

July 2022



EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

Just Give Me
JESUS



Independence Day

Monday
July 4

Tokar Visit

Sunday
July 10



VBS

July 11 -15



A Note from Pastor Seth

Another summer is upon us and it is another opportunity to make the best use of your time during this season. As you well know, we treasure the summers in the north. Only four months ago we endured below zero temperatures and now what a blessing it is to be able to spend time outside. But as we go through this season it is easy to waste it if you are not careful. God desires for you to make the best use of your time always, including the bright and warm days of summer (Ephesians 5:16). How does God want you to spend this time? In this article I am going to discuss three ways: enjoying his creation, Christian fellowship, and evangelism.

During every season we see the beauty of God's creation, but in my estimation summer presents opportunities to enjoy his creation more than any other time. The Bible says that God's "invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made" (Romans 1:20). Everything in creation points to him somehow. I love the hymn, "This Is My Father's World." In it there is a line that says, "In the rustling grass I hear him pass. He speaks to me everywhere." Indeed, God does speak to you everywhere. When you hear the birds chirping in the morning, God speaks. When you hear the coyotes yip and howl, God speaks. When you hear the sound of the soothing lake, God speaks. When you hear the wind howling, God speaks. When you see the sunrise and sunset, God speaks. When you see a deer prance through the field, God speaks.

When you see the greenness of the grass and the blueness of the water, God speaks. When you see the sparkling water from the sun, God speaks. When you see the rapid current of the river, God speaks. When you see the power of a thunder and lightning, God speaks. When you see the stars at night, God speaks. Summer is the best time to experience God in creation because of the warm temperatures and the abundance of sunlight. As you spend frequent time outside be vigilant to experience God's goodness, majesty, and beauty in his creation. To be outside without thinking of him is to squander our summer.

Summer also presents a wonderful opportunity to spend time with other Christians. The Bible tells you not to neglect to meet together but always to look for opportunities to encourage one another (Hebrews 10:24-25). It is a given that we are to do this on Sunday mornings and through Bible studies, but you should also seek fellowship at informal times. Summer, more than any other time in the year, presents us with an opportunity to be active, and one way we should aim to be active is through spending time with other believers to encourage one another. During these times it is okay to talk about lots of topics, but do not miss the opportunity to have rich conversations about God and what he is doing in your lives. This is a great season to show hospitality to one another (Romans 12:13). It is a wonderful season for barbeques and lemonade on the deck. To go on walks and bike rides saying hello to your church family. Get to know someone you do not know that well. The summer will go by fast so do not miss this chance for deeper fellowship with fellow

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Sunday Morning Service: 10:00am

*Kid's Church during Service

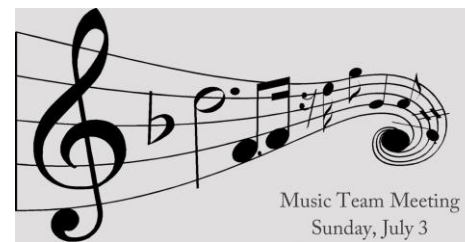
Sunday School: 9:00am

believers. Yes, you can do it anytime, but summer especially presents a wonderful opportunity.

Finally, summer is a great time to get to know your neighbors, especially ones who do not have a relationship with Christ. We want to see our community come to faith in Christ. The summer presents a wonderful opportunity to get to know your neighbors and invest in them for eternity's sake. If you show the love of Christ to our unbelieving community and share that Jesus died and rose again so that they may live forever (John 3:16), then we are making a good use of our time this summer. As you think about how to spend your time remember to enjoy God's creation, enjoying fellowship with your church family at informal gatherings, and sharing the good news of Christ with your community. There is much pulling at you during the summer months. Be purposeful in everything and you will experience the blessing God has for you this summer.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Seth



QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, July 17 after morning service.

If interested in Church Membership,
please talk with Pastor Seth.

