it is my conviction that it should not be a steady diet from the pulpit. You will see why below. I am borrowing these arguments to support expository preaching from Jason Meyer, the lead pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minneapolis, MN.

What we see in Scripture where God's Word is heralded is a focus on putting the content before the people with the goal of understanding what God said. In Nehemiah 8 Ezra read the whole Law to the people of Israel. We do not know if the Law here refers to the first five books of the Bible (Genesis-Deuteronomy), or simply the book of Deuteronomy. Both are referred to as the Law. But it is significant that Ezra did not go through topics on the first five books of the Bible, but rather covered every word. He knew that the people needed to see it all for themselves so that nothing from the Law would be missed. Furthermore, during Jesus ministry when he was in his hometown of Nazareth he stood up to read from the book of Isaiah. He read the passage from Isaiah 61 and then explained its meaning. Namely, that he was the fulfillment of that passage of Scripture. Expository preaching is built on reading Scripture and understanding its meaning. That is what we see in these two examples from Ezra and Jesus.

The apostle Paul also commanded Timothy to, "preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching" (2 Tim. 4:2). This passage makes it

clear the Bible is the content of preaching, and preaching should not start from ones ideas with Scripture later supporting. But the whole sermon comes from the Word itself, so that it is clear the preacher is speaking the words of God and not man. Furthermore, God spoke specific words to his messengers (1 Thes. 2:13). The Lord did not give topics but words and the Lord desired for the messengers to explain precisely what he said without confusion. The only way to do this is to put it all before the people and not to be selective as if he were hiding something.

Christians should also hold their pastors to a high standard in delivering to them "the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27). Throughout the history of the world there have been many false teachers and false prophets (2 Pet. 2:1). What they do is select small portions of Scripture and twist the meaning to satisfy their own selfish desires (2 Pet. 3:16). Now I'm not saying that all topical preachers do this. Certainly some topical preachers are within biblical Christianity, but sole topical preaching lends itself to this. On the other hand, it is almost impossible to see an expositor fall into such error. If one preaches verse by verse through the Bible he cannot hide the meaning from the people for it is right there before them to see. This is also why it is important for church members to follow along in the Scriptures with the pastor. He is not infallible. Therefore, the people of the congregation should examine to see if the meaning of the text is truly what the pastor says it means. This is what the Bereans did and they were commended for this (Acts 17:11). Now proponents of topical preaching may argue that those in the New Testament quoted select passages from the OT as they preached, so we should also preach from selected passages like they did. This argument falls short when one realizes that our place in history is different from theirs. In the book of Acts the apostles had this focus because they were trying to persuade the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. It makes perfect sense that they did this, but it does not give us a mandate to do solely this in preaching. That was the age of the apostles. Today we are in the age where God has given pastors to the church to preach the Word (2 Tim. 4:2). As noted above, we are to preach everything that God has given us, including the apostles

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Sunday Morning Service: 10:00am

