

September 2019



EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER



## Wednesday Night Bible Study

Starts September 4  
6:30pm

## Ladies Night

September 19  
5:30pm



## River Road Ramble

September 28  
9:00am – 5:00pm



## A Note from Pastor Seth

One thing I admire about our church community is there are many hard workers among us. As you consider your work I hope to help you understand God's purpose in your vocation in this article. Sometimes people wonder if work is good or if it is a product of humanities fall into sin. Work can feel like a burden sometimes, but what Scripture makes clear is that work is good. Before sin came into the world we are told, "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and keep it" Genesis 2:15). This verse makes clear that God created work as a blessing for mankind and not a curse. However, there is a frustration in work because of sin's curse in the world (Genesis 3:17-19), but that does not take away the blessings that comes from it. We experience this in our own lives. I remember growing up during my school days with many lazy summers. By August I had this feeling inside that I should be more productive. You can only play so long before it gets old. To have free time is good, but we only truly enjoy play if it is accompanied with work. To have an abundance of leisure with no work does not lead to happiness. Depression is much more common in those who do not work than in those who do. To work a job and accomplish something gives a good feeling to the worker. God made work to be joyful and it is his gift to humans (Ecclesiastes 3:12-13). I am sure that you have experienced this as you have worked over the years. It feels good to be productive and accomplish something.

The greatest joy comes from working for the Lord and not to make a name for yourself or impress someone else. The aim for the Christian should be to honor the Lord in everything he or she does, including your labor. Your aim should be to work in a manner that reflects well on him. The Lord will reward faithfulness in your work (Colossians 3:23-24). You may ask how may we honor the Lord in our vocations? One thing we should do is work hard. The Bible commends the example of the ant. King Solomon wrote, "Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise" (Proverbs 6:6). To give your best effort in work is pleasing to the Lord. Not only should we work hard but we should also be joyful. No one feels loved if you grumble while you work.

The Lord calls us to work with the right attitude (Philippians 2:14). We should also be honest in our work. The Lord hates falsehood (Exodus 20:16). We should be truth tellers just as God always speaks the truth. We should also see our work as evangelism, an opportunity to put a good word in for Christ. We are told in Scripture to, "Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person" (Colossians 4:5-6). The Lord has planted believers in every field of work. Before I was a pastor I worked in the running shoe industry. There were very few Christians in this line of work. During my time working in this industry I saw myself as a messenger of Christ, commissioned by King Jesus to spread the good news. The Lord has placed you where he has for a reason. He has placed you where you are to advance the gospel.

The opposite of hard work is laziness. Laziness is condemned in Scripture. King Solomon wrote that, "The sluggard does not plow in the autumn; he will seek at harvest and have nothing" (Proverbs 20:4). The apostle Paul wrote something similar in his letter to the church in Thessalonica, "If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat" (2 Thessalonians 3:10). What these texts teach is that food and possessions are a reward to the one who works. God designed it that his image bearers would be productive, and to gain something from work is an incentive to be active and not lazy. One of my friends is a missionary in a country where unemployment is around 25-30%. As you might imagine, this is a depressed nation that is engrossed in poverty. Many of these people could work but they do not. This goes against God's design and therefore people do not experience the blessing that comes from productivity in labor. To be idle is sinful. Now I must qualify this. There are those who cannot work. They are not sinning. People in this situation must honor the Lord with the lot the Lord has given. In most cases, these people would love to work, but they cannot. They need to trust the Lord with the situation in life he has placed them. God's people are to find contentment when old age or the trials of life keep one from the blessings of work (Philippians 4:11-13). But those unable to work can still experience productivity in different ways. At a prayer meeting a while back Rob and Karen described an elderly lady

they knew who did not work but she spent her whole day in prayer. Truly, the Lord's plan for her was not to work but to be productive in a different way. Her call was to pray diligently. But this situation in life is the exception rather than the rule. Most are able to work and should honor the Lord by filling your days with productive work.

