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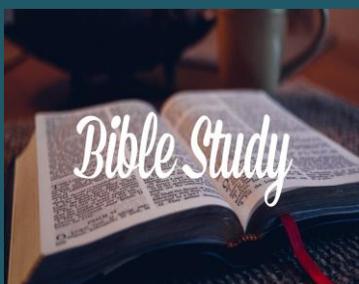


EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

What a Friend We Have in

Jesus



**Wednesday Night
Bible Study**

Starting September 8

**Membership
Meeting**

Sunday
September 12

**Membership
MEETING**

**Church
YARD
SALE**

River Road Ramble

Saturday
September 25



A Note from Pastor Seth

Over the last eighteen months in America we have seen evil advance at a pace never seen before in our land. It used to be that speaking the truth in America was a virtue. But it is this way no longer. In the history of the church thousands upon thousands of Christians have been martyred for their faith in Christ. The reason they were martyred is because they did not toe the party line. John the Baptist was put in prison and later beheaded because he called out Herod Philip's sin of incest (Matthew 14:1-12). John the Baptist said something that got him into serious trouble. He called out evil and it cost him his life. This is the story of Christians down through the ages. But what is interesting is that these Christians were not put to death explicitly for their Christian faith, but for another reason. As Christian missionary Paul Washer has said, "Down through history you have a wrong idea of martyrdom and Christian persecution. You think that these men were persecuted and martyred for their sincere faith in Jesus Christ. That was the real reason but no one heard that publicly. They were martyred and they were persecuted as enemies of the state. As bigots, as narrow minded stupid people who had fallen for a rouse and can contribute nothing to society." Then Washer says something very sobering that Christians should pay close attention to: "Your suffering will not be noble, so your mind must be filled with the Word of God when all people persecute and turn on you." What is interesting is that Washer warned American Christians about these things ten years ago.

His words are prophetic. To stand for Christian truth in modern day America will put you in the minority. In America today it is risky to speak the truth. To call out the LGBTQ agenda as sinful is risky.

To call out the social justice movement for what it is (Cultural Marxism) is risky. To call out abortion as murder is risky. To call out human trafficking when many want to sweep it under the rug is risky. To say that Jesus is the only way to God in a believe whatever you want society is risky.

It is even risky to speak the whole truth in mainstream Christianity, but God is pruning his church in America right now. Much of what we thought was American Christianity is in fact a worldly version of Christianity. The very things I mentioned above are either avoided altogether or watered down to make the Christian message more palatable to the secular world. But what these Christians (some real and some phony) forget is that the world will most often have a negative view toward Christians as they follow Christ. Jesus said, "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you" (John 15:18). The same world that killed Jesus is the same world that is opposed to his followers. Over the last year I have seen the unbelieving world say good things about some Christians but they all have one thing in common: every person was compromising in some area. These compromised Christians were promoting worldly causes such as social justice or toning it down on the sins of society that are celebrated, such as homosexuality. At the same time these compromised Christians are frustrated with the Christian who are consistently following the Bible on all of these issues.

What compromised Christians are saying is that the more rigid Christian is ruining our witness to the world. But they once again forget what Jesus has said. The world will look down on us as we follow him without compromise. Frankly, John the Baptist type faithfulness is foreign to most of the American Church.

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Sunday Morning Service: 10:00am

*Kid's Church during Service

Sunday School: 9:00am

Most American Christian leaders today would not call out evil like John the Baptist did because of the uncomfortable consequences. The problem with American Christianity is that most Christian leaders are calculated in what they say. They soften Christianity in order to get the world to like Christianity. But what they are doing is drawing people only to a perverted understanding of the Christian faith. True Christianity loves what is good and hates what is evil. True Christianity has a righteous anger toward sin. True Christianity calls evil for what it is even when there will be blowback. True Christianity does not see "Bible thumping Christians" as the problem, but is alarmed at those so willing to compromise to receive the applause of men. True Christianity is willing to be ostracized from mainstream society like John the Baptist was. True Christianity trusts God to take care of you even though the world despises you. True Christianity is so unlike this world that is passing away. True Christianity is rare air in American Christianity. But even though this is the landscape in America right now may we make it our aim to please God (2 Corinthians 5:9). May we remember that the world's opinion is so fleeting, but God's opinion is eternal. May we long to hear the words, "Well done good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21) as we stand with him in a world that largely opposes his followers.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Seth



