



EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

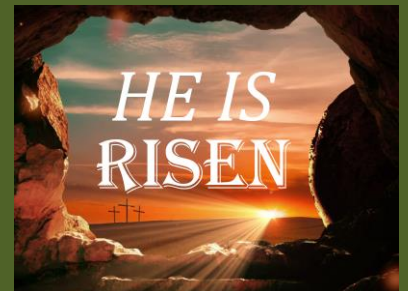


Palm Sunday

March 24

Good Friday

March 29



Easter Sunday

March 31



A Note from Pastor Seth

In March 2013, back when I was in Seminary, I was an assistant Track and Field Coach at the local high school where I lived. We had practice every day after school and right at the beginning of practice the athletes went through drills to warm up. During these drills, the half dozen or so coaches would engage in conversation. On this particular day, March 13th, the conversation focused on one topic - the new Pope. On this day the papal conclave in Rome officially elected Jorge Mario Bergoglio the new Pope of the Roman Catholic Church as he replaced Pope Benedict XVI after he resigned. Bergoglio chose that he would be called Pope Francis in honor of Francis of Assisi. Now at this Track practice one coach in particular was thrilled. This coach had been a lifelong Catholic (and a very conservative one at that) and he told me that we can be certain that Bergoglio selection as pope was inspired by the Holy Spirit. This is what Roman Catholic dogma teaches. They refer to the Pope as the Vicar of Christ on earth. That is to say, more than any other man on earth, the Pope in Rome speaks on behalf of Jesus Christ. They take this from a misunderstanding of Jesus statement to Peter in Matthew 16:18. In that verse Roman Catholics say that Peter is the rock that Christ is going to build his church on, so they maintain that Peter is the Pope and every successor following him carries that same authority.

According to Catholic dogma, when the pope makes pronouncements on faith, his declarations are infallible. I have not talked with this coach in years, but I wonder what this conservative Roman Catholic thinks today of Pope Francis and the Catholic doctrine of papal infallibility. The last eleven years has been one episode after another of the Pope making pronouncements that not only show clearly to biblical Christians that he is a false teacher, but even honest Roman Catholics need to see that this man is a wolf in sheep's clothing (Matthew 7:15-20).

Let's go through a list of anti-biblical and even anti-Catholic statements made by him. A number of years ago a young boy, who just lost his father, asked Pope Francis if his atheist father is in hell. Pope Francis asked the boy if his father was a good person and the boy answered yes. He then told the boy his atheist father is not in hell. The Bible clearly teaches that anyone who rejects Christ will be sent to hell (John 3:36) and an atheist obviously does this. Roman Catholics also understand that someone who outright rejects Christ will be sent to hell.

People also wondered whether the Pope would let President Joe Biden, who identifies as a Roman Catholic, participate in the eucharist. Across the board Joe Biden's policies are contrary to Roman Catholic Dogma. The obvious ones right off the bat are his full affirmation of abortion and same sex unions, but disregarding this, Pope Francis allowed Joe Biden to take communion.

In a similar episode in the past year, he publicly blessed same sex couples. Something that conservative Roman Catholics know goes against the teachings of Roman Catholicism. To show his authoritarian side he also removed a Colorado Bishop who was publicly critical of him. This is what those on the Left do. Those who publicly speak out against them are eliminated in order to maintain one's power. Recently in the news we learned also that Pope Francis believes there are multiple Jesus's. Anyone who has even an elementary understanding of Scripture and Christianity understands that there is only one Jesus, the Jesus of the Bible. Anyone who believes in another Jesus is believing in a false Jesus and therefore has no relationship with the Lord. During his time as pope, Pope Francis has also been pro climate change, pro-social Justice, and went along with the Covid restrictions that were pushed by the elites in government and the elites in other institutions in society. Pope Francis is in line with the modern secular agenda almost to a tee. He is obviously not a biblical shepherd, and it is even obvious to say that he is a bad Catholic. Compare this pope to the previous two pope's, Pope John Paul and Pope Benedict XVI. Biblical Christians know that those men are out of line with historic biblical Christianity, but what could not be argued is that they were bad Catholics. Pope Francis is a bad Catholic through and through. His obvious frequent misfires have caused many conservative Catholics to voice their displeasure with him. Archbishop Maria Vigano called Pope Francis "a false prophet" and an "apostate pope." Pope Francis has made Catholics not only upset with him, but some have rightly questioned the legitimacy of the Roman Catholic religion altogether.