However, there is one big caution as I close. It is my observation that our church does not have a noticeable problem with laziness in work. As I mentioned above, we are a church full of hard working people. But we can make the opposite error. The opposite error is overwork and neglecting other God-given responsibilities. To work eighty hours a week and spend little time with your family is not pleasing to the Lord (1 Timothy 5:8). To also neglect meeting with God's people through overworking dishonors God. Believers are commanded to meet together in corporate worship on a regular basis (Hebrews 10:24-25). Prioritizing Sunday morning services and Bible studies is very important. Furthermore, it is also God's design that his image bearers have a regular pattern of rest (Exodus 20:8-11). The pattern laid out in Scripture is to work six days and rest on the seventh. To take time off you will find yourself more productive in the days you actually work. If we find so much fulfillment and identity in work to the point where we neglect the more important responsibilities, we are committing idolatry (Exodus 20:3). Work becomes our god and not the Lord. Work is a good design from God, but we need to keep in the position God has placed it. I hope this helps in understanding the place of work in your lives. My prayer is that our church community would bring glory to God through our work (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Seth

### Eureka Baptist Church

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Sunday Morning Service: 10:00am

\*Kid's Church during Service

Adult Sunday School: 9:00am

Ladies  
NIGHT

Thursday, September 19 at 5:30pm

Sandy Clark's Home: 1940 230th Street, SCF

Light meal provided.

# MissionReach

## Shepard Family: Guadalajara

### TWO NEW BABIES

One of our house churches getting way too big. People love the sense of community and impetus, and there are some pretty strong bonds. Nevertheless, over the summer we have been planting the vision for change. We spoke of the need for newer people to be able to voice their questions, their doubts, and the greater sense of intimacy in a smaller setting. And we spoke of the many people we all know that need to know and experience what we already have.

Finally, we said we were going to begin two new groups and asked them to pray and listen to what the Holy Spirit wanted them to do. I told them last week that the group is pregnant, and we are expecting twins. In September we will invite some of these people to become part of the two new groups we will launch. Please pray for a safe delivery, and two healthy babies.

## Tokar Family: Ukraine

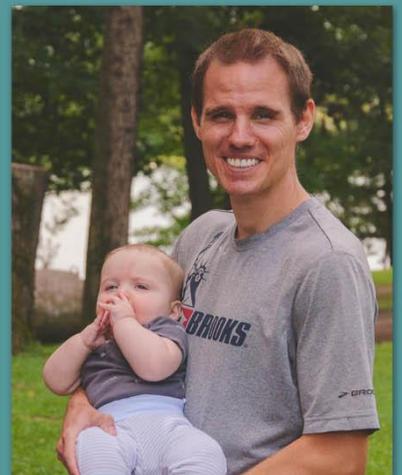
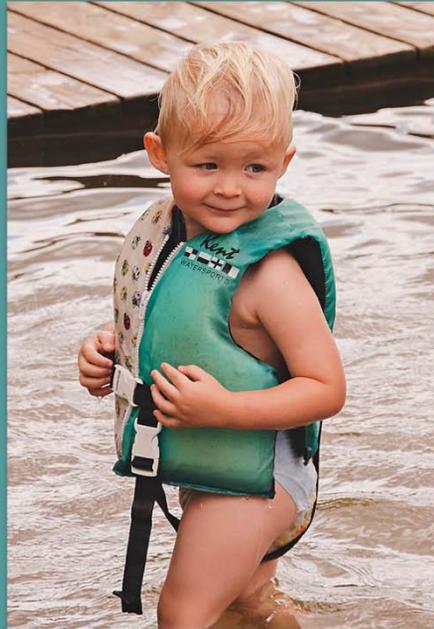
Summer English intensive is off to a good start...



## Stout Family: Macedonia

Just wanted to let you know what God is up to in Macedonia and thank-you for your prayers for our family here!

1. God's provision of all the money for our vehicle. It all came in. Thanks for your generosity!
2. God's provision of the Word of Hope Church Building, around \$165,000 has come in because of you! The church board are prayerfully considering buying their current location and refurbishing the whole building. Praise/Prayer!
3. God's work at Integrity Sport's camp where sports and God's Word meet. Huge impact and just this weekend 12 kids showed up for a Bible study. Check out the picture below of this sport's outreach on baseball day!
4. Stout kids all started homeschool yesterday and Joy does Crown College online starting tomorrow. Pray for Debby as she is the main teacher!
5. Isaiah and Benjamin are both getting baptized this Sunday together with others from the Word of Hope church plants in Macedonia. Yippeee!
6. Please pray for our breathing, especially Brian has been struggling more with his asthma since being back in Skopje. Thanks.
7. Cool Story - God's work in our friend at the Macedonia Chicago Consulate who gave us our visa. As you know Brian prayed for his daughter Donna in the Consulate, who needed a liver transplant. A couple of weeks ago, we heard that God did another miracle. God provided the liver for his 25 year old daughter, as a Chicago pastor tried to give his liver to one of his church members, but that lady died on the operating table. On the waiting list was Donna's name and she was called to come in right away! So there was 15 minutes for Donna to get to the hospital to get the liver transplant. However, Donna got stuck in rush hour traffic in Chicago, so she got out of the car and ran 1 1/2 blocks to the hospital where she passed out cause of exhaustion. However, the doctors were able to do the liver transplant in Donna, and today she is doing really well. Praise the Lord! This Muslim family have received Bibles and are opened to God's work! Our God answers prayers!



