

## **EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH**

# NEWSLETTER





## **Missionary Visits**

Sunday June 5 Sunday June 26



Wednesday
June 15
6:30pm





Father's Day

Sunday June 19



#### A Note from Pastor Seth

The Bible tells us about Satan's character. We learn that, "he was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies" (John 8:44). What we also know about Satan is that for a time God has allowed him to rule this world. As the apostle John wrote, "the whole world lies in the power of the evil one" (1 John 5:19). What we see in our world is a world full of murder and lies. We live in a world that has come to believe that the taking of a child in the womb is morally justified. This has been an incredibly successful lie of Satan's. Every year 73 million babies are aborted around the world. One of his greatest lies is that abortion is a choice. It has been called pro-choice since pro-choice sounds much more palatable than promurder. The baby in the womb is a human that has all the organs that a human outside the womb has. A heartbeat can be detected five weeks in and some say as early as nineteen days. To stop a beating heart is to end a human life. This is a moral, biblical issue. As Scripture says, "You formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:13-14). This passage describes clearly the humanity of the child in the womb. The day any human comes into existence is not the day he or she is born, it is the day the child is conceived (Psalm 51:5).

But the world has been lied to. Since 1973 Americans have been lied to as 63 million babies have been aborted in our Land.

That year Satan made great advances to his agenda of murdering and lying. He fooled people into believing that it is okay for mother and father to have a choice concerning whether or not to abort a child. Some Americans were already pushing this agenda before 1973 (and it was legal in New York) but in 1973 the Highest Court succumbed to this lie. In the name of privacy and freedom of choice the Court did what the Founders never intended the Court to do. They made the law instead of interpreting the law. The Supreme Court said the freedom to abort falls under the "right to privacy" in the Fourteenth Amendment. When that Amendment was written in 1868 this is not what the authors had in mind. They understood, as the Founders did, that abortion was murder. In fact, the Founders used the Ten Commandments as their moral guide and the sixth commandment is, "You shall murder." The Founders and the writers of the Fourteenth Amendment understood that taking the life of the most helpless, an unborn child, is a major moral violation; similar to offering up a child to Molech (Leviticus 18:21). But the Supreme Court in 1973 caved to the loud immoral voices in society and allowed for the freedom to abort a child nationwide.

For decades there has been a loud moral outcry to reverse this decision, and in the news recently we have learned that the Court plans to do so. But this displeases Satan and he is doing what he can to keep murder on demand going in America. The recent leak of the Court's plans occurred to put pressure on the Justices who plan to vote to overturn it. But their job is to correctly interpret the Fourteenth Amendment,

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

which will wipe out the Court's erroneous decision from 1973. Let us pray that they stand firm and do what is right. To stand against the abortion movement is to stand against the one who has been murdering and lying since the beginning of creation. To stand against Roe V. Wade is to stand against one of his most deceptive lies in history. Let us pray that Satan's agenda takes a huge hit and the weakest among us are spared till Christ returns.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Seth





# MissioMissionsreach



The door to Options for Women |Tri-County swung open, and a new client, let's call her Hanna, walked in with her partner, "Pete." Although the woman looked familiar, our Client-Advocate could not place her. But Hanna recognized the advocate right away. "Aren't you one of the Bible Study ladies?" Hanna asked. And then it clicked. Hanna had attended the weekly Bible Studies she had been conducting for ladies at the Polk county Jail. "Yes, that's where we met! Sit down," invited our Client Advocate with a friendly smile.

Hanna explained she was out of jail, but only until the baby she was carrying was 2 months old, and then she was expected to return to jail and finish her term. "We have other kids," she said, "but we made a lot of mistakes with them. This baby is a chance for us to start fresh and do it right." Looking at Pete, she added, "Once I get this jail sentence over with, it's the last time either of us is going to jail. We're done with that." Pete nodded in affirmation.

