

May 2019



EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER

THE GRASS WITHERS, THE FLOWER FADES, BUT THE

**WORD**  
OF OUR GOD STANDS  
**FOREVER**

Isaiah 40:8



**Quarterly  
Business Meeting**

Sunday  
May 5  
After Morning Service

**Mother's Day**

Sunday  
May 12

HAPPY   
*Mother's  
Day*



**Memorial Day**

Monday  
May 27



## A Note from Pastor Seth

People often ask the question what is the meaning of life? The Bible gives the clear answer. The answer is to know the true God and the One whom he has sent, Jesus Christ (John 17:3). The writers of the Westminster Catechism, published in 1649, got it right: "The chief aim of man is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever." But that is asking the meaning of life question from our human perspective. What if we ask it the other way around: why did God create the world? I am going set out to answer that in this pastor's page. What the Bible teaches is that the one true God of the universe is three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each person of the trinity fully has all the attributes of God. They are entirely equal in deity and hold a unity that surpasses our understanding. The Bible teaches that each of these persons was fully satisfied with the fellowship they had with each other in eternity past (John 17:5).



The Father loved the Son, the Son loved the Father, and the Spirit was (and always is) the love between them. In Scripture, Jesus mentions the glory he had with the Father before the world existed (John 17:5). God is also referred to us the blessed or happy God (1 Timothy 1:11). Furthermore, the Bible teaches that God is infinite in his being (Romans 11:33). What that means is that he has no limits. He is perfect in every way and therefore he has no needs. So clearly, God did not create the universe and specifically humans because he was lonely so that he would fill emptiness inside. But rather God was fully satisfied in himself as the Triune God worshiped and adored one another.

So then why did God create the universe, and specifically humans? The Lord said through the prophet Isaiah concerning mankind that they were "created for my glory, whom I formed and made" (Isaiah 43:7). So the reason that God created the universe was to have creatures that would glorify him for his greatness. This gives us a clue as to what glory means. We know that Scripture teaches that God is great. The Psalmist wrote, "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised" (Psalm 48:1). So when we are talking about glory we are not talking about God's greatness in his attributes, but the praise of his attributes. Glory is the honor that he is due for who he is, and this leads us to praise and delight in him. In America we have a majestic mountain range known as the Rocky Mountains. Someone may say that the Rocky Mountains cascade over Denver in all of its glory. What this means is that people talk glowingly about these mountains because of their majestic beauty. The Being who deserves all the praise, honor, and glory is the greatest of all, our Great God and Creator. Therefore, God created humans to glorify his majestic name.

Now that we know what glory is and that God created humans to praise him for his greatness. We need to once again ask the question why did God do this if he was fully happy in eternity past? The answer to this comes from John 17. In this passage Jesus is praying to his Father before he goes to the cross. He talks to his Father about the relationship he has with Him and the relationship that God's people are invited to enter. Jesus explains in this prayer that God's purpose for mankind is to know God, enjoying this sweet fellowship with him forever (John 17:3). What Jesus prays is "that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us" (John 17:21). Then he prays, "the glory that you have given me I have given them, that they may be one even as we are one" (John 17:22). The glory that God had even before there was a creation Jesus says he wants the people created in his image to join this fellowship. Jesus desires that these people will be preserved into future glory in heaven. So he prays,

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Sunday Morning Service: 10:00am

\*Kid's Church during Service

Adult Sunday School: 9:00am

Bible Study: Wednesdays 6:30pm

"Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world" (John 17:24). Jesus desires for those redeemed by his blood to see him in all of his glory as he sits at the right hand of the Father. In this prayer Jesus longs that his people would see the glory that he had with the Father and the Holy Spirit when nothing but them existed. This is truly amazing!



