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We connect people to Jesus and equip them to be his disciples.



We Think You Should Read These Books

by the Elders

Beginning in May the Welcome Center will be populated with books that could very easily **CHANGE. YOUR. LIFE.** The Elders have put together the following list of influential books because they changed our lives in profound ways, and we want our church family to benefit from them also.

There will be three copies of each book available for the remainder of 2022. All we ask is that you bring them back when you are done, so that they can bless someone else. If you have questions about why a particular book impacted one of the elders, just ask! We'd be happy to share.

Happy reading!

- *Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God*, by Henry Blackaby, Richard Blackaby, and Claude V. King
- *The Master Plan of Evangelism*, by Robert E. Coleman
- *Streams of Living Water*, by Richard Foster
- *The Call: Finding and Fulfilling the Central Purpose of Your Life*, by Os Guinness
- *The Practice of the Presence of God*, by Brother Lawrence
- *Knowing God*, by J.I. Packer
- *This Present Darkness*, by Frank Peretti
- *Adorning the Dark*, by Andrew Peterson
- *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality: Unleash a Revolution in Your Life in Christ*, by Peter Scazzero
- *Renovation of the Heart: Putting on the Character of Christ*, by Dallas Willard



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SDB Conference July 24-30 Colorado Springs, CO

Registration Deadline is May 23rd
and they must have 270 on-campus registrations for Conference to happen!

No walk-up registrations this year!

Register today at
<https://www.seventhdaybaptist.org/conferenceweek2022/>

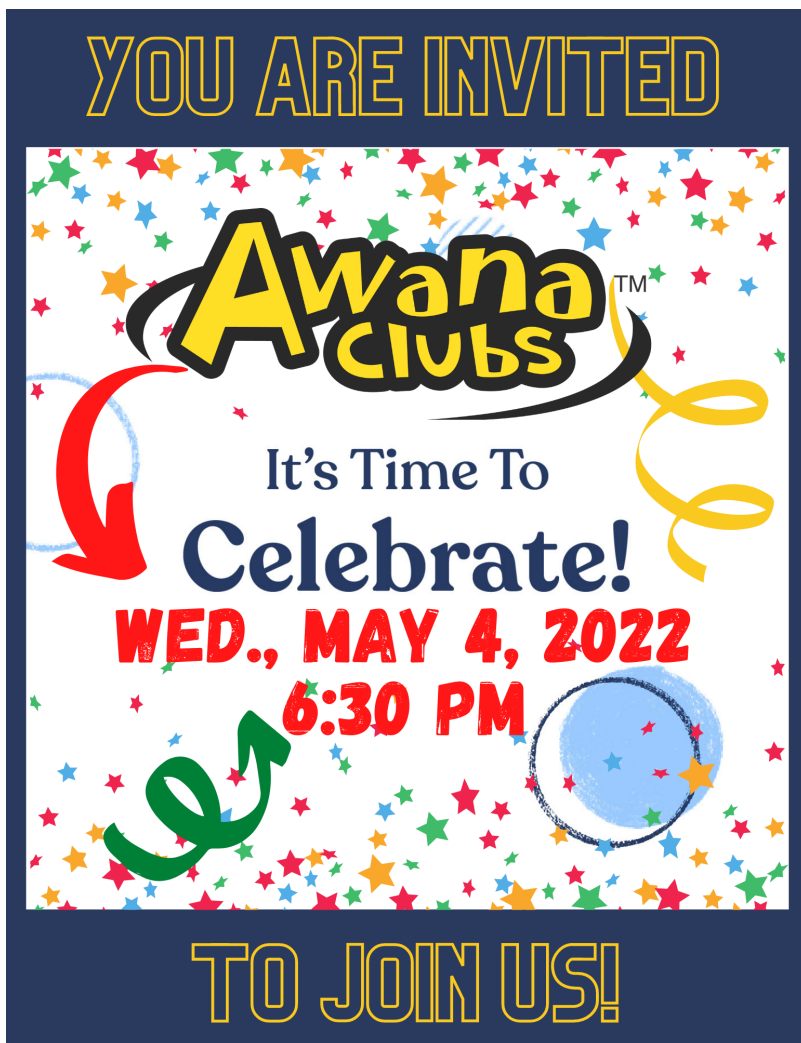
Another Awesome Awana Year!

