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



In keeping with our annual tradition of celebrating the Lord's goodness to us as a church, Heritage Sabbath will be held the weekend of October 27th-28th. Our theme this year is "Revive Us Again!"

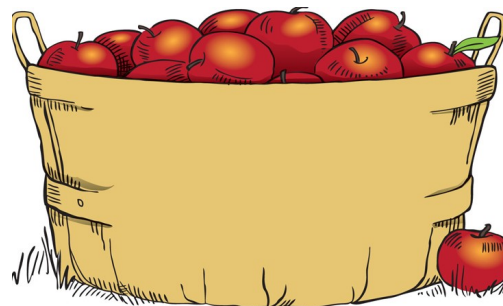
We are happy to welcome special guests, Pastors Kingsley Gauti from Malawi, Africa and Quistin Chalwe from Zambia, Africa. They will be sharing with us about what God is doing in Africa on Friday evening.

Pastor Wayne North from Freedom Community Church in New Auburn, WI will be speaking Sabbath Morning. Joining us to lead worship both Friday evening and Sabbath morning will be Josh Calhoun, Creative Arts Director/Worship Pastor of Beloit Central Christian Church. During Sabbath School, Pastor Nick Kersten will be leading a class on the book Emotionally Healthy Spirituality. All are invited to attend.

Once again after Sabbath morning worship we will gather around the table for the Turkey Dinner. Joining us both for worship and fellowship will be the Emerging SDB Leaders from around the country, so this will be an excellent opportunity to engage with those outside the church family as well!

To round out the events of the weekend, at 6:00pm we will once again have a Trivia Night. There will be snacks, drinks, and YES, prizes! Teams of 6-8 people are already forming. If you'd like to put together a team, contact Melissa Lade to reserve your spot.

Heritage Sabbath is a wonderful time to gather, fellowship, and be renewed together in our walk with the Lord. Check out the schedule of events on page 7 and plan to be here for a great time with your church family!



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Spotlight on Stewardship

Biblical Stewardship—Part 1

By Pastor John Pethtel

Note: This article is one part in a series of articles focused on biblical stewardship encouraging us to take a closer look into how to become biblical stewards of what God has given to us and our church.

Despite the fact that our culture no longer uses the word stewardship, the church remains committed to it because of the relationship between God and His people that it uniquely represents. There is simply no other word that communicates this critical Christian perspective. It informs our entire mindset about the world and our role in it.

A definition of biblical stewardship from the sermon on 09/16/2023: Biblical Stewardship is the faithful use of the things God created and has allowed us to possess for service to Him and to others.

God, Humanity, and Stewardship

Humanity's role as stewards is embedded in the story of creation. The writer Genesis explained why Adam was placed in the garden:

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. (Genesis 2:15 ESV)

The psalmist further expounded on the relationship between God's creation and humanity's management:

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. (Psalm 8:6-8 ESV)

God put people in charge of what He created, but they were to understand that creation ultimately belonged to Him. In Psalm 50, God explained this to the Israelites:

I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine. (Psalm 50:9-12 ESV)

The Perspective of Biblical Stewardship: God Owns Everything

Consider the scriptures to remind us that nothing falls beyond God's ownership.

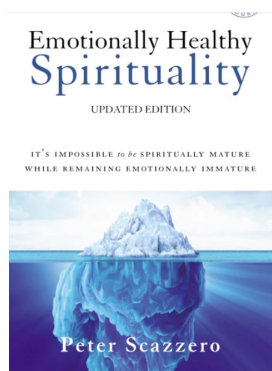
Behold, to the Lord your God belonged heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. (Deuteronomy 10:14 ESV)

The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine. For you are strangers and sojourners with me. (Leviticus 25:23 ESV).

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. (1 Chronicles 29:11-12 ESV)

Who has first given to me, that I should repay him? Whatever is under the whole heaven is mine. (Job 41:11 ESV)

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Join the Elder's Book Club!

Our next installment of the Elder's Book Club is going to be held on October 28th during the Grow Group time. Nick Kersten will be leading us through a summary of Pete Scazzero's book, ***Emotionally Healthy Spirituality***, which is focused on helping us become emotionally mature Christians who are not stunted in our growth by unhealthy and immature emotions in our faith journeys. It is not necessary to have read the book in advance to attend the class, as the class will focus on key themes of the book and will have value whether you've read the book or not. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, you can reach out to Nick directly.

