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We connect people to Jesus and help God change their lives.



June is Missions Month

Did you know there are places around the globe with little or no access to the gospel, to a church, or even to a bible? This is why we need to not only be concerned about our town of Milton but also about the millions of people around the world who have no real opportunity to know the Lord Jesus Christ.

Did you know that people are most open to the gospel when they go through major life transitions including the need to leave their home country and become refugees? This creates amazing opportunities to reach out to many groups of people who are difficult to reach. Because they have had to flee their home country, they have come into contact with Christ-followers who are loving them and sharing the gospel with them.

Did you know that God led our church to a the Rohingya people to pray for and minister to? And that “people group” has few Christ-followers, little access to the gospel, to a church, to a Bible? And many have been refugees, fleeing from their country because of intense persecution.

During Missions Month, we will talk about the Rohingya, a few of our church supported missionaries, and other missions work.

You can look forward to this:

June 5: Featuring Jan Teat, our missionary to Q Place and the organization that provided the 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversations; also the Art of Sharing will be discussed;

June 12: Our ministry to the Rohingya and how God brought us to this people group;

June 19: Church is at Camp Wakonda, featuring the Koinonia singers, led by our missionary, Larry Schulz;

June 26: Featuring our church's partnership with the SDB Church in Uganda

Our God is a missionary God. He did not just look down from heaven and hope for the best for sinful humanity. He himself came down, lived among us, preached the gospel, and gave his life to save our lives. As Pastor John Piper has said, “If you love the glory of God, you cannot be indifferent to missions.” Let’s join our hearts together during this missions month and see what great things God will do in our hearts and through our hands for God’s glory!

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Praying for Our Missionaries *by Renee Sanford, Prayer Coordinator*

We are so blessed to have opportunities to participate in the great commission – as those who go, as those who send, as those who pray. Here are 15 ways to pray for our missionaries (Zac, Nathaniel, Larry and Jan).

- **Intimacy with God** – Pour out your Holy Spirit upon them; open their hearts to your word; keep them walking close to you
- **Language and Communication Skills** – Especially for Zac (Spanish) and Nathaniel (German); help them share their vision – your vision – with their supporters
- **Guidance** – Lead them in your ways; show them the next steps – what to do, what to stop doing, what to delegate
- **Opportunities to Share the Gospel** – Teach them to be loving and bold; lead them to those who are ready to hear
- **Discipleship** – Help them continue to learn – and be able to teach others
- **Spiritual Protection** – Shield them with your armor so they can stand against spiritual attacks
- **Physical Protection** – Keep them safe and healthy
- **Financial Support** – Meet all their financial needs – in ways that bring you glory
- **Spiritual Support** – Provide them with prayer partners and encouragers
- **Peace** – Help them cast all their cares upon you – give them your shalom peace
- **Relationships** – Surround them with friends; nurture their family relationships
- **Holiness** – Protect them from falling into temptation; give them a longing for a godly life
- **Unity** – Give them supernatural unity with fellow missionaries and support teams
- **Fellow Laborers** – Bring them the helpers and coworkers they need to carry out your work
- **Fruitfulness** – Make their labor fruitful – and let them be encouraged by seeing the fruit of their labor

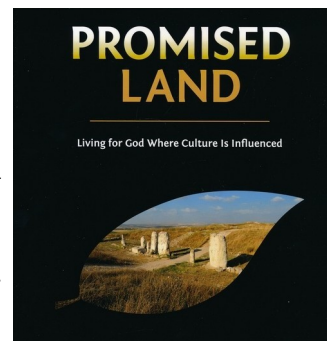


Pray for Missions

Summer Sabbath School – 2021 *by Pastor Liz Green*

This summer we will be viewing a study called *Promised Land*, by Ray VanderLaan. This is a video-based study that guides you through the land of the Bible. In each lesson, Vander Laan illuminates the historical, geographical, and cultural context of Scripture. Filmed on location in the Middle East, this film series will transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true follower of Jesus.

