



EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER



Who is like unto thee, O Lord...
glorious in holiness,
fearful in praises,
doing wonders?

- Exodus 15:11

FRIDAY

**Women's Friday
Group**

Fridays at
9:30am

Harvest Service

Sunday
November 13



Happy Thanksgiving!

Thursday
November 24



A Note from Pastor Seth

We have entered the time of season where the leaves are off and we know what that means – November has arrived. In the North Country November is kind of like April. It is a month where there is less beauty in nature because of the barrenness of the landscape. There are many things we tend not to like about winter (the cold!) but the dazzling snow is always a wonder to see and November usually lacks that for the most part. But even though the scenery of this month is not our favorite one of the biggest holidays of the years falls in this month. That of course is Thanksgiving. The first Thanksgiving ever celebrated took place between the Native Americans and the pilgrims at Plymouth Rock in the early 17th century. The Pilgrims marked this day as one of thanksgiving to God as he empowered them to cross the Atlantic Ocean and enter the New World in America. The Thanksgiving holiday became official in 1863 when President Abraham Lincoln set it aside as a day of gratitude to God for our many blessings in America. This is the history of this holiday. In the present day if you ask people what they are most thankful for they will likely leave out the elephant (God) in the room. People may say their family, their job, health, or hobbies but typically the Giver of these gifts is left out. This thanksgiving I want to encourage you to approach gratitude in the right manner. This of course is not only for this month but also for every month out of the year. As Christians our lives should be full of thanksgiving (1 Thessalonians 5:18), but November is a good time to give special attention to this holy practice. The first area we should thank and praise God is for who he is and what he has done. The Lord is worthy of our praise because of his greatness and goodness. King David wrote, "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised" (Psalm 145:3). Then he wrote in another place, "I give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness" (Psalm 138:2).

The Lord is worthy of our praise because he is the greatest being there is. There is none greater than he. We should also give him thanks because we experience his goodness on a daily basis.

Everyone genuine Christian reading this can tell of his great works in your life. You have experienced his goodness toward you firsthand. The greatest work he performed is saving you when he sent his Son Jesus to die for your sins (John 3:16). We need to continually thank him for rescuing us from the dreadful position we were once in (Ephesians 2:1-3). The apostle Paul knew the glorious work that God performed in saving us. In gratitude he wrote, "Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Colossians 1:12-14). We come into this world as enemies of a holy God (Romans 5:10), but His grace shown in Christ is what delivers us from that hopeless state. As Paul writes, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8). The gift of salvation is the greatest gift we will ever receive. We should thank the Lord for rescuing us and bringing us into his eternal happiness (Matthew 25:21).

We should also thank the Lord for his earthly blessings. As we look at God's daily provision for us in the details of our earthly lives we have so much to be thankful for (Ephesians 5:20). In your present life, God cares for you (Matthew 6:25-34). We do not have to fear lack of rain or lack of sun (Matthew 5:45). We should thank him that we can live and eat and go on with our lives. In fact, Scripture tells us, "he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything" (Acts 17:25). Jesus in his instruction on the vine and the branches tells us that, "apart from him we can do nothing" (John 15:5).

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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

That particular context is referring to spiritual growth, but like the verse from Acts mentioned above we can do nothing apart from God. I met a man a few years back who had Lou Gehrig's disease. This is a ruthless disease that slowly takes away muscle strength to the point where people can no longer breathe, leading to death. This gentleman was relying completely on God with his condition. What he told me was the Scriptures that teach we can do nothing apart from God were so real to him. He was so thankful when he was able to do the simplest tasks of life. The fact that we can do anything in our lives is because of God. It is so easy to go through your life and not recognize the one who created you and sustains you. How tragic it is if we do not thank him.

One evidence of maturity is to be a person full of thanksgiving. People who live lives dominated by sin are ungrateful people, while those closely following the Lord realize their life (physical and spiritual) is a gift from him. May we be a people that continually gives thanks to our wonderful God.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Seth



MissionReach

Matthew Short: Austria

On Sunday, October 23rd, Matthew Short visited Eureka Baptist Church to tell us about his work in Austria.

