

September 2018



EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER



**Bible Study**

**Starts Wednesday,  
Sept 12**

**6:30pm**

**Leadership  
Meeting**

**Sunday,  
September 9**

**After Morning  
Service**



**River Road  
Ramble**

**Saturday,  
September 22**

**9:00am-5:00pm**



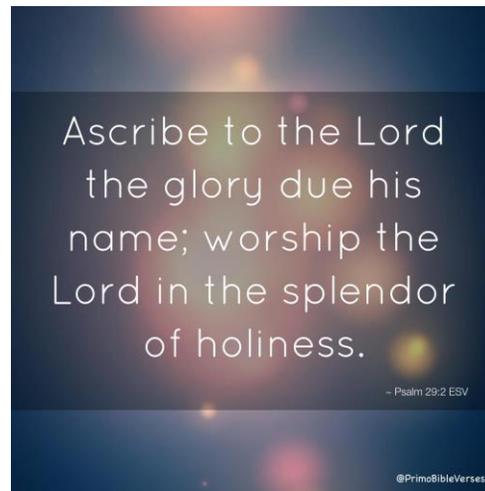
## A Note from Pastor Seth

A couple of weeks ago we honored long time members of Eureka Baptist Church, Alvin and Susan Matson, by naming the annex building after them. To say that Alvin and Susan have been pillars of our church would be an understatement. Alvin has attended this church since his birth. He has memories of pastors of Eureka Baptist from the 1930s. Susan started attending here when she was a teenager. Eureka Baptist Church has been their only church home for all those years. This is truly an example of steady faithfulness over the long haul. Eureka Baptist has been through much over those years, but the Lord has used Alvin and Susan as glue to keep this place going. As a church body we are very grateful for their steady faithfulness. We would not be in the good place we are as a church today, and we would not be as hopeful for the future without them. It was only appropriate that we honor them in some way. The newly renovated annex building has given us the opportunity to honor them by naming this facility after them. We are being faithful to the Scripture by doing this. We should always be in the habit of honoring those who deserve to be honored.

**Be devoted  
to one another  
in brotherly  
LOVE**  
Honor one another  
above yourselves.  
ROMANS 12:10

The apostle Paul commands believers to, "Outdo one another in showing honor" (Romans 12:10).

He says one chapter later to show, "honor to whom honor is owed" (Romans 13:7). In Alvin and Susan's case, they certainly deserve to be honored. By honoring them, we are saying thank you to the Lord for the gift of their service for all these decades at Eureka Baptist Church. As we honored Alvin and Susan, we should also honor all of those who deserve to be honored.



The one who most deserves to be honored is our great God. King David wrote that we must, "Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness" (Psalm 29:2). We should honor the Lord with greater honor and with more frequency than anyone else. We should make it our aim to honor him every day. We should speak to him (through prayer) with reverence and awe. We should praise him for his greatness. As the Scripture says, "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised" (Psalm 48:1). What comes from our mouth as we honor the Lord must come from a place of sincerity on the inside. Jesus said that, "for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks" (Luke 6:45). Those who genuinely praise him are showing that they truly do love him and are appropriately giving him the honor that

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Sunday Morning Service: 10:00am

\*Kid's Church during Service

Adult Sunday School: 9:00am

Family Nights - Monthly

You not only honor God with your words, but you also honor him with our whole life. The Scripture commands that since we have been redeemed through Christ, we are to honor God with our bodies (1 Corinthians 6:20). This means that in everything we do we are to live in a way that brings glory to our Great God (1 Corinthians 10:31). When people see that you live a godly life they should say, "this person lives his or her life in an honorable way." As people ponder your holy conduct it gives honor to God as you reflect his perfections.



A wonderful reality revealed in Scripture is the fact that God himself will honor his people for their faithfulness. The faithful are those who have as their goal to receive honor from God, and they are rewarded with the gift of eternal life (Romans 2:7). This should be the goal of our life, to receive a well done from God as we turn day-by-day from a God-dishonoring sinful lifestyle to God-honoring, holy living (Matthew 25:21). As his people honor him with their life, he will honor them (1 Samuel 2:30). This is a wonderful reality. The Lord above all deserves honor, and may we give him the honor that he is due. In due time we will receive honor from the one whose judgment is always accurate and whose reward is everlasting (1 Peter 5:6). May this motivate you to reflect him more and more each day, bringing honor to his name.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Seth

# River Road Ramble

Saturday, September 22 ~ 9:00am – 5:00pm



## Desserts – Church Garage Sale

Please plan to help in the kitchen, at the garage sale, or welcoming visitors! A sign-up sheet will be posted. Any help is appreciated!



