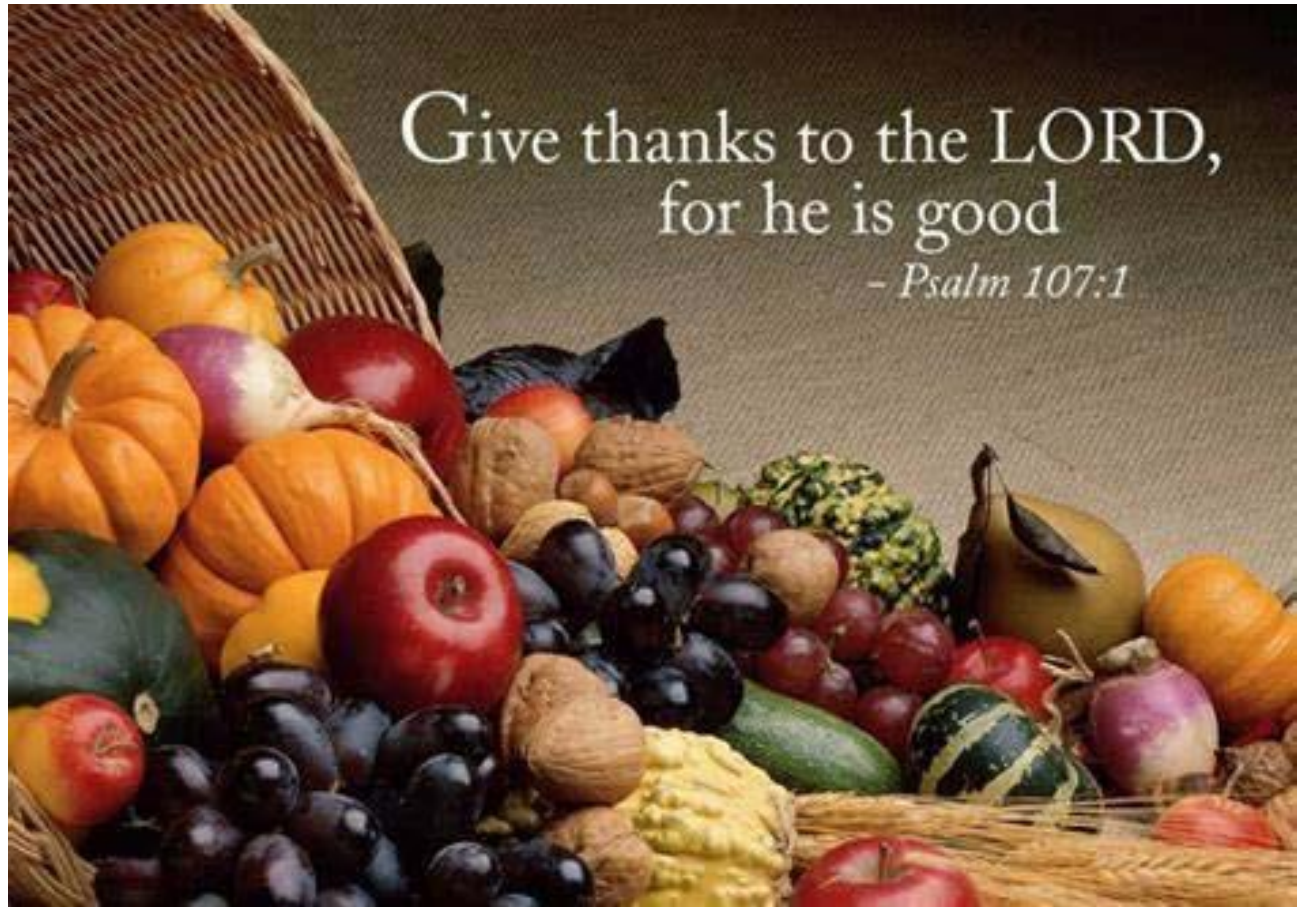


November 2023



EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER



Women's Group

November 4
9:00am

Special Speaker: Wendy Peterson.
Topic: Healthy Habits for Christian Women

Harvest Service

November 5
Potluck Meal
Following



Thanksgiving

November 23



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 year 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.

Every 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

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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

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). 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 (ALS). 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

**Great is the Lord
and greatly to be praised!**

MissionMissionsreach

Trevor Rubenstein

Eureka Baptist Church financially supports Trevor Rubenstein.