*Kid's Church during Service

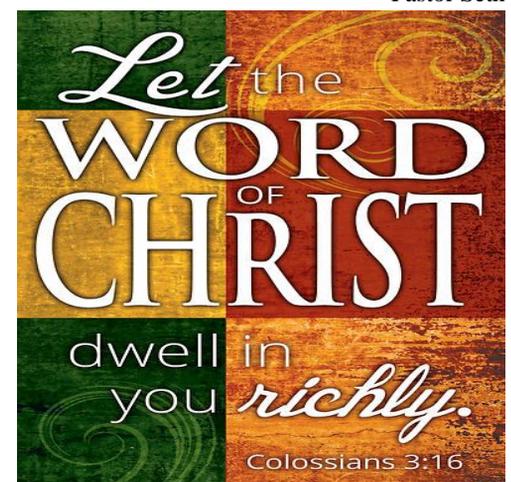
Adult Sunday School: 9:00am

teaching (the New Testament) that was given for the church. Everything that has been written for us is essential to hear and so the church needs to hear all of it, not only selected passages. It goes without saying that if a pastor simply chooses topics and tells his congregation what the Bible says on that topic that church is going to miss out on much. It can be said that this church is not hearing the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27), and that is a problem. Churches that solely do topical preaching will feed their congregation milk rather than solid food. But the only way that believers are going to have genuine long-term growth is through the steady preaching of all of God's Word (1 Pet. 2:2). It is through the Bible that the Spirit forms God's children into the likeness of Christ (Jn. 15:7-8). What God's people need more than anything is the Bible and then the Spirit will work in a person's life (Eph. 5:18-19; Col. 3:16).

Lastly, 2 Timothy 3:16-17 explains the importance of every Word of Scripture: "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work" This passage explains that every word of the Bible is from God and therefore a pastor should preach from as much as he can. It is true that no pastor will probably ever preach the whole Bible during his ministry. However, preaching verse by verse through the Bible is God's appointed model for his people hearing from him. To preach any other way is to risk error and to deprave his people of the treasures of his holy Word that our meant for their good and his glory.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Seth



MissionReach

Penney Family: Senegal

On May 12, our youngest son, Zack, was baptized. We are so thankful to God for this important event in this life, which he himself desired and pursued. His pre-baptism testimony was short and sweet, but very much to the point, and brought tears to our eyes: "When I was three, almost four, I decided to believe in Jesus Christ because I wanted to be a warrior for him. Now, I'm being baptized because I want to proclaim my faith to the community of Christ and declare that I'm going to be a warrior for God the rest of my life."

He may have waited the longest of all our four sons to make this public declaration, but it was worth waiting for! We're so delighted that all four of our sons have chosen a life of faith in Jesus, and that all are walking with Him. We can say with the apostle John, "[We] have no greater joy than . . . that [our] children are walking in the truth."

The Penney family will be visiting Eureka Baptist Church in the fall/early winter



Child Dedication

A Dedication Ceremony for Elias and Graham Anderson was held on Sunday, June 2nd. The congregation was invited to the Anderson home after morning service to celebrate. It was also Graham's second birthday, which made the day extra special.



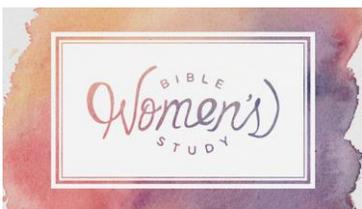


Ordination Service

An Ordination Service was held for Pastor Seth Brickley on Sunday, June 23rd. Refreshments were served after the service in the church basement.



Monthly Events



Women's Bible Study
Saturday, July 6
9:00am



Men's Breakfast
Saturday, July 13
8:00am



Prayer Meeting
First Sunday of the Month
6:30pm

Ordination Council Meeting

Area pastors and leaders met at Eureka Baptist Church on Saturday, June 1 for an Ordination Council Meeting for Pastor Seth Brickley. The four-hour meeting ended with a unanimous vote to confirm Pastor Seth's calling to Gospel ministry.



Weekly Events



Adult Sunday School
Sunday Mornings
9:00am



Morning Service
Sunday Mornings
10:00am



Kids Church
Sunday mornings during
Morning Service

2019 Board Members

Deacons

Shaun Anderson
Gordon Trombley

Elders

Mark Brooks
Rob Mickelson

Trustees

Randy Clark
Shaun Anderson

Deaconess

Barbara Trombley
Amber Lindo
Hansi Stridde
Abby Swanson

Secretary

Amber Lindo

Treasurers

Hansi Stridde
Abby Swanson

Church Announcements

-**Wednesday Night Video Series** – Join us on 7/3, 7/17 and 7/24 at 6:30pm for “The Holiness of God.”

-**Quarterly Business Meeting** will be on July 21st after morning service.

-Interested in **becoming a member**? Talk with Pastor Seth!

