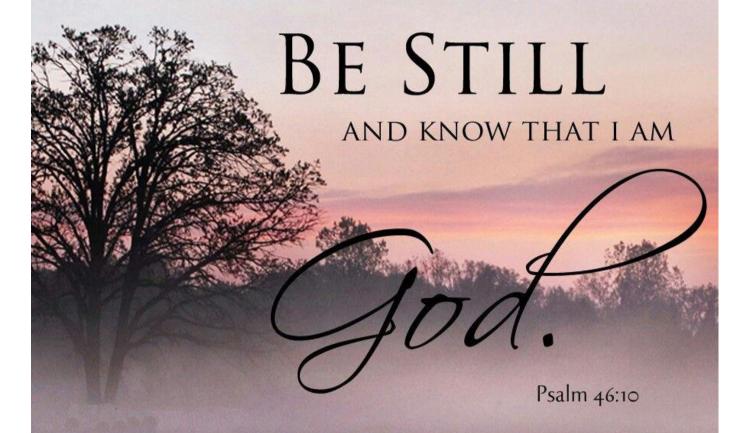
May 2023



# EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH





## Women's Brunch

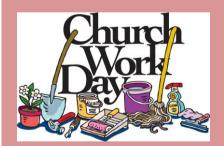
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# Options on 8 Open House

May 7

1:00-4:00 2048 US Hwy 8, SCF





## **Church Work Day**

May 20 More information coming soon



## A Note from Pastor Seth

Something interesting happened this past month that tells us about the times in which we live. The number one voice on cable news. Tucker Carlson, got booted out of Fox News. As I write this, I do not know exactly why he was removed, but it is obvious that his employment there has been on borrowed time for a while. He was on borrowed time because he told the truth. Yes, you heard it. People who tell the truth are not allowed within the mainstream. The mainstream will tolerate maybe a little truth, but when someone shows the corruption without apology you can be sure that the wolves will be after that person. This should be no surprise since Scripture says that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one (1 John 5:19) and the evil one is the "father of lies" (John 8:44). Before Covid-19 I did not know much about Tucker, but he quickly earned my respect when I realized he was one of the rare voices telling the truth about Covid-19. Tucker's program was a safe place for Christian conservatives. When pastors were thrown into jail when they defied excessive Covid-19 orders he defended the pastors when most mainstream voices, even mainstream Christian voices, would not. Tucker showed something that is so lacking in our world - courage. Tucker was willing to stick his neck out when it was unpopular to do so. He would say things that other elites would not say because it was considered politically incorrect. In many ways Tucker was a man of the people. Most of the people who watched his program were ordinary folks. He was their voice. While the evil elites in our country have trampled on the common man, he defended them.

In many ways Tucker Carlson, during these years, has been a more reliable voice than many pastors. He said more truth about what is happening in the world than most pulpits on a Sunday morning. Now I realize pastors are supposed to preach the truth of the Bible, but a pastor has not done his job until he brings the Bible to bear on the times in which he lives. Even though Tucker did not quote Bible verses, he did bring timeless moral truths to bear on the corruption that he saw in America and around the world. In the last couple of months Tucker did something that most pastors will never do. He called out wolves. He named them. He did what the apostle did in his letters (2 Timothy 4:14). He saw phony "Christian leaders" and he called them out. He called out Tim Keller, Russell Moore, David French, and Beth Moore. He called them out in a broadcast that highlighted Christian persecution and he asked, "Where are those Christian leaders defending these common pastors who are being thrown into jail?" Most of the time those so-called Christian leaders are silent, but when they do speak, they throw conservative Christians under the bus. They want the elite world to love them. It might sound harsh for me to say that, but their actions over the last several years show that it is obvious that what I say is true. The likes of Keller, Moore, French, Moore, and others like them are worldly Christians. When Tucker called them out he did what every pastor in America should be doing. Instead, most pastors are either silent or even approve of these worldly Christian leaders, holding them up as examples. The cowardice is astounding, and it was refreshing to see a man with a backbone.

