

Baptism Sunday

This is a story about a chain reaction.

Elizabeth Efteland, the onetime family good girl, came first. "When I was little, church was like my second home," she says. "But then in college it got confusing."

"Come and see." That simple invitation is all it took for Elizabeth to attend one of the first worship services at All Peoples Church in Minneapolis.

"Something happened that day," says church planter Sam Choi. "The Holy Spirit started doing a work, and she became someone who wanted to tell other people, 'Come and see.'"

Johnny came next. Johnny Efteland was Elizabeth's little brother and onetime family bad boy. "I always deep down knew there was a God," he says. "But I just really didn't care."

Elizabeth brought Johnny to All Peoples, the church that'd just started in their neighborhood. "If you would've told me how things would go down after that," she says, "I never would've believed it."

Johnny decided to follow Jesus. "Someone you think would be the last person to follow Jesus," he now says, "just reach out your hand and they'll take it."

Nolan came next. Nolan Nielsen was Johnny's closest friend. Johnny told Nolan, "Come and see." When Nolan showed up at All Peoples Church, "They talked about the gospel," he says, "And I was like, 'Yeah, this is what I want.'"

Johnny and Nolan were baptized on the same day. "Now this church is almost 100% grown through 'come and see.'" Sam says. "And the world can't help but see us and say, 'Wow, the gospel really can transform lives.'"


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**"WHOEVER
BELIEVES
AND IS
BAPTIZED
WILL BE
SAVED."**

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SAPPONY BAPTIST CHURCH

April 27, 2025

Rev. Michael Dickey, Pastor

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Invocation and Welcome

Hymn No. 318 "The Nail-Scarred Hand"

Hymn No. 243 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Missionary Prayer Calendar

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 244 "Spirit of the Living God"

Doxology

Scripture John 20:19-31

Message Rev. Dickey

"So That You May Believe"

Hymn No. 312 "Softly and Tenderly"

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be in prayer for our sick and shut-ins as they are unable to worship with us today.

Bible Study will be held on Wednesday at 3pm (early group) and 7pm (late group and students) at the parsonage. We look forward to seeing you.

Wednesday, May 7th at 2pm at the parsonage there will be a planning meeting for our family weekend in September at Kehukee. If you are willing to help but unable to attend the meeting please let Mike, Kay or myself know. We can make this a great family weekend with your help. Thanks for your support.
Irma

THE PRAYER WALL is up on our website. Anyone may now submit prayer requests online, so please check b the wall and commit to praying for those requests. Also, please update us on any prayer requests that you have. This can be done on the website or by contracting Sue (804) 731-1481 or suewinfield171@gmail.com.

If you wish to receive text messages updates including paper requests from the church, please text "JOIN" to 804-430-6282 in order to be added to the list. Also please save that number as a contact in your phone to insure that our messages don't go to your spam.

PRE-READ FOR NEXT WEEK: John 21:1-19