Prayer Focus

Oh what riches we have in Jesus!

His love has no limit! His grace has no measure!
His power has no boundary known unto men.
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth and giveth and giveth again.

- We are blessed by all you have given us, LORD—our faith, our families, our church, our jobs, our very lives! Your presence now and forever. Thank you!
- Help us put all these blessings to work in your kingdom for your glory.
- Remind us daily that everything in heaven and earth is yours.
- Make us faithful stewards. Show us how we can serve you. Show us how we can serve others.
- Help us to share our time, our wealth, our gifts as abundantly as you share yourself with us.
- Align our desires with yours. Give us the will to do the things which you prepared for us to do.
- Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done. Hear on earth as it is in heaven.

Biblical Stewardship—Part 1, *continued*

By Pastor John Pethtel

And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the Lord of hosts. (Haggai 2:7-8 ESV)

As you think through everything God owns, consider how He wants you to care for what is His. What is your next step in growing your stewardship biblically?

Next month, in part 2 of Biblical Stewardship, we will take a look at our role as stewards of what God owns and has entrusted us with and two parables to help us understand biblical stewardship.

Making an Impact in Uganda

by Mike Hoffman

A few years ago, Pastor Daniel Nsubuga of Uganda, Africa, visited the Milton area and fellowshiped with the Milton SDB congregation. Many of you hosted him for a meal, and no doubt heard inspirational stories of his ministry in Uganda. Quite unfortunately, Daniel passed away from complications of Covid in June of 2021.



What he left behind was far more than a legacy of leadership in the Uganda Seventh Day Baptist Conference, for he also left behind a wife, Victoria, and eleven children. Three of the children are biological and eight others are orphans who were taken in by both Daniel and Victoria. These children range in age from 5-17. Victoria, who is only 42 years old, is now left to raise these children alone with very little means of supporting herself or her family.

For many years I have served on the board of directors of a non-profit organization, Children's World Impact (CWI), whose mission is based on the Bible verse, James 1:27: *"Pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their adversity and to keep oneself unstained by the world."* When I learned of Victoria's plight, the wheels started turning, and to make a long story short, there is now a multi-faceted project in development that will help provide Victoria with a regular income as well as support other widows, children, and community members in the area of Uganda where she lives.



The project is a poultry production facility that will raise chicks to maturity for both egg production and poultry meat. Victoria will be the director of this project and oversee every aspect of its operation, with help from a leadership team of 5 other carefully chosen community members. Land has already been purchased for the project, and we look forward to the next phase, which will include connecting electricity, digging a well, and building three chicken houses, each of which will hold 500 chickens.



While the vast majority of funding for this \$65,000 project is coming from CWI, the organization is working cooperatively with the SDB Missionary Society, which has been instrumental in the planning. Pastor Garfield Miller, the Director of Mobilization & Projects for the Missionary Society, recently made a trip to Uganda in September to check in with Victoria and the other team members and to solidify next steps.

Eventually this project has the potential for tremendous profit, and while it's short term goals are to provide employment for Victoria and other community members as well as provide nutritious food for the surrounding area, the long term goal, once it becomes self-sustaining, is that this project will be able to transform the community. To contribute financially to this endeavor, you can visit www.cwi.org. May God's name be glorified through this project!

October – Awana

4	"Friend Fiesta" Bring a Friend Night
11	Bring your Teddy Bear to Awana
18	Club 6:25-8:00
25	Club 6:25-8:00

Thank You!!

Thank you for supporting our OCC mission. This is Operation Christmas Child's 30th year. Introducing the gospel to children who do not know Jesus with a simple shoebox of gifts.

Save the Date of November 11th!

This year's packing party will take place from **1-3pm**. We will need a few people to help direct packing and shoe box production.

Our goal this year is 150 boxes.



YOU Can Help!

We are still in need of fun items for our boxes such as small stuffed animals, cars, small toys, coloring books, etc.

Heritage Sabbath Schedule of Events

Friday Night:

6:00 pm Pizza Dinner

7:00 pm Praise & Worship Service

Worship led by Josh Calhoun

Speakers:

Pastors Kingsley Gauti

& Quistin Chalwe

Sabbath Day:

9:00 am Sabbath School

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

Led by Nick Kersten

10:30 am Worship Service

Worship led by Josh Calhoun

Speaker—Pastor Wayne North

12:00 pm Turkey Dinner

6:00 pm Trivia Night

Snacks, Drinks & Prizes!