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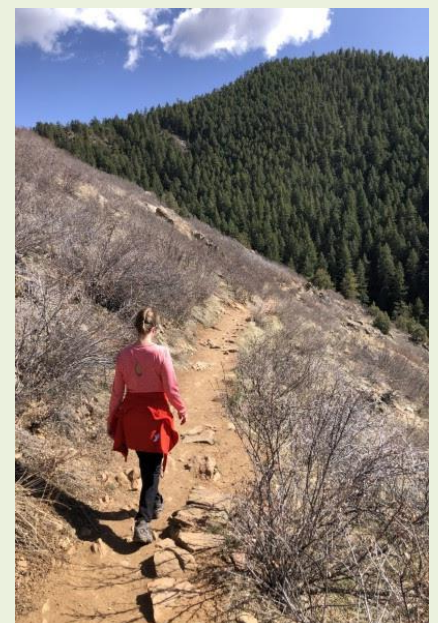
We may not be in Senegal anymore but being salt and light knows no boundaries. Here's one example of what "salt" looks like for us here in CO these days.

A Friend in Need

During our two years here in Denver, Esther has developed a friendship with a Muslim wife and mom who lives near Esther's parents' house where we stayed the first year. Even though we have moved about 45 minutes away, Esther has worked to maintain that connection. Tina (not her real name) enjoys being able to converse in French with Esther.

This last month has been the holy month of Ramadan for Muslims the world over. They fast during the day, and try to maintain a heightened spiritual observance and sensitivity to God. Esther decided to honor her friend's increased spiritual awareness by giving her an Arabic Bible (Arabic is her first language, then French and finally English). Even though the Qur'an commands Muslims to follow "the Scriptures that came before" because they, too, are "the Word of God," we were not at all sure how this gift would be received, because most Muslims avoid the Bible, claiming that the Jews and the Christians have changed and therefore corrupted it (they persist with this claim even though the Qur'an also affirms that no one can alter God's Word because God himself protects it).

As expected, Esther received some pushback. Although initially delighted by a gift before she knew what it was, once she realized it was a Bible, her response was much more muted. "The Qur'an already tells us everything we need to know from the Bible," she said, implying that she had no need to read the Bible. And although there are some very good responses to such a statement, Esther felt led to remain silent, allowing the Holy Spirit time to work. We are praying that God will soften her heart and that she will be drawn to the true Word of God, desiring to know what it—or should we say He—says.





Above: The Stout Family (missionaries from Croatia) visited Eureka Baptist Church on Sunday, June 5th. A potluck lunch was served after morning service.

Below: Jon Harris, one of the leading voices in Christianity against the Social Justice movement, visited Eureka Baptist Church on June 15. He has written two books, *Social Justice Goes to Church* and *Social Justice and Christianity: Religions in Conflict*. He was featured in the recent documentary "Enemies Within the Church" and helped make a documentary called, "American Monument." He also has a popular podcast called "Conversations That Matter."



Monthly Events



Women's Bible Study
Saturday, July 2
9:00am



Men's Breakfast
Saturday, July 9
8:00am



Marriage Bible Study
Monday, July 4
7:00pm



A few baptisms were held after morning service on Sunday, June 12 at Big Twin Lake.

Congratulations to Linda Maxey, Doug Olson, Derek Jorgenson



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

Elder

Mark Brooks

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Eric McKinley
Shaun Anderson

Deaconess

Barbara Trombley
Lori Brooks
Hansi Stridde
Abby Swanson

Secretary

Amber Lindo

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Hansi Stridde
Abby Swanson

Church Announcements

- Join us for **Marriage Bible Study** on Monday, July 4 at 7:00pm.
- **The Tokar Family** (missionaries from Ukraine) will visit us on Sunday, July 10.
- There is a **Quarterly Business Meeting** on July 17 after morning service.
- **August Newsletter** items due to Amber by July 25.
- 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
- We will be voting on **new members** at the Quarterly Business Meeting. If you'd like to be a member, please talk with Pastor Seth or Mark Brooks.
- There is a proposed **change to the church constitution** posted to the back bulletin board. We will vote on this change at the July Quarterly Business Meeting.
- There will now be **Communion Kits** in the balcony for those that would like to participate.
- If you're able to help out with **church cleaning or mowing**, please let us know!
- **July Cleaning:** Hansi Fox **July Mowing:** Mark Brooks
- Thank you to **Angela Snider** for cleaning the church in May and **Terry Snider** for mowing!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Susan Matson 7/3, Joey Tomlinson 7/8, Derek Jorgenson 7/11, Jaxon & Mason Stridde 7/15, Cassie Johnson 7/16, Mollie Taylor 7/22, Elijah Tomlinson 7/24, Nick Fox 7/24

