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



Welcome New Members!

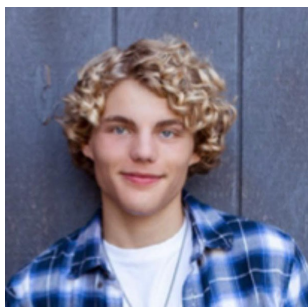
by Pastor Nate Crandall

At our June mid-year meeting, the church body voted to receive six people into covenant membership. First of all, congratulations to Dylan Dodd, Ellie Greene, Timothy Lawton, Jennifer Preiss, and Benny and Sarah Uhlich. We are so very thankful that you are a part of our church family!

We greatly value church membership for very important reasons. Perhaps the most important is because of God's example to us. When God initiated a relationship with his people, he started with a covenant. It was an agreement by which the expectations of the relationship, both God's and his

people's, were clearly identified. God's method of defining expectations for how we relate to one another is the reason why we also hold to a covenant agreement as a church family. Our covenant defines what we believe are the values and expectations we need to embrace and to encourage one another to hold on to firmly.

If you have not yet taken the step of going through the membership process and formally agreeing to the church covenant, I want to encourage you to take this very important step. If you have any questions, grab me anytime.



Dylan Dodd



Ellie Greene



Timothy Lawton



Jennifer Preiss



Benny & Sarah Uhlich
(and son Roper)

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Sabbath School Returns on September 3!

We will have 2 adult classes that will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Sabbath (Saturday) mornings in the church basement.

Mental Health in Today's World and the Family of God (Church Library)

Join us to support each other as we learn about Mental Health and the concerns it presents. God wants us to serve and help those with Mental Health issues. He also wants us to join with those who are caregivers to loved ones. He wants us to be whole. ***There but for the grace of God, go I.*** Attributed to English evangelical preacher and martyr John Bradford. (1510-1555). Facilitated by Sue Cruzan and Karissa Bornemann.

Inductive Bible Study (Room 6)

Join us in studying God's Word together. What is Inductive Bible study?
Observation – Read the passage and observe what you see. Gather the facts of what is happening or being said. ...
Interpretation – What does the text mean? Try to discover what the author is trying to communicate. ...
Application – How do you apply what you just learned to everyday life?
Pastor Nate will facilitate this class, and study the passages used in the Helping Hand.

Kids Fellowship Time

will return on Sabbath, September 3.

Our Nursery Workers will be available to supervise children at 9:00 in either the Nursery area or our Children's Library.

Coming Soon – Children's Church!

We are planning to offer a new discipleship opportunity for our children this fall. Children's Church will launch in October!

We will begin offering a learning opportunity for our elementary-age kids two Sabbaths a month. Details are still being worked out, but we are looking to build a strong team of people willing to lead our children during the worship service using The Gospel Project curriculum.

We plan to have enough volunteers so that no one would need to miss "big church" more than one time a month. (Wouldn't it be great if we could spread it out even more than that?) We welcome our teenagers to be a part of our team, too!

Please prayerfully consider if you would be willing to join our Children's Church team. Materials will be well prepared for you! Please talk to Angie Mullen for more details (asmullen92@gmail.com or 608-295-6484).



Celebrating 25 Years of Reaching Kids for Christ in Milton

By Angie Mullen, Director of Children's Ministries

Where were you 25 years ago? Let me help you with the math. It was 1997. What has changed in your life? What has changed in our world? A little Google research may help jog your memory; that is if you were born before then. Bill Clinton was the US president, the movie Titanic was released, Tiger Woods became the youngest golfer to win the Masters at age 21, Beanie Babies were the hot collector's item, gas was \$1.23 a gallon, a stamp was 23 cents, and Princess Diana died in a car accident that year.

Another important event happened 25 years here at the Milton SDB Church. God had laid the importance of reaching children in the Milton area with the Good News of Jesus Christ on the heart of some of our church leaders. They began investigating and planning to bring an Awana Club to Milton. On Aug. 18, 1997, Awana International issued a charter to the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church and our club began meeting under the leadership of Tanya Henry (McPherson), Cheri Appel, and many other church volunteers. Since that time, God has been using the Awana ministry with its dedicated leaders, church pastors and supportive congregation here to welcome well over 800 children on Wednesday nights. Each week during the school year, these children have had the opportunity to learn who Jesus is, how much he loves them and to grow in their walk with him.

