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From Surviving to Thriving

by Pastor Nate Crandall

God's original design for human beings was to have life that was good, full, rich, satisfying, and, in a word, abundant. His good intention was quickly diverted when Adam and Eve thought that something else was better than God and his plan for their lives. Satan deceived them because he wanted to take from them the good life which God had so lovingly and intentionally given.

And so the life of abundance was reduced to a life of brokenness. The brokenness which began with Adam and Eve spread to every person, every human relationship, and every institution on earth. Instead of thriving, because of sin, life was reduced to merely surviving.

The apostle Paul described it as spiritual deadness. ***“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.”***

(Ephesians 2:1-2) Did you catch that? Paul says that they were physically alive but spiritually dead until they were introduced to Jesus. In other words, this is not the kind of life that God meant for us to live.

The Lord Jesus understood completely what the consequences of sin had done to the human race. This is why he came. He came to restore our lives to what God had originally intended them to be. This comes through so clearly in his words found in John 10:10. ***“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”***

The word that Jesus used for “abundantly” means not just enough to get by in life but “more than enough” or “super-abundant.” Unfortunately, even many believers in Jesus have not experienced the depths and heights of the abundant life in the Lord. They are still trying to survive and have not understood what it means to thrive in their life in Christ.

We want to change that reality, and the good news is that God wants it changed too! This month I will be doing a 4-part series entitled ***Thrive***. My goal is to clearly show the path that Jesus has for us to leave behind the life of merely surviving and walk into the life he has for us that is thriving. I hope that you will join me on this journey, and even more than that, invite those in your life who need this message to join with us.

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Prayer Focus – Thanks-giving

By Renee Sanford, Prayer Coordinator

In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus, concerning you (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Our prayer focus for November is thankfulness. Gratitude takes conscious effort. For most of us, the default mode is noticing what's wrong. We see things that need to be fixed, problems that need to be resolved. Let's pause amid all that "solving" and focus on the things we are thankful for. And there are so many things! Some are obvious – the beautiful world God created. The many gifts God has given us. The people who fill our lives. Salvation in Christ. Prayers answered. Ready access to God's word.

Others are less readily apparent – Times he has lead us into and through difficulties. Prayers not answered the way we wanted. His presence amid problems that are not yet resolved. For the hope we have in Christ.

Recently we sang Matt Redman's worship song "Bless the LORD Oh My Soul". One of the verses includes the lyrics "For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, 10,000 reasons for my heart to find." It may be out of reach for us to find 10,000 reasons in just a month – but perhaps we can find 100 – or even 1,000.

We're clearing off the prayer bulletin board in the Welcome Center and providing sticky notes and note cards and tacks so we can share what we are thankful for.

Perhaps your contribution is profound – a healing, a friend coming to Jesus, a picture of a loved one. Perhaps it's a small treasure –the softness of a kitten's fur, the taste of coffee. Flowers. Hymns. Laughter. Tears.

We give God glory when we share our thanks with Him and with each other. Let's fill the bulletin board to overflowing!



Ps 69:30 - *I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.*

Ps 9:1- *I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.*

Ps 92:1 - *It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High*

Ps 35:18 - *I will thank you in the great congregation; in the mighty throng I will praise you.*



Cross Conference: for young adults is scheduled for December 29, 2021 - January 1, 2022.

We gather to consider the most loving cause in the universe: making the name of Jesus known in every corner of the world.

The Cross Conference will be offered in two ways this year: in person in Louisville, Kentucky and virtual.

We are in the planning stages to participate as a group in this young adult mission-focused conference at the end of this year. We are looking for young adults to lead the local effort. For more information, contact: Linda Lyke at lykelinda@miltonsdb.org

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

by Linda Lyke, Outreach Coordinator

For 28 years, Samaritan's Purse has partnered with churches and others to pack shoeboxes full of gifts and necessities along with Jesus' message of hope to children suffering from poverty, natural disasters, war, disease, and famine around the world. This will be our church's 18th year participating in this project.

And the packing party is right around the corner...

