



EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER



## Team Meetings

Sundays this month.  
Please check the schedule to see when your team plans to meet.

## Quarterly Business Meeting

Sunday, October 11  
After morning service



## Time Change November 1st

A reminder to turn those clocks back 1 hour



## A Note from Pastor Seth

It is common for people to say that life is complicated. When people say this there is some truth to it. When someone approaches a subject that is difficult a common saying is used, "it's all Greek to me." Most people cannot solve a complicated math problem or answer a difficult question about science. Most people do not know who was the thirteenth President of the United States. Most people know very little about ancient Greece or ancient Rome. Most people have not read much if any of Shakespeare. Most Americans only know one language, the English language. The range of knowledge in the world is very wide and no one is an expert on everything, so no human is exempt from having something be over one's head. Everyone has limitations in knowledge. But this is not the only place that life is complicated. It is also complicated in the sense that it can be a fog. We can be faced with difficult decisions and not know the right one to make. It can also be very difficult to make sense of things happening in our lives or what is happening all around the world.

But when we talk about the most important realities in this world, the meaning of reality, life is not complicated. In fact it is very simple. It is so simple that a four year old might be able to understand it. We live in a world created by God. The Bible addresses what we already know about ourselves if we are honest, and what we know is that there is something seriously wrong with us. Humans left to themselves will go down the wrong path. World history is largely a story of people doing the wrong things. Even the most decent people know there is something wrong inside. I once heard it said that if the thoughts of every human could be played on a video screen for everyone to see no one would want anything to do with anyone. Even if there is nothing alarming about some people's outward actions, at minimum, there is something very alarming about everyone's thoughts.

The Bible teaches this fundamental problem with every human. This problem is that humans are sinners by nature and by choice and there is only one solution to this greatest of all problems. No religion has the answer to this other than Christianity. As 1 Peter 3:18 says, "Christ died for sins once for all the righteous for the unrighteous to bring us to God."

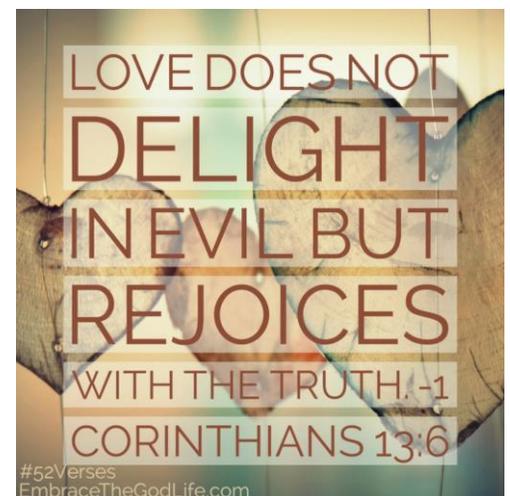
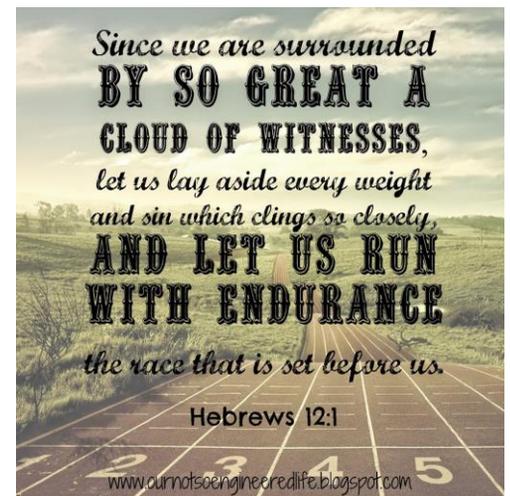
What Jesus does is rescue people from their prison of sin. He is the only one who can open the door and grab one's hand and walk one out from their hopeless state. The only people who are rescued are those who believe in Jesus. As Jesus said, "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life. Whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God remains on him" (John 3:36). Every person has a choice to choose life or to choose death. In this sense life is not complicated. It is very simple. The solution to everyone's greatest problem is placed right out in front of all humanity. As the most famous verse in the Bible says, "For God so loved the World that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him Shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). In the history of America to say this has never been more unpopular. If you follow what the mainstream society says they will say you can believe whatever you want. But the Bible warns about going with the flow of the world. Jesus said, "'Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matthew 7:13-14). Many people try to make Jesus out to be some religious teacher who just wanted everyone to love each other. But love is only truly present when it is accompanied with truth (1 Corinthians 13:6).

Jesus makes it very clear that only those who truly love God and follow him will receive entrance into heaven when this life is over. This is the meaning of life. People often wonder the meaning of life and Jesus makes it very clear. He is the meaning of life. What one does with him determines where one will spend forever. Jesus preached the most famous sermon in the history of the world known as The Sermon on the Mount. At the end of the sermon he made it very simple. He boiled life down to two paths: the wide and the narrow. Anyone who believes that he truly died and rose again for their sins is given eternal life. This is the narrow path. All other paths that veer from the Jesus of Scripture in hopes of some kind of salvation are the wide path. The goal of Eureka Baptist Church is that we would get as many people on the narrow path as possible.