Classes for All Ages

Join Us for Fall Sabbath School Classes

Please join us for our Fall Sabbath School lineup at 9:00 a.m. beginning September 2:

Helping Hand Class- Facilitated by Pastor Liz – God’s Law is Love – Room 6

Mental Health Discussion and Support Group – Facilitated by Karissa Bornemann, Library

Youth Class – facilitated by Pastor Nate – has been moved to Wednesday afternoons at
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4:30 at Ice Shanty for a Bible Study, followed by Collision. Youth are welcome to join the Helping Class on Sabbath mornings.

Children’s Bible Study (grades 3-6 – need to be able to read) Mark - Inductive Bible Study - facilitated by Kathleen Holbrook and Renee Sanford in Alcove Room

Nursery staff will be available to supervise children not attending a class at 9:00 a.m. Meet them in the Nursery area.



The month of October has a few curve balls in our church ministry, so here's the scoop to keep you in the loop.

October 7th — Pastor Liz: Women of the Bible, part 1

October 14th — Pastor Liz: Women of the Bible, part 2
Communion Celebration

October 21st — Sabbath School @ 9:00 am
With Pastor Quistin Chalwe of Zambia

Worship @ 10:30 am
With Guest Speaker Kingsley Gauti
of Malawi

October 27th — Heritage Sabbath: *Revive Us Again!*

Agrace Offers Virtual Grief Support

Groups in October

In October, Agrace is offering two professionally led, virtual grief support groups for adults who are grieving the death of any loved one.

Bridges will meet Wednesday, October 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., via Zoom.

Journey Through Grief, a six-week grief support group series, meets Mondays, October 16 to November 20, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., via Zoom.

There is no fee if a participant's family member was in hospice care in the past 12 months; fees for others can be lowered or waived, if needed.

Pre-registration is required for each session; call (608) 327-7110 with questions or to register.



October



- 1 Brian Bliese
- 1 Ernie Fisher
- 4 Shelly Perry
- 4 Caedmon Kersten
- 6 Luke Greene
- 9 *Brandon & Kathy Crandall*
- 12 Henry Lubke
- 19 Ellie Greene
- 21 Sam Greene
- 23 Patricia Thorngate
- 22 *Jeremy & Melissa Lade*
- 25 Mary Ellen Steinke
- 26 Rick Mullen
- 26 Sydnee Bush
- 26 *Warren & Grace Nickel*
- 26 *Collin & Shelly Perry*
- 28 Lynnette Millard
- 30 Kathy Crandall
- 31 *Leroy & Janette Loofboro*
- 31 Renee Sanford

Sabbath Sunset Times

Oct 06	6:30 p.m.	Oct 07	6:28 p.m.
Oct 13	6:18 p.m.	Oct 14	6:17 p.m.
Oct 20	6:07 p.m.	Oct 21	6:05 p.m.
Oct 27	5:57 p.m.	Oct 28	5:55 p.m.

JOIN US FOR



CHILDREN'S CHURCH!

October Children's Church

October 7
Unit 18: Session 3
 Ezra Read the Law
 (Ezra 7-10; Nehemiah 8)

October 21
Unit 18: Session 4
 The People Promised to be Faithful
 (Nehemiah 9-10)



Join Us!

Tuesday, October 10,
 9:00 a.m. at Sharla's
 Come relax with some
 church friends!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 7:00 Scouts	4 6:30 Men's Bible Study - Sharla's 9:30 Women's Bible Study 4:30 Youth Bible Study - The Ice Shantea 6:25 Awana— "Friend Fiesta," Bring a Friend! 6:30 Collision - Camp Wakonda	5	6	7 9:00 Sabbath School 9:00 Kids Fellowship 10:30 Worship and Children's Church
8	9 8:00 TOPS	10 9:00 Ladies Sit 'n Sip - Sharla's 7:00 Scouts	11 6:30 Men's Bible Study - Sharla's 9:30 Women's Bible Study 4:30 Youth Bible Study - The Ice Shantea 6:25 Awana— Bring your Teddy Bear! 6:30 Collision - Camp Wakonda	12	13	14 9:00 Sabbath School 9:00 Kids Fellowship 10:30 Worship
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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.