In the world of children's ministry, we work alongside God, trusting in what he's doing in the hearts and mind of these young people. We know that a person's worldview is typically formed by the time they turn 13, so this opportunity we have to teach children about the love and sacrifice of Jesus is truly the most important time in a person's spiritual life. We are joyful laborers in God's kingdom. Yet, there are many times we don't know how God grows the seeds that have been planted once they leave our ministries. Milestones like 25 years of service remind us to pause and look back at all God has done, offering praise and thanksgiving. He uses moments like these to encourage us to keep laboring and trusting the Lord of the Harvest.

That's exactly what we plan to do this Awana year. All year long we will spend some time remembering and giving praise and thanksgiving for all God has done, is doing now, and will do through the Awana ministry here in Milton. We

need your help, though. Have you or someone you know been a part of the 25 years of Awana ministry here? **Have you or a loved one been a clubber or leader? We want to hear from you!** What do you remember learning at Awana? Who are some leaders that God used to speak into your life? How have the scriptures, biblical truths or applications shaped your life today? If you were a leader, how has God touched you through your service here? **We are seeking your stories, testimonies, pictures, and memories!** Please send whatever you are willing to share – a simple statement, a detailed testimony and anything in between to Angie Mullen. You can send your thoughts through email (awanaclubs@miltonsdb.org), Facebook post/messenger (Milton SDB Awana Clubs), or text (608-295-6484). Help us remember and join us in giving praise to our God of Salvation for all he has done in these 25 amazing years of leading kids to know, love and serve Jesus Christ!



Back to School = back to
Awana Clubs
join us for our
Registration Night
Open House

Wednesday
SEPT. 7
6:00-7:30

2022
25
YEARS
IN MILTON

— Learn about Awana
— Register for club

Milton 7th Day Baptist Church
720 E. Madison Ave., Milton
call 868-2741 or email
awanaclubs@miltonsdb.org
for more info.

FREE
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first
100 people

Want a way to share the Gospel?
Simply invite ANY CHILDREN YOU KNOW to Awana! Direct them to our Facebook page at Milton SDB Awana Clubs, our church website or pick up printed material in the Welcome Center at church.

Prayer Focus – Fall Ministries and (School!)

By Renee Sanford, Prayer Coordinator

After summer's busy time, comes fall's busy time! Awana, Collision, Operation Christmas Child, Bible Breakfast, Sabbath School, Heritage Sabbath...and more. Let's lift up these ministries in prayer.

LORD, we ask for your guidance and blessing upon our fall ministries.

Thank you for 25 years of Awana here
Prepare leaders for Awana and Collision
Draw young people to Wednesday nights
Open hearts and minds to the truth and glory of the gospel
Make these ministries fruitful – with salvation and spiritual growth

Provide all the supplies and finances needed for Operation Christmas Child
Let each box be prepared with love for the child who will receive it
Be glorified as the gospel is shared around the world

Thank you for opportunities to gather together to study your word
Encourage your people to participate and apply what they learn
Provide volunteers for Children's Church

And please continue to pray for the 2022-23 school year! *LORD, we ask for your blessing & peace on Milton's Schools, the 660+ staff and 3,300+ students:*

May every home in the 100 square miles of the Milton School District be a place of peace and nurture where you are known as Lord and Savior

May your word – your truth –penetrate & permeate our schools

Let our schools respect religious liberty and biblical values

Keep everyone safe and healthy!

Meet the financial, emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of families

Encourage respectful relationships with teachers, parents, and students

Guide Christian students to grow in wisdom and

faith. Help them discern truth from falsehood where teachings conflict with Biblical values

Bring unbelieving students to a saving knowledge of Jesus

Provide wisdom and insight to teachers and administrators

Give Christian staff and students opportunities to share their faith

May there be grace and encouragement for troubled students

Provide wisdom and courage for the School Board and administrators as they make difficult decisions with no easy answers

Let support pour forth abundantly from the community

LORD, let Jesus be glorified the 2022-23 school year and in our Fall ministries!

Nathaniel Muench Ministry Update

by Renee Sanford, Prayer Coordinator

Pastor Nate and I had a good conversation with Nathaniel in August. He is asking us to pray for him for guidance on the next steps in his calling to reach the skateboard community.

For several years he has been working with a Christian sports organization in Germany. This organization is shifting its emphasis from outreach to unsaved youth to discipling Christian youth. As they are led by the Holy Spirit in this direction, Nathaniel continues to feel the strong call to focus his efforts on building relationships with the unreached subculture of skateboarders. Please pray for Nathaniel as he seeks the Lord and moves forward on the path that God has called him to walk.

And praise the Lord! His wife Naomi has a job in her field – a big step after graduation!

Operation Christmas Child:

This is the time to purchase **school supplies, summer toys and clothing on sale**. Place donations in the trunk in the back stairwell. If you do not like to shop, monetary donations are welcomed!