This class will be both in-person and on Zoom at 9 AM on Sabbath mornings beginning June 5 through July 3. For those in-person, we will meet in Room 6 with social distancing and masks (or whatever is required at that time by the health department.) We'll watch the video on the big-screen smart TV, and also



share it via Zoom. We will arrange the Zoom so our participants at home can also participate in the discussion. The Zoom link will be in the Friday Update.

Note that we will not be having class on Memorial Day weekend, but we will have class on June 19, which will also be Worship at Wakonda with Koinonia. Join us!

Awana Celebration, *by Angie Mullen, Director*



the Timothy Award, given to 6th graders who have completed all 4 T&T handbooks.

Sparky Awards

Melissa and Jeremy Lade, Tara Rotzoll, Rich Gallegos, Rick Mullen, Mike Hoffman, Daniel Hulstrom, Matt Uglum, and Pastor Liz Green.

As we take a break for the summer, we seek God and his plan for the coming year. His plans and his ways are perfect and we desperately want to go where he leads. Pray that we would clearly hear and follow

While it may not have looked like a typical club year at Awana, we are praising God for his faithfulness in allowing us to serve the children in the Milton community at Awana each Wed. night – even during a pandemic! Each of our clubbers and leaders endured mask wearing, kept social distancing and worked hard to memorize and understand God’s Word. Game time sure looked a bit different, too. But even with Covid mitigation procedures in place, we know our children had fun each week and most importantly, were able to hear the Gospel message and what it means to follow Jesus.

winners this year were Aiden Hess, Ava Williams, William Holbrook and John Harris. Our Timothy Award winner was Natalie Kersten. If you see these children, please congratulate them on their hard work and dedication to memorizing God’s Word. You can also ask Natalie about her life verse, which she shared with us all during the program.



Sparky Award winners – Aiden Hess, Ava Williams, William Holbrook, and John Harris

A big shout out goes to all our dedicated Awana leaders who were willing and able to give of their time and talents in this highly unusual year. Our Awana staff was a bit smaller due to the 2020-21 circumstances, but God called exactly who we needed and these people answered that call to fill a vital role this year: Marcy Kersten,

those plans for Awana 2021-22. Would you also join us in prayer for our Awana clubbers, that they would continue to have opportunities this summer to learn about God? Pray that the Holy Spirit would use the words and lessons of the Bible from this past year to move their hearts and minds closer to him. May they boldly declare and live as the words from one of our kids’ favorite praise songs say, “Jesus, I am in!”

On Wed., May 5, our Awana clubbers and their families gathered in the sanctuary for a night for thanksgiving and celebration. Around 20 clubbers received book awards during our program for completing their handbooks this year. Two special awards were given out: the Sparky Award, given to 2nd graders who have completed all 3 Sparks book and



Natalie Kersten, Timothy Award

Brittany Kersten, Michelle Crandall, Janine Hahn, Jill Groelle, Brandon and Kathy Crandall, Ryan and Kathleen Holbrook, Emily Williams, Margot Harris, Genna Mullen,



PICK UP YOUR REGISTRATION AT THE CHURCH OR FIND IT AT www.theconnecting.church/wakonda

Early registration discount deadline for all camps is June 4th. Final deadline for overnight camps is June 30th.

Camp Wakonda is a time of fun, friendships, and spiritual growth in the beautiful setting of God's creation. The week spent at camp will be full of activities, people, and experiences which will be remembered for a lifetime! Our purpose is to connect our campers to the Lord Jesus Christ and to help their relationship with Him to grow.

Vacation Bible School

**June 28 – July 2,
12:30-3:30 p.m.
Entering Grades K – 3**
"Am I Good Enough?"
Drop off and pick up
at Camp Wakonda
Cost: \$10 by June 4th
\$20 after June 4th
Directors: Kathleen
Holbrook/Doneta Osborn

Staff Applications *Expression of Interest in Serving*

Pick up an application to serve at Camp Wakonda at the Welcome Center. If you are selected, a medical information form will be sent to you.

