



June 2024

EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER



Fellowship Night

June 12

Father's Day

June 16



Church Picnic & Baptisms

June 23



A Note from Pastor Seth

On May 4-5th we, Eureka Baptist, hosted the *Be Not Conformed* Conference. This conference was sponsored by the ministry Truth Script. This was quite the weekend! This was the most people that Eureka Baptist had on site in probably fifty years (back in the day when they had revival meetings). Over the two days, over two hundred people- both our people and people from the outside- attended the conference. Remarkably, people from ten different states were in attendance. Who would have thought that the outside Christian community would descend on Eureka. But that is precisely what happened, and it should not surprise us that the Lord led us to do such a conference. Over the past number of years, the Lord has blessed us abundantly. He has built a strong and growing army of soldiers of the cross at Eureka Baptist. In hosting this conference, we wanted to inspire the Christian community to courageously follow Christ in the age of opposition. We are living in hard times as Christians in America. As the years have gone by, the hostility toward Christianity has ramped up from a world that does not love God. But the sad reality is that the opposition doesn't just come from the pagan world, it also comes from within the church. As I planned this conference, I invited Christian leaders who I believe have shown Christian courage in these difficult days.

At this conference we heard from two men who have been persecuted by the evangelical institutional establishment. We first heard Dr. Russell Fuller's story. He was an Old Testament professor at the largest Seminary in the world, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, for twenty-two years. During the height of the Woke invasion in American evangelicalism during 2018, Russell noticed this Social Justice ideology being pushed onto the students at his seminary. He could not stay silent, and this action led to his termination in 2020. It was inspiring hearing Dr. Fuller's story. He is a man who has counted the cost. He showed that he was willing to stand on the Word of God when the pressure was the highest. This is rare to see in our day. We also heard a similar story from Pastor Jeff Kliwer. Jeff pastors at Cornerstone Church in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey. Much like what happened at Southern Seminary, Jeff noticed the Social Justice ideology being pushed by the Evangelical Free Church leadership onto the churches within the movement. He needed to do something. After failed efforts to get through to them he wrote a book titled, *Woke-Free Church*.

This book showed that the Free Church leadership clearly has pushed this false teaching onto the churches. In the book Jeff showed their error and called for their repentance. Instead of repenting Jeff was attacked in a twenty-six-page report that amounts to a character assassination. Since they could not engage on the substance of the issue, this is the only thing the corrupt leadership could resort to. Jeff told the story of how he got cancelled, and his cancellation came in the form of his ordination being censured. Anyone who listened to Jeff could see that he loves the people who did these evil actions against him. He desires for their repentance and that they could move forward in peace. Both Russell and Jeff's stories tell us of the climate in American evangelicalism. So many others can tell a similar story when concerns are raised concerning the leftward direction that leaders have taken different Christian institutions.

We also heard from Jon Harris who has faced lots of opposition himself as he took a strong stand against the Social Justice movement in the early days (in 2018) when there were very few saying much as all over the place Christian leaders were compromising. At this conference, Jon provided a post-mortem. He diagnosed why there were so many Christian leaders who led poorly during the Woke invasion. Jon described that there are four different types of leaders in the broader Christian community right now. The first three are not to be followed and the fourth are. The first are social activists. These are those who get in the ministry to push a Social Justice ideology, bringing churches further and further to the Left. The second are managers. These are those who have no problem signing a sound Statement of Faith, but in order to get along with compromised evangelicalism they also are willing to compromise. The third are academics. These are those who strongly condemned Social Justice in the general, but when it came to specifics would never say where the poison of Social Justice was being taught. Jon explained that in the second and third category these poor leaders lacked a fundamental biblical virtue; namely, courage. Then he described the fourth category. These are the Shepherds who are there to protect their sheep. They are willing to identify the problem and say where the problem is taking place. In order to turn around American evangelicalism there need to be far more men in the fourth category. The fourth speaker we heard from was David Wheaton. I appreciate David because he has taken

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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

biblical stands on controversial issues where many have shied away from. David gave an excellent message from the book of Daniel. In it, he explained that we are to follow the example of Daniel who lived in a hostile society but was faithful to God even though it came at a great cost. We were reminded that it is our faith in the Lord and our love for the Lord that enables us to be courageous in an oppositional world. Russell, Jon, and Jeff also spoke a second time. Russell on Social Justice's abuse of Scripture. Jon on the importance of being active in proclaiming biblical ethics in the public square, and Jeff closed out the conference by preaching a sermon titled, *Worldly Drift* from Romans 12:1-2. It was a memorable conference that we won't soon forget. Our prayer is that everyone who came was inspired to faithfully follow Christ in this age of opposition. We have prayed for this and may we continue to pray in this way. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this conference happen. You helped make this a special weekend that I trust many will remember in the weeks, months, and years ahead.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Seth

**CHURCH
SUMMER
FELLOWSHIP
NIGHT**

**JUNE
12**

SAVE THE DATE
Event details coming soon

HAPPY
Father's
DAY

AS A FATHER
HAS COMPASSION
ON HIS CHILDREN,
SO THE LORD
HAS COMPASSION
ON THOSE WHO
FEAR HIM.