Personally, I communicated with one of my relatives, a lifelong Catholic, during the Christmas season. This relative informed me that she left the Roman Catholic Church and the main reason cited is that she is fed up with Pope Francis. She is now attending a Baptist church. The anti-Catholic and anti-biblical leadership of Pope Francis shows a fatal flaw in Catholic dogma. The pope is supposed

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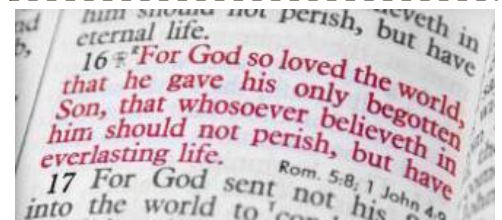
Sunday Morning Service: 10:00am

*Kid's Church during Service

Sunday School: 9:00am

Wed Night Bible Study: 6:30pm

Women's Friday Group: 9:30am



to be the Vicar of Christ on earth and yet he has made numerous statements on matters of faith that show he is not speaking on behalf of Christ. Pope Francis has shown the claim that the Pope is inspired and infallible is obviously not true. He is not the first pope that has been obviously worldly. Anyone who has studied church history knows the great corruption of the Pope's in the Middle Ages and during the Reformation period. Furthermore, biblical Christians know that Pope Francis is not the first pope to make false statements. Truly, every pope down through history (with the exception of the earliest ones, like Peter, who were given this title later on by Roman Catholics but would never identify with this unbiblical office) have not spoken on behalf of Christ because they deny the clear biblical doctrine that sinners are justified by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, and not on the basis of works (Ephesians 2:8-9). The New Testament writers make painstakingly clear that justification by faith alone is the only way that a sinner may be counted righteous before God. This is the apostle Paul's main argument in Galatians 3 and Romans 4. Honest Roman Catholics who read the Bible with an open mind will see this.

It may be that for the first time in the life of Roman Catholic's the Lord may use an obviously corrupt pope like Pope Francis to get them to question their religion and read the Bible for themselves and see the foundational doctrines of Roman Catholicism collapse. What an opportunity for Bible believing Christians to have conversations with their Roman Catholic family and friends. Christians can show Catholics the clear message of Scripture that Christ paid the full penalty for sinners and anyone who sincerely believes in him will receive eternal life (John 3:16; Romans 3:21-26). Don't miss this opportunity to take full advantage. With your Roman Catholic family and friends the Lord is pulling wide "open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ...that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak" (Colossians 4:3-4). By God's grace may the Lord use us to help free them "from dead works to serve the living God."

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Seth

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Llapushi Family

As we have been sharing, the last few months have been pretty challenging for our family and ministry. But we are now in a place we feel encouraged and we are thankful.

First, because we can see clearly how God has been caring for us during the transition.

Second, because God is opening doors for our family and ministry.

It was hard to trust the Lord and take a step of faith, but we have no doubt that it was worth it. We can't wait to see how God is going to use us for His Glory! God is Faithful!

We are encouraged that God has provided a great school for our kids, and they are loving it. They have adjusted very quickly with the program the school has. They are enjoying making new friends at school and Church. This winter was very special for Holta & Hosea because we had a lot of snow and that's new for them.



Tony travels to Albania

Tony is preparing for his upcoming trip to Albania at the end of March. The purpose of this trip is ministry and family. He will be spending a few days with the pastors who are leading the churches that are part of our "Impact Churches Movement". It is going to be a time of encouragement, teaching, preaching and planning for our outreach projects and activities during the summer 2024. Also, our extended family will gather to remember Tony's father who passed away last year.

God is still saving the LOST

The boy on the picture with a white shirt and playing drums is Dion. He came at our VBS in June of 2023 that took place at Impact Tirana Church.

Dion comes from a Muslim family, he is 13 years old. At the VBS he heard for the first time about Jesus.

After hearing the Gospel at the VBS he accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior. Our worship leader Leo which I (Tony) have discipled for three years decided to disciple Dion.

Dion has a hunger for the Lord and for God's Word he has been faithful in participating at meetings that the church has. He comes regularly to the prayer meetings, youth meetings and also Sunday service.

We are thankful to God for saving and changing Dion, we are thankful to God for Leo who has taken Dion into a journey of discipleship doing what 2 Tim 2:2 says. Dion now is learning drums because he wants to serve God in the worship team in youth ministry.

The story of Dion explains the main reason why we do church planting and why we are supporting the churches that are in our network. We plant Churches to make Jesus known and worshiped where He is not known and worshiped yet. It is our heart, desire and goal to see more people like Dion come to know Jesus and worship His name.