Options for Women – 5K for LIFE



## SHEPARDS en GUADALAJARA



**AUGUST 2018**



Well our ten-week, 17 state and 10,000 mile trip stateside for reporting on the ministry in Guadalajara has

been a real blessing, sharing both the overall advances as well as the ongoing challenges of ministry in this wonderful city. *God gave us a car that drove smoothly and flawlessly, weather that was pleasantly temperate most of the way, and good health and strength.* What a wonderful blessing to visit the churches and so many people who have been supporting us through thirty-three years, first in Peru, and now Mexico. Our travel took us to eight churches and so many homes, wonderful conversations, and sweet hospitality. Being able to visit these same churches every 4-5 years, over those three decades plus, is a great church and ministry education of its own. God has many faithful servants everywhere. As Ellen astutely pointed out, while we were away from Guadalajara for 10 weeks, we were constantly sharing about Guadalajara. There is a great value in seeing the ministry from a distance and looking at the big picture. Our gratitude to you for helping us with the cost of this important time of reporting and meaningful reflection. We value these beneficial times of reconnection, reporting, recalibration and renewal.



Guad house church prayer of sendoff



setting up Café Conexión



### UPCOMING CHANGES IN PUERTO VALLARTA

We shared in our recent report that over the last year God has added three missionary couples to our ministry here in Guadalajara. This month one of those three is moving to Puerto Vallarta to join another couple as an extension of our team, vision and strategy. They are on the verge of opening a new community center in downtown Puerto Vallarta for developing contacts and forming relationships with people out in the widely diverse community of that city. This center will include a coffee café, an Airbnb, and a variety of classes and activities utilizing English, entrepreneurship, music, and art. *While PV is a great place for tourists to visit, it represents a profound ministry challenge that will test the spiritual mettle of our teammates.*

### UPCOMING CHANGE IN MEXICO

Many of you are aware that Mexico just elected a socialist president. It remains to be seen how this will all play out when he begins his term in January of 2019. As we try to be consistent in prayer for our US president, we will seek to do the same for our host country here south of the border, also calling on our believers here to do the same. *We appreciate so much the religious freedom here in Mexico. We pray it will continue.*



Eureka Baptist Church had its annual Church Picnic at Skonewood Christian Retreat on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. It was a beautiful day with lots of visiting, playing and swimming.



## Monthly Events



Women's Bible Study  
Saturday, September 1st  
9:00am



Men's Breakfast  
Saturday, September 8th  
8:00am



September Family Event  
River Road Ramble  
Saturday, September 22



## 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  
Starting September 12

## 2018 Board Members

### Deacons

Shaun Anderson  
Gordon Trombley

### Trustees

Randy Clark  
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Shaun Anderson

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Barbara Trombley  
Amber Lindo  
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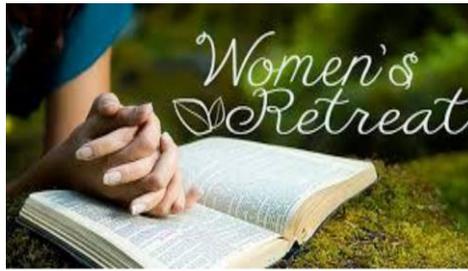
### Secretary

Amber Lindo

### Treasurers

Hansi Stridde  
Abby Swanson

## Church Announcements



Let's gather together on  
October 26 (late afternoon) - October 27 (before noon)  
at the  
Brickhouse Getaway  
(3 miles north of Centuria on Hwy 35)

Details to follow.

SAVE THE DATE



Thank you for your desire to pray for us and the ministry here in Guadalajara. We are much encouraged by that, as well as what we experienced in being with you guys at Eureka Baptist last month. It was a joy to see and sense the life going on. We left quite uplifted. We pray God will fill your thoughts and words as you pray for us, and continue to bless your work there as well.

Ralph & Ellen



We raised a lot of money during last year's River Road Ramble Yard Sale! If you have any items that you'd like to put toward this year's sale, please leave them in the Matson Building. Please bring items by September 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

The Miron Family visited us in August to share about their desire to work in Ireland sharing the Gospel. Eureka Baptist Church voted to add the Miron Family to our growing list of missionaries that we financially support. Please pray that all their financial needs are soon met! Future updates will be posted in the church newsletters.