My name is Matthew, and I'm currently working as a pastoral intern at my church in Vienna, Austria. I hope that this page will explain how you or your church can be a part of building churches in Austria!

My Story

I grew up in a broadly Christian context in the Upstate of South Carolina, and while I professed faith in the Lord Jesus at an early age, and was baptized at 16 years of age, I did not experience much growth in the Christian life until I moved abroad. In Austria, I became deeply involved in a local church began serving in various parachurch ministries - at first as a volunteer and later as an employee. I thank God for these years. During that time, I also met my wife, Lina, and we had our first child, Jonathan in 2019.

The Need

While I loved serving in parachurch ministry, I noticed some severe needs in the church in Austria. Most churches here do not have theologically trained pastors, and many Christians are severely under-churched - attempting to live the life of faith in Jesus apart from a local church. This is why I joined my church, Christus Gemeinde Wien, which was a young church plant at the time. Christus Gemeinde aims to resource churches, plant new ones, and strive toward a healthier relationship between Austrian Christians and local churches. We believe that a gospel-driven, Christ-exalting, and Bible-based Christian witness is the means that God uses to convert sinners.

My Training

For the past few years, I've been inching along with my seminary education at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. By God's grace, many pastors and missionaries have also been discipling me. However, I count the affirmation of my elders above all of that. They discern that pastoral ministry does seem to be the Lord's calling upon my life. Therefore, they have given countless hours of their time to give me feedback on my sermons, discuss books with me, and hold me accountable for progressing in Christian piety.

Our Plan

After prayerful consideration with my elders, we intend eventually to expand my pastoral internship into a pastoral assistant's position upon the completion of my seminary degree until such a time that the congregation might call me to the role of elder. After that, depending upon the situation here in Vienna, we may plant another church, bring me on as an Assistant Pastor, or send me out to pastor another congregation. Most fundamentally, however, I will continue to prepare for a lifetime of vocational ministry in Austria.



Here's where we need you. Christus Gemeinde is a German-language church plant in a missional setting with very few churches like us. Staying on mission is financed by Christians like you and local churches like yours. Would you prayerfully consider being a part of financing our initiative to plant churches and proclaim the gospel? If you have any questions regarding our work, I'm happy to speak with you any time through the contact information provided below. I'm in this because I believe in the mission of the local church, so please consider financially supporting our church plant only after first faithfully supporting the work of your own local church. I pray that Jesus Christ may richly dwell in your heart as you devote your lives for His kingdom and the spread of His gospel.



Monthly Events



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



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



Marriage Bible Study
Monday, November 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

2022 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 Swanson

Church Announcements

- Thank you to **John Hahn, Bob Swanson** and **Kyle Swanson** for the wonderful, scenic hayride!
- We will enjoy a **Harvest Service** on Sunday, November 13th. Pastor Seth needs to know all music specials soon! Fellowship Hour 9:00am. No Adult Sunday School. Potluck following Harvest Service.
- If you are able to help with **church cleaning** or **snow shoveling**, please sign up on the back bulletin board at church.
- 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
- **2023 Annual Meeting** will be Sunday, January 15th. We will have potluck following morning service and start the meeting shortly after.
- There will now be **Communion Kits** in the balcony for those that would like to participate.
- **Wednesday Night Bible Study** will NOT be meeting on November 23rd.
- **Women's Friday Group** will NOT be meeting on November 25th.
- All **receipts for reimbursement** need to be turned in to treasurer, Hansi Fox, by December 1st.
- **Leadership Team Meeting** on December 4th after morning service.



CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW MEMBERS – Linda Maxey & Lillie Lindo

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Nate Tomlinson 11/1, Drew Lindo 11/14, Caroline Hall 11/24

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Randy & Sandy Clark 11/7



Join us for
Wednesday Night Bible Study
6:30pm in the Matson Building



Eureka Baptist Church sends out a
WEEKLY NEWS BLAST
every week. If you would like to
join our weekly emails, please email
Amber: jeffamberlindo@gmail.com

News Blasts Include:
Upcoming events, prayer requests, photos,
urgent news, reminders, etc