## **Eureka Baptist Church**

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2393 210th Avenue St. Croix Falls, WI 54024 715-483-9464 www.eurekabapchurch.com 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

Now I do not know if Tucker Carlson is a born again Christian. He identifies as one and I sure hope that he is one, but even if he is not, God has showed American Christians something through this man. God will use even a possible unbeliever to speak the truth to the world, and he will do it when there is a dereliction of duty from many shepherds. Tucker Carlson's voice may very well have been God's judgment on the church. As has been said, "God gives straight licks with crooked sticks." He used this man to tell the truth to tens of millions of people every night. He did not of course give a gospel presentation, but he did tell the truth and therefore faithful Christians found an ally, because true Christians are people of the truth (John 18:37). Christians are drawn to truth in the Scriptures and to the truth in the world in which we live. I do not know what is next for Tucker, but I do know that he set an example. More people need to tell the truth about what is going on in the world. The righteous need to stand up against the wicked. The light needs to be shined on the darkness. Shame on the American church for so rarely speaking the truth boldly as they should. I pray that we do not need someone from the secular world to do what the church should be doing. The church has the truth. We have the vision to see the world for what it really is. We have the vision to see what is happening all around us. The games need to stop, and the truth needs to be spoken. There will be a cost (Luke 9:23-25), but God will take care of his people (1 Peter 4:14). I thank the Lord for a man who was willing to put his neck out there and my prayer is that going forward the church will be the leading force until Christ returns.



## **Miron Family: Ireland**

God has been at work in our community group since our last update. At the start of the new year, we began discussing the very good problem with our group, it was getting a bit big for our house. One of the agreements we had as a group when we first started it, was that it was understood to be a POTENTIAL church plant. No one was signing on to be a part of it for sure, but that it was prayerfully the direction we were heading in. But when we had the discussion as a group that it was growing a bit uncomfortably big (As we stand now, there are 11 adults and 17 kids), everyone had the same conviction: I think God wants us to start a church together.

So we went from being a potential church planting team to an intentional one, and began making steps towards that end. Tonight, the 15th, we will be having our first worship service together in Oranmore at one of the hotels in town. The plan is to have a Saturday evening service oncea-month for the next 6-9 months, and then Lord willing look to fully launch after that. So we are praying to be planted sometime in the fall or the start of the New Year. The purpose in these Saturday services is to get us acclimated to what our services will look like and Lord willing gather some more people in, while still being able to continue at and then be sent out of Galway City Baptist Church. See? I told you we had exciting updates.

The kids are all doing well with no major updates to report. Norah got to be a part of the St. Patrick's Day parade in Oranmore, playing the tin whistle with her class. She took it very seriously and performed excellently. Yesterday Aidan celebrated his 10th birthday with some friends from school and church with a romping good time at a ninja warrior course and disc golf.

One of the families on our team started a group for the young boys in the church called Modern Day Knights. They memorize scripture, play games and learn lessons that fit with becoming godly men, and Aidan has been loving it. I jumped in one of the nights to show them some basic woodworking skills. Zero fingers were lost.

Work continues to be done over at Furbo Baptist Church that we help at. This is me and one of the other elders doing some remodeling work. But the real work has been what God has been doing. You all have been faithfully praying for Joe as I've given updates, and next week Joe and another new member will be getting baptized. I am super excited to baptize Joe, and much of his family will be there in attendance as well. Its such an encouragement to see God at work in this church, even though their numbers may be small.

#### **Prayer Requests**

Please pray for the Oranmore church plant. Pray for our service tonight at 4 and the subsequent ones to follow. Please pray for ongoing unity, love for one another and faith to trust God with all that we need to. We have certainly felt some spiritual push back already.

Please pray for a building for us to call home as a church. We will be meeting in a conference room at a hotel this Saturday, and plan on that being our launching off point for the time being. But, we continue to pray and seek out a space that may suit us a bit better, and preferably more central in the village.

Please pray for Norah's skin condition. It got way better this fall and winter, but it seems to be worsening again. This happened last Spring as well, so it may be something seasonal that partially sets it off.

Please pray for our next visa meeting in the fall. Its a ways off, but this is an important one because we will need to reapply for another 3 year visa. Two more years and we can apply for citizenship.



# Palm Sunday & Good Friday

























# **Monthly Events**



Women's Bible Study Saturday, May 6 9:00am



Men's Breakfast Saturday, May 13 8:00am



Marriage Bible Study Canceled for May

# Easter Sunday

























# 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

**Deacons** Shaun Anderson Gordon Trombley

Elders Mark Brooks Keith Johnson

**Trustees** Eric McKinley Shaun Anderson

Deaconess Barbara Trombley Lori Brooks Hansi Fox Abby Swanson

Secretary Amber Lindo

Treasurers Hansi Fox Abby Swansor



May Women's Group Please Join Us!