Saturday, November 6!

Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact the church office to schedule a time slot to pack:
1:00 to 2:30 p.m.; OR 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. OR 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
OR to volunteer at the event

**Anyone willing to serve in packing boxes is welcome!
Bring friends and neighbors.**

Families encouraged to stay together as a family service project.

Gift items and shoeboxes are supplied by our church.

**Monetary donations appreciated for the shoebox supplies or
to support the \$9 postage per box.**



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November - Farmer's Market	
3	Club - <i>Bring a Buck Night</i>
*6 (Sat.)	OCC Packing Party
10	Club
*12 (Fri.)	Fruit of the Spirit Banana Split Party
17	Club
24	No Club - Happy Thanksgiving

November	
3	Collision
6 (Sat.)	OCC Packing Party
10	Collision
17	Collision Pizza Night - Crafts with Deb
24	No Collision - Happy Thanksgiving

6 Years in Germany – Nathaniel Update

New Job

I applied for a barista job at a local cafe a few months ago. In the beginning of July I had my trial day, I guess they liked me and I got the job starting September 1. The first few weeks were a bit rough – not because the job was hard but because I needed to learn everything and speak in my second language. Most of the 25-30 year-old customers can speak English, but I need to speak German!

My first day working one of my coworkers said to me, “we know each other from YWAM.” I didn’t remember until he reminded me about an event there they hosted a few years back. Another of my coworkers is the wife of another friend. So crazy to make so many connections!

I work the morning shifts normally and I was heading in one morning not wanting to work, cold and tired and praying for the day as I cycled in. I got there and my friend who also was on the opening shift had worship music playing. A total God thing—such a simple way for God to change a rough morning into a good day.

Visitors

Zac and Sloan (another of the calling all skaters guys) came and visited Naomi and me for a week. It was fun having them around, talking about ministry, Jesus, coffee food and fellowship. We also got to

skate a lot and spend time with the local guys I skate with.



Local Connections

I’ve been able to go out with some locals and shoot photos which has been really fun. It’s been such a good way connecting more personally with some of the fellas. The depth of conversations you get to have with people when it’s just two of you out in the streets is pretty amazing. We are continuing our monthly skate ministry leadership meetings, our group is going strong and hungry for the Lord. The stories they share are always encouraging of what the Lord is doing.

6-Year Recap

Thank you so much for all your support! I just passed my 6 years anniversary since moving to Germany. I moved here with just \$800 to my name and a one-way plane ticket. God has been really good and I’m still shocked how 6 years have passed and I’m still here and He’s still doing things.

When I first moved here, I knew no Christian skaters and now we have a network of Christian skateboarders across Germany.

Skate ministry was not happening outside of organized events and now our skate team is serving their local skate scenes and investing in local skaters.

We’ve created a European skate ministry network, beyond Germany, focused on connecting Christian skateboarders.

We’ve had some ideas that didn’t work out, but God has continually been faithful and still produced fruit despite it all.

The amount of friendships, teams and people throughout Germany serving skateboarders in these years is unbelievable.

So from the bottom of my heart, thank you for all your prayers and support.

Please pray for:

- Future focus with ministry—there are some really rad opportunities opening but we crave guidance on what steps to take
- Passing my German language test
- Our skate team and growing deeper together
- Local skate scene

A New Way to Contribute to the Church through Stock Donations

by Janet Butler, Administrator

The Milton SDB Trustees voted at their recent meeting to open a broker account in order to give our members and others a tax-efficient option of making stock donations to the church.

The following policy has been written in regard to the Church's acceptance of any stock or marketable securities. Please review this policy and contact the church office at 608-868-2741 if you are interested in a Charitable Donation Form. The form would need to be prepared by your own broker for action to be taken.

"Whereas neither the members of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Milton WI Inc. board of trustees nor its senior staff are professional investment portfolio managers, it is the policy of this organization to liquidate stock immediately upon receipt.

The possible transaction cost of this sale is considered small compared to the risk of loss that can be experienced with delay in the sale of the stock.



