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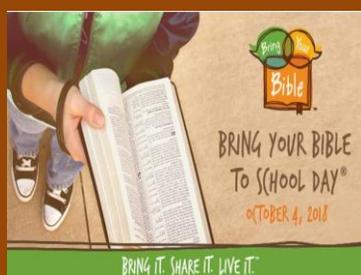
EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER

A calm and undisturbed  
mind and heart  
are the life and health  
of the body

Proverbs 14:30

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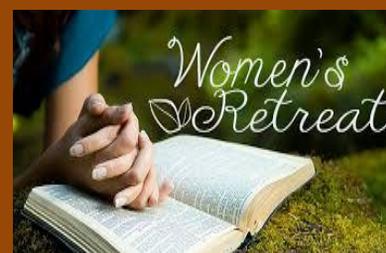


**Bring your Bible to  
School Day!**  
**October 4th**

**Church Meeting**

**Sunday,  
October 21**

**After Morning  
Service**



**Women's Retreat**

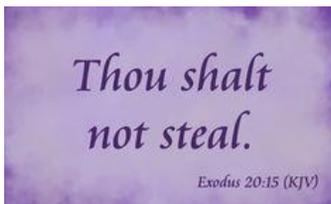
**October 26-27**

**Brickhouse  
Getaway**



## A Note from Pastor Seth

A common question many Christians ask is what is the will of the Lord for my life? As long as a believer is following the Lord's revealed will (the Bible) this is not a bad question to ask. Most of our decisions are made up for us. We know what we need to do ninety-five percent of the time because the Lord has made it clear to us in the pages of Scripture. The Lord would never tell his people to go down a sinful path. We should never ask the question should I rob a bank? We know the answer. We are commanded not to steal (Exodus 20:15), and we are instructed to do honest work for our income (Proverbs 6:6-8).



The one asking about the will of the Lord with the right heart is not asking a bad question. To wonder what path to take indicates that this Christians desires to follow the plan that God has for his or her life. But the answer one is hoping to get out of the question is where the problem usually lies. Christians too often desire a road map before they make a decision. One desire's a definitive answer before proceeding ahead. This is when people make the mistake of looking for signs. Theologian Kevin Bauder wrote concerning seeking a sign, that "We should not expect the answer to be written in the sky or to become audible to the ears of the soul. We should expect no signs and we should trust no sudden overwhelming convictions. Such things are too easily counterfeited." So what should a believer do if the Lord will not give a definitive answer up front when a difficult decision needs to be made? Where should a Christian look? We should look to the narrative passages and commands of Scripture to know how to reach the best decision possible. As we have gone through Genesis twenty-four over the past four weeks, we have seen Abraham use the

right means to find a wife for his son Isaac. When Abraham sent his servant he told him not to find a wife from the wicked Canaanite's, but rather to find a wife from his family, the family he left when the Lord told him to go to the Land of Canaan (Genesis 12:1). He desired for his son to marry a distant relative whom he knew would make his future offspring pure. Abraham exercised wisdom by evaluating what he knew of the nations surrounding him, and sending his servant to a safe place, his former residence where his family resided. As Abraham gathered this information we can trust that he prayed for guidance even though the text does not explicitly mention it. We can have this confidence because Abraham was known as a faithful man (Galatians 3:9). Every faithful person prays when faced with a big decision. Abraham did what we all must do when faced with a difficult decision when Scripture does not give us a clear answer. We must pray for wisdom to use what we know to make the right decision (James 1:5). The apostle James wrote that "If anyone lacks wisdom let him ask God who gives generously without reproach." We must seek the Lord when we face a big decision and the Bible promises that, "He will make our paths straight" (Proverbs 3:6). In addition to seeking the Lord by praying for wisdom and using our best judgment, the Christian must also talk to the wise people in their life. When making a difficult decision it is very important that the Christian has conversations with sincere believers. Believers are told in Scripture that, "Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed" (Proverbs 15:22). They should seek out the mature believers that they know. Age does not necessarily determine maturity and wisdom. There are old people who are foolish and young people who are wise. But if one is old and has walked with the Lord for many years, these are the best people to receive counsel from. When I have a big decision to make there are people in my life who are older and wiser than I am whom I will consult. Seeking wise counsel as commanded in Scripture is one of the means

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Sunday Morning Service: 10:00am

\*Kid's Church during Service

Adult Sunday School: 9:00am

Family Nights - Monthly

the Lord has given his people to discern his will. People who know the Lord and know the person are well equipped to offer proper guidance. What we have also seen in the narrative of Genesis 24 is the confirmation that comes once you go down the right path. Abraham's servant zeroed in on Rebekah. The Lord began to show him that she was the one through his conversation with her (Genesis 24:23-28). Once Rebekah's brother Laban welcomed him in and treated him so well the servant knew this was of the Lord (Genesis 24:29-33). As we make a difficult decision, we should receive confirmation down the road. This confidence will give us peace of mind and joy that we are carrying out the precise plan the Lord has for us. As we go with the Lord down the right path (or paths) we will be able to say the Lord created me to do this. The path he takes you down will fit who he designed you to be. What is so wonderful about the will of the Lord for our lives is that the Lord has a specific path for each of us with all of its twists and turns. The Scripture says he knows the plans he has for us (Jeremiah 29:11). He wrote our story even before we were born (Psalm 139:16).

