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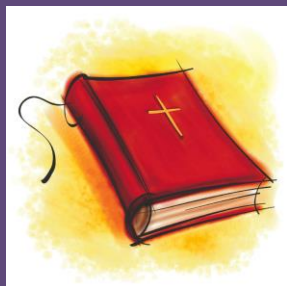


EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER

Taste and see  
that the Lord is good;  
blessed is the one  
who takes refuge in him.

Psalm 34:8



## Ordination Council

Saturday  
June 1  
1:00pm

## Leadership Meeting

Sunday  
June 9



**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY**

## Happy Father's Day

Sunday  
June 16

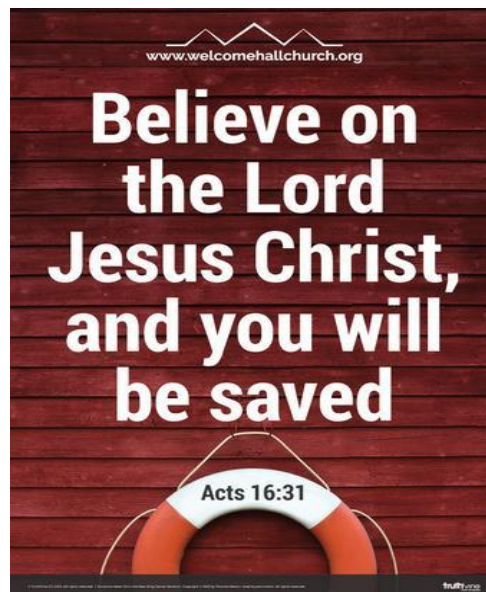


## A Note from Pastor Seth

Everyone knows that life is difficult. Since the fall of Adam and Eve this world has been marred by great suffering and death (Genesis 3:16-19). The more you live the more you realize this to be true. Two types of people experience suffering differently. The unbeliever faces suffering with no hope. In fact, for one who does not know the Lord this life is the best it will get. The Bible teaches that any one who dies apart from Christ will experience God's righteous judgment in hell (Matthew 23:33). This is a tragic truth and I must stress that the only way out of this dark future is to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 16:31). In this way one will be transferred from darkness into God's kingdom (Colossians 1:13). But for the believer this life is as hard as it gets. If you belong to the Lord take heart in this: "The suffering of this present time is not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Romans 8:18). Any time you face a difficult trial remind yourself of this.

As you follow the Lord closely in this difficult life you may have sadness inside of you. You may wonder is something wrong with me? The answer very well might be no. After all, living in a fallen world should be sad. The sinless Christ was called "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief" (Isaiah 53:3). Life in a fallen world is difficult for the godly, and this sadness reflects our Savior. Not only do we suffer ourselves, but we also see so much suffering around us. The effects of the Fall are on display every day and it is hard to see the tragedies of life everywhere at all times. But frankly, the most heartbreaking part of this world is that we still sin. Once you come to faith in Christ you are freed from sins penalty and power (Romans 3:25-26; 6:1-14). Christians inevitably still sin (1 John 1:8-10) and every time we sin we offend the God we love (Psalm 51:4). We are temporarily committing idolatry against the One we love the most.

One of the most famous hymns ever written is "Come Thou Fount." Robert Robinson wrote this song in 1757. There is a line in it that is worth looking at very closely. He wrote, "Oh, that day when freed from sinning I shall see Thy lovely face. Clothed then in the blood washed linen how I'll sing Thy wondrous grace. Come, my Lord, no longer tarry (delay) take my ransomed soul away. Send Thine angels now to carry me to realms of endless day." In this song Robinson is describing the suffering of his own sin and his great desire to leave this world where he will enter the presence of the Lord. At that point when we will no longer sin nothing will come us from sweet fellowship with God (Revelation 21:4).



Sin robs us of joy far more than we realize, but in the future the killjoy of sin will forever be a thing of the past. This raises a question. Should a Christian desire to leave this world in order to leave this suffering and enter the presence of God? The answer, according to Scripture is yes. As I answer this I need to be careful. We live in an age when more people than ever are taking their own life. We should never long to leave this world from our own doing.