This policy should be communicated to the potential donor of the stock to ensure the donor will not be surprised or offended at the immediate liquidation of the gift.

An investment account will be maintained with a minimum balance of cash or stock as required to facilitate the donation of stock to Seventh Day Baptist Church of Milton WI, Inc. and liquidation of the stock. The maintenance of this account to accommodate these transactions is the responsibility of the board of trustees.

A member of the board shall conduct an annual internal audit of Stock/Investment account transactions in collaboration with the treasurer to ensure accuracy of balances reported to the board. A summary report reflecting activities within the account and verifying the account balance should be provided with financial reports as necessary.

Proceeds from the sale of the stock are considered unrestricted contributed income unless the donor has imposed a restriction as a condition of the gift in which case procedures for accounting for restricted contributions will be followed."

Contact Janet Butler, Rick Mullen or Randy Kersten with any questions you may have.



Kwik Trip Cards for Gas and Inside the Stores

Call ahead or email our church office to purchase the cards. Proceeds from your gas and grocery purchases benefit our Outreach Fund which supports our missions and outreach efforts near and afar, in our community and around the world. A few examples of how your Kwik Trip proceeds have been used:

East Side Story outreach efforts, Koinonia Singers, Uganda efforts, short-term missionaries, and pencil box supplies for the Rohingya children.





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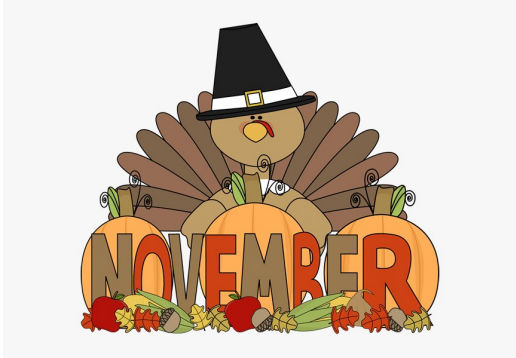
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Amazon Smile – Support Your Church

If you make purchases on Amazon, did you know you can designate a charity? You can designate Milton SDB Church to receive 0.5% of eligible purchases – no fees, no extra cost. To do this, instead of going to the Amazon website, place your orders through smile.amazon.com.

Join Amazon Smile: If you are not already an AmazonSmile member, simply sign up at smile.amazon.com and select Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church to start generating donations.

Focus on Funds	
as of September 30, 2021	
General Fund Balance	\$10,638.85
Cash at Mem. Fund	\$66,612.42
Sept. Undesignated Income	\$ 9,995.50
Sept. Total Income	\$14,246.47
Sept. Expenses	\$23,141.32
Denomination Giving YTD	\$ 7,070.30



Capital Campaign Update *by Rick Mullen*

Almost 3 years ago the church voted to begin raising funds for some large repairs needed around the church. Thanks to your very faithful giving, we have been able to fix the bell tower roof, repair masonry on the Education wing and add the new bathroom. We still have many other things to do in the church such as plastering in the balcony hallway and kitchen and a long list of smaller repairs.

Our original goal 3 years ago was to raise \$100,000 by the end of this year. Thanks to your faithful giving, we have already raised over \$81,000. Thank you so much for your generosity and for continuing to fulfill the pledges that you made. Please also consider giving any additional funds that you or your family can give to help us reach the full goal.

Capital Campaign Update	
As of September 30, 2021	
Starting Balance	\$ 2,505.00
Total Income	\$79,805.35
Transfer from Memorial Fund Cash Fund	\$8,250
Total Expenses	\$87,243.81
Fund Balance	\$ 3,316.54

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: \$69, \$71, \$74, \$75, \$76, \$83, \$84, \$86, \$89, \$91, \$92, \$93, \$94, \$107, \$108, \$111, \$112, \$114, \$119, \$120, \$121, \$122, \$123, \$124, \$127, \$128, \$129, \$130, \$131, \$133, \$138, \$139, \$141, \$142, \$143, \$144, \$145, \$146, \$147 = \$4,421.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
								
