

# get connected

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



## Global Partnerships for the Gospel

by Pastor Nate Crandall

*I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:3-6*

Partnerships for the advance of the gospel are woven into the fabric of Christian history. Paul praised the partnership of the Philippian church with his apostolic church planting team. They provided both financial and personal support for Paul. They had embraced the team approach to being obedient to the Great Commission. In light of this, Paul reminded them of God's work in them which the Lord would continue and bring to completion.

The Lord Jesus is working still through gospel partnerships to advance the kingdom during our time. We have the ability to partner with other believers, churches, and organizations on a global scale. Even though the scale of partnership can be larger for us, the same kinds of connections which the Philippians believers had with Paul are the ones we have and desire to have today. Relationships through Christ, built on the truth of the gospel and flooded with the grace of God are what true partnerships are made of. Though this can be

tricky to obtain when our partners are located far away, still the Lord provides everything that is needed.

In order to facilitate global partnerships for the gospel, your outreach team has decided to partner with the SDB Missionary Society's annual missions week. This yearly missions emphasis takes place at the end of February. Perhaps because we like to do things with a little twist, and because of Paul's words to the Philippians, we would like to introduce an annual emphasis on the gospel which we are calling **Global Partnership Sabbath**.

**Global Partnership Sabbath will take place on February 24<sup>th</sup>** in conjunction with the Missionary Society's annual missions week. On that Sabbath you will hear updates about our partnership with the Missionary Society in Uganda. We will share about our partnership with the worldwide community of believers who are sharing Christ with the Rohingya people group. In addition, you will learn how you can partner with our church people who are sharing the gospel from Wisconsin to the other side of the world this summer.

The Lord calls his people to partner together for the sake of the gospel. May we be a people who answer his call!

## February 2024

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# Praying For The Global Church

by Renee Sanford, Prayer Coordinator

In Revelation 7 we are assured that one day people from every tribe and nation will join together in one accord to worship the LORD (“After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”)



In our day, in our time, God is growing His amazing world-wide church--filled with peoples from many ethnicities, many languages and cultures, all worshipping His holy name. Until the fulfillment of the Revelation 7 vision, Let us join n in prayer for the global church.

LORD, keep your global church true to the biblical gospel.

Raise up leaders, strong in their faith, to guide and serve the body of Christ.

Strengthen the church – as local bodies of Christ and as individuals, to live holy lives and, as true disciples, to boldly share the gospel.

Send forth field workers to the harvest field, giving them opportunities to show Jesus’ love and speak the wonderful words of life.

Protect and encourage believers facing persecution in places like North Korea, China, Nigeria, Pakistan, Afghanistan.

Open the way for your word to reach people who don’t have the Bible in their native language.

Let the unreached peoples encounter you, LORD, in miraculous ways.

Provide political leadership and social environments allowing unreached people groups freedom to hear and accept the gospel.

Provide support for Wycliffe Bible Translators, Joshua Project, Open Doors and others engaged in the long-term work of training & equipping believers to support persecuted Christians and take the gospel to the unreached.

Show us our part in the Great Commission (“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son

and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”) both as individuals and as a church.

Guide us and give us wisdom and humility when deciding what actions to take.

May we boldly pursue the works you have prepared in advance for us to do.

These prayers are not new ones! In the Psalm 117, the psalmist prays “Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!” We can sing out this prayer in Isaac Watts 1719 hymn

*From all that dwell below  
the skies,  
Let the Creator's praise  
arise;  
Let the Redeemer's name  
be sung  
Through ev'ry land by ev'ry  
tongue.*



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# Our Church Ministry Goals for 2024

## Leadership Development

Develop leadership pipeline vision and plan.

## Youth Ministry

Recruit and train additional youth staff.  
Disciple youth in inductive Bible Study methods.  
Disciple youth in praying for and having spiritual conversations.

## Prayer Ministry

Seek a better balance between petitionary prayer, thanksgiving and praise.  
Provide resources (particularly for youth) that assist in declaring God's glory as a key component of prayer.

## Camp Wakonda

Write grant proposal to Memorial Board for capital improvements.  
Recruit additional Camp Director and Camp Medic.

## Outreach

Seek the Lord Jesus in prayer about how our church should move forward in the mission for the Rohingya, our adopted Unreached People, to know Christ.  
Seek the Lord in prayer for vision about the future of our partner-

ship with the Ugandan SDB conference.  
Impress God's missional heart for the nations to our church body.

## Communications

Refresh and revamp web site look and feel.

## Caring Ministry

Solidify roles and involvement of the deacons in serving.  
Provide leadership training for the deacons.  
Update deacon fund policy and process.

## Church Family

Develop our response to meeting guests and follow-up.

## Spiritual Growth

Establish at least one new Bible study.  
Explore purpose of education and new approaches to achieve these purposes.  
Explore intersection of fellowship/support groups and education and ways to make it happen.  
Explore options for combining education and outreach.

## Children's Ministry

Stabilize nursery staffing and oversight  
Awana goal: The Awana staff will deliberately talk with the children about what they personally believe about trusting in Jesus, the Bible and walking with God on a frequent basis in both Large and Small Group settings. They will relate these core beliefs to scripture.  
Ask children what they believe about Jesus, the Bible and walking with God as they present weekly lessons and why they believe this.

## Worship

Expand use of special music including from outside the congregation.  
Explore musical expression in worship and other content.  
Develop plan for sound board repair or replacement.