YOUR EYES SAW MY  
UNFORMED BODY;  
*all the days*  
ORDAINED FOR ME  
WERE WRITTEN  
*in your book*  
BEFORE ONE OF THEM  
CAME TO BE.  
PSALM 139:16

We go down this path specifically planned for us by living a godly life (through obeying his will of command in Scripture), and by using the means mentioned above to discern his will of direction for the paths that we go down. His plans for us are so much better than the ones we might have for our lives. He has made us a part of the greatest story ever told, the story of redemption. His plan is for us to contribute a small part to his master plan and leave a Christian legacy that will echo into eternity.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Seth

# MISSIONS

"THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL BUT THE WORKERS ARE FEW"  
MATTHEW 9:37

**SHEPARD FAMILY**- Our greetings to you from Guadalajara Mexico. The weather is gorgeous, and we are enjoying the last rains of the season.

Just a short update for those of you who have been praying for us. We are praising God for two new house groups that have started here in Guadalajara!! One of them started a few weeks ago and already has had a number of new people coming from that neighborhood. The other just began last week, with two guests in attendance for their first meeting. Please pray for continued inviting and attending!

We are also excited that the team in Puerto Vallarta is beginning their new group; they are also set to open up their cultural center/coffee shop soon.

Ralph and I are very busy in the training of leaders and life is full. We asked prayer for these various things as we have visited with you, and we are so happy to report what is happening! Please keep praying!!

Ellen and Ralph

**TOKAR FAMILY**- The fall semester began at UETS and new theology majors are taking their English placement exams right now! Looking forward to another great year! Sveta was unexpectedly asked to teach 4th grade when a teacher backed out last minute. Unfortunately, our house wasn't ready yet but thankful that our friends have allowed us to use their place temporarily while they are away.



**MIRON FAMILY** - If it's not asked every time, it is certainly close to it. Most of the time it's just the natural question to ask and they sincerely want to know. Other times you can read between the lines the second they ask it. The question: "Why Ireland?" The between-the-lines question for some: "Seriously?! That's a vacation spot! That's not missions! Is God really calling you there?"

It comes from churches too, and when you're working to build ministry partners to financially and prayerfully support you, it can get discouraging. So what's our confidence that God cares about global missions in Ireland? The lie we hear and are regularly at war against is that Ireland doesn't need missions because the name of Jesus has already been declared there. Real global missions, varsity level global missions, happens in the places where he hasn't been proclaimed. Now, obviously, we value frontier missions. By frontier missions I mean bringing the gospel to a tongue or tribe that has never had any chance or encounter with the good news of Jesus.

But I believe we limit God's zeal for his name when we exclusively prioritize certain kinds of global missions. As John Piper says, "Mission exists because worship doesn't". Worship doesn't exist among peoples who have never heard the name Jesus because, well, how can they if they've never heard? Yes and amen! But worship ALSO doesn't exist among peoples who have heard the name of Jesus and couldn't care less about him. That's not worship! That's profaning his name, and God cares a great deal about that.

Yes, the name 'Jesus' is known in Ireland. In fact, it's a common curse word. God's name doesn't need to be merely proclaimed in Ireland – it needs to be rescued and redeemed. It needs to be vindicated. For many Irish, Jesus is merely a cultural token. To them he is not worth living their lives for, let alone laying down their lives for. He's not worthy of their whole-hearted worship.

Read More: <http://www.irelandbeglad.org/>



*Keep me as the*  
**APPLE OF YOUR EYE;**  
*HIDE ME*  
*in the shadow of Your wings.*  
Psalm 17:8 NIV



## Monthly Events



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



Men's Breakfast  
Saturday, October 13th  
8:00am



October Event  
Woman's Retreat  
October 26-27



Eureka Baptist Church participated in the 2018 River Road Ramble community event. Hundreds of local visitors stopped by for pie and coffee. A Garage Sale was also held during the event. \$1,200 was raised to put towards the Matson Building renovation project. Thank you to everyone that helped by bring pies, welcoming visitors and bringing items for the sale!

