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EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

WHEN YOU PASS THROUGH

the waters,

I WILL BE WITH YOU; AND THROUGH THE RIVERS,
THEY SHALL NOT OVERFLOW YOU.

ISAIAH 43:2



**Leadership Team
Meeting**

June 4
After morning service

Family Fun Night

June 14
6:30pm



Father's Day

June 18



A Note from Pastor Seth

When I was in high school, my family took a trip to “The Last Frontier,” Alaska. During our vacation, we saw God’s beauty in creation from Seward to Fairbanks. Alaska is unlike any other state. It has oceans, fifty thousand lakes, mountains that reach over twenty thousand feet, heavy forest, and more wildlife than anywhere else in America. While we journeyed through this majestic land, we had a steady companion with us, an old singer and songwriter by the name of Johnny Horton. As we drove and listened to his songs, it was as if he was in the car singing to us, but the truth was he had been dead for forty-three years. Horton died in 1960 in a car crash at the young age of thirty-five. During this era everyone knows the name Johnny Cash but Horton was every bit as big. The reason everyone knows Cash and not Horton is that he had a full music career; something that Horton was not able to fulfill.

As we drove in our car during our journey through The Great North, we listened to songs that did much more than entertain. Each song we heard taught us something about the world that God created. Many songs in that day, and especially in our day, are shallow, but Horton’s music had a certain depth. His songs focused primarily on three features: the beauty of nature, the beauty of romance, and the great history of America. What you can tell listening to Horton’s music, is that he loved the world that he lived in. In the song *North to Alaska*, he describes the gold rush in Alaska in the late 1800s. Throughout the song he highlights the grandeur of the North. He describes “winding rivers”, “the Northern Lights running wild”, and these northern lights are found “in the land of the midnight sun.” He describes “the old white mountain just a little southeast of Nome.” I presume this mountain is referring to Mt. McKinley or as the natives call it, Denali.

As he tells the story of men from Seattle pursuing gold in Alaska, he provides vivid images of the majesty of the region that would become a state in 1959. In a different song titled, *Whispering Pines*, he captures the pleasant sight of pines as they move in the wind. In this song like *North to Alaska* he describes the beauty of creation.

He also highlights the deep love that is found between a man and a woman. One line in the song *North to Alaska*, he describes what was much more important than finding gold; namely, a man finding the love of his life. As Horton sings, “I’d trade all the gold that’s buried in this land for one small band of gold to place on sweet little Jenny’s hand, cause a man needs a woman to love him all the time. Remember, Sam, a true love is so hard to find.” Horton captures the great gift given by God of romantic love between one man and one woman. He sings about God’s perfect created order (Genesis 2:24) the very thing that is under such great attack in our day. In *Whispering Pines* and *All For the Love of a Girl*, he describes the heartbreak a man experiences when the woman he loves breaks his heart. His songs capture well the longing of a man to have a faithful helpmate through the journey of life (Genesis 2:18). In Scripture, Adam was so smitten by Eve that he wrote a poem for her: “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man” (Genesis 2:23). Adam was delighted to have the helper that God created him to have. In his songs there is a clear theme of a man having one woman for life. Horton makes this explicit in another song titled, *I’m a One Woman Man*. In the song He sings, “I’ll never love another even if I can oh come to me baby I’m a one woman man.” Horton’s music is not explicitly Christian but you can delight in God’s good order described as you listen to his songs.

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Sunday Morning Service: 10:00am

*Kid's Church during Service

Sunday School: 9:00am

Wed Night Bible Study: 6:30pm

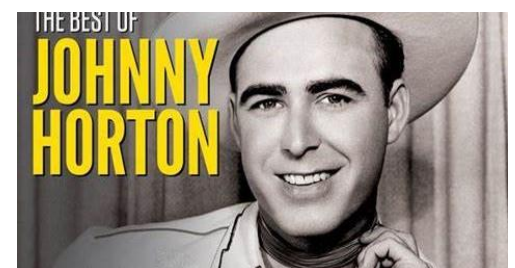
Women's Friday Group: 9:30am

Lastly, Horton’s songs are patriotic. We live in an era where American elites are trying to deconstruct our past, but Horton celebrates the rich history of America through music. He celebrates Andrew Jackson’s triumph over the British in his song, *The Battle of New Orleans*. He celebrates the Allies early success in World War II when they sunk the powerful German ship in his song, *Sink the Bismarck*. He informed Americans about a 19th century mountain man and explorer worth remembering in his song, *Jim Bridger*. He was even unafraid to enter controversy when he wrote a song in honor of the often-maligned Confederate Army in his song, *Johnny Reb*. In 1958, Horton sang this song to the final surviving Confederate soldier. Even though the Confederates were not completely pure of course, he highlighted their virtue, and every American should appreciate this.