# The Awana Grand Prix is Back – Get in the Race with Us!

by Angie Mullen, Children's Ministry Director

It's been three years since the Fellowship Hall has been filled with cheering race fans, wooden cars speeding down the track at speeds up to 175 mph and their owners, who carefully crafted them, hoping for a first place finish. The 2020 Awana Grand Prix was the last event our club hosted before Covid canceled so many things. The kids have been asking when we are racing again. The answer is NOW! **And we want YOU, church family, to "get in the race" with us!** **You may be wondering, "What is a Grand Prix"?**

The Awana Grand Prix is a racing event with a track record of fun and excitement. Each year thousands of young people and their families attend a local race where they will hear the gospel message. During the event clubbers race small wooden cars that they've crafted with the help of a parent or other adult. We have been holding this event as part of our Awana ministry here in Milton since 2011. The goals of such an event are to encourage adults to spend time crafting

these wooden cars and then to have those adults attend the race with their children. At the conclusion of the racing, a clear gospel message is presented to the room full of spectators as the race results are being determined. All of this is to happen in a place where friendly competition results in a positive, fun experience with Godly attitudes and sportsmanship. Trophies are awarded in each class for speed and best design.

On **Sunday, March 3 racing will begin at 2:00 pm.** We invite anyone associated with Awana, past or present, or our church family to join in the fun and fellowship by entering the Open Class. Simply pick up an order form from the Welcome Center or order a car kit from Angie Mullen/contact the church office (donations of \$6.00 per car are appreciated). Cars must be from our kits for this race. Use the kit to create your own race car and bring it on March 3<sup>rd</sup> for the race. (Speed contestants must be present to win.)

**"But I don't have any idea how to make a car?" is something you may be thinking.** We have a solution

for that! On Sunday, Feb. 25, Race Director Rich Gallegos and his experienced crew will be here to help you during our Grand Prix Workshop. Come from 12:00-2:00 pm to start your car from scratch or bring your car in whatever stage you have it in. We will have people here who can help you get it race ready. You can also bring your completed car just to give it a test run down the track and to check it for the correct size and weight. If you are willing to give it a try, we are here to help you create a car that will reach the finish line.

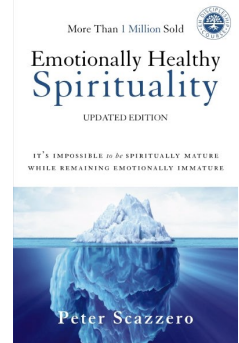
So give it a try! Come join the fun of the Awana Grand Prix. It sure would be exciting to have a robust Open Class competition. And it would be even more exciting to have a Fellowship Hall filled with people cheering on our Awana clubbers in their races.

Race Director Rich Gallegos will be contacting people who are not related to car owners in the race to help with our design category judging. If you're not interested in creating a car, you could support this event by helping with this important job. And if you can't



## "Whole Disciples for Broken Times" Sabbath School Class starting on February 3rd, 9:00 a.m.

To be vital in our changing world, followers and disciples of Jesus Christ need to seek maturity. Spiritual maturity is a whole-life concept which is not relegated to just our beliefs – it also extends to our thoughts, actions, and emotions. Following interest around the book *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*, by Peter Scazzero, we will explore how to pursue full maturity in our spiritual lives by exploring what it means to be emotionally healthy in them using Scazzero's book as a starting place.



Scazzero suggests that it is impossible to be spiritually mature while being emotionally immature. In this class, facilitated by Nick Kersten, we will strive together to address how to engage our God-given humanity and the emotions we all experience in ways that are healthy for us and the people around us without excusing sin or spiritualizing emotional immaturity. The class will begin on February 3rd and end on May 18th, Sabbath mornings. The Zoom link is <https://tinyurl.com/bdetryw5>

# CAMP WAKONDA



**Camp Discover**  
**June 24 - 28**

**Collision Camp**  
**July 7 - 14**

**Intermediate Camp**  
**July 14 - 19**

## The Grand Prix is Back, *continued*

make the event at all, please support us by praying that the event will be used by God to touch hearts of those who haven't yet made the decision to follow Christ and that the afternoon will permeate God's love and grace.

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- 8 Xavier Pethtel
- 15 Annmarie & Ron Bennett
- 24 Doug & Jayne Lubke
- 25 Sawyer Harris
- 25 Mackynzie Rotzoll
- 26 Beau Gilmore
- 26 Bethany Hegle
- 28 Kris Johnson



**Ladies Sit 'n Sip**  
 Tuesday, February 13,  
 9:00 a.m. at Sharla's

**February Children's Church**

**February 3**  
**Unit 19: Session 5**  
 Jesus Called His Disciples  
 (John 1)  
 Teacher: Kathy Crandall

**February 17**  
**Unit 19: Session 6**  
 Big Truth Session  
 Jesus Came to be the  
 Sacrifice for Sin  
 (Hebrews 10)  
 Teacher: Tara Rotzoll

February – Awana	
7	Club – Souper Bowl of Caring Night
14	Club
21	Club
25	Grand Prix Workshop 12-2 p.m.
28	Club – Movie Night

February – Collision	
5	Roller Skating with Koinonia Youth Ministries
7	Bible Study @ The Ice ShanTea (4:30-6) Collision @Camp Wakonda
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**Focus on Funds**  
 as of December 31, 2023

General Fund Balance	\$20,443.96
Cash at Mem. Fund	\$26,719.78
Dec. Undesignated Inc.	\$28,029.82
Dec. Total Income	\$37,403.35
Dec. Expenses	\$25,758.06
Denomination Giving YTD	\$ 5,545.00
Capital Campaign Fund	\$ 6,024.38

# February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
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**Love one another,  
for love comes  
from God.**

1 John 4:7

### **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.