So to answer the question why did God create if he was fully happy in himself? The answer is that he created creatures that would join the fellowship of the trinity. Not because he needed to be filled, but because their love for one another was so full that the trinity decided to overflow their love by creating creatures to join their love. He desired to communicate the fullness of his glory to the world he created. It is truly incredible that we as believers get to share in this eternal fellowship with the trinity. It starts now in this life as we seek to know God more as we fight our sin and reflect him more. But our fellowship with the triune God will move to a new level in the age to come when we will be without sin and be able to enjoy fellowship with him in purity (1 Corinthians 13:12; Revelation 21:27). In this forever fellowship with the Father, Son, and Spirit God will always be glorified, while we will always have fullness of joy (Psalm 16:11). What wonderful God we worship!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Seth

# MissionReach

## Dan & Esther Penney: Senegal

Even in the US we all know the value of a reliable mechanic. But here in Senegal, a well-trained mechanic is harder to find than teeth on a chicken! Combine that with the fact that national unemployment runs close to 50%, and you have the perfect ministry opportunity. One of our colleagues does what is typically called “vocational ministry,” but the reality is both a lot more exciting and a lot more challenging than that makes it sound.

Bo is a gifted mechanic with years of training and experience. In the US he managed the maintenance of entire fleets of big rig trucks. Now he spends his days sharing that expertise with about 10 young Senegalese men who are unlikely to find a way to make a living if they don't pay attention in his class. And rubbing shoulders with them day after day while working on vehicles gives him the perfect opportunity to speak into their lives. They gradually realize that his gruff love is their lifeline—to a vocation, yes, but even more to a possible faith that brings forgiveness of sin and freedom from spiritual oppression. Only one has made that step so far, but one or two others are beginning to understand. And none of them has a ghost of a chance if not for Bo taking an interest in them and investing in their futures.

Pray for Bo and his mechanic school. The course is offered in partnership with a local vocational school for underprivileged Senegalese. The mayor of one of the suburbs of Dakar provides facilities and utilities, but the school itself is independent. The challenges are enormous: lack of financial resources, lack of cooperation from certain local officials, struggles to get legal access to vehicle information, resistance from local car dealerships, and frustrations with students who cannot seem to understand that what they put into the class will determine what they get out of it and therefore their future welfare.

But the potential pay-off is also enormous. Imagine these young men in 10 or 20 years, skilled in an in-demand profession that can not only provide their livelihood, but if they come to faith in Christ, can tithe to their churches which can then do ministry that otherwise would never happen for lack of local resources. And who knows what impact these young men themselves may have on others. It's a domino effect of impact on society for the glory of Jesus Christ.



## Good Friday Service





## Monthly Events



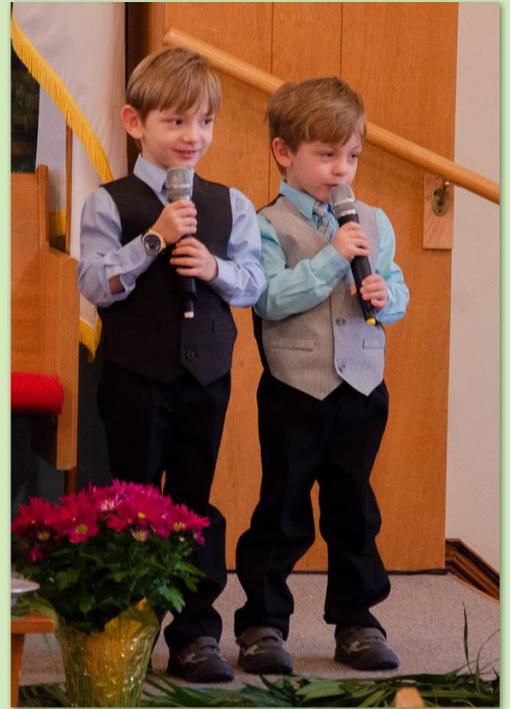
Women's Bible Study  
Saturday, May 4  
9:00am



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



Women's Friday  
Morning Bible Study  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the  
Month  
9:30am at Joyful  
Morning Coffee House  
in Dresser



### Easter Service

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.  
John 3:16



## Weekly Events



Adult Sunday School  
Sunday Mornings  
9:00am



Morning Service  
Sunday Mornings  
10:00am



Kids Church  
Sunday mornings during  
Morning Service



Bible Study  
Wednesdays  
6:30pm

## 2019 Board Members

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## Church Announcements

-**Quarterly Business Meeting** – May 5th

-Interested in **becoming a member**? Talk with Pastor Seth!