Intermediate Camp

July 5 -10
Entering Grades 4-6
"The Names of God"
Exodus 3:13-15
Check-in:
4:00 p.m., Monday, July 5
Pick-up:
9:00 a.m., Saturday, July 10
Cost: \$160 by June 4th
\$190 after June 4th
Director: Pastor Nate Crandall
Teacher: Angie Mullen

Food Donations Lists will be available at the Welcome Center June 12th. Please be aware of some new items due to COVID restrictions. Your support is appreciated!

Camp Collision

July 11-18
Entering Grades 7-12
"More to Love 'Cause He Loves You More"
Mark 12:28-34
Check-in:
4:00 p.m., Sunday, July 11
Pick-up:
9:00 a.m., Sunday, July 18
Cost: \$190 by June 4th
\$220 after June 4th
Director: Pastor Nate Crandall
Teacher: Larry Schultz

Camp Scholarships

Are you able to financially assist a camper this year with their camp registration? Just enter "Camp Scholarship" in the memo of your check or designate on an envelope or PayPal.



On June 19 at 10:30 a.m. we will be worshipping together at Camp Wakonda with Koinonia Singers leading us in worship. Please bring your own lawn chairs. Also consider bringing hats, sunscreen and canopies, as we will be sitting in the sun.

For some added time out at camp, bring a picnic lunch and enjoy it under the trees.

If you can't make it in person, we will be live-streaming the event on our YouTube channel.

Koinonia Singers 2021 Summer Tour



We are excited to bring you this year's show, ***Broken and Beautiful.***

This year's message is based on the scripture 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, "But he said to me, 'My Grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, Insults, hardships, persecutions and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

This seems like such a timely message to hear and be uplifted by God's ability to overcome our most difficult sets of circumstances.

We hope that you will be blessed by the message!

Thursday, June 17, 2021

7:00 pm Resonate Church, Janesville, WI

Friday, June 18, 2021

6:30 pm Peace Church, Browntown, WI

Saturday, June 19, 2021

10:30 am Camp Wakonda, Milton, WI

TBD pm Community EV Free, Shullsburg, WI

Sunday, June 20, 2021

10:00 am Lone Rock Cong. Church, Lone Rock, WI

TBD pm Grace EV Free, Viroqua, WI

Monday, June 21, 2021

TBD pm Swan City Park,

Beaver Dam, WI

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

TBD pm Parkview/Grace Churches, Turtle Lake, WI

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

TBD pm Calvary Bible Church, Marshfield, WI

Thursday, June 24, 2021

TBD pm Ott's Garage, Merrill, WI

Friday, June 25, 2021

TBD pm {Westby}

Saturday, June 26, 2021

6:00 pm Janesville Wesleyan Church, Janesville, WI

Sunday, June 27, 2021

10:00 am Living Water Church, Sun Prairie, WI

6:30 pm Compass Church, Janesville, WI

Koinonia: Summer Missions Scholarships

Teens: If you are participating in Koinonia this year, complete a short-term missions scholarship form. Your church desires to support you monetarily and through prayer. Please contact the church office to obtain the form.

The 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversations

Jesus as well as his disciples, were intentional in engaging spiritual seekers and walking with them on the discipleship journey. Using Jesus' example, these 9 Arts open doors for drawing spiritual seekers to Christ.

You can think of the nine arts in groups of three:

Getting Ready: Noticing, Praying, Listening

Getting Started: Asking Questions, Loving, Welcoming

Keeping It Going: Facilitating, **Serving Together**, * Sharing



*Featured Art: The Art of Serving Together by Melissa Lade

We have the opportunity to be salt and light in this world and serving with “not yet believers” is one way to do this. After all, God did save more of us

than just our mouths and serving together bridges the gap between what we profess and what we practice. People get tired of empty words and serving requires action. Serving together allows people to enter into a relational environment where they can belong so that they may see and feel the gospel being lived out. You experience life together and increase common ground. They get to see the difference that Jesus has made in your life.