Summer Items: children's t-shirts, smaller flip flops, small slip-on sandals, smaller balls, uninflated soccer balls & pumps, jump ropes, summer toys, sunglasses, hats / ball caps

School Supplies: pens/pencils, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, crayons, markers, large notebooks, small notebooks (3"x4"), solar calculators, small coloring / picture / sticker books, erasers, dry paint sets, scissors, glue sticks, stamps/ink pads



OCC Items to Make at Home:

You can make crafts or put together kits at home to be included in the shoeboxes, such as compiling tool, sewing or fishing kits, or making friendship bracelets or a doll blanket. Check out these simple ideas at the Welcome Center that can fill a shoebox with joy for a child in need.



SAVE THE DATE:

Mark your calendar to participate in our Saturday, November 5th Operation Christmas Child Packing Party from 1 to 3:00 p.m.
Join in the fun!



Fall Week To Serve:

Mark your calendar now for **Oct 3 – 6** for our church's week to serve this fall at the men's homeless shelter – GIFTS. Watch for sign up sheets at the Welcome Center – to donate food for meal prep or to serve the meal to the men staying there.

GIFTS Homeless Shelter

A note from GIFTS Shelter:

With the support of many area churches, individuals and organizations, look at the effect of the collaborative effort!

Did you know that last year you helped provide 32,904 meals and 5,610 nights of shelter?

What amazing difference makers you are!

We know how you impact each and every guest that steps foot in our door. That you let them know they aren't alone in their journey and that their community really does care about them. Your partnership in bringing God's love to them through our ministry is inspirational!

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death *by Pastor Nate*

On July 2nd I had the opportunity to say a few words at the memorial service for our brother-in-Christ, Steve Gincer. Since it was held at the church he attended in Oak Creek, most of our church family did not have the opportunity to attend. I share these words with you now in order to share in the blessing of Steve's constant focus on the gospel of Jesus Christ, which is what I will always hold dear from him. If there is something in these words that moves you, I would encourage you to follow Steve's example and to pass it on to someone who would benefit from it.

I first met Steve 15 years ago when my family moved to Milton and became part of the Seventh Day Baptist church. Over the years we connected on a deep level especially over the truth of the Bible, the issue of God as the creator of the world, and on books that he would pass over to me on many topics. But as I look back what was the constant theme almost all of our conversations was the gospel message.

Steve was always suggesting books to read about the gospel. He was concerned when the truth of the Bible was distorted by some teaching or trend. He handed out books like candy is handed out at a 4th of July parade. But he didn't just give books. He talked about the truth that God reveals in the Bible which the

books he was so passionate to give away spoke of.

Several years ago before Steve's brother, Mike, passed away I had the honor of sitting with them and talking about Jesus. Mike had recently come to the place where he truly understood the good news, the gospel of Jesus. It made all the difference in the world for him, so much that he asked me to share the gospel at his memorial service. Steve, even in his grief, was so passionate about what was going on in Mike. This is one of the powerful memories I will hold in my heart of the character of his heart.

Steve's passion was for people to hear the gospel and to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. He always came back to the gospel. It didn't matter who for Steve. If someone didn't know the gospel, then they should hear it. He started Salvation Singers just so that the people in retirement and assisted living homes could have the opportunity to hear about Jesus. He grabbed anyone from our church that he could to come along. If they didn't have musical talent they could just come and talk to people about the Lord. I used to play guitar. We would sing old hymns and old familiar tunes and everyone would sing along. The one song I was not all that familiar with was "Bicycle built for two", but everywhere we went all the residents knew that song. After singing, Steve

would tell people about Jesus. Those were fun times. It's always fun to tell someone about the greatest person they will ever meet who so passionately wants to be them.

Gospel means "good news." Yet for many people, the gospel doesn't really sound like good news. It sounds like average news, or perhaps even bad news. I'm convinced that when people don't view the gospel as good news it's because they think the gospel is about something to do or some group to belong to instead of a person to meet. The gospel is our introduction to Jesus, and it is good news because Jesus is the best thing that could ever happen to us.

I'll tell you why I think Jesus is the best thing that could ever happen to you. There is nothing in your life that can scare him away from you. Not one thing. There is nothing you could do or say that can come between him and you. The thing that you are afraid of telling people about because you think they will reject you, Jesus already knows about it and it is not so awful or bad that it could ever keep him away. His love for every one of us is greater than all of the bad news in our lives, including the bad news we contribute to this life. That is truly good news. How do I know this is true? I know it because Jesus never has turned away from me in spite of all the reasons I given

Celebration of Our Church's Generosity in Outreach

by Pastor Nate Crandall and Linda Lyke

God has given our church a generous heart. 2 Corinthians 9:7 says "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." God loves our cheerful giving! Let's celebrate the figures below which reflect how we as a church have donated to our ministries of outreach.