Brave words, and with determination and God's help, the couple stayed the course. They took advantage of the free services offered through our center, found jobs and a place to live. The baby was born, a beautiful little boy. Because of the COVID pandemic, Hanna did not have to return to jail as planned, but served her time through alternative means. Other people noticed the changes in Pete and Hanna's lives. Her mother commented on how her daughter had not relapsed but was raising her son with steady consistency. One of Pete's daughters moved in with them, and they have been strict but loving parents to the girl. Hanna and Pete had a second baby, a little girl, and continued to stay on the path of right living. Now Hanna was ready to pay it forward by teaching ladies that, as she had broken free from the spiral of addiction, they could too. Options for Women|Tri-County made it possible for Hanna to purchase six Narcotics Anonymous books, and in between working part time and raising her children, Hanna began facilitating an NA group.

Our Client Advocate returned to the jail where she continues to lead a Bible study, and another young woman there approached her with one of the NA books in her hand. She shared how she had a bad experience with religion when she was younger and had vowed never to have anything to do with religion again. "But look," she said, opening the book and pointing at some of the Scripture verses within, "The Bible is really practical, I can live by this stuff." She was learning and accepting truth that had eluded her before. And so it goes. Acts of love inspire more acts of love, inspiring other acts...





When Billy Graham was 92 years-old, he was struggling with Parkinson's disease. In January, a month before his 93rd birthday, leaders in Charlotte, North Carolina, invited their favorite son, Billy Graham to a luncheon in his honor.

Billy initially hesitated to accept the invitation because of his struggles with Parkinson's disease. But the Charlotte leaders said, 'We don't expect a major address. Just come and let us honor you.' So, he agreed.

After wonderful things were said about him, Dr. Graham stepped to the podium, looked at the crowd, and said:

"I'm reminded today of Albert Einstein, the great physicist who this month has been honored by Time magazine as the Man of the Century. Einstein was once traveling from Princeton on a train, when the conductor came down the aisle, punching the tickets of every passenger.

When he came to Einstein, Einstein reached in his vest pocket. He couldn't find his ticket, so he reached in his trouser pockets. It wasn't there. He looked in his briefcase but couldn't find it. Then he looked in the seat beside him. He still couldn't find it.

"The conductor said, "Dr. Einstein, I know who you are. We all know who you are. I'm sure you bought a ticket. Don't worry about it." Einstein nodded appreciatively. The conductor continued down the aisle punching tickets. As he was ready to move to the next car, he turned around and saw the great physicist down on his hands and knees looking under his seat for his ticket.

"The conductor rushed back and said, 'Dr. Einstein, Dr. Einstein, don't worry, I know who you are, no problem. You don't need a ticket. I'm sure you bought one.' Einstein looked at him and said, "Young man, I too, know who I am. What I don't know is where I'm going."

Having said that Billy Graham continued, "See the suit I'm wearing? It's a brand-new suit. My children, and my grandchildren are telling me I've gotten a little slovenly in my old age. I used to be a bit more fastidious. So, I went out and bought a new suit for this luncheon and one more occasion. You know what that occasion is? This is the suit in which I'll be buried. But when you hear I'm dead, I don't want you to immediately remember the suit I'm wearing. I want you to remember this:

"I not only know who I am. I also know where I'm going." May your troubles be less, your blessings more, and may nothing but happiness, come through your door. "Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil - it has no point." May each of us have lived our lives so that when our ticket is punched, we don't have to worry about where we are going.

## **Monthly Events**



Women's Bible Study Saturday, June 4 9:00am



Men's Breakfast Saturday, June 11 8:00am



Marriage Bible Study Monday, June 6 7:00pm

#### **Paint the Boat**

Author Uknown

A man was asked to paint a boat. He brought his paint and brushes and began to paint the boat a bright red, as the owner asked him.

While painting, he noticed a small hole in the hull, and quietly repaired it.

When he finished painting, he received his money and left.

The next day, the owner of the boat came to the painter and presented him with a nice check, much higher than the payment for painting.

The painter was surprised and said "You've already paid me for painting the boat Sir!"

"But this is not for the paint job. It's for repairing the hole in the boat."