-**Date Change** – the church picnic and baptism date has been changed. Please join us on Sunday, August 18th at Skonewood Christian Retreat!

-Thank you to **Derek Jorgenson** for mowing the church lawn. Thank you to **Shaila Johnson** for decorating the church. Thank you to **Shaun Anderson** and **Mike Rademacher** for your work in the Matson Building! Thanks to **Brianna Brickley** for cleaning the church during the month of June! Thank you to **Hansi Stridde** for typing the Ordination Council Meeting word for word!

vacation BIBLE SCHOOL

Eureka Baptist Church

July 8 – July 12 -- 5:30pm-7:30pm

Ages 4-12

**if child is unable to stay independently, we ask that they wait one more year.

Supper provided for VBS Students

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was owned by
Adam and Eve. It
was an Apple with
very limited Memory.
Just 1 Byte and
Everything Crashed.**

WOMEN
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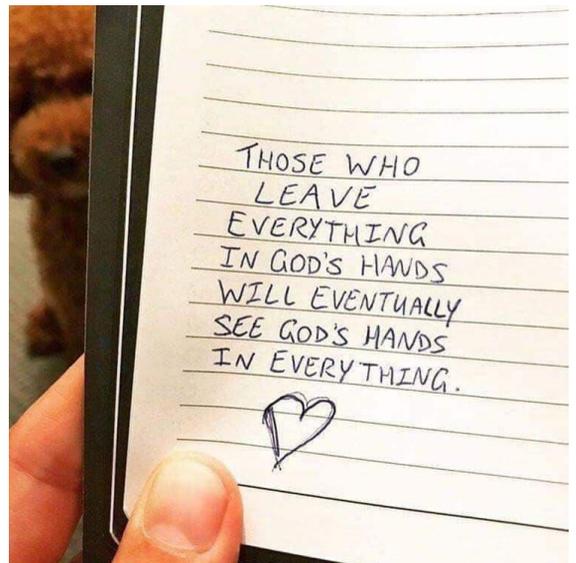
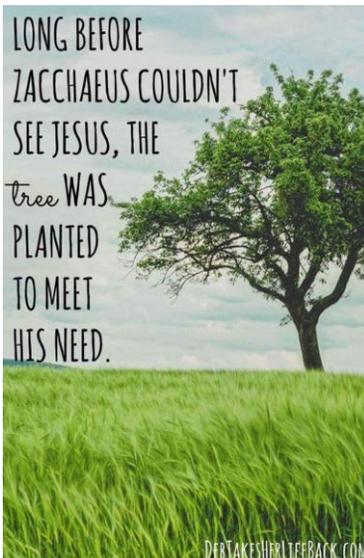
Happy Birthday!!

