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EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER



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“Enemies within the Church”

Part 2
Friday, March 4
6:00pm

Marriage Bible Study

Monday
March 7
7:00pm



Leadership Team Meeting

Sunday
March 20



A Note from Pastor Seth

Last month I wrote a different pastor's page in the Leader Paper than I did in our newsletter. I normally have the same pastor's page in both, but last month I wrote a special pastor's page for our church marking five years since my start at Eureka Baptist. In the pastor's page in our local paper, I explained my frustration with the cowardice among many American Evangelical leaders. Our country and our churches are being taken over by Satan's agenda, yet sadly too many are either silent or even worse, helping advance the evil agenda in America. One of the reasons I am so alarmed by the cowardice of Christian leaders is because I was raised by a man who was not cowardly. This man is my father, Dave Brickley. True men take a stand when they see evil advancing and in this page, I want to share a story about my father's courage that I observed as a young child. In 1993 Christian values held a more prominent place in American society but things were certainly starting to decline even then. We had a pastor in our church whose daughter was assigned a book in one of her classes. The book was titled, *Lords of Discipline*, and the book had 750 "F words" in its pages. Now you would think this would be a no brainer. If the school administration had any moral compass, they would not allow this book in their school. But this was not so. The plan to not remove this book led my father to be filled with righteous indignation. Just like Joseph of Arimathea "took courage" when he asked for the body of Jesus from Pontius Pilate (Matthew 15:43), my father took courage by deciding to run for the local school board.

My father was concerned not only for the pastor's daughter but also for all the students in the school who would be subjected to that debauchery. It is the responsibility of adults to lead children down the path of righteousness not a path of immorality, as a book like this most certainly would. My father was not raised in a Christian home. He came to faith in Christ when he met my mother while they were both working as Air Traffic Controllers. On the surface, my father is not someone that anyone would want to mess with. He was in the military at this time and could bench press well over 300 hundred pounds. He was a man in lots of ways, but the most important way he was a man was standing for truth stemming from his Christian convictions. He knew evil when he saw it and he knew he needed to do something. He was willing to risk much running for school board to prevent the evil dissemination of "learning materials" to the students. When he took on this secular school district, he took on an army of opposition. People wrote letters to the editor against his cause in the local paper. He was lied about in the community as some religious nut, but all he was doing was promoting righteousness in the public square in order to protect young people from evil. Jesus said this opposition would come for Christians when they stand with him (1 Peter 4:14). He ended up losing the election, but this evil book was later removed. He lost the election but won the battle.

I was very young when this happened, but even as a child I admired my father's courage to stand up in the public square for what is right.

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

This is what men are called to do. When men cower in fear and refuse to say or do something Satan's agenda will only advance. The reason American society and the American church is in such a bad place is because men are not being men. Most of the pastors who write books, speak at conferences, and are known by most Christians have failed the Christian in the pew. My prayer is that they would repent of their drift or cowardice, recognize the evil that is out there, and stand up publicly for what is right. It is the responsibility of every Christian not only to believe in Jesus but also to follow him completely. This should be done in private, in the home, and in the church, yes, but also in the place that has been forgotten, the public square. The call of Christ is to take up one's cross and follow him (Luke 9:23-24). To take up one's cross means enduring the evil of the world as you shine the light on their wicked deeds (Ephesians 5:11-13). To stand with Christ means that much of the world will despise you (John 15:18). This is a hard reality that every Christian must understand, but as you do there will be some who see your light shine (Matthew 5:16). When my father ran for school board, he was willing to look like a fool to the world in order to be obedient to Christ by standing for righteousness (1 Corinthians 4:13). In this upside-down world may we take courage knowing that God told us opposition would come, and that he would never leave our side as we stand with him (1 Peter 4:12-14).

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Seth

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Have you ever had that experience where you get just a glimpse of the majesty of God's wisdom in a "coincidence" that just can't be a coincidence? Let us tell you a story...

Striking Parallels

We had already planned to devote most of this newsletter to the announcement of an important event within our own family. And then we got news from Senegal that just seemed too parallel to be a coincidence. So we're doing a double announcement of sorts.

The first announcement is this: on January 30 our son Caleb got engaged to Miss Melissa Schill of Bloomington IL. They met and became friends a couple of years ago while attending Wheaton College. They both graduate in May, and are looking for jobs in Chicago, where they would like to live and serve in an underprivileged neighborhood while also working toward racial reconciliation, especially within the Church. We couldn't be more thrilled to have this lovely young woman join our family. We've come to appreciate her as someone who is beautiful both inside and out, and we can tell that she is good for Caleb and has a deep and abiding faith.

The parallel news from Senegal is the recent wedding of a young man that Dan had a part in sponsoring during our years there. Kamile is the brilliant son of a pastor of one of our WorldVenture-related churches. Dan often visited with Pastor Bel, Kamile's father, to encourage and assist him in what ways he could. And when Kamile entered college, WorldVenture provided a scholarship for him to complete a degree in computer science, a rarity in that part of the world. He graduated with high honors and had his pick of a job, but chose to work where he thought he could have the greatest impact for the Kingdom. So we rejoiced at the news that this exceptional young man has found a Senegalese wife who shares his faith in Jesus. (A sidenote: the wedding took place at a church in a region where there were no evangelical churches in the entire region when WorldVenture began work there in 1977; now there are more than 20 churches in that region.)

On two separate continents, in two very different cultures, and thousands of miles apart, two young men that we have discipled, assisted in life, and supported through their college degrees, are getting married to godly women and launching families that will shine like lighthouses for God's glory. We have no doubt that each of these men will have an eternal impact on those around them, and very likely even on their societies at large.



The church enjoyed some treats after Pastor Larry Forsberg came to fill in for Pastor Seth.



Thank You!
 Randy & Sandy Clark
 for hosting the sledding event!



Monthly Events



Women's Bible Study
 Saturday, March 5
 9:00am



Men's Breakfast
 Saturday, March 12
 8:00am



Marriage Bible Study
 Monday, March 7
 7:00pm



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

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Church Announcements

- We had a lot of events this past month and it takes a lot of help from others to make it successful. Thank you to **Randy & Sandy Clark** for having the church over for a sledding event. Thank you to **Keith & Julie Johnson** for inviting the Youth Group over for ice skating and broomball. Thank you to **Mark Brooks** for organizing our church Ice Fishing Jamboree. And thank you to all of those that participate in each of these events!!

- The second part of the documentary **"Enemies within the Church"** will be Friday, March 4 at 6:00pm in the Matson Building. Snacks, drinks and discussion will follow.

- Join us for **Marriage Bible Study** on Monday, March 7th at 7:00pm

- No **Women's Friday Group** on March 18.

- There will be a **Leadership Team meeting** on Sunday, March 20 after morning service.

- **March Cleaning:** Brianna Brickley **March Snow Shovel:** Nick Fox

- Thank you to **Nancy Hahn** for cleaning the church in February and **Mark Brooks** for shoveling!

- There is a sheet posted on the refrigerator in the church kitchen. Please use this to jot down any **items that the church needs**. Do not email Hansi Fox with items needed. Please write them on the list.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Hope McKinley 3/12, Isaiah Brickley 3/13, Josie Johnson 3/17, Gordy Trombley 3/18, Sophie Lindo 3/19, Debi Swanson 3/28, Josie Peterson 3/28

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Keith & Julie Johnson 3/2



thank you!

Keith & Julie Johnson
for hosting the Youth Group Event



Interested in hosting a
Youth Group Event?



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