How can we apply this in our everyday lives? We should look to Jesus as our example! Jesus Himself came not to be served, but to serve. When wine ran out at a wedding, Jesus asked the wedding servants to fill pots with water. He asked the Samaritan

woman to give him a drink from the well, and told a lame man to carry his mat. When Jesus fed the 5,000, He used food from a little boy and asked his disciples to distribute the food and then to gather the leftovers. Jesus could have done all of this without man's involvement. Instead, Jesus asked others to serve with Him and through obedience, He responded to their faith in miraculous ways. An interesting question to consider is how might their acts of serving together have helped these people come to the right conclusion about who He was?

Anytime we serve, we should pray and rely on God's power and wisdom as to how we serve and who we invite to serve with us. It's easy to stay in our safe circle of Christian friends and activities, but God calls us to do so much more. You could identify a need in your community or neighborhood and then ask God to show you some Christians and people who believe differ-

ently to help you. After serving, you have the opportunity to ask them questions about their experience like did you learn anything about yourself or God today? Other opportunities to serve could be through taking up new hobbies, spending time with un-believing family members, loving your neighbors and getting to know your coworkers or children's parents. You could bring a meal to your lonely neighbor, call a friend you haven't seen in a long time, or drive someone to an appointment. Join Awana, serve at the GIFTS Men's shelter or the One Apple Lunch Bunch, or be a camp counselor!

Once you get to know the people God puts into your life, you will have the opportunity to serve alongside them, talk to them about Jesus, and give them the opportunity to experience God's love. When we serve others, we are actually serving God, which is really our greatest honor. I guarantee that you will not always feel like serving joyfully! This is where we PT FROG (Personally Trust & Fully Rely On God), asking God to give us hearts to gladly serve Him and others.

Learn from the participants in the 9 Arts Grow Group

Some of the participants in the 9 Arts Grow Group last fall wrote about the impact of the class. Becky Snyder shares how various arts reflected on her relationship with children and her neighbors.

I've learned that praying for people doesn't have to be dramatic. It can be discrete and quiet. We can also simply show God's love by looking people in the eye, asking questions and really listening. We can show God's love by tuning into people's lives and show them they matter and we care. Christianity doesn't always have to be nerve wracking in order to make a difference in the kingdom.

Congratulations Graduates!

We plan to honor our graduates on June 5.

Graduates this year:

Julianna Crandall: Milton High

Bethany Crandall: Evangel University

Sydnee Palmer Bush: UW Whitewater

Jackson Butler: Anderson University, MBA

If you are graduating, call the church office at 608-868-2741 so we don't miss anyone!

"Save the Date" for our week of One Apple Lunch Bunch

Our church will once again help to provide lunches to Milton area children when school is not in session this summer. We will need volunteers Mon. - Thurs., Aug. 9-12. More information will come in the next newsletter.

Updated Message from Trustees about Masks

The CDC and Rock County Health Departments have recently revised their guidance on mask wearing.

We encourage every individual and family to review the new guidelines and make a choice that is appropriate based on your health and family circumstances. We also ask that you be respectful of the choices that others make. We no longer plan to monitor choices made.

Mid-Year Church Meeting Sunday, June 27, 9:00 a.m.

Come and be a part of the business of the church. Pick up the meeting agenda and handouts at the Welcome Center prior to the meeting to review ahead of time.

Rummage Sale Canceled

We will not be holding our annual rummage sale this year due to lack of leadership. We are hoping for next year!

