

# get connected

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



## Awana Wraps Up with Awards Night

*By Angie Mullen, Awana Director*

The 2023-24 Awana Year ended in an evening of celebration on May 1st. The sanctuary was filled with clubbers, their families, and leaders as we honored each child and the work they did to learn more about God and hide His Word in their hearts. Following the awards program, we all headed over to North Goodrich Park to enjoy some shaved ice and play on this gorgeous evening.

Each year we honor children earning 2 special awards. Our 2nd grade Sparks who have completed all 3 Sparks books earn the Sparky Award. This year our Sparky Award winners were Maddox Hess, Caedmon Kersten, Sydney Rotzoll, Evie Sonntag, and Lillian Holbrook. We also honor any 6th graders who have completed all 4 T&T handbooks. This requires an extra amount of personal commitment. T&Ters

must complete 4 review sections on their own. This requires both written work and reciting all verses for the unit to their leader in order to complete their handbook each year. Lainey Smerud was our Timothy Award winner this year.

We are so thankful for each of our Awana families who made the commitment to bring their children here each Wednesday night. We are honored to partner with them to teach their children to know, love, and serve our Lord Jesus. We are also thankful for each of the 25 Awana staff members who gave their time, talents, and love to these children.

Please pray for these children to continue to grow spiritually this summer and for the plans for the 2024-25 Awana year. We can't wait to see what God will do in September through Awana!



**Sparky Award winners  
and their leaders**

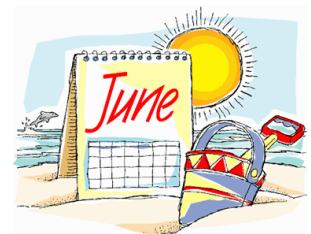


**Lainey –  
Timothy Award winner**

## June 2024

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**All Church Meeting  
June 23, 9:00 a.m.**

**Come to learn how  
you can be an active  
part in the ministry  
of the church!**

# Children's Inductive Bible Study

by Renee Sanford

Paul writes in Romans: *Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed?*

*And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? ... Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.*

These scriptures inspired us to try a children's inductive Bible study. Each week for 18 months our children have gone directly to God's word to see what God has to say to them. What an amazing journey!

9 chapters. 372 verses. 188 sword drills. 25 named people (from John the Baptist to Jesus to Jarius to Judas to Herod). 43 un-named people (the four friends who lowered the man through the roof, the bleeding woman, John's disciples, the demonized man in the cave). Jesus mentioned 551 times!!! We highlighted every single one!

We found 6 names for God the Father – Father, God, LORD, God of Israel, the Most High God, and Lord. 2 names for the Holy Spirit – Holy Spirit, Voice. And 17 names for Jesus – Son of Man, Son of David, Teacher, This Man, Son of the Most High, the Carpenter, Brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon, Son of Mary,

Rabbi, Son of God, Lamb of God, Jesus of Nazareth, Christ, Anointed One, Messiah, Dearly Loved Son, Word, Holy One of God.



Just a couple weeks ago in chapter 9, we discovered that Jesus “wrote” the Bible song “Be Careful Little Hands what you Do” – only he was rather violent about it (if your hand causes you to sin...)

It was exciting to see the kids learn to look at what the scripture says. Then identify questions – what does blasphemy mean? Why did they need to wash their hands? Then look for the truths being revealed – sin is bad. God sees people's hearts. And then see how to respond – When we are confused, look for answers in the Bible. Cut the sin out of your life. We saw over and over how much Jesus loves people.

We are so proud of the kids for coming back week after week – we