Horton’s music shows the image of God displayed in him (Genesis 1:26-27). He recognized what a wonderful world God created through his beauty shown in nature, through his good order in romance, and the story of American history that God has written. By all accounts, Horton was not a believer, but at his funeral, interestingly, his dear friend Johnny Cash read Scripture from John 20 that describes the resurrection of Christ. Even though this old singer did not appear to be a child of God, I am grateful for him. As God’s image bearer, he showed me something of God through helping me see his world better, and for that I will always thank the Lord for Johnny Horton.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Seth



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Stout Family: Croatia

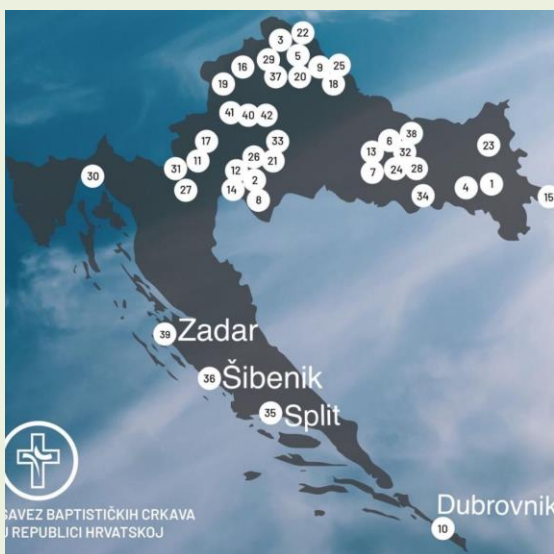
Brothers and sisters in the Lord, thank you for your prayers for us in Zadar, Croatia! We are blessed to have you by our side during these critical times in the world. Our motto has been "EYES ON CHRIST" these past years of transition. People need the Lord, including us! This past month, Debby and I ran, walked, and prayed the Zadar 5K night run. It was the first race we ran together, and it really shows the reality of doing life together, with each other, with you by our side. Life is a marathon, sometimes running, or walking, but always praying TOGETHER! Thanks for standing by our side in prayer and support in Croatia!

In Croatia there is on average 1 evangelical church for every 40,000 people, and only about .4% of 4 million people are evangelical believers. We are serving with the local Baptist church here in Zadar, and as you can see on the map below, comparatively there are not many churches along the Dalmatian coast here, where we live. There is great need for the Gospel here in Croatia! Pray for souls to come to CHRIST - Bare, Luka, Josipa, Marko, Roko, Milenka, Andreas and many others in Zadar!

Prayer Requests for our family in Zadar, which is pictured below -

- Youth Ministry / English Outreach - Praise the Lord for more youth coming out and pray for a strong finish to English club this month.
- ACBC Certification - we both have started this Biblical Counseling online program.
- MK Camp in Croatia - June 16 - July 1, where will be serving the Missionary Kids from Europe at a camp held here in Croatia.
- Royal Servants Mission Team - July 8 - 16, a mission group coming to serve with us
- Joy in the Lord and to fix our eyes on Christ- as we continue to run, walk, and pray this marathon of life!

Thank you for your many prayers, love for us, and your financial support for our family in Zadar!



Women's Brunch



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Updates:

Saturday Women's Bible Study will be taking a break for the summer. We will meet again in the fall on October 7th.

Women's Friday Fellowship: Any and all ladies who finds themselves free on a Friday morning, consider stopping in between 9:30-11:00am.

You'll find a warm welcome.

We will begin a study of Psalm 119 on September 8th.



Monthly Events



Women's Bible Study
Summer Break
Will resume in early fall



Men's Breakfast
Saturday, June 10
8:00am



Marriage Bible Study
Canceled for June

Options on 8 Open House



Baby Bottle Campaign
 There are baby bottles available at church - please fill those bottles with change and bring them back by Father's Day (June 18).

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

2023 Board Members

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Elders

Mark Brooks
Keith Johnson

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Shaun Anderson

Deaconess

Barbara Trombley
Lori Brooks
Hansi Fox
Abby Swanson

Secretary

Amber Lindo

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Hansi Fox
Abby Swanson

Church Announcements

- Pastor Seth is now a regular contributor on truthscript.com – Be sure to visit often to read all the great articles!
 - There will be a **Leadership Team** meeting after morning service on Sunday, June 4th.
 - A reminder that we have a new system for **church reimbursements**. Please get a form at church or in the weekly emails.
 - There will be a **Quarterly Business Meeting** and potluck on Sunday, July 16 after morning service.
 - We are in the process of updating our **Church Team** lists. Please check the teams and update as needed.
 - Save the date! **VBS at Eureka Baptist Church** is July 10-13. If you'd like to help out, please talk with Barb Trombley.
 - We plan to have another **Baptism Service** this summer. Please talk with Pastor Seth if you're interested in being baptized and/or becoming a member.
 - If you are interested in helping with **Childcare during morning service**, please talk with Pastor Seth.
 - If you have any items to add to the **July Newsletter**, please have them to Amber by June 26.
 - 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
 - Parents: Please remind your kids that their little feet need to be **walking and not running**.
- 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, Mark Brooks 6/25
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Pastor Seth & Brianna Brickley 6/28, Gregg & Josie Petersen 6/29



A pastor asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast.