Kwik Trip Cards for Gas and Inside the Stores

Our church supported missionaries work continues and the proceeds benefit from your purchase of Kwik Trip cards supports our Outreach Fund which supports our missions and outreach efforts. Call ahead to our church office to purchase the cards.



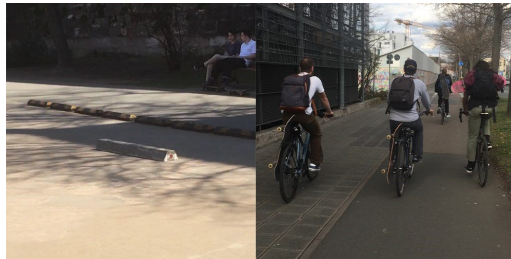
News from Nathaniel Muench

There's always something amazing going on with Nathaniel Muench – missionary to skateboarders in Germany and around the world. A few highlights:

Online **Unbound Skate Church** - We are all really stoked about our on-line church! We are starting out once a month and eager to see where the Holy Spirit leads.

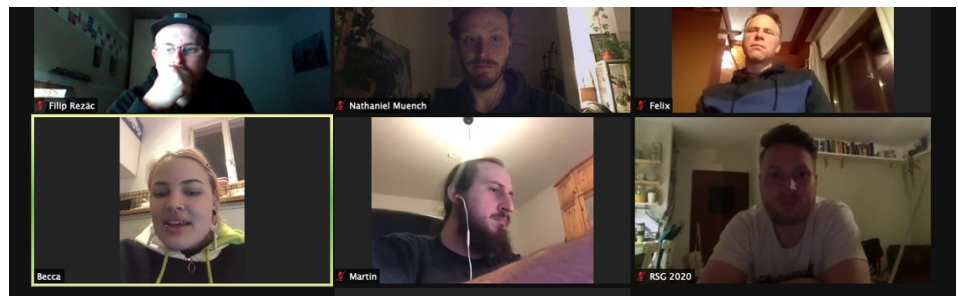
Skate Group Calls – our twice a month group phone prayer meetings have matured into a leadership training group for skateboarders world wide. We're calling it **Sojourners Collective**. We meet on zoom to grow and learn and seek God's vision for the future. We're studying The Master Plan of Evangelism (Robert E. Coleman).

Naomi, Zac and I really enjoyed our time visiting family and friends in the states. We've been in lockdown in Germany since November, with most stores, restaurants, cafes closed and strict curfews. So being in Wisconsin felt so amazing open!



Prayer Requests

- Safe Travel
- God's guidance and presence in Unbound and Sojourners Collective
- Financial support
- Healing from injuries – for my foot and Timothee's back
- Local skate outreach – relationships, boldness in sharing Jesus' love – and salvation for skaters



SDB Virtual Conference 2021

This year's Virtual Conference Week will take place from July 25-July 31. Registration is required to access the schedule of events for this week. There is NO cost to registrants but we are requesting a donation (\$25 suggested but any amount welcome) to help us defray the production expenses of this event.

Virtual Conference Week 2021 will be taking place on its own website/platform instead of through social media so registration is required for you to participate. We are looking forward to you engaging with us during that week. Please register as soon as you can and have each individual who will be watching register. Registration is live at <https://web.cvent.com/.../59778cce-5d57-4d5d.../summary...>

We have a great program in store this year, we hope you'll join us as we gather virtually and celebrate being "Restored for a purpose"!