### Eureka Baptist Church

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Sunday Morning Service: 10:00am

\*Kid's Church during Service

Adult Sunday School: 9:00am

Bible Study: Wednesdays 6:30pm

This is sinful and Scripture condemns the premeditated taking of a human life, whether to another or oneself (Exodus 20:13). But whenever the Lord takes us according to his timing, whether at our death or Christ's return, we should long for this. The apostle Paul was very clear on this question. He wrote that his desire was, "to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better" (Philippians 1:24). He also wrote in another place, "while we are still in this tent (our earthly body), we groan, being burdened...and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:4, 8). Paul recognized the pain of this life and he would rather be with the Lord than go through the inevitable trials of the life of faith.

However, this does not mean he would be depressed until he went to heaven. In the Philippians passage he wrote, "If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me" (Philippians 1:22). In the 2 Corinthians passage he wrote, "whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him" (2 Corinthians 5:9). This fruitful labor for the Christian includes joy through it all (Philippians 4:4). This is how believers should approach their journey through the life of faith. They should desire with Paul to leave this world of suffering to enter forever rest with God, but they should also, as Paul states so clearly, make the most of their time here, and to do so with joy. One added piece that we must recognize is that a longing for heaven leads to a more productive life lived for the Lord. As Jesus died on the cross, what helped him endure it was looking ahead to the joy of being reunited with his Father in heaven (Hebrews 12:2). In the same way, we will better endure the hardships of the life of faith as we long to be with God in heaven. To think about our future inheritance with the Lord, and have it impact our daily life, will make our transition from this life to heavenly glory seamless. Eureka Baptist, may we encourage one another with these truths on this journey together!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Seth

# MissionReach

## Ralph & Ellen Shepard: Guadalajara

*Hello friends, greetings from Guadalajara in the hottest time of year here. We marvel at the May snowstorms in Colorado, while we (can I say?) enjoy the weather, here, though some in this fine city might beg to differ with me.*

*Here is the update in response to your prayers and giving on behalf of the people of this city and the ministry you continue to partner in with us. We praise God for good things, and for God-sized things. And thank you for letting us be a team with you in this. Ralph & Ellen*

### GROWING TO OVERFLOWING

Last week Ellen and I shared a topic on parenting at one of the teaching times our house church network has every two months. There were a number of young couples, several of whom approached us afterwards to express their gladness for the teaching. One of our house churches has grown so very large that we have been seeking a good way to divide it. So we are offering follow-up topics over the next few weeks to families with younger children. Please be praying with us that if this is from the Lord, that this group of young families will want to continue on as a new group at the end of these topics.

**ALABAMA GRANDMA & GRANDPA** Speaking of young families, our daughter April and her husband Michael became parents to Abigail Hope on April 27 in Montgomery, Alabama. Ellen and I were able to be there for the happy occasion. We enjoy watching the new family and reminiscing on those days when we were in that sweet stage.

### TEAMWORK & TESTAMONY

Armando (pictured below) is one of those students that took several classes from Jason, one of our teammates in the ministry, who teaches English at one of the larger universities in Guadalajara. Jason is always looking for an opportunity to bring in the topic of spiritual things in a natural way, and he is quite good at it. Upon graduating Armando renewed contact with Jason and began to ask him more about how he might know God in a deeper way, so Jason invited him to the men's group. Armando also wanted to learn more English, so he began taking classes at our community center where he met our teammate, Paul, who showed him how to use the S.O.A.P. Bible study method we mentioned in our last letter.

Over the space of a couple of months Armando gave his life to Christ, and on Easter took the step of baptism. (he was one of the seven) Taking some of the tools he was learning from the men's group Armando decided to offer some simple interactive topics on spiritual things with his family- his mom and dad and siblings who don't know the Lord. He has led them in four topics so far as he seeks to extend his spiritual influence outward. He has also been a big help in the youth ministry.

As you might imagine, this has been very encouraging to us as a team. This indeed is someone who seems to be running hard after God. Would you pray for him and his family, that God would use this to bring others into the Kingdom? God is so good, and we love it when others come to know Him!