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Jeremy & Rachel Hall 7/23, Alvin & Susan Matson 7/24, Gordon & Barb Trombley 7/31

VBS
at
Eureka Baptist Church



July 11 - 15, 2022
6:00pm - 7:45pm
Ages 4 - Grade 5. Snack provided.

VBS is going to be here fast!!

Are you wondering how you can help?

1. Get the word out - please let neighborhood and family kids know.
2. Cookies! A snack will be served every evening. If you're able to bring cookies, please have them to church on July 10th.
3. Help out that week! Teachers are covered, but we're always looking for assistance or helping kids find the bathroom if needed.
4. Probably the best way that you can help that week is to **PRAY** for these young hearts.



For the first time in history, Eureka Baptist Church now has central air! When it's hot out with high humidity, we will be especially thankful to those that helped to get this installed!



FAITH FREEDOM FAMILY REVIVAL

July 31 at 2:00pm Big Rock Creek, St. Croix Falls

Free event! A fantastic afternoon of faith, prayer and fellowship in a beautiful, scenic country setting.

Special guest speakers, special music, children's activities, & so much more
Food & beverages available for purchase

Special Music -
• Solid Rock Quartet
• Roller Family Bluegrass

Additional special music and guest speakers including local pastors

Contact mbeauvaishopkins@yahoo.com
or rhondarsmiller@startmail.com with questions



Woman's Saturday Bible Study is on the move!

Mark your calendars:
July 2, August 6, September 3

For these three Saturdays instead of our usual studies, we will gather at the Lions Club Park at nine a.m. to walk and talk. Children are welcome!



*I can do all things
through Christ
who gives me
strength.*

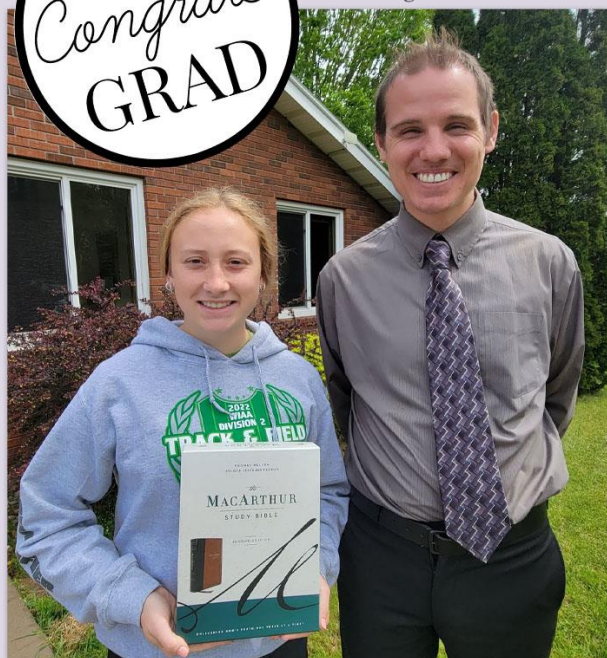
PHILIPPIANS 4:13



Every week, the children of the church head out to the Matson Building during the sermon for Kid's Church. Sometimes it is quite a full house out there and all of these little hearts are ready to learn! What they take away from the lessons is amazing. On the way home, parents get to hear all of the things they learned that morning. Thank you to the teachers that teach each Sunday!!



Sierra Braund was presented with a Study Bible for High School Graduation. Congratulations!!



Thank you for sharing your talents!



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