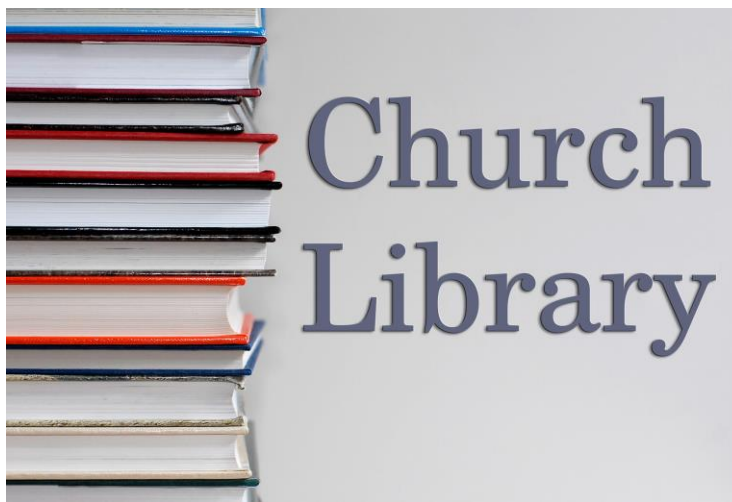


Thank you to Eric McKinley for stopping to take these beautiful photos one evening after a rain!

Marriage Bible Study



NEXT:
Monday, November 7
7:00pm in the Matson Building
HAPPENING SOON:
Monday, December 5, 7:00pm
Topic: "The Need For Romance in Our Marriages"



Our featured book of the month is

"Foreshadows: 12 Megaclues that Jesus' Return is Nearer than Ever"

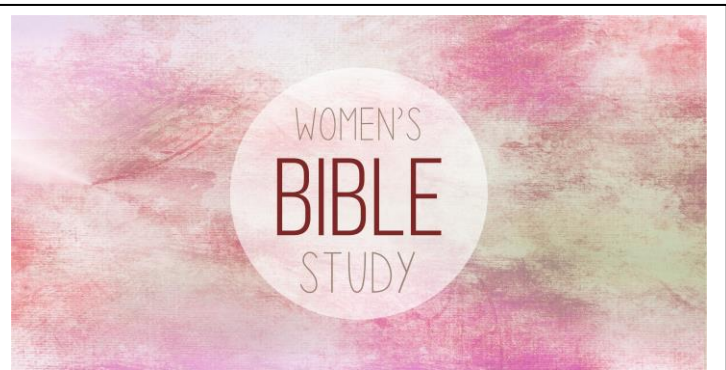
Here is a summary of the book:

Foreshadows explores twelve major trends that point toward the ever-nearing of earth's final days—and how these trends reveal God's breathtaking love, faithfulness, wisdom, and strength. This book will help you:

- Identify events happening in today's world that align with prophecies described in the Bible.
- Discern between the prophetic truths God reveals in His Word and the common misbeliefs about the end times based on speculation.
- Look with confidence and rejoicing toward the future God has promised you.

The check-out sheet for books is on the side of the bookshelf. We appreciate you using this so that we can keep track of our library books.

If you have any questions about the Church Library, please see church librarian, Julie Johnson



Our monthly meetings have been re-imagined— still on the first Saturdays of the month, still at nine a.m., BUT the discussions will center on practical topics from a Biblical point of view. Come and see for yourselves! Teens are welcome, too! **On Saturday, November 5th, Julie Johnson will be sharing insights on prepping from a Biblical perspective. Join us on November 5th at 9:00am!**



Sunday, December 18

Because Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, we are moving the Children's Nativity program a week prior to Christmas. Children will start to work on the program soon in Kid's Church. If you do not plan to be around, or if you do not want your child to participate in the program, please talk with Barb Trombley. The program will be during morning service.

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Service at 10:00am. If you want to contribute a special of any kind to either of the Christmas Services, please talk with Pastor Seth by December 4th. Christmas treats/refreshments will be served at both services. More information to come.



Harvest Service

Sunday, November 13

Fellowship Hour 9:00am

Harvest Service 10:00am

Potluck lunch following service.

If you plan to have a music special for this service, please talk with Pastor Seth soon!

No Adult Sunday School on November 13

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