Happy Valentine's Day!

Wednesday, February 14th

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 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.

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 he deserves.

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

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.

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 19th. 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
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.

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 18th. Thank you!
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

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Eureka Baptist Church will welcome Brian and Debby Stout on September 16th. 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.

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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 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 themselves 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.

Lord, please talk to me

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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