7 Statements from the Cross

Jesus said very little the day of His crucifixion when He willingly suffered and died for our sins. But the words God the Son chose during those six hours were powerful. Billy Graham once explored seven of those Biblically recorded statements during a 1985 sermon in Hartford, Connecticut:

“My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?”

Reference: Matthew 27:46, Mark 15:34

What it means: Bystanders thought Jesus was calling for Elijah, the Old Testament prophet, from the cross. But really this comment is a callback to Psalm 22.

In this Psalm, David recognizes the holiness of God, just as Jesus is doing from the cross. “God cannot even look upon evil,” Graham explained in his 1985 sermon. “In that terrible moment ... He was lonely, forsaken by His friends, and then a shadow comes for the first time since eternity began between God the Father and God the Son because God cannot look upon sin. In that moment [God] was laying your sins and mine on Christ. And Christ was suffering for us. In that mysterious moment, He was made to be sin for us Who knew no sin.”

Why it matters: During his 33 years on earth, Jesus had never known sin. He never told a lie or had an evil thought. “All of a sudden, all of that filth and dirt from your life and my life descended on Him and none of us will ever understand the mystery of that moment,” Graham said. “No theologian can explain it to my satisfaction at least. It was God’s great love for you that allowed His Son to take that suffering.”

“I thirst.”

Reference: John 19:28

What it means: This was a fulfillment of Psalm 69:20-21, where David says, “Scorn has broken my heart and has left me helpless; I looked for sympathy but there was none, for comforters but I found none. They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst.”

Why it matters: Jesus was thirsty, but once He tasted the wine mingled with gall, He wouldn’t drink it. Why? “Because it would have been a sedative,” Graham offered. “It would have taken away from of the suffering, and He was there to take all the suffering in absolute consciousness. For you. And for me.”

“Father forgive them. They don’t know what they do.”

Reference: Luke 23:34

What it means: Soldiers nailed Jesus to the cross and then gambled over His garments. People yelled and leaders scoffed. Still, Jesus looked on the people with compassion. Graham said, “72,000 angels pulled their swords, ready to come rescue Him. [But] Jesus said, ‘No. I’m doing it because I love them.’”

Why it matters: God’s original plan in the Garden of Eden didn’t require a rescue. “But we deliberately rebelled against God,” Graham said. “And God would not be God. He wouldn’t be just and righteous and holy if He came along and patted us on the back and said, ‘You’re forgiven.’ We had to die for our own sins or somebody who was qualified had to die for us. That person that was qualified was Jesus Christ, and He volunteered to do it. He died in our place.”

Events



Women's Group
Saturday, March 2
9:00am



Men's Breakfast
Saturday, March 9
8:00am



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



Bible Study
Wednesdays 6:30pm

“Behold this woman. Woman, behold thy son.”

Reference: John 19:26-27

What it means: Mary, the mother of Jesus, stood near the cross with John, a friend and disciple of Jesus. “From that hour on, John, His friend and His disciple, took care of His mother,” Graham said.

Why it matters: Culturally, Jesus fulfilled his obligation to care for His mother after His passing. This statement also supports the idea that “Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction” (James 1:27). Graham further pointed out, “Jesus Christ on the cross was the cure for all our human severed and ailing relationships.”

“Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Reference: Luke 23:43

What it means: Jesus hung on the cross between two thieves. After hours of mocking and jeering, one thief started to notice something different about Jesus. He rebuked the other thief and then asked Jesus to remember him when He came into His kingdom. Jesus said He would.

Why it matters: The forgiveness and the mercy of God is so far beyond our comprehension that we can hardly talk about it, Graham said. “Yes that thief is going to be in heaven, and you’re going to see him. Jesus took him by the death of the cross. Two thieves. Which are you? Which cross are you on? The one that’s rejecting or neglecting or even making fun? Or are you the one that receives and accepts?”

“It is finished.”

Reference: John 19:28

What it means: God gave Jesus a job to do, and that was to die on the cross.

“He’s the only man ever born to die,” Graham said. “That was why He came. We wonder why He didn’t feed everybody and heal everybody. He could have done it. That would have healed some bodies and fed some people that were hungry. And he did that out of compassion. But His real work was the cross and that’s why the cross is so important because there you’re dealing with eternity.”