Trevor Rubenstein was born in Virginia, Minnesota where he was raised in a nominal Conservative Jewish home. His family moved to Littleton, Colorado when he was a boy. He received his Bar Mitzvah at thirteen but later embraced atheism. He struggled with depression and consistent thoughts of suicide which led to drinking and drug abuse. He was eventually expelled from high school. Later, when attending a local community college he unknowingly entered a Bible study put together by a cult. He read the words of Jesus for the first time and became overwhelmed by the presence of the Lord. By the grace of God He never joined the cult but soon after did give his life to Jesus (Yeshua). Immediately after his salvation, the depression was gone and he never returned to the substance abuse. Trevor developed a broken heart for the lost and those he could relate to – the depressed, the addict, those involved in cults, but especially the Jewish people. The Lord changed his focus, and he spent much of the next twenty years ministering to hurting people, studying the Bible, and studying the history and teachings of other religions particularly modern rabbinical Judaism. He has been blessed to be able to study under some of the greatest modern Christian apologists. Trevor has worked and volunteered for many ministries and churches including Samaritan's Purse, The Denver Rescue Mission, and Christian Apologetics Research Ministry. He has spent many years traveling the country, teaching at churches, and sharing the message of a saving faith in the Messiah with anyone who will listen. Trevor was also the director of the oldest evangelical outreach to the Jewish people in America. Currently, Trevor is still active in evangelism and discipleship, leading evangelism groups in Minneapolis. He is also embarking on receiving his M.Div. in Messianic Jewish Studies from The Talbot School of Theology through the Charles L. Feinberg Center.



Franklin Graham, October 31, 2023:

The Brooklyn Bridge had to be closed Saturday because of hundreds of anti-Israel protesters. In Dagestan, hate-filled anti-Israel protesters stormed the airport where a flight from Tel Aviv was landing and they thought Jewish evacuees were on board. We are seeing escalating protests all around the world. Antisemitism is a dangerous cancer that is rearing its head everywhere we look—it's not hiding anymore.

Have these people missed the fact that Hamas attacked Israel? Are they overlooking that Hamas brutally murdered 1400 Jewish men, women, and children and took over 230 hostages? We are still hearing details of the barbaric atrocities they inflicted on their victims. They are open about their goal to kill all Jews (and Christians)—it's no secret. Yet the protests go on.

While Israel defends itself and is on a mission to rid the world of Hamas, there are innocent civilians in Gaza. Israel has given warnings and taken many precautions. They have allowed food and relief supplies to go into Gaza for the civilians trapped there, but they are fighting an enemy that uses the lives of innocent people as human shields to protect themselves and further their evil agenda. Join me in praying for the peace of Jerusalem.



Events



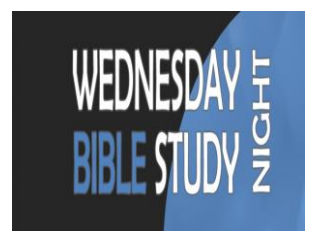
Women's Bible Study
Saturday, November 4
9:00am



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



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



Bible Study
Wednesdays 6:30pm



THANK YOU TO THE
HAHN FAMILY AND
THE SWANSON FAMILY



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

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Church Announcements

- Thank you to all that helped with the **Hayride Event!** It was a wonderful success!
- **Youth Group** will not meet on Sunday, November 12th.
- There will be a joint **Thanksgiving Service** with Taylors Falls Baptist. Please watch for more details.
- Alan Walker as been teaching "**Biblical Creationism**" Join us for Sunday School every Sunday at 9:00am.
- Pastor Seth is now a regular contributor on **truthscript.com** – Be sure to visit often to read all the great articles!
- If you have any items to add to the **December Newsletter**, please have them to Amber by November 21st.
- 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.
- **Baptisms** are being planned in December. If you are interested in baptism, please talk with Pastor Seth.
- All **church team 2024 budgets** are due by November 15th. If a budget is not submitted by that date, we will use your 2023 budget allowance.
- Thank you to those that have been **cleaning the church** and **mowing the lawn!** It is appreciated!
- Eureka Baptist Church is **very thankful for each and every one of you**. Thank you for joining us each week to give thanks for all that we are given.
- Soon the snow will start to fall. Please remember that there is **no parking** on the street. Please utilize the parking lots around the church.
- **Mama Bear Apologetics** study will continue to meet on Sundays at 4:30pm. They will not meet on November 12th.