Congratulations to Alvin and Susan Matson – celebrating 70 years of marriage! The building that was known as the Annex was renamed the Matson Building.

*This building was dedicated to Alvin and Susan Matson on August 11, 2018 for their many decades of faithful service to the Lord at Eureka Baptist Church.*



## Bubble-ology

Two little girls I know are in a season of enjoying bubbles.

They like blowing bubbles,  
waving bubble wands,  
popping bubbles.

But most of all, they like following bubbles with their eyes,  
watching the rainbow spheres float away until they  
dissipate mid-air,  
seeing where they go when they are free to  
roam.

Some wander quite awhile, drifting higher, farther afield.

“That bubble likes soybeans,” I said, pointing to a  
distant traveler.

“That one likes sky,” said one of the little girls,  
pointing upward.

“That one, grass.” The other little girl indicated a  
third bubble’s resting place.

Take a moment to blow a bubble,  
watch where it goes,  
and ponder:  
Where do your thoughts go when they are free to  
roam?

It has been said that what we love, we think about. So  
again, where do your thoughts go when they  
are free to roam?

God often thinks of us.  
The immensity of that startles my spirit, thrills my heart.  
He can think about anything He cares to, but He thinks about  
you, He thinks about me.  
His thoughts of us are immeasurable.

He loves us that much.

In Psalm 139 David writes, “How precious to me are your  
thoughts, O God! How vast the sum of them. Were I to count  
them, they would outnumber the grains of sand.” (vv. 17-18)

Elsewhere, (in Psalm 56:8), I am told that God carries my  
tears in a bottle.

He cares for us!

Like roaming thoughts or a bubble  
this article wanders from one touchpoint to another  
finally ending with a

## POP.

Submitted by Barbara Trombley



Eureka Baptist Church will welcome Brian and Debby Stout on September 16<sup>th</sup>. They are missionaries to Macedonia. Macedonia is in southeast Europe just north of Greece. They have served there since 2006. They have five children: Joy, Isaiah, Benjamin, Grace, and Hope.

## BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear God,

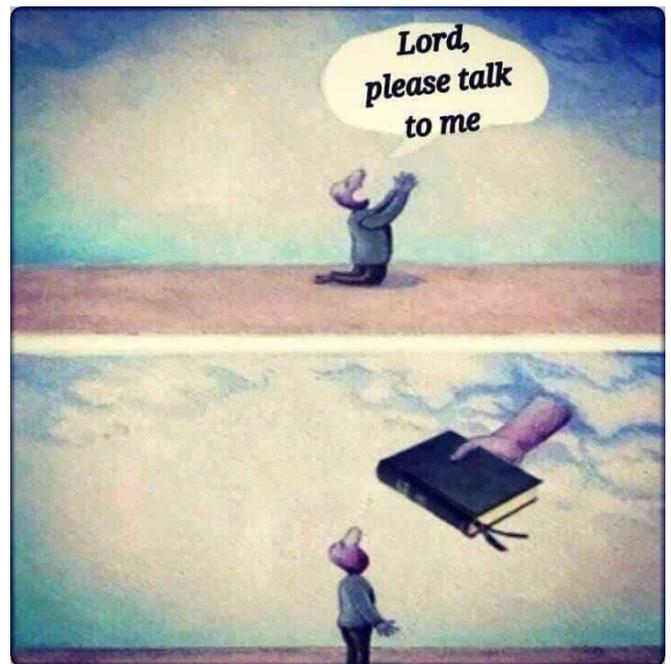
Thank you for the gift of my children.

Please **watch over them** as they go back to school,  
and protect them from negative influences.

**Help them be a light** to others, and help them  
them show love, care, and respect to their friends  
and teachers.

**Please protect them** from bullies, but if they face  
one, **give them courage to stand up for them-**  
**selves and for others.**

Help them to remember when they are scared or  
afraid, You are there with them. **As much as I love**  
**my children, You love them even more,** and I  
know You will be watching out for them.



**Happy Birthday!!**

Lillie Lindo 9/16

Hansi Stridde 9/28

**Happy Anniversary!**

Kyle & Abby Swanson 9/3

Shaun & Rachael Anderson 9/14

*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*



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