MissionMissions:reach

Tokar Family

Josh & Svitlana Tokar serve with WorldVenture in Ukraine. The Tokars train national church leaders at Donetsk Christian University (DCU). Graduates of DCU serve all across the former USSR as missionaries, pastors and other church workers. Josh's role is to teach English to these students.

Why English?

1. Access to resources. English unlocks a vast amount of resources that students do not have available in Russian or Ukrainian. As you can imagine, after 70 years of communism, very few good resources were published on Christianity. While many works are now being published, and other works translated, access to English still remains crucial in preparation for ministry.
2. English is the trade language of the world. Knowing English gives these students the ability to partner more effectively with western missionaries and ministries for the cause of the Gospel. In addition, with the fact that most Ukrainian missionaries and pastors need to be bivocational (meaning they work a second job while doing ministry), English helps give them an edge on competing for jobs.
3. Opens doors for sharing the Gospel. The demand for learning English around the world has proven to be a great opportunity to share about Jesus Christ to those who would otherwise not be interested. DCU offers community English courses open to the public every Saturday during the school year and English camps during the summer. Quite simply, providing this service opens doors for the Gospel, not only in Donetsk, but throughout the former USSR.

Praying for Christians in Afghanistan

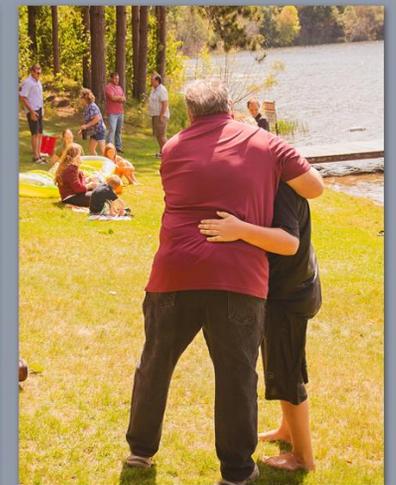
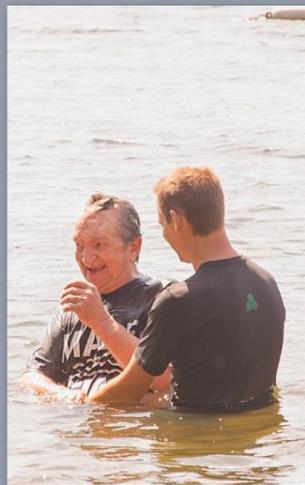
It is impossible to live openly as a Christian in Afghanistan. Leaving Islam is considered shameful, and Christian converts face dire consequences if their new faith is discovered. All Christians in Afghanistan are extremely vulnerable to persecution. Areas controlled by the Taliban are particularly oppressive, but there is no safe way to express any form of Christian faith in the country.

Franklin Graham confirms the situation in Afghanistan is desperate. Thousands of people who know they will be targeted by the Taliban are trying to get out of the country and can't, with the Taliban blocking access to the airport and other exit routes. This is a life or death situation for Christians and other religious minorities, for Afghans who worked with or for America, and for Americans who are left in Afghanistan.

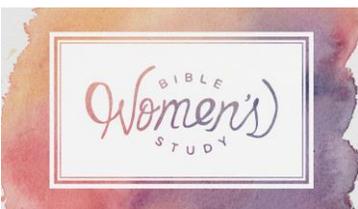
The Islamic extremists who have taken Afghanistan by force have a history of brutality, including beheadings and public executions. We know what they are capable of. There is no hope for these people to get out safely—apart from a miracle from the hand of God—and that's what we need to pray for.