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

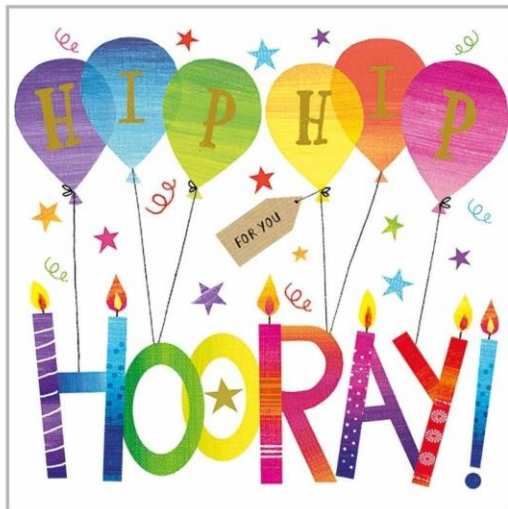
CONFERENCE

MAY 4 - 5, 2024



Be Not Conformed Conference

Planning has already started for this event! Please check our webpage and weekly email news blasts often for more information.



Almost every team has met with Hansi and/or Abby to draft their 2024 budget.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!

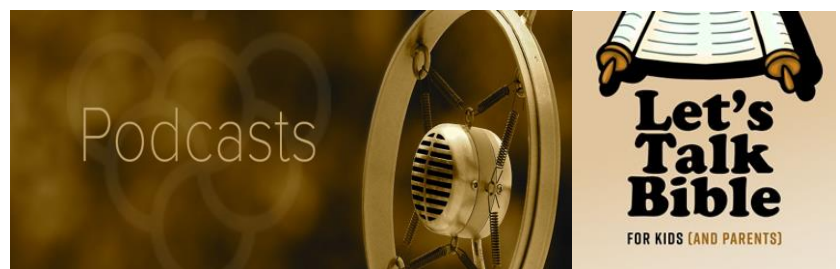
The Administration Team has been working on the 2024 budget since June. Almost all church teams have met and discussed plans for 2024.

We appreciate you for doing that!



Women's Friday Fellowship:

the last meeting in 2023 will be on November 17.
We will resume Jan. 5, 2024.



I'm excited to share this podcast with you. It is simply a series of conversations Pastor Chase Replogle has with his two kids as they work their way through the Gospel of Luke.

He says, "We enjoy talking about the Bible and the world in which the Bible stories happened. We hope our conversations can help inspire conversations in your family. We wanted to create a podcast that the whole family could enjoy and learn from. Too often, kid's content is dumbed down. We think kids are capable of far more than sometimes our Bible conversations reflect. So we've aimed high with our conversations. There will certainly be plenty of new words and ideas that might not be familiar to kids, but that's how you learn. Questions are what always start great conversations."

This well-done, child-friendly podcast launched in September, and I would suggest you go back and listen to all the episodes in order. You can access it on your favorite podcast platform or go directly to Letstalkbible.kids.



CHURCH LIBRARY News

Featured Book Global Reset

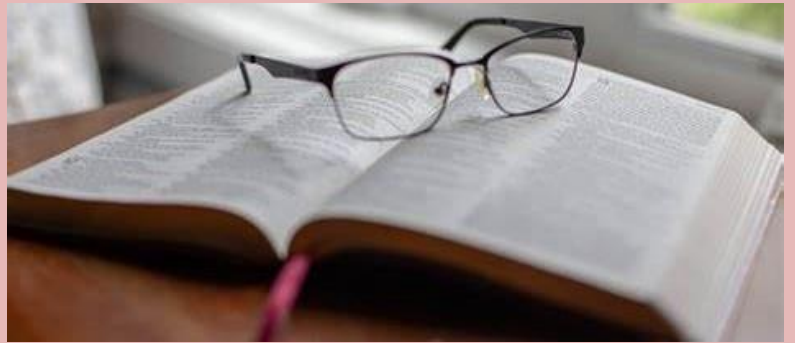
By: Mark Hitchcock and Jeff Kinley

Global Reset will open your eyes and alert you to how world leaders are using the “Great Reset” agenda to seize pandemics, natural disasters and catastrophes, civil disorder, political unrest, and other current events to reshape every facet of life—all pointing toward the universal economy and godless global government of the Antichrist.