By Angie Mullen, Children's Ministries Director

It's hard to believe that the 2021-22 Awana year has come to an end. We have had so many reasons to Praise Jesus for the work he has done in the hearts and minds of over 70 active Awana clubbers this year. Twelve of those children accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior or professed Jesus as their Savior to others for the first time. One was baptized and several others have asked about being baptized. We

have learned about the Fruit of the Spirit, the "I am" statements of Jesus and many other biblical truths in our Bible Science unit. Twenty volunteers have met with these children each week and led them through their small group handbooks, listened to the scriptures they have memorized and built important relationships with them through Games and simply being there with them.

As we close this club year, we are so thankful and we look forward to September when we will welcome the children all over again! We know we will need faithful servants to join us as Awana leaders in the fall. Please begin praying with us right now. Ask God to reveal his team of Awana Staff to us and to those he's calling to serve so we are able to reach kids for Christ in the fall.



May Collision	
4	Collision
9	Roller Skating with Koinonia
11	Collision
18	Collision – Pizza, Invite-a-friend
25	Celebrating our Graduating Seniors

Prayer Focus – Our Leaders *by Renee Sanford, Prayer Coordinator*

Recently Pastor Nate talked about ways to support our spiritual leaders – through meeting their physical/ financial needs and by providing feedback on the impact they have on our lives. Here’s another way to support them – through prayer. We are even instructed to do this in 1 Timothy: *I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be offered for everyone...and all those in authority.*

Pray for world-wide leaders

Grant them wisdom & guidance to address global issues, such as climate, health & poverty

Make them persistent in addressing “crisis” issues that fall off the front page – refugees, religious persecution, protection of children & women

Help them forward peace while not neglecting justice for the oppressed

Draw them into deep, committed relationships with Jesus

Pray for our nation’s leaders

Grant them wisdom & guidance, as well as a focus on the nation more than their own careers

Open their minds & hearts to your truth; give them a worldview aligned with truth

Help them work together – more statesmanship & less politics

Help them to foster community rather than inflaming conflict

Draw them into deep, committed relationships with Jesus

Help them communicate clearly – both speaking & listening

Raise up God-fearing leaders within the medical, judicial & financial professions

Pray for our local leaders

Grant them wisdom & guidance as they address community issues like fire support, attracting businesses & local events planning

Help them navigate the many opinions on what is best for our children

Help us as a community to reach out to vulnerable people with health, financial & emotional needs

Give them a vision for the community – a vibrant economy, healthy relationships, sense of belonging

Help them to help us work together for the common good

Pray for our church leaders

Specifically, LORD, we ask your blessing upon Pastor Nate, Pastor Liz & our elders (Carl Greene & Nick Kersten). Encourage them.

Protect them. Guide them. Make us a supportive congregation.

Give them wisdom & guidance as they encourage us to reach out into the community

Help them disciple us & foster spiritual growth

Bless our denominational leadership in their efforts of church planting & world-wide outreach

Pray for our family leaders

Grant us strong families.

Help us to minister to each other during difficult times

Help us incorporate singles into the broader church family

Grant us wisdom & guidance in raising children in the LORD

May Christ be the center of all we do.



GIFTS Thank you...

To all who supported the GIFTS Men's Homeless Shelter for our church's week to serve in April – by donating food, by serving food or by serving as an overnight volunteer.

Your work to support these men-in-need is impactful!

Supporting our Long-Term Field Workers

Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church sends out three long-term field workers to fulfill the Great Commission, making disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19). We as a church are called to send them out. But this also means that we as individuals have a role within the church body to be senders.

This includes praying for them regularly, sending them encouraging notes, encouraging them when they come to visit and also supporting them financially. For a long term field worker, monthly financial support is necessary. Would you consider donating monthly to them? These are our long term field workers:

Larry Schultz: Larry ministers locally to High School

students through Bible studies, and in Koinonia Singers, a gospel touring group with a show choir flair.