"Ah! But it was such a small service... certainly it's not worth paying me such a high amount for something so insignificant." "My dear friend, you do not understand. Let me tell you what

"When I asked you to paint the boat, I forgot to mention the hole.

"When the boat dried, my kids took the boat and went on a fishing trip.

"They did not know that there was a hole. I was not at home at that time.

"When I returned and noticed they had taken the boat, I was desperate because I remembered that the boat had a hole.

"Imagine my relief and joy when I saw them returning from fishing.

"Then, I examined the boat and found that you had repaired the hole!

"You see, now, what you did? You saved the life of my children! I do not have enough money to pay your 'small' good deed."

So no matter who, when or how, continue to help, sustain, wipe tears, listen attentively, and carefully repair all the 'leaks' you find. You never know when one is in need of us, or when **God holds a pleasant surprise for us to be helpful and important to someone**.

Along the way, you may have repaired numerous 'boat holes' for several people without realizing.

I used to think that my holiest work would happen on the largest stages.

That it would only come after hours of research, practice, and prep.

That if I delivered a talk that stirred enough hearts and moved enough souls, I could call my work holy.

Or that maybe it would come from a big enough platform. And with perfectly crafted works, it could be holy.

And maybe those things can be and are. I've had my life changed by those speakers on those stages.

But I think sometimes we place those ministries on a pedestal and neglect the beauty of the command to make disciples.

For too long we have devalued the ministry of discipleship. Of true relationship.

Whether we are discipling our children, our friends, or those in our community.

If we think that work is any less holy, we've been fooled.

The work we do in the everyday...the conversations, the silent prayers in the grocery store lines, the acts of kindness at the conviction of the Holy Spirit, the Bible Stories we read at bedtime....

They're holy.

They're good work.

And if no one has told you today, you're doing good and holy work, friend.

-Catlin Henderson

### **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

**Trustees**Eric McKinley
Shaun Anderson

Deaconess
Barbara Trombley
Lori Brooks
Hansi Stridde
Abby Swanson

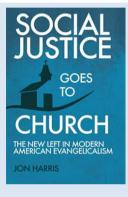
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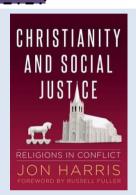
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#### **Church Announcements**

- Join us for Marriage Bible Study on Monday, June 6th at 7:00pm.
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study has paused until September.
- The Leadership Team will meet online in June. Please watch for a meeting date and time.
- July Newsletter items due to Amber by June 20.
- 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
- If you would like to be baptized, you can join others on Sunday, June 12! Please see 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 Ouarterly Business Meeting.
- There will now be Communion Kits in the balcony for those that would like to participate.
- A reminder that we will have an event instead of the garage sale for **River Road Ramble** in September. If you would like to help to plan the event, please talk with Abby Swanson.
- June Cleaning: Angela Snider June Mowing: Terry Snider
- Thank you to Lori Brooks for cleaning the church in May and Gordy Trombley for mowing!
- There is a sign up for lawn mowing posted to the back bulletin board. If you're interested in helping, please sign up!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**: Graham Anderson 6/2, Julie Johnson 6/2, Bob Swanson 6/12, Jeremiah Johnson 6/13, Rachel Hall 6/14, Sue Meyers 6/16, Kyle Swanson 6/22, Jonathan Johnson 6/24, Mark Brooks 6/25 **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**: Pastor Seth & Brianna Brickley 6/28, Gregg & Josie Peterson 6/29





Jon Harris is one of the leading voices in Christianity against the Social Justice movement. 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." In mid-June he will be making a journey through Wisconsin. He is coming to our area on Wednesday June 15th, to speak at 6:30pm at Eureka Baptist Church. No RSVP required. There will be a freewill offering at both locations to help pay his expenses. Hope to see you!

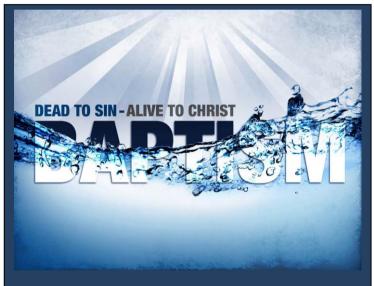
Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Refreshments following

July 11-15





Sunday, August 28



If you have a desire to be baptized, please talk with Pastor Seth or Mark Brooks.