# Baby DEDICATION



**Isaiah Brickley**  
Dedication Ceremony May 19th



*baby/child  
dedication*

A child dedication is a symbolic ceremony undertaken by Christian parents soon after the birth of a child. Some churches perform these ceremonies en masse and have several couples and children participating at the same time. The rite is intended to be a public statement by the parents that they will train their children in the Christian faith and seek to instill that faith in them. The congregation often responds through responsive reading or some other method to affirm that they, as a church family, will also seek to encourage the parents to bring up the child in the faith. There is no implied salvation in the ceremony, and it varies from church to church. The idea of dedicating a child to the Lord can certainly be found in the Bible. Hannah was a barren wife who promised to dedicate her child to God if He would give her a son (1 Samuel 1:11). Luke 2:22 begins the account of Mary and Joseph taking Jesus to the temple after forty days in order to dedicate Him to the Lord. This was slightly more involved since it involved a sacrifice, but once again this ceremony did not indicate any level of salvation. Child / baby dedication is not one of the two ordinances—baptism and the Lord’s Supper—required of Christians in the New Testament. As Christians, we are baptized and participate in the Lord’s Supper as outward and public signs of what Christ has done within us. While baby dedication is not an officially instituted ordinance of the church, there does not seem to be any conflict with Scripture as long as parents do not view it as assuring the salvation of the child. Please talk with Pastor Seth if you are interested in having a child dedicated.

## Monthly Events



Women’s Bible Study  
Saturday, June 1  
9:00am



Men’s Breakfast  
Saturday, June 8  
8:00am



Prayer Meeting  
First Sunday of the Month  
6:30pm



*Left to right (Gresilda, Holta, Hosea, Elton)  
TMS Global  
Albania*

Elton and Gresilda visited Eureka Baptist Church on Sunday, May 26. Elton shared his testimony. He was born to a muslim family and at 13 years old felt an emptiness within himself and thought maybe it was because he wasn't immersing himself int he Muslim faith. He went to the masque where he learned how to pray and still was filled with emptiness, even though he followed the rules and rituals of the faith.

Elton then visited a church that was planted in 1994 by an American missionary and participated in the Children's Ministry. It was different. It filled Elton with the joy, excitement and love he was searching for. He enjoyed the stories, songs and games, but since that day, he has never lost the happiness and joy because of how it has changed his life.

Elton then became a Children Ministry Leader and grown to plant a church in 2011 preaching to young Muslims. Having a calling to move to Kosovo and plant a new church there as well in 2015 (IMPACT PRISHTINA). Elton returned to Albania and plans on planting a third church (IMPACT TIRANA).

The religion in Albania are currently 70% Muslim, 15% Catholic, 10% Orthodox, 4.5% Other, 0.5% Jesus Followers.

Elton and his family will be involved in church planting. Their desire is to see a church planting movement in Balkans. They wish to reach Albanian muslims for Christ inside and outside of Albania.

**Prayer Requests:**

- \*Pray that the Lord will provide the training needed, so they can better be equipped for accomplishing the vision He has given them.
- \*Pray that they will be able to raise all of the finances needed for their family expenses and ministry expenses.
- \*Pray that God will bring other people to join their church planting team.

If interested in supporting Elton and his family:

PO BOX 936559  
Atlanta, GA 31193-6559

TMS-Global.org/give  
Designate gift to account #3130

## 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

-**Special Meeting** – There will be a special meeting after morning service on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be voting to add the Llapushi Family to the missionaries that we financially support.

-The **Leadership Team** will be meeting after the Special Meeting on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

-**Church Teams** are in the process of meeting. Please attend a meeting if you'd like to join a team. The schedule is on the bulletin board at church.

-**Church Picnic and Baptisms** will be held on August 11<sup>th</sup> at Skonewood Christian Retreat. Please talk with Pastor Seth if you're interested in being baptized.



Thank you to Patsy Anderson for planting and cleaning the flower beds at Eureka Baptist Church!



Prayer Meetings are held the first Sunday of the month at 6:30pm.