## Monthly Events



Women's Bible Study  
Saturday, September 7  
9:00am



Men's Breakfast  
Saturday, September 14  
8:00am



Prayer Meeting  
First Sunday of the Month  
6:30pm



## Weekly Events



Adult Sunday School  
Sunday Mornings  
9:00am



Morning Service  
Sunday Mornings  
10:00am



Kids Church  
Sunday mornings during  
Morning Service



Bible Study  
Wednesday Evenings  
6:30pm

2019 Board Members

Deacons

Shaun Anderson  
Gordon Trombley

Elders

Mark Brooks  
Rob Mickelson

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Randy Clark  
Shaun Anderson

Deaconess

Barbara Trombley  
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Hansi Stridde  
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2019

River Road Ramble  
at  
Eureka Baptist Church

Saturday, September 28th  
9:00am - 5:00pm

Join us for pie and desserts during the River Road Ramble  
and visit our Yard Sale!!  
Apple Cider Press demonstration at 11:00am

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Introducing  
**Owen Michael Martin**

Born August 9, 2019  
8 lbs. 14 oz.

Parents: Amanda and Justyn Martin  
Grandparents: Gordy and Barb Trombley



Church Announcements

-**New Men's Group** – begins September 21 at 8:00am. "The Masculine Mandate" by Richard Phillips

-**Wednesday Night Bible Study** – begins September 4 at 6:30pm

-**Church Yard Sale** – If you have items for the River Road Ramble Yard Sale, you can leave them in the Matson Building.

**Save the date!** Harvest Festival – October 26<sup>th</sup>. Glory Train will be performing.

**Leadership Meeting** – September 22

Happy Birthday!!

Lillie Lindo, 9/16 Hansi Stridde, 9/28

Happy Anniversary!!

Shaun & Rachael Anderson. 9/14



JEN WILKIN

SERMON  
ON THE MOUNT

A 9-SESSION BIBLE STUDY

Examine Jesus' Sermon on the Mount verse by verse to:

- Challenge yourself to think differently about repentance, salvation, and sanctification
- Discover how a disciple of Christ should think, speak, and act
- See Jesus' words as one cohesive unit, and understand what it's like to be a citizen of the kingdom of heaven

Beginning Friday, Sept. 13 9:30 a.m.

Joyful Morning, Dresser WI

## 5K for Life



Thank you to everyone that helped on the new Toddler Room!!



*Thank you!*



Thank you to Hansi Stridde and Abby Swanson for hosting Family Night!



## Baptism



Sophie Lindo was baptized at the Church Picnic on August 18<sup>th</sup> at Skonewood Christian Retreat.



"I've been going to Eureka Baptist Church since I was a baby. My earliest memories are those of Bible stories and hymns sang in church. I've always been taught that I'm a child of God and that Jesus died for my sins.

However, when I asked questions about going to heaven, my family would answer them, but told me that I needed to really think about what Jesus did on the cross for me before I decided to become a follower.

When I was 7 years old, I talked again with my mom and she told me that when I was ready to live a life with Jesus, she would pray with me. The time and place had to be my decision, though. I really had to be sure that the choice I was making would be mine.

On the day of my 8th birthday, I told mom that I wanted the day to be extra special. We sat down on the couch and she helped me to pray that day. I said that I know that I make bad decisions. I said that I know that when Jesus went to the cross and died – that he died for me. He died for things that I've done in my life to make me not perfect. But – because he did that for me, I get to spend forever with him. He gave me a ticket to Heaven and all I had to do was accept that from him.

Jesus was thinking about me when he died on the cross. He was thinking about how special I am and that I needed to go to Heaven someday. He saved me.

I promise to do my best to follow him and do my best to make good decisions."



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