	1 8:00 TOPS - Library	2	3 6:30 Men's Bible Study - Sharla's & zoom 9:30 Women's Bible Study - Renee Sanford's 6:25 Awana 6:30 Collision - Camp Wakonda	4 11:00 Ladies Bible Study - Library	5	6 9:00 Sabbath School - Room 6 & zoom 9:00 Kids Fellowship - Children's Library 10:30 Worship - Sanctuary and YouTube 1:00 Operation Christmas Child Packing Party		
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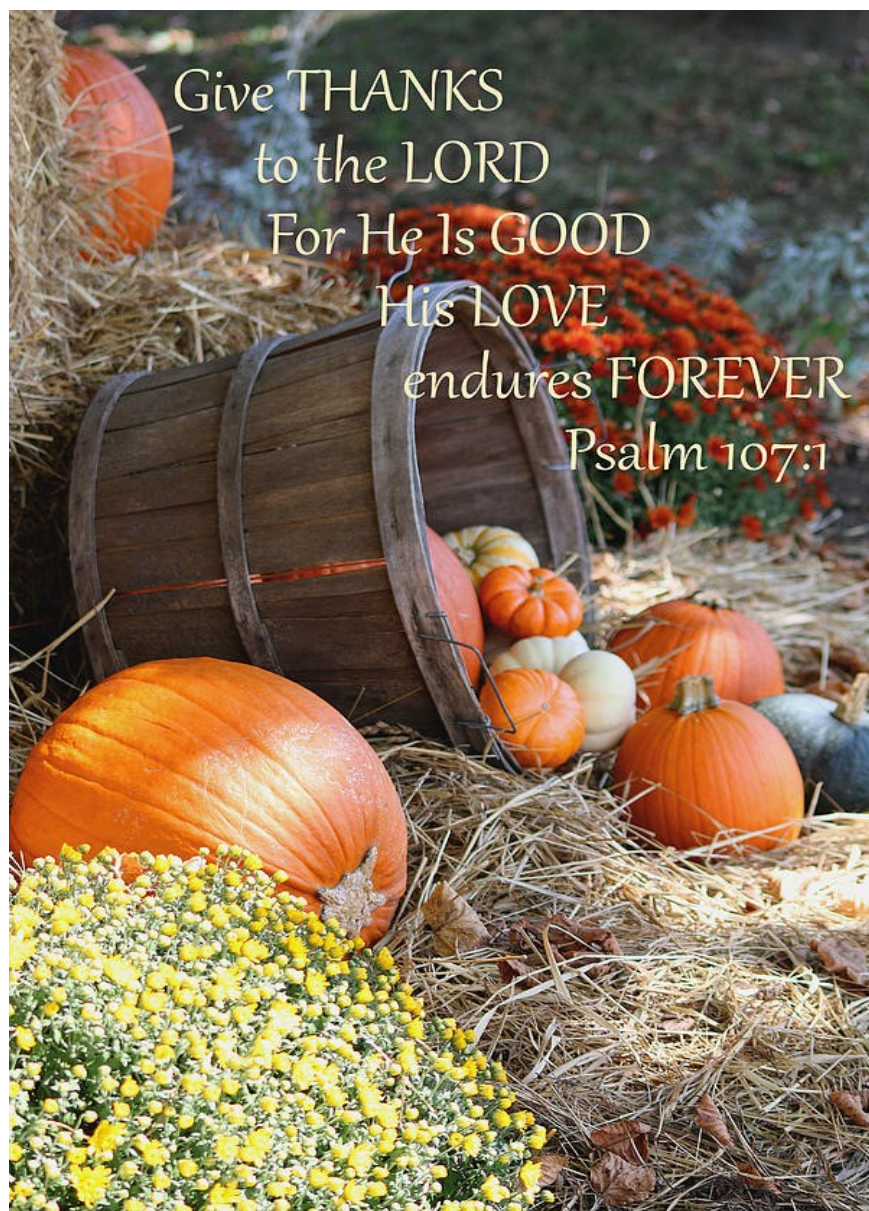
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Online Worship

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>