Baptisms will be Sunday, June 12 after morning service.



Thank you to everyone that helped at our Church Workday in May! We got lots of projects completed. Thank you to Mark & Lori Brooks for getting the pizza to the church for all the workers!

Thank you to all that have signed up to help with church cleaning and lawn mowing.

Thank you to the Kitchen Crew (a special star award to Nancy Hahn) for making and serving the meal for the recent funeral.

Thank you to the piano players that our church has for every Sunday service!

At the dawn of time, God looked down on all He had made and said, "Now, I need a caretaker."

God said, "I need someone to teach children to fish, and to ride a bike without training wheels, and to play catch in the backyard. It must be someone who's tough enough to run a chainsaw and wield a machete and yet, gentle enough to join his little girl and her dolls for tea."

So, God made a father.

"I need someone to bring the car around when it's raining, so everyone else can stay dry. Someone who will keep jumper cables in his truck, just in case he needs to help a stranger. I need someone to notice practical things, like how the tread on the tires is wearing and if the weather stripping around the front door needs replacing, for no one else will."

"I'll create someone who's strong enough to open a tightly sealed jelly jar and tall enough to place the angel on top of the Christmas tree. Someone who will be gracious enough to let his son fish the best fishing hole or to let his daughter win at least one hand of gin rummy."

"Yes, he will struggle to find his glasses and keys," God thought. "But I'll help him find time for the important things, like tumbling with the kids in the den floor, or saying 'I'm proud of you, son,' or giving Mama a hug."

So, God made a father.

God said, "I need someone brave enough to carve the Thanksgiving turkey, for no one else seems to want the job. Someone who's not afraid to go into Grandma's dark cellar, or to check on what goes bump in the night, or to remove the dead mouse from the mousetrap."

"I need someone wise enough to know when to let his child fail. Someone who will pick her up, dry her tears and say, 'Honey, I know you can do it! Give it another try' I need someone who listens more than he talks. Who will stand by his family through laughter and tears, tornadoes and snowstorms, good times and bad. Someone who will love his kids and love their mother even more."

So, God made a father.

God said, "I need someone to provide for the family. Someone who will get up early and stay up late and never complain. I need someone who's willing to make unpopular decisions and stand by them. Someone to provide authority and discipline, as well as love."

"I need someone with broad shoulders, broad enough to carry a little child around town and broad enough to pull more than his fair share. Yes, I need someone who will work the second-shift, or take second-best, or play second fiddle, so that his family can have it better than he did."

"I need someone who is willing . . . willing to man up and provide the love, support and strength his family will so desperately need."

So, God made a father.

"Sometimes, he will not feel worthy of the love his family gives him. There will be times when he fails to live up to my ideal standard. But when his family needs him, he will show up, or give up, or do whatever needs to be done."

"Yes, that's exactly what I need," thought God as He shook His head. "A father to love my children, and if necessary, to lay down his life for them. Someone . . . well, someone like Me."

So, God made a father.

If you belong to God, then you have a great Father. And because you are His, you can never be called fatherless. The Lord even gave you His name to wear. Wear it with pride. You are a treasured member of His family.

#### Friday Morning Fellowship

The 2 Timothy study will conclude on June 3rd, but we will continue to gather over the summer. Each week will stand alone, so come whenever you can!

Who:

Females of all ages

What:

Bible-based fellowship and conversation

When:

9:30 AM, Fridays in June, July, and August. (No meeting on July 15)

Where:

Matson building

Why:

Opportunities to connect and encourage one another in the Word.

For let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some but encouraging one another, and all the more as we see The Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24,25

#### Women's Brunch

Saturday, June 4 9:00am Please sign up for a brunch item to share.

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Sunday, June 5
Stout Family
Potluck after
morning service

Sunday, June 26 Miron Family Refreshments following service Eureka Baptist Church 2393 210th Avenue St. Croix Falls, WI 54024