Why it matters: Every single person has a decision to make regarding Jesus. “You see, the body is going to go to the grave, but your soul, your spirit—that part of you that lives forever—is going to live on and on and on and on and on,” Graham said. “Where is it going to spend eternity? Heaven or Hell? It will be decided by the cross, what you do about the cross. From the cross He’s asking you to repent of sin and receive Him as Lord and Savior”

“Father, into your hands, I commit my spirit.”

Reference: Luke 23:46

What it means: Jesus said these words with a strong voice as He willingly died on the cross. “He gave up His spirit to God the Father and in saying this He conferred upon every one of us the possibility of the gift of eternal life,” Graham said.

Why it matters: It cannot be stressed enough—nobody killed Jesus. He died willingly, offering Himself up as our only rescue from eternal separation from God. Graham continued, “We were lost. Confused without purpose and meaning in life, no assurance of a future life, and Jesus from the cross reached out by death and rescued us and we say to Him today, Lord and Savior. Are you sure He’s your Lord and your Savior?”

-Written by BGEA Administration

Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose from the grave. He paid the penalty for our sin and bridged the gap between God and people.

The Bible says:

“For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”

1 Timothy 2:5

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God.”

1 Peter 3:18

“But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:8

God has provided the only way... Each person must make a choice...

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

- The **Conference Committee** will continue to have meetings to plan out the event in May. Please watch announcements for updates on meetings.
 - **Palm Sunday Brunch** will be after morning service on Sunday, March 24th.
 - There will be a **Leadership Team** meeting after morning service on Sunday, March 10th.
 - **Youth Group** and **MAMA BEAR** groups will not meet on Sunday, March 17th.
 - A reminder to **change your clocks** on Sunday, March 10th.
 - 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
 - **Wednesday Evening Bible Study** is meeting weekly at 6:30pm.
 - There is a tentative **Good Friday Service** being planned. Please watch for more information.
 - As the **weather warms up**, the ground will be soft. Please do not park on the Church or Parsonage yards.
 - **MAMA BEAR** study group will begin a new book on Sunday, March 3rd. Information on how to order the book has been included in the weekly news blasts.
 - **Women's Friday Fellowship** will not meet on Good Friday.
 - Church Teams- please make sure that you are keeping the **Budget Binder** up to date.
 - Please make sure to share the **Conference information** with family and friends – register by April 15th.
- HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Hope McKinley 3/12, Isaiah Brickley 3/13, Gordy Trombley 3/18, Sophie Lindo 3/19, Debi Swanson 3/28, Josie Peterson 3/19
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Keith & Julie Johnson 3/3
-Send birthday/anniversary information to Amber – jeffamberlindo@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP WALMART EVENT



THANK YOU TO ALL THE ADULTS THAT
HELPED WITH THIS EVENT!



CHURCH LIBRARY *News*

Featured Book
Five Lies of Our Anti-Christian Age
By: Rosaria Butterfield

Modern culture is increasingly outspoken against a biblical understanding of what it means to be a woman. Even some Christians, swayed by the LGBTQ+ movement, have rejected God's word on issues of sexuality and gender in favor of popular opinion. In light of these pressures, it's more important than ever to help women see the truth about who God created them to be.

In this powerful book, Rosaria Butterfield uses Scripture to confront 5 common lies about sexuality, faith, feminism, gender roles, and modesty often promoted in our secular culture today. Written in the style of a memoir, this book explores Butterfield's personal battle with these lies—interwoven with cultural studies, literary criticism, and theology—to help readers see the beauty in biblical womanhood, marriage, and motherhood.

Julie Johnson
Eureka Baptist Church Librarian

WOMEN'S FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BARB TROMBLEY!



BE NOT CONFORMED

A Eureka Baptist/ Truth Script Conference

May 4th-5th, 2024

Eureka Baptist Church - St. Croix Falls, WI



Seth Brickley
Pastor, Eureka Baptist Church



David Wheaton
The Christian Worldview, radio program



Jon Harris
Conversations That Matter podcast



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Jeff Kliwer
Pastor, Cornerstone Church

"Courageously following Christ, in the Age of Opposition."

For further info refer to:

truthscript.com/conference/be-not-conformed-conference-2024/

Eureka Baptist Church: 715-483-9464

Please register online by April 15

Meals provided.



New moms and babies, birth to 12 months are invited to meet other new moms, ask questions, share advice, laugh, cry, and talk about life with a new baby.

Do not worry about coming late, a fussy baby, or wardrobe malfunctions.

Beginning in March, the group will meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Options on 8

Questions?

Call or text
715-755-2229



Congratulations to Landon and Holly!
Isaac was born on February 14th

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