2021 Operation Christmas Child June Items

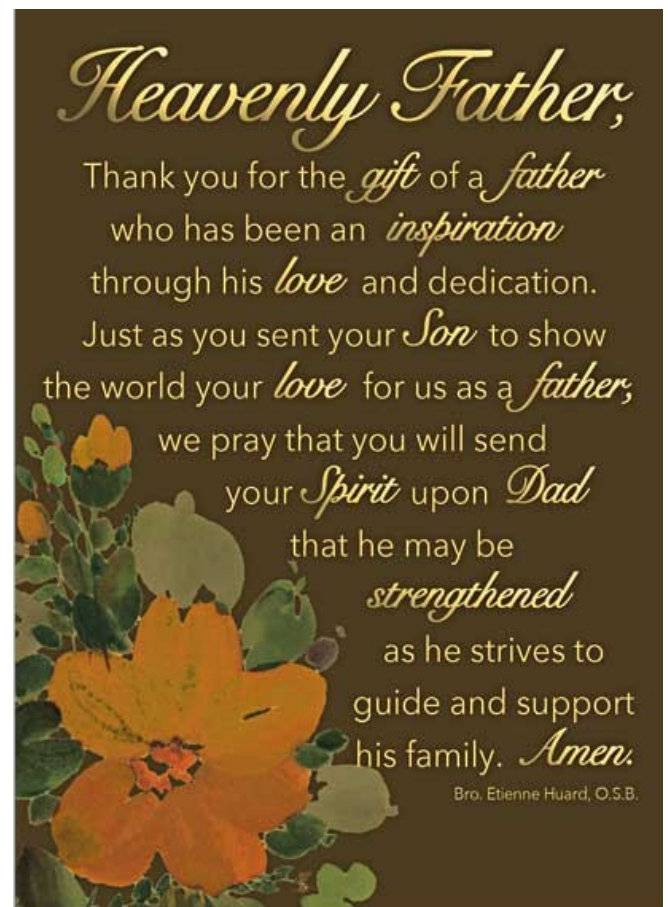
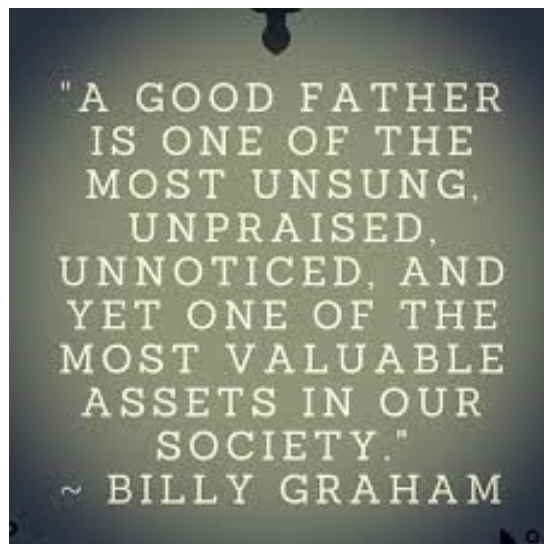


Here is a list of items to donate for Operation Christmas Child for the “item of the month.” However, if you see an item at a bargain price, grab it. Place items in the trunk in the back stairway.

Summer Items: children's t-shirts (plain, no writing), smaller flip flops, small slip-on sandals, smaller balls, uninflated soccer balls & pumps, jump ropes, summer toys, sunglasses, hats / ball caps

WOW Items (fun special gifts): small cars, small dolls, small stuffed animals, small toys (puppets, trucks, small etch-a-sketch), kazoos / harmonica, yo-yos / slinkys, small lego kits, play doh, small games, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), flashlights, musical instruments, playing cards, glow sticks

Father's Day – June 20th





- 1 Isaac Kersten
- 4 Merry FitzRandolph
- 4 Miriam Shook
- 6 Ralph Hays
- 6 Natalie Geske
- 7 Paul & Denise Green
- 11 Carol Watson
- 14 Julianna Crandall
- 15 Rich Gallegos
- 15 Neil & Carol Aiken
- 18 Theo Lubke
- 20 Tracy Porter
- 20 Angie & Rick Mullen
- 20 Carl & Cindy Greene
- 21 Zach Groelle
- 23 Brian & Carol Watson
- 25 Joel Osborn
- 29 Martha Shaw
- 29 Robert Muench
- 30 Brittany Kersten

Bulletin Board

Group Meetings via zoom

Event	Day	Time	Host
Men's Study	Mon.	Taking a break for a while.	
Ladies Sit 'n Sip	Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Janet Butler
Men's Study	Weds.	6:30 a.m.	Pastor Nate (meeting at Sharla's)
Ladies Study	Weds.	9:30 a.m.	Renee Sanford
Ladies Study	Thurs.	Taking a break for a while.	