From August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022:

\$86.15 was received through Amazon Smile
\$1,480.81 was received through Kwik Trip card sales
\$3,767.84 was given from our Outreach budget to GIFTS Men's Homeless Shelter, Operation Christmas Child, Q Place, Skaters of Christ, Experience Mission, Milwaukee Roh-

ingya, and the SDB Missionary Society

\$8,266.93 was given from individuals to the SDB Missionary Society for Uganda and for undesignated support.

\$20,294.97 in total was given from individuals to Devon Oasis, Koinonia Youth Ministry, Skaters of Christ, Experience Mission, Milwaukee Rohingya, and Operation Christmas Child.

In total, \$32,329.74 was given by our church family to these ministries of outreach over the past year! That is awesome!

For those of you who have been so generous, thank you for responding to the needs which the Lord places on your heart!

In case you haven't taken advantage of the "free money"



which can be used for our outreach ministry through Amazon Smile and Kwik Trip, here are a

few questions to ponder:

Do you drive? Purchase a Kwik Trip card from the office and the proceeds go to our outreach ministry! Give Janet a call at 608-868-2741 to arrange a time to stop by. We usually have \$50 and \$100 cards available.

Do you purchase on Amazon? Go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and designate your support to Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church!

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death, *continued*

him to do so. I know it because Jesus has already experienced every bad thing we've done, and every horrible thing that has been done to us when he hung on the cross. I believe with all my heart what the Bible says about it. It says that he bore our shame and he carried our sorrows. In the most profound act a human being ever did, God in heaven took all the stuff that has broken our lives and he put it on Jesus. Jesus was broken with our brokenness, so that when

we trust him, he can make us whole.

Today we have to come to grips with the reality of death. Death says to all of us that we are broken, and there is nothing we can do to save ourselves from its eventual hold on us. But from the cross Jesus calls out to us and tells us that he has a solution for our brokenness. He is the solution. He says, "Come to me all of you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Steve has gone to be with Jesus. But the truth is that Steve had already been with Jesus for many years. He walked with Jesus every day. This profound spiritual reality of personally knowing the God who loves us like we know our best friends, this is the good news the Lord wants us to hear. Jesus calls to every one of us. He is here. He is near. He is not far away in heaven. He is close by, and if you have not responded to his call, consider that today he is calling out to you.

Attention Amazing Awana Team:



Our Annual Awana Staff meeting will be **Sunday, Sept. 11 @ 5:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. We will have supper together and then have our annual meeting/training. Let Angie know if you have dietary restrictions. If you need childcare, please let Angie know very soon so that can be arranged. **Please complete your annual Safety in Ministry training BEFORE you come to the meeting.** See your email or our staff Facebook group for the link to the training. Anyone who has not completed it will need to do so following our meeting that evening.



Bulletin Board



WHITE CLOUD SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Invites you to

NORTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

September 23-25, 2022

at White Cloud Seventh Day Baptist Church

DR. CARL GREENE
Will be our Guest Speaker

September

7	Registration Night
*11 Sun.	Staff Meeting @ 5:30
14	First Club Night
21	Club
28	Club



September

5	Mon. – Magnolia Bluff with Koinonia
7	Collision – Game Night
14	Collision
21	Collision (Pizza –Invite a friend)
28	Collision
30	Fall Recharge @ Camp Wakonda



Focus on Funds

as of July 31, 2022

General Fund Balance	\$20,411.42
Cash at Mem. Fund	\$54,875.46
July Undesignated Income	\$16,976.68
July Total Income	\$25,862.13
July Expenses	\$28,276.00
Denomination Giving YTD	\$ 6,595.00
Capital Campaign Fund	\$ 9,570.76







- 1 Doug Lubke
- 1 Janet & Kevin Butler
- 4 Lori & Bob Ball
- 5 Neil Lubke
- 5 Ryan Curry
- 6 Randy Kersten
- 12 Jayne Lubke
- 12 Calvin Lubke
- 12 Liz Green
- 13 Taliesin Kersten
- 15 Janette Loofboro
- 17 Isaiah Call



Anniversaries and Birthdays

- 17 Tara Rotzoll
- 20 Kevin Butler
- 28 Caleb Sanford
- 29 Mike Hoffman
- 30 Perla Call

September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
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With the LORD
there is
steadfast love.
and with him is
great power
to redeem.

PSALM 130:7, NRSV

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.