The Taliban considers women sub-human, and they have a reputation for killing women who have been educated. Mothers who teach their daughters to read and write are executed by these brutal Islamic extremists. Every woman who has received an education in the last 20 years is now at risk. And think of the prospects ahead for Christians and other minorities in the country.





Monthly Events



Women's Bible Study
Join us in October



Men's Breakfast
Saturday, September 11
8:00am



Marriage Bible Study
Monday, September 6



Weekly Events



Sunday School
Sunday Mornings
9:00am



Morning Service
Sunday Mornings
10:00am



Fridays
Matson Building
9:30am



Kids Church
Sunday mornings during
Morning Service

2021 Board Members

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Church Announcements

- **Thank you** to the adults that helped when the visiting youth groups were here!
- **Marriage Bible Study** is Monday, September 6 at 6:30pm
- **River Road Ramble** is Saturday, September 25. Please be watching for more information about the event and ways you can help out.
- Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm for **Bible Study!**
- **Friday Women's Group** will start back up on September 17 with a new study.
- Please be praying that the school year for the **teachers and students** goes smoothly.
- There will be a **member informational meeting** on Sunday, September 12 after morning service for those interested in becoming members.
- **Leadership Meeting** will be after morning service on Sunday, September 19.
- **Mandi Taylor's** Graduation Open House is September 18 from 12:00pm-4:00pm.
- **Church Cookbooks** are still available! \$10.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Lillie Lindo 9/16, Madison Jorgenson 9/17, Hansi Stridde 9/28, Mandi Taylor 9/29

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: David & Patsy Anderson 9/2, Kyle & Abby Swanson 9/3, Shaun & Rachael Anderson 9/14, Terry & Joan Lee 9/21



Congrats to all those baptized in August!

Cassie Johnson
Lisa Olson
Melanie Twohy
David Twohy
Drew Lindo
Jordan Braund
Ray Chupp

Options for Women – 5K for LIFE



Hope McKinley has started the Vet Tech Program the University of Montana Western. We are all very proud of Hope! If you'd like to write her:

Hope McKinley
803 S. Washington St
Dillon, MT 59275

WEDNESDAY
BIBLE STUDY
NIGHT

Eureka Baptist Church
Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Don't feel sorry for or fear for your kids because the world they are going to grow up in is not what it used to be.
God created them and called them for the exact moment in time that they're in. Their life wasn't a coincidence or an accident.
Raise them up to know the power they walk in as children of God.
Train them up in the authority of His Word.
Teach them to walk in faith knowing that God is in control.
Empower them to know they can change the world.
Don't teach them to be fearful and disheartened by the state of the world but hopeful that they can do something about it.
Every person in all of history has been placed in the time that they were in because of God's sovereign plan.

He knew Daniel could handle the lions den. 
He knew David could handle Goliath.
He knew Esther could handle Haman.
He knew Peter could handle persecution.
He knows that your child can handle whatever challenge they face in their life. He created them specifically for it!

Don't be scared for your children, but be honored that God chose YOU to parent the generation that is facing the biggest challenges of our lifetime.
Rise up to the challenge.

Raise Daniels, Davids, Esthers and Peters!

God isn't scratching His head wondering what He's going to do with this mess of a world.

He has an army He's raising up to drive back the darkness and make Him known all over the earth.
Don't let your fear steal the greatness God placed in them. I know it's hard to imagine them as anything besides our sweet little babies, and we just want to protect them from anything that could ever be hard on them, but they were born for such a time as this.

~Alex Cravens



CHURCH YARD SALE

River Road Ramble
Saturday, September 25
9:00am – 5:00pm

It is almost time to start dropping off items for our Yard Sale! Please be watching for announcements as the event gets closer!



Congratulations to Kid's Church graduates!
Lillie Lindo, Zariah Braund and Chase Talmadge (not pictured).

Youth Group Weekend



New Richmond and Bloomer Baptist joined our youth for a weekend of fun in the St. Croix Falls area. Watch for more photos and a recap of the weekend in the next newsletter!



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