Contact the event host listed or the church office for information on how to connect.

Restored for a Purpose
SDB Conference Theme
2020-2021
 Scripture Memory Verse for June
Finally brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for all full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.
 2 Corinthians 13:11

You Are Invited
Marian & Paul Anderson's
Vow Renewal
Saturday, June 26
6-10 p.m.
The Gathering Place
As a celebration of our 21 years of marriage and renewed health, we invite you to join us in celebrating our love for each other with a reaffirmation of our wedding vows.

Focus on Funds
as of April 30, 2021

General Fund Balance	\$22,114.81
Cash at Mem. Fund	\$74,862.42
April Undesignated Income	\$16,509.45
April Total Income	\$21,041.41
April Expenses	\$16,310.16
Denomination Giving YTD	\$ 4,095.30

Capital Campaign Update
As of April 30, 2021

Starting Balance	\$ 2,505.00
Total Income	\$76,278.35
Total Expenses	\$60,655.42
Fund Balance	\$18,127.93

Capital Campaign Update:
We are well on our way to the goal!

The outside masonry work on the bell tower and CE Wing and the new family restroom have been completed. Our next project is the inside bell tower wall repair.

If you feel led to make a donation to the Capital Campaign or take one of the envelopes still on the money wall, just mail your check to the Church. Envelopes available: \$66, \$67, \$69, \$71, \$72, \$74, \$75, \$76, \$83, \$84, \$86, \$89, \$91, \$92, \$93, \$94, \$106, \$107, \$108, \$111, \$112, \$113, \$114, \$119, \$120, \$121, \$122, \$123, \$124, \$125, \$126, \$127, \$128, \$129, \$130, \$131, \$132, \$133, \$138, \$139, \$141, \$142, \$143, \$144, \$145, \$146, \$147, \$149, \$152, \$157, \$158, \$159.

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1 9:00 Ladies Sit 'n Sip - zoom	2 6:30 Men's Bible Study - Sharla's & zoom 9:30 Women's Bible Study - zoom 6:36 Collision	3	4	5 9:00 Sabbath School - zoom & Room 6 10:30 Worship - Sanctuary and YouTube	
6 Piano Recital	7 8:00 TOPS - Library 6:00 Softball - Dawson Field, East	8 9:00 Ladies Sit 'n Sip - zoom	9 6:30 Men's Bible Study - Sharla's & zoom 9:30 Women's Bible Study - zoom	10	11	12 9:00 Sabbath School - zoom & Room 6 10:30 Worship & Communion - Sanctuary and YouTube	
13	14 8:00 TOPS - Library 7:00 Softball - Dawson Field, South	15 9:00 Ladies Sit 'n Sip - zoom	16 6:30 Men's Bible Study - Sharla's & zoom 9:30 Women's Bible Study - zoom	17	18	19 9:00 Sabbath School - zoom & Room 6 10:30 Worship at Wakonda with Koinonia Singers and on YouTube	
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27 9:00 Mid-Year Meeting - LGA	28 8:00 TOPS - Library 8:00 Softball - Dawson Field, South	29 9:00 Ladies Sit 'n Sip - zoom	30 6:30 Men's Bible Study - Sharla's & zoom 9:30 Women's Bible Study - zoom	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Sabbath Sunset Times June 4 8:30 p.m. June 5 8:31 p.m. June 11 8:34 p.m. June 12 8:35 p.m. June 18 8:37 p.m. June 19 8:37 p.m. June 25 8:38 p.m. June 26 8:38 p.m. </div>			
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June 2021