According to prophecies found in the Bible, a one-world government will indeed emerge in the end-times. The book of Revelation reveals to us a future unified government that will encompass the whole earth. Satan himself will be behind it for the ultimate purpose of ruling over all the earth and being worshipped by its inhabitants. In *Global Reset*, you will discover:

- The “Great Reset” agenda that sets the stage for the end-time scenario prophesied in Scripture.
- How China and other great nations are beginning to play a dominant role in international, socioeconomic, and political dynamics.
- Possible scenarios regarding America in the end-times and what believers can do to stem the tide of decline.
- God’s great reset planned for planet earth and humanity - the millennial reign of Christ.
- Every person’s need for an eternal personal reset that can come only through Jesus Christ.

Julie Johnson
Eureka Baptist Church Librarian



*Don't know where to start?
Eureka Baptist Church can help you out with that!*

More Than Half of Americans Wish They Would Read the Bible More

BY DECISION MAGAZINE STAFF | OCTOBER 17, 2023

According to a study by the American Bible Society (ABS), more than half of Americans say they wish they would read the Bible more but say they fail to do so for a number of reasons, including a lack of time.

The latest release from the ABS’s State of the Bible report shows that 52% of Americans say they wish they would read the Bible more. Meanwhile, 14% say they increased their Bible use in the past year.

“Granted, this is a bit like asking, ‘Do you wish you exercised more?’” the report researchers said. “Wishing and doing are two different enterprises. But it’s still important to know the desire is there. And whatever we could do to increase excitement about the Bible, explain the language, or show where to start, it might move the needle a bit.”

Researchers asked the 52% who want to read the Bible more what is preventing them from taking the plunge. The top four answers were:

“I never seem to have enough time to use it” (26%).

“I don’t know where to start” (17%).

“I don’t feel that excited about using it” (15%).

“I find the language difficult to relate to” (15%).

And when asked to complete the sentence “I use the Bible because,” 47% of participants chose the option “because it brings me closer to God.” The other options, along with the response rate, are as follows:

“I need wisdom for making life decisions” (20%).

“I need comfort” (15%).

“It tells me about the nature of God” (9%).

“It tells me how to treat others” (4%).

“I know I’m supposed to” (3%).

“It is a responsibility for a group Bible study or school” (2%).

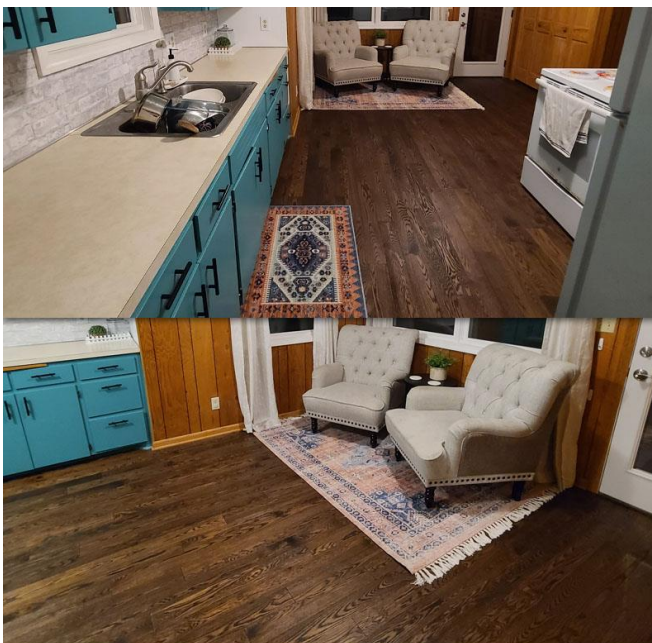
The study showed that one-fourth of Americans use the Bible at least weekly. Among that group, 72% say that Christ is their most important relationship in life.

“The path toward the Bible intertwines with a spiritual journey into a deepening relationship with Christ,” researchers said. “We remember Jesus telling Bible scholars that the Scriptures they studied actually ‘testify about me’ (John 5:39 NIV). It’s no surprise, then, that Bible use at any level—daily, weekly, or a few times a year—increases as people move forward in their relationship with Jesus.”

For years, ABS researchers have asked Americans to imagine their nation without the Bible. “If people of our country were to not read the Bible, do you think our country would be worse off, better off, or about the same?” The results have been rather consistent.

“While some observers assume there’s a growing animosity toward the Bible, we don’t see that on this question,” researchers said. “Only about one in seven (14%) say a Bible-less America would be better. Three times that many (44%) take the opposite view, that America would be worse off without Bible-reading. Nearly that number (41%) say there would be little change.

“It’s worth noting that more than a quarter of non-Bible users say the country would be worse off without it. They don’t interact with Scripture themselves, even three times a year, but they seem glad that others do.”



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