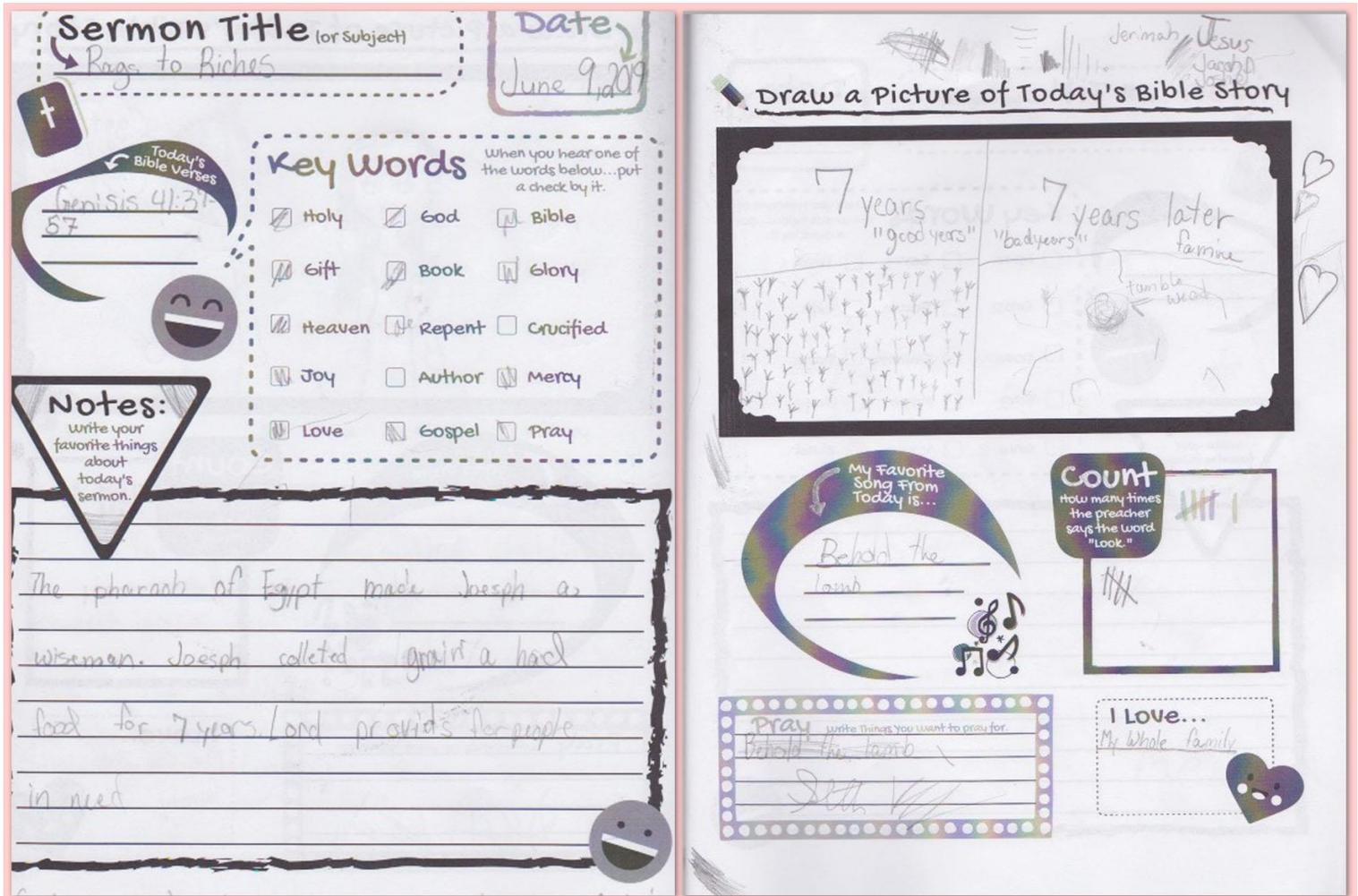
Susan Matson 7/3
Jaxon Stridde 7/15
Mason Stridde 7/15

Happy Anniversary!!

Jeremy & Rachel Hall 7/23
Alvin & Susan Matson 7/24
Gordon & Barb Trombley 7/31

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





Children Sermon Notes

It might look like the children that stay upstairs during the sermon are doodling and not paying attention, however, that isn't the case. The children are listening to the sermon and taking notes on what Pastor Seth Brickley is preaching. They listen for key words, list what their favorite song is, things that they'll pray for during the week, and draw a photo of the sermon. Children then have Pastor Seth look over their notes after the service and pick a treat from a basket. Feel free to look through the books on the back pew. The children do a great job every week of taking sermon notes. An example of Sophie Lindo's notes is pictured above.



Jean Tsen visited Eureka Baptist Church on Sunday, June 23rd to tell about the work that she is doing in Boston. She is assisting a Baptist Mid-Missions church plant with a global vision of reaching the world within and beyond Boston. To learn more about Jean's work, visit white4harvest.weebly.com



Work has been started on the interior of the Matson Building. Thank you to everyone that is helping with that project!





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