FOR WHERE  
two or three  
GATHER  
IN MY NAME  
I am with them  
MATTHEW 18:20

## 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

## 2018 Board Members

### Deacons

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Gordon Trombley

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Barbara Trombley  
Amber Lindo  
Hansi Stridde  
Abby Swanson

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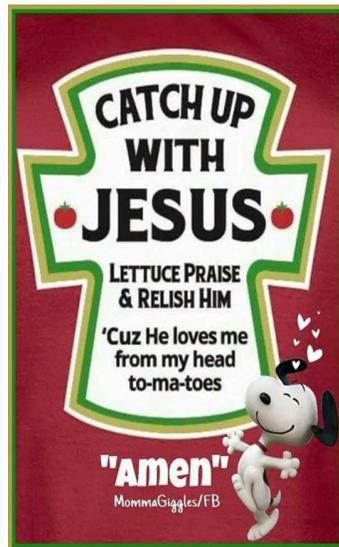
Amber Lindo

### Treasurers

Hansi Stridde  
Abby Swanson

## Church Announcements

*Quarterly Meeting*  
*Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>*  
*After Morning Service*



### Happy Birthday!!

Randy Clark 10/1  
Roger Swanson 10/23  
Alethia Brickley 10/28

### Happy Anniversary!

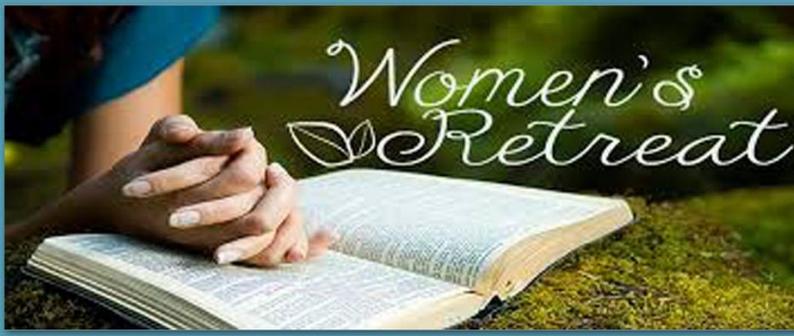
Bob & Debi Swanson 10/3  
Jeff & Amber Lindo 10/28

*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*

Yum, yum! We can't let good pie go to waste!

The day after River Road Ramble, everyone was invited for pie following Morning Service.





## Join Us! October 26-27th

Q. Why are you having a retreat?

A. Isn't it funny it is called a retreat when it is a time when you make progress?

Q. That doesn't answer my question.

A. Sorry. This treat is meant to provide the women of Eureka Baptist Church with an opportunity to GATHER TOGETHER to build friendships with one another and to spend quality time with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Q. You called it a treat, not a retreat.

A. It hopefully will be both.

Q. What is the venue like?

A. Brickhouse Getaway is right outside of Centuria, so it is not far away at all.

It is an old house decorated with antiques with open rooms for large group discussions and nooks and crannies if you want to be alone with time to pray and think. There are single bedrooms and rooms with double beds and plenty of floor space.

Q. I'm sort of interested but really really don't want to stay overnight.

A. You don't have to stay overnight. (Although that can be a lot of the treat part of the retreat.) You could just come for the meat: 6-9 p.m. on Friday, and then 8-11 a.m. on Saturday.

Q. Meat? Will there be meals?

A. There will be Faith Soup served on Friday evening, and breakfast casseroles on Saturday morning. Yes, there will be food. But that isn't what I meant about coming for the meat.

Q. Okay, now I have two questions. What is Faith Soup, and what did you mean about meat if it isn't something to eat?

A. I'll answer your second question first. I'm considering the meat to be the guided learning time of the retreat. Cyndee Buck, from Plymouth, Minnesota, has a creative arts ministry. She will demonstrate how we can use art materials to express our faith. It will be a hands on, minds on, hearts on time. Cyndee will lead our sessions both Friday night and again Saturday morning.

Q. Okay, that sounds intriguing. But about Faith Soup. Explain, please.

A. It is a Women's Retreat version of Stone Soup. A large pot of savory broth will be provided. Every attendee is asked to bring an ingredient for the soup, prepped and ready to pour into the pot where the flavors will mingle their way into deliciousness. If everyone brings potatoes, it will be potato soup. But in faith we are trusting that we will get a tasty variety!

Q. Sounds like it could be interesting.

A. Have Faith!

Q. How much will this cost me?

A. It will cost you a few hours of your time, an ingredient for the faith soup, a snack to share, and fifteen dollars. Any more questions?

Q. Just one. How do I sign up?

A. Contact Karen Mickelson, Brianna Brickley, or Barb Trombley by October 7th.



**Thank you for sharing your musical gifts!!**



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