## Happy Birthday!!

Graham Anderson 6/2  
Bob Swanson 6/12  
Jeremiah Johnson 6/13  
Rachel Hall 6/14  
Karen Mickelson 6/15  
Kyle Swanson 6/22  
Randell Trick 6/23  
Kathy Trick 6/23  
Jonathan Johnson 6/24  
Mark Brooks 6/25

## Happy Anniversary!!

George & Kris Felber 6/19  
Pastor Seth & Brianna Brickley 6/28

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

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**GREATEST TREASURE: GOD'S WORD**

July 8 – July 12

5:30pm – 7:30pm – Supper provided for VBS students

Open to ages 4-12



**SAVE THE DATE!**

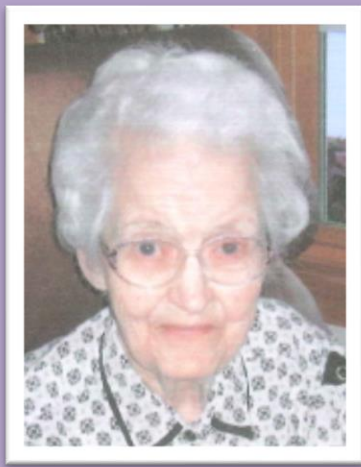


## MISSED A SUNDAY?

**CHECK OUT OUR  
SERMONS ONLINE!**



Sermons are posted to the Eureka Baptist Church website!  
[www.eurekabapchurch.com](http://www.eurekabapchurch.com)



## Opal L. Anderson

March 18, 1927 - April 23, 2019

Opal Lucille Anderson age 92, of St. Croix Falls, WI passed away Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at Good Samaritan Society in St. Croix Falls.

Opal is survived by her sons, David (Patsy), Duane (Charlotte) and Don (Myrna) Anderson; grandchildren, Shawna (Rick) Gearhart, Shirlon (Dwayne) Arvold, Shaila (Jeremiah) Johnson, Shane (Lisa) Anderson, Shaun (Racheal) Anderson, Tammy Bergstrand and significant other (Todd Riley), Missy (Mark) White, Tami Anderson, Randy (Michelle) Anderson, Jodi Anderson and significant other (Brian Galowitz) and Jason Anderson; 23 great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Opal is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Arvin; her brothers and sisters.



What a day!?! A day to remember who has taught me, guided me and instilled wisdom in me my entire life. You have promised countless times that you love me. You have promised countless times that you will never leave me. You even went so far as to show me how much you love me by sending your only Son. Can I ask for anything else? Of course I can, and I always do. As any good father would do, you do what you feel is right in whether or not I should get what I ask for.

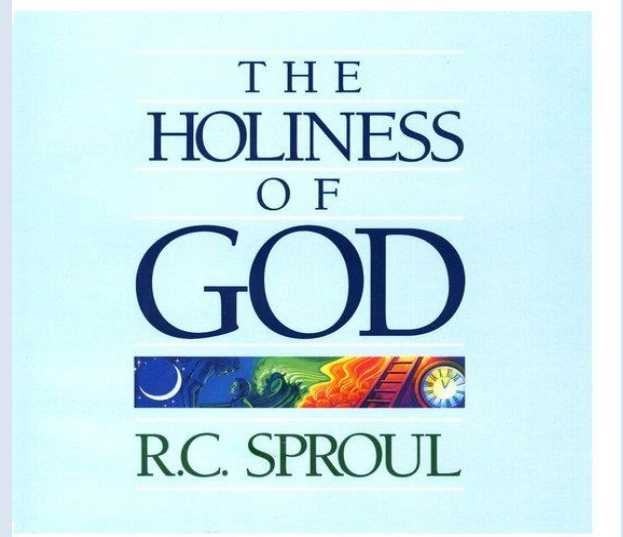
I hope one day to be even half or even a quarter of the Father you've been to me. I hope that when my kids need something, I'm there for them as you have been for me. I hope that when my kids have questions, that I'm there for them as you have been for me. I hope that when they are going through good times or bad that I'm there for them, just as you have always been there for me.

So I end this letter by thanking you for being my Father and by writing that I have been VERY blessed by being one of your children! Furthermore, I want to thank you for your undivided attention for me by treating me as your only child when I'm talking, even though you have countless children.



# Family Night

Interested in hosting  
a Church Family Night this summer??  
Please talk with Pastor Seth.



Join us!  
6 week video series  
**“The Holiness of God”**  
by RC Sproul  
Starting 6/12

Questions? Please see Rob Mickelson



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