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Sunday Morning Service: 10:00am  
\*Kid's Church during Service  
Sunday School: 9:00am

First, that we would run with endurance to the finish line (Hebrews 12:1). Second, that we would share the good news of Jesus to anyone who will listen. What is incredible about the Bible and Jesus is that you cannot be indifferent to its message. There are so many things you can be indifferent towards, but not this one. Jesus is the reason for life. To choose him is to choose life (Deuteronomy 30:19).

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Seth



# MissionReach

## Stout Family: Croatia

Thank-you for being part of our team as God leads us from SEND Macedonia to SEND Croatia. Now we start praying and preparing for next steps to move to Zadar, Croatia, in a month or so.

Would you please pray with us for these following things:

Family Transition - pray for Joy at CIU and also our kids and dad and mom's heart in this move to another country in SouthEast Europe

Healthy Farewells to our Macedonian Team and Friends

Wisdom for Pastor Pero and Board as they renovate the new church building. Praise God for over \$15,000 for renovations!

Transition of Leadership for our SEND Macedonian field

Housing for us in Zadar - we have located a big empty White House, that may be perfect for us - pray for wisdom and open doors

Teaming in Zadar - we are the only missionaries in this city and will be working with Pastor Ivan and Irena - pray for God to grow our team

Language learning - Croatian is similar to Macedonian and we probably understand about 50% or more, but the first year for sure will be focused on language and culture learning

THE MOVE - We are looking at Friday, October 2nd to move - pray for this process and for funds for moving and set-up in Croatia

Breathe Free Ministry - we have a desire to have a hospitality ministry for Christian workers who have burned out - pray for God's direction

Ministry in Zadar - pray for God to open doors, as we desire to use our gifts of evangelism, prayer, church planting and hospitality

## Penney Family

Bo is one of the colleagues we supervised for years in Senegal. He runs a school to train young Senegalese men in auto mechanics. One of the young men Bo has trained—we'll call him Fred—not only became a Jesus-follower, but is now competent enough to keep the shop open during Bo's sudden absence (Bo and his family had to evacuate to the US due to COVID concerns, because two of the family have immuno-compromised conditions).

Meanwhile, the folks that are keeping our car in Senegal exercised had a minor accident that destroyed the driver's side mirror on the car. So they asked Fred to replace it.

When the new parts for the mirror finally arrived, Fred was on his way to our house to replace the car mirror when his satchel was stolen on public transportation. Unfortunately, not only did this mean our new, expensive mirror was stolen, but many of Fred's belongings, including a large sum of cash he had saved up to pay for his father's surgery! He was devastated.

When we heard about this from Bo, we felt the Spirit nudging us to send Fred a monetary gift to replace most of the cash he'd lost in the theft. God has been so generous with us; it was our turn to be generous to one of His people.

Just three days ago, we got word from Bo of the impact of our gift. Not only was Fred's father able to get his surgery and is now out of the hospital, but the money allowed Fred to regain some of the standing with his family that he lost when he turned to Christ. You see, they have bullied and mocked Fred for this faith. The fact that God provided for his father through Fred gave Fred standing with his family. And the fact that it happened precisely because of Fred's association with Jesus' family showed them all God's power in Jesus name. When Fred first believed in Jesus eight years ago, the family predicted that he would die within the year for rejecting family tradition. But not only is Fred still alive, God is providing for his family through him and through the people of Jesus whom he has embraced. The family sees Fred in a new light. What a joy and privilege to be a part of that! Now we know how you must feel sometimes.





## Monthly Events



Women's Bible Study  
Saturday, October 3  
9:00am



Men's Breakfast  
Saturday October 10  
8:00am



It wasn't the River Road Ramble that we are used to, but it was successful, nonetheless. Thank you to everyone that brought items up for the yard sale and thank you to those that worked (sometimes in the pouring rain). Many people stopped by to grab some treasures and gave a donation on their way out.



## Weekly Events



Sunday School  
Sunday Mornings  
9:00am



Morning Service  
Sunday Mornings  
10:00am



Kids Church  
Sunday mornings during  
Morning Service

## 2020 Board Members

### Deacons

Shaun Anderson  
Gordon Trombley

### Elder

Mark Brooks

### Trustees

Randy Clark  
Shaun Anderson

### Deaconess

Barbara Trombley  
Amber Lindo  
Hansi Stridde  
Abby Swanson

### Secretary

Amber Lindo

### Treasurers

Hansi Stridde  
Abby Swanson

## Church Announcements

- There will be a Quarterly Business Meeting on October 11 after morning service.
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study is on Wednesday evenings in the Matson building at 6:30pm
- Women's Friday Group will continue to meet weekly at 9:30am in the Matson Building.
- Sunday Sermons will continue to be shown on facebook live until further notice.
- Plan to join us on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> for the Harvest Service. No Adult Sunday school on this date.
- **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Randy Clark 10/1, Ana Trick 10/10, Roger Swanson 10/23, Lori Brooks 10/26, Alethia Brickley 10/28
- HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Bob & Debi Swanson 10/3, Jeff & Amber Lindo 10/28



Thank you to Shaila Johnson and Patsy Anderson for the autumn decorating!