PSALM 103:13

ChloeCarr

Mission Outreach

Stout Family: Croatia

Thank you for your partnership with us in Zadar, Croatia! Thank you for your recent generosity for us to buy another vehicle for our family and ministry. We were able to buy a used Volkswagen T-Cross, a 5 seater, last Friday. Praise the Lord for His provisions and healing as Brian is basically fully recovered from the accident!

We are grateful for God's promises and His faithfulness in our lives, as a few weeks ago we were able to capture this rainbow, pictured below, here in Zadar. "Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth." Genesis 9:16

Here are a few Prayer Requests for our Family -

Our children to keep following Jesus, in Wisconsin, Tennessee and Zadar

Our church in Zadar to grow in unity and for strong marriages and families

MK Camp that we will be serving at in Croatia from June 26 - July 13

Love Europe Mission Team serving with us in Zadar from July 20-28

Upcoming home service in Tennessee and Minnesota from Aug 1 - Oct 1



Shepard Family

Eight weeks, 19 states, 7850 miles travelling to visit churches, friends, and supporters who have been partners with us over many years. We have had so many wonderful conversations and special visits! What a blessing. We were even able to visit with some of our coworkers from the past.





Events



Women's Group

-Saturday Group will start back up in early fall. Join us all summer on Friday mornings and Sunday evenings.



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



Weekly
4:30pm-6:00pm
Every Sunday



Bible Study
-Will meet again starting in early September



BE NOT CONFORMED

A Eureka Baptist/ Truth Script Conference



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

2024 Board Members

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Doug Schmidt

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Abby Swanson

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Hansi Fox
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Church Announcements

- The **Conference Committee** did a great job planning a wonderful event. Thank you to everyone that helped!
- **Wednesday Night Bible Study** will pause during the summer months. We will meet again in early September.
- The **Leadership Team** will meet after morning service on June 9.
- **Women's Friday Fellowship** will continue to meet weekly at 9:30am.
- The **Church Picnic & Baptisms** is scheduled a little earlier this year – June 23. If you are interested in being baptized, please talk with Pastor Seth.
- There will be a **Fellowship Fun Night** on Wednesday, June 12. More information to come.
- Thank you to all the men that have joined the **church softball team**! A game schedule can be found in the weekly email news blast or get a physical copy at church.
- Options on 8 is currently doing the **Baby Bottle Campaign**. A reminder that all baby bottles are due back at church on Father's Day.
- More information will be out soon about **VBS** details. If you are interested in helping for this event, please talk with Barb Trombley or Hansi Fox.
- **Quarterly Business Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, July 21.

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 Peterson 6/29



Thank you

Thank you, Eureka Baptist Church Family!
Each one of you served as a member of one body,
Christ's body at Eureka, to make this conference
happen. Whether behind the scenes or upfront
singing with thankfulness in your heart to the
Lord, you were part of glorifying God and
encouraging one another to be not conformed.

*For as in one body we have many members, and the members
do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one
body in Christ, and individually members one of another.
Romans 12:4-5*



CONFERENCE STATS		
	Saturday	Sunday
Attendees	182	150
Meals Served	160	130
As of 5/20/2024 (rounded):		
Approved Budget		\$4,000
Spent		\$5,100
Donations received		\$2,500
Net Cost		\$2,600
Available Budget		\$1,400
Freewill Offering		\$4,550
Survey Satisfaction Rating:		
>71% extremely satisfied		
>90% very satisfied to extremely satisfied		

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READ IT, LOVE IT, RETURN IT!

Featured Book

My Boy Ben: A Story of Love, Loss and Grace

By: David Wheaton

My Boy, Ben, is the true and touching story of David Wheaton's close companionship with an unforgettable yellow Lab named Ben. The journey begins with David pursuing his dream on the professional tennis tour yet facing the reality that his desire to get a dog will not be possible with being on the road for months on end. A surprising letter received under his hotel room door in a faraway country changed everything. And soon David returned home to meet an unexpected puppy who would have an unimaginable impact on his life. From the years of joy with his beloved Ben to the crushing grief David experienced upon losing him, My Boy, Ben is a moving story that culminates with the uplifting message of God's grace—a grace that offers comfort and hope in our darkest of days.

JULIE JOHNSON, CHURCH LIBRARIAN

2025 CHURCH BUDGET

We are almost halfway through 2024!

Church Teams:

- How is your 2024 Budget going?
- What do you plan to purchase in 2025?
- Research prices for purchases.

Please do not take a guess on these prices!

TIMELINE

1. TEAMS WILL MEET IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER TO PREPARE THEIR 2025 BUDGET.
2. LEADERSHIP TEAM WILL REVIEW ALL TEAM BUDGETS.
3. 2025 PROJECTED BUDGET TO BE VIEWED AT CHURCH AND REVISED AS NEEDED (12/15-12/31).
4. CHURCH MEMBERS VOTE ON 2025 BUDGET AT ANNUAL MEETING ON 1/19/2025.



FILL THOSE BOTTLES!

**Options on 8
Baby Bottle
Campaign**

**Bottles are available at
church. Fill them with
change. Due back on
Father's Day. Thank you!**



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PICNIC & BAPTISMS

Sunday, June 23

After morning service at Eureka Baptist Church

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