

Dear CBA Friends,

Eureka Baptist Church has a long history of faithfulness to the Lord. The church started in 1881 and I am pleased to report that the church is still going strong in 2018. I started as the Lead Pastor at Eureka Baptist in February 2017. The church is located in a beautiful area just a few miles east of the border of Minnesota. Our church is located approximately eight miles north of St. Croix Falls in an unincorporated town known as Eureka Center. The people of Eureka have a special love for the beautiful area that we live in. Our area has lakes, the St. Croix River, hills, valley, cliffs, and is heavily wooded. We also have an abundance of wildlife. It is not a rare occasion to spot a black bear walking through your yard. I was attracted to the church because I saw the potential. I saw a people who were hungry for God's word and desired to trust the Lord's guidance to build for the future.

Eureka Baptist has a good range of ages from babies all the way up to the elderly. We are blessed to have many who have called this church home for decades. We are also blessed to have those who just started coming in the past year. Since I started, people have found their way to Eureka because they wanted to be a part of a church that digs deep into God's Word, fostering an environment that can lead to Christian maturity. By the grace of God, I have already seen people grow spiritually. We have many ways that people can take steps of growing in Christ-likeness. In addition to our Sunday morning service, we also put great value



in small groups. We have Sunday school, Wednesday evening Bible study, and a men's and women's breakfast one Saturday a month. We also put a high premium on discipleship. I have started meeting with men who will be able to disciple other men, and women leaders have already started to disciple other women who will be able to do the same (2 Timothy 2:2). The adults in our church also see the importance of having a gospel-centered children's ministry. It is our great desire that each of these children would have a relationship with Christ.

Our mission at Eureka is "To grow together in Christ." Included in our desire to grow is to be used by God to transfer people from darkness to light (Colossians 1:13-14). We are making it our objective to invite people

regularly to church. As many of you know, sometimes people come, but many times they do not. Therefore, we are trying to be faithful, inviting people to our church where we know they will hear the gospel. Please pray that more would come, and would come to know Jesus as Lord, Savior, and Treasure.



One thing that I tell the church regularly is that I plan to be here for the long haul. I am not using this church as a stepping-stone to go to some "greener pasture." As far as my wife and I are concerned, we see Eureka as a place where the grass is

very green. We do not want to be anywhere else. The leadership at Eureka Baptist desires to have a healthy church. This means resembling what a New Testament church is supposed to look like. The goal of the New Testament church is for the pastor to “equip the saints for the work of ministry” so that we can minister to one another in order to move everyone toward maturity (Ephesians 4:11-16). At Eureka, our goal is to build a church full of rock solid Christians who look like Christ and are ready to face any challenges that the life of faith throws at them, everything from a difficult diagnosis to facing persecution from the world (Matthew 7:24-25; 1 Peter 1:6-7; 4:12-14). We are excited for the days ahead to see what the Lord is going to accomplish through us. Jesus promised to build his church (Matthew 16:18), and he is doing that at Eureka Baptist.

*Grace and Peace,
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