## Team Meetings

- Facilities Team: 10/18/20
- Compassion and Care Team:  
10/25/20
- Missions Team: 11/15/20
- Youth Support Team:  
11/22/20
- Children's Team: 11/29/20



Eureka Baptist Church has had all types of visitors this summer. A couple of months ago, Pastor Seth snapped some photos of the black bear that liked to visit. Since that time, word has spread to others about how we welcome all who would like to visit!



## Dennis Johnson

1947 – 2020

Dennis Johnson, 73, of Atlas passed away on Aug. 25, 2020 at Frederic Nursing and Rehab Center in Frederic. He was born Feb. 18, 1947 in Chicago, the son of Virgil and Gladys (Erickson) Johnson.

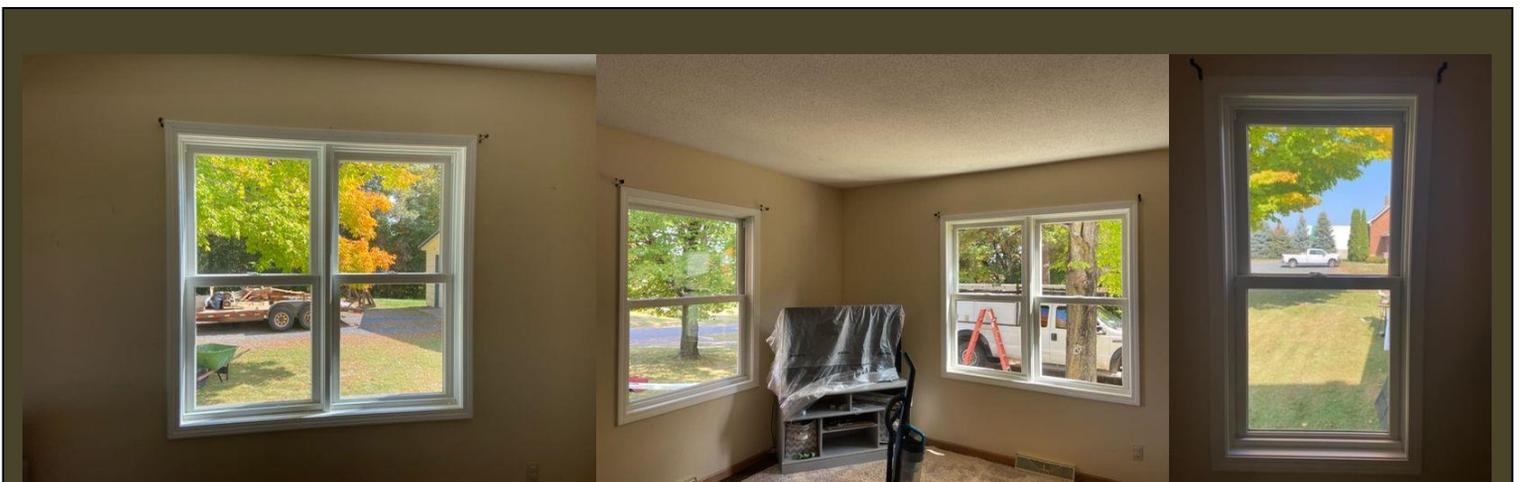
He moved with his parents at three months to the Trade River community of Grantsburg, graduated from Grantsburg High School, then Pine City Vo-Tech. After serving in the Army 1968 to 1970, Dennis worked as a mechanic at the John Deere dealer in Osceola, also doing custom farm field work with his JD 720 tractor and implements, worked several years for the Town of Sterling, grading and snowplowing.

He lived in Atlas, attended the Baptist Churches in Milltown and then Eureka. He was faithful in his devotion to Jesus Christ and serving when able. He enjoyed car races and volunteered in Osceola with tourist trains. He rode his Sno-Jet “sled” and later his Honda Gold Wing motorcycle and participated in Christian Motorcycle Association rides and events. A stroke in 1997 brought some of these activities to a halt. Since then he received much appreciated help from many friends and his younger brother, Marv.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his brothers Paul (Karen) Johnson of Washburn and Marvin Johnson of Golden Valley, MN, nieces Sarah (Michael) Wellnitz of Knoxville, TN and Renee Johnson of Washburn.

A service was held at Trade River Evangelical Free Church on Sept. 12, 2020 with Pastor Seth Brickley.



The Parsonage has had some work done – brand new windows!  
Thank you to Shaun Anderson for all the work you do for the church!



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