Nathaniel

Muench: In 2008 Nathaniel and his brother Zac started Skaters of Christ Skateboard Ministry. He was only a young teen at the time and didn't even know much about skateboarding. Since that time he and his crew have gone all over the world sharing the good news of Christ. He is currently reaching out to skaters in Europe and is based in Germany.



Jan Teat: has been on staff with Q Place since 2001. She has experienced the joy of starting many Q Place groups, seeing firsthand how God changes lives when people are able to discuss questions about life, God, and the Bible in a safe environment. Serving on the leadership team as National Field Director, Jan loves coaching Christians to start groups like hers. She also trains pastors and church leaders to use Q Place's 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversations curriculum for the greatest impact, so that many more Christians are engaging with people around them like Jesus did.



Summer Missions Support

Our church desires the opportunity to support short-term mission trips monetarily and through prayer.

Teens: If you are participating in Koinonia this year, complete a short-term missions scholarship form.

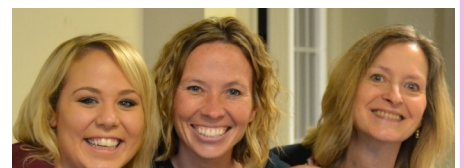
Short Term Missions: If you plan to go on a short-term missions trip, apply to the Outreach Committee for support.

Please contact the church office to obtain either form.

Spiritual Fitness at the Milton YMCA

As human beings, we are made up of mind, body and spirit. We exercise our bodies at the YMCA so why not our spirits? Since 2017, Melissa Lade, Shanny Snyder and Linda Lyke have started a Spiritual Conversations groups to invite ladies who believe differently into a safe, non-judgmental group to talk about life, God and the Bible. This year we are offering this group at a different place. We are offering it through the Milton YMCA, starting June 13th!

Please be in prayer about which ladies God wants to attend this group and if you have lady friends who you think might enjoy this exploration of faith, please contact Melissa, Shanny or Linda and we will provide further information.



Koinonia Youth Ministries

By Larry Schultz

Jesus said: *We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.*

John 9:4

We have kicked into gear the Koinonia Singers Tour for this year in June and I am sending an almost complete itinerary. We'll be posting the completed itinerary when we get it.

I'm happy to say that even though the ramping up of planning, practices and preparing for Koinonia Singers is happening, we still get to weekly do the work of the Lord in our youth meeting, bible study and other connections with youth. It's been great to see many of the kids bringing friends from school to the group so that their

friend may hear the Gospel. We may not always see the immediate result of

someone coming to Christ but it's encouraging to see that someone be exposed to the Gospel. Please be praying that as the Gospel goes out to these many hearts, that it would take genuine root and we would get to see fruit.

I do get to hear from many of the new comers that they really want to come back. Many will say that they feel so accepted, and I'm sure it's because of the love they feel from the Koinonia kids and the hope of love from God through His Gospel.

Thanks again for your support in making this possible for the



work of His kingdom! Please pray for the completion of our schedule too.

Koinonia Singers Tour

June 16-27, 2022

* More details to come.

Thurs. June 16 -
Camp Wakonda, Milton
Fri., June 17 - Browntown
Sat., June 18 - Shullsburg
Sun., June 19 -
Morning, Lone Rock
Evening, Viroqua
Mon., June 20 - TBD
Tue., June 21 - Turtle Lake
Wed., June 22 - Merrill
Thurs., June 23 - Marshfield
Fri., June 24 - TBD
Sat., June 25 - Beaver Dam
Sun., June 26 -
Morning, Sun Prairie
Evening, Evansville
Mon., June 27 -
Downtown Janesville



Purchase Operation Christmas Child Items

You can show the love of Christ by participating in the Operation Christmas Child project, where impoverished children around the world receive a shoebox of gifts. Our church packs those boxes each November at our packing party. But we need items donated in order to host that packing party!

Keep an eye out online or in store for items. Or start making kits and crafts.