"Lord, I hate buttermilk", the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going. The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard."

Now the pastor was growing concerned.

Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour". The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen."

Within that prayer there is great wisdom for all when it comes to complicated situations like we are experiencing in the world today.

Stay strong, my friends, because our LORD is mixing several things that we don't really care for, but something even better is going to come when HE is done with it.

in seasons of waiting when our hearts break when we don't feel it in seasons of sickness and loss

GOD IS GOOD

all the time.

when our hearts rejoice when evil things happen when sickness returns no matter what Always. always.

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Podcasts Worth Pursuing

Jon Harris is the host of the *Conversations that Matter* podcast. You might remember Jon from his visit to our church last summer. He is articulate and intelligent, and not afraid to tackle the hard issues from a traditional Christian perspective. Give a listen to this podcast and see if Jon's conversational style appeals to you.

**What are the most helpful podcasts you listen to?
Please tell us, so we can feature them in this column.**



CHURCH LIBRARY *News*

Featured Library Book **Revealing Revelation**

By: Amir Tsarfati

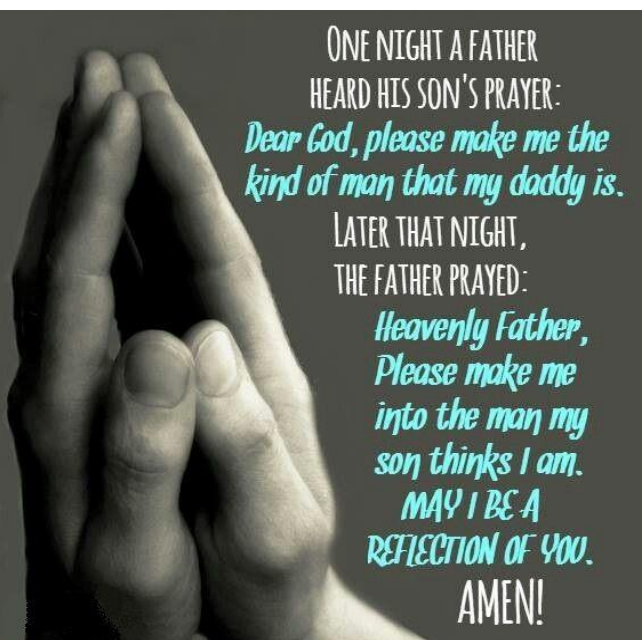
Best-selling author Amir Tsarfati examines what Revelation makes known about the end times and beyond. Guided by accessible teaching that lets Scripture speak for itself, you'll take a closer look at the timeline of what believers and nonbelievers will experience before, during, and after the tribulation; the plan that the Lord has specifically prepared for the people of Israel in the end times; and encouragements, challenges, and warnings Jesus himself gave to prepare us for his return. Revealing Revelation provides an eye-opening look at what lies ahead for every person in the end times - either in heaven or on earth. Are you prepared for what is to come?

Featured Children's Books **The Cul-de-Sac Kids**

By: Beverly Lewis

The Cul-de-Sac Kids is a lighthearted chapter-book series for young readers written by the talented Beverly Lewis. Each book centers on the often-humorous escapades of these endearing neighborhood friends as they learn together the value of friendship and faith. An enjoyable read for both parents and kids!

Julie Johnson
Eureka Baptist Church Librarian



While watering cows, Jacob Lindo thought it would be a good opportunity to tell the herd all about Jesus. It was obvious that he pictured himself at the pulpit looking out over the congregation. However, he has a lot to learn from Pastor Seth. The cattle didn't seem as interested in what Jacob had to say as those that fill the pews at Eureka Baptist Church.



Wednesday, June 14 at 6:30pm

Come and enjoy a time of fun and fellowship.
There will be food, fellowship, and a game of volleyball going.
Hope to see you there!



Celebration of Life for Betty Jensen

Betty Jensen passed away on Sunday,
December 18, 2022.
Visitation on June 17, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Celebration of Life, on June 17 at
11:00 a.m. at Eureka Baptist Church.
Lunch will follow.

Everyone is invited to celebrate
the life of a long-time and
active member of
Eureka Baptist Church.

A full obituary can be found in the
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