MISSIONS



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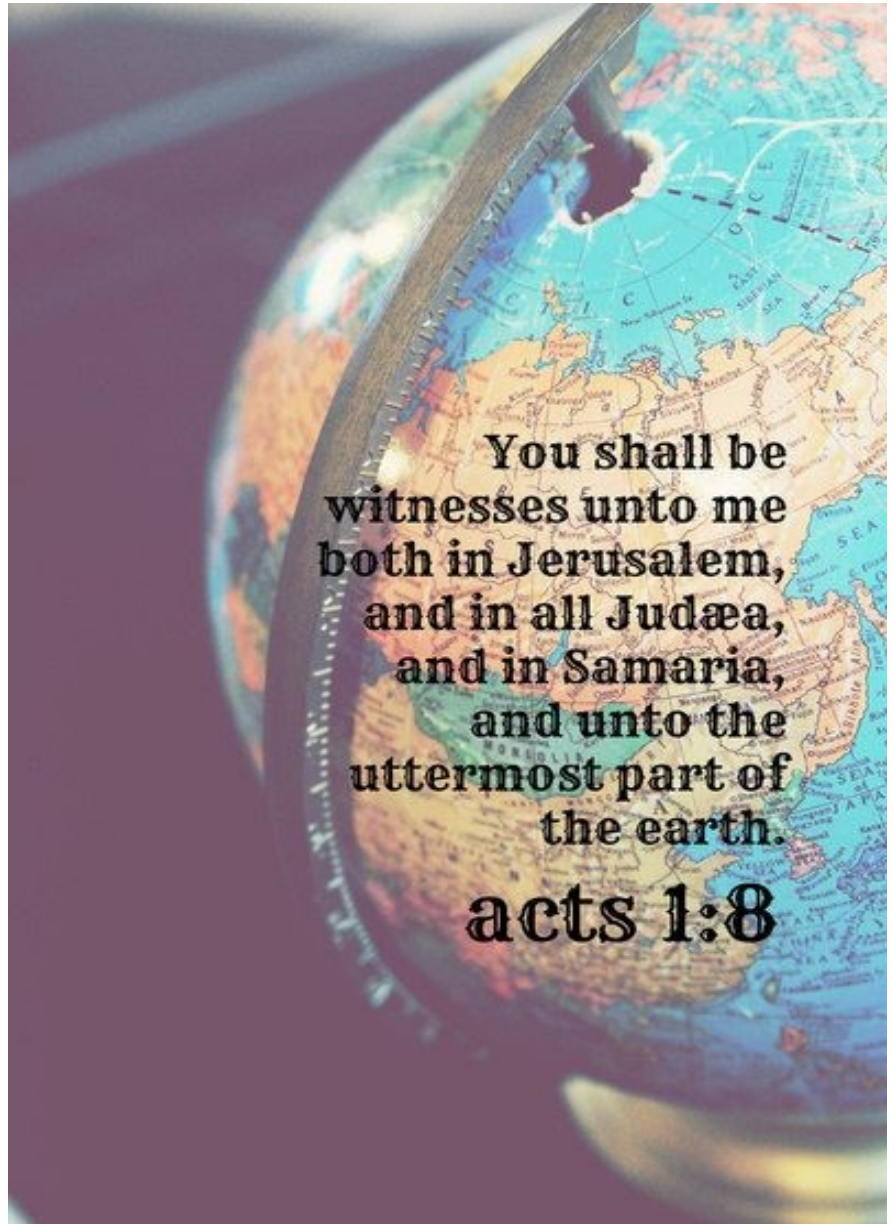
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Online Worship

Our Sabbath morning worship service is available **live** on our YouTube channel.

Go to <http://TheConnectingChurch/WorshipOnline> for the link.

We are also posting links to the sermon notes on that same page.

If you prefer, you can go directly to <https://www.youtube.com/theconnectingchurch>