-**Church Teams** are in the process of meeting. Please attend a meeting if you'd like to join a team. The schedule is on the bulletin board at church.

-Wednesday night **Bible Study** will wrap up at the end of May. It's not too late to join us!

-If you're interested in helping with the **lawn care** over the summer, please talk with Shaun Anderson.



## FUND RAISER for Chapel Repairs



Skonewood Christian Retreat  
2104 260th Ave, Cushing

May 18, 2019 - Event starts at Noon  
Music by Glory Train, Highview  
Bluegrass, Sons of the St. Croix &  
Everett "Howie" Atherton as Elvis.  
Food served till 4, Bake Sale, Silent  
Auction, Thrift Sale and more.  
Bring your lawn chairs, this is an  
outdoor event for the whole family.



## Happy Birthday!!

Kris Felber, 5/4  
Annabelle Hall, 5/24

## Happy Anniversary!!

Jeremiah & Shaila Johnson,  
5/20

*Do we have your birthday and anniversary? We'd love to pray for you on your special day! Please email your information to Amber! J.a.lindo@hotmail.com*





## Sunday Musical Services - Summer 2019

6:30pm Sunday Evenings

Congregational hymn sing beginning at 6:15 with Ann Bell at the piano. Special Presentations at 6:30pm.

Freewill offering taken to help defray costs for Musical Entertainment Groups.

Sunday night services run from Memorial Weekend thru Labor Day Weekend

June 2 - King's Countrymen

June 9 - Paul Family

June 16 - Mike, Becca, & Mary

June 23 - Glory Train

June 30 - Blessing Trio

July 7 - The Stringsmith

July 14 - Son's of the St Croix

July 21 - Schimpp's

July 28 - Highview Bluegrass

Aug 4 - Mystery Mountain Boys

Aug 11 - Northern Pines

Aug 18 - John & Kate

Aug 25 - Solid Rock Quartet

Sept 1 - Garm's Family



## The Outhouse

I was trapped in an outhouse last Sunday and I thought of Heaven.

Allow me to explain.

This winter Gordy built an outhouse for me near the writing cabin I have in the woods. Inside, the outhouse is rustic but sufficient. It has a latch to hold the door shut when it is not in use. I simply turn the latch to release the door to gain entry.

Last Sunday while I was sitting in the outhouse, the latch, quite on its own, turned 90 degrees, effectively locking me in. Try as I might, I could not get out. The piece of wood did not budge no matter how hard I rattled, kicked, or thumped. I searched in vain for a slim object to stick in the crack between the door and the wall, thinking I might push the latch out of the way. Nothing. I had not brought any communication device with me—except for my voice.

“Help!” I hollered.

I was a quarter of a mile from the house in the middle of our private woods. Who would possibly hear my cry? My husband typically does not disturb me when I am writing, although I reckoned that eventually he would seek me out.

As I sat in confinement, I wondered if the difference between being trapped in an outhouse and being free in the wide, wide world was in any way comparable to the difference between life on this earth and eternal life in heaven. I wondered if some day we would realize how confining and limiting this life has been compared to eternity, which has no bounds. Another analogy occurred to me: Just as we cannot save ourselves from eternal separation from Jesus, (See Acts 4:12) I could not save myself--I needed a rescuer.

“HELP!”

All I could do is lift my voice and hope.

Fortunately, on this particular Sunday, we were dog-sitting. Fortunately, Gordy decided to take the dog for a walk right about then, and fortunately, he decided to walk him in the woods.

And fortunately for me, he heard my cries.

And he ran to my rescue, worried that I was in trouble, worried that I was having a heart attack. To his relief, I was fine. Embarrassed, but fine.

Fortunately for us all, there is One who hears our cries.

And He runs to rescues us.

“I call with all my heart; answer me, O Lord.”

Psalm 119:145

*Submitted by Barbara Trombley*

Happy  
Mother's  
Day



His death  
certificate  
became my  
birth certificate

*Christy Johnson*



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