Here are some ideas:

Purchase:

Hygiene Items: small tissues, wash cloths, brushes or combs

Summer Items: especially needed - must be new children's t-shirts, small socks, underwear, children's size flip flops or slip-on sandals, hats/ball caps, jump ropes, summer toys, sunglasses

WOW Items: yo-yos, slinkys, small lego kits, play doh, flashlights, glow sticks

Make:

Sewing kits, tool aprons, clothesline kits, doll blankets (for a list of kits and crafts you can make for OCC, contact the church office)

Place items in the trunk in the back stairwell of the church marked for OCC donations.

Thank you!

Bulletin Board



Sunday, May 1, 8:30 a.m. @ Camp Wakonda

Painting, Cleaning, Roofing, Splitting wood
Help prepare the camp for the campers!
Contact Brandon Crandall (608-295-2724)
or Doneta Osborn (608-201-6325)

June is Missions Month

Acts 1:8b says, "...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." On each Sabbath in June, a different area of our church's Outreach work will be featured – how we are witnessing for Jesus locally, regionally and internationally.

Save the Date: June 18

Stay after church for 1/2 hour to pack pencil boxes with school supplies on Saturday, June 18. These will go to the Rohingya children in Milwaukee in our ongoing partnership with Devon Oasis.



6	Annamarie Bennett	25	Eric Camenga
7	Josh Harris	26	Robin Bliese
13	Dale Green	28	Matt Uglum
15	Angie Mullen	29	Jill Groelle
20	Rinald & Teresa Kersten	29	Deb Perrino
20	Tom & Tara Rotzoll	29	Shanny Snyder
22	Genna Mullen	29	Becky Snyder
24	Becky Leitel		

Join Us at Camp Wakonda in 2022

Camp Discover (K-3)
June 27 – July 1
Intermediate Camp (4-6)
July 5 – 10
Camp Collision (7-12)
July 10 – 17



Registration is online at
theconnecting.church/wakonda



RICK AND ANGIE MULLEN
INVITE OUR CHURCH FAMILY
TO CELEBRATE

The graduation of

GENNA MULLEN

MHS Class of 2022

at Camp Wakonda

Sat., June 4, 2022

4:00-9:00 pm

Bring your lawn chair to enjoy the shade of the oak trees.

KWIK TRIP™

Kwik Trip cards make great graduation gifts. Call (608-868-2741) or stop by the church office to pick up or order yours!

Focus on Funds

as of March 31, 2022

General Fund Balance	\$28,181.00
Cash at Mem. Fund	\$61,311.01
March Undesignated Income	\$20,930.09
March Total Income	\$25,462.23
March Expenses	\$21,560.36
Denomination Giving YTD	\$ 5,835.00
Capital Campaign Fund	\$21,190.76

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  8:30 Camp Wakonda Work/Cleaning Day	2 8:00 TOPS - Library	3	4 6:30 Men's Bible Study - Sharla's 9:30 Women's Bible Study - In person 6:25 Awana Awards 6:30 Collision - Camp Wakonda	5 11:00 Ladies Bible Study - Library	6	7 9:00 Sabbath School - Room 6 & zoom 9:00 Kids Fellowship 10:30 Worship - Sanctuary and YouTube
8  Lubke Piano Recitals	9 8:00 TOPS - Library	10 9:00 Ladies Sit 'n Sip - Sharla's	11 6:30 Men's Bible Study - Sharla's & zoom 9:30 Women's Bible Study - In person and zoom 6:30 Collision - Camp Wakonda	12 11:00 Ladies Bible Study - Library	13	14 9:00 Sabbath School - Room 6 & zoom 9:00 Kids Fellowship 10:30 Worship - Sanctuary and YouTube
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<p style="text-align: center;">Mental Health information is available in the church Welcome Center this month. Sue Cruzan will be available each week in May to assist you with questions.</p>						



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Online Worship

Our Sabbath morning worship service is available **live** on our YouTube channel. Go to <http://TheConnecting.Church/WorshipOnline> for the link. We are also posting links to the sermon notes on that same page.