The Most Unsuccessful Lockdown of all time...



Comparison will make you feel either superior or inferior.

Neither honors God.

### **Church Announcements**

- No Women's Friday Fellowship on May 26.

- We have lots of **little jobs** that we need help with on Saturday, May 20. If you are able to come help – even for just a short while – we'd really appreciate it!

- A reminder that we have a new system for **church reimbursements**. Please get a form at church or in the weekly emails.

- After the snow melts, the congregation is welcome to park in the **Parsonage driveway** if there is room. Please do not park on the grass, only park on the driveway.

- We are in the process of updating our Church Team lists. Please check the teams and update as needed.
- 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 June Newsletter, please have them to Amber by May 22.

- 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

- At the Annual Meeting, we budgeted to hire an **Associate Pastor** to the staff. Although we do not have that position filled, please be praying for the man that will eventually join us!

- Parents: Please remind your kids that their little feet need to be walking and not running.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**: Levi Swanson 5/4, Jadon Taylor 5/9, Dan Meyers 5/11, Mick Ward 5/11, Elijah Braund 5/13, Sam Leggitt 5/17, Jason Taylor 5/29

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Doug & Lisa Olson 5/10, Jeremiah & Shaila Johnson 5/20



Men's Retreat – Spring 2023

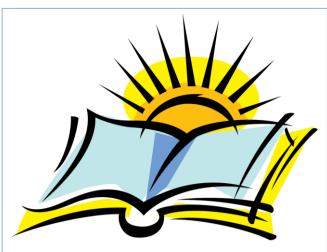


#### **Podcasts Worth Pursuing**

This podcast is geared for kids between ages 6 and 12, but the lessons are ageless. Listen to a fun story and hide God's Word in your heart with the Key Verse of the day.

Listening to a short episode (less than five minutes) on the way to school is an easy and beneficial habit to develop. Give it a try! With Keys for Kids, you'll learn more about God's love every day!

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





#### Featured Library Book 6 Days: The Age of the Earth and the Decline of the Church By: Ken Ham

Today, most Bible colleges, seminaries, K-12 Christian schools, and now even parts of the homeschool movement do not accept the first eleven chapters of Genesis as literal history. They try to fit the supposed billions of years into Genesis, and some teach evolution as fact. Our churches are largely following suit.

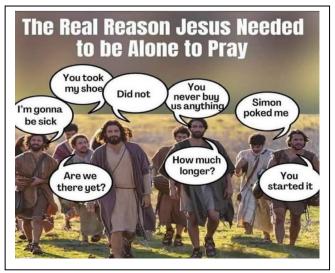
Ken Ham, international speaker and author on biblical authority, examines how compromise starting in Genesis, particularly regarding the six days of creation and the earth's age, have filtered down from the Bible colleges and seminaries to pastors and finally to parents and their children.

This erosive legacy is seen in generations of young people leaving the Church-2/3 of them. Get the facts, discover God's truth, and help bring a new reformation to the Church by helping to call it back to the authority of God's Word.

#### Featured Children's Book The Dead Sea Squirrels By: Mike Nawrocki

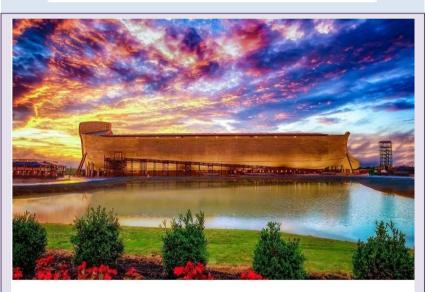
In this 6-book series, you will enjoy the misadventures of Michael, Merle, Pearl, and friends as they navigate everyday life at school, flee from a squirrel napper, and more. You'll laugh out loud and learn more about the life of Jesus from two previously petrified squirrels who actually lived in Bible times.

> Julie Johnson Eureka Baptist Church Librarian





Everyone is invited to come help get some projects done around the church. Saturday, May 20 More information coming soon



# **Church Trip**

Information was handed out at the Quarterly Business Meeting about a Church Trip to the Creation Museum, the ARK Encounter and a Boat Cruise. If you didn't get the information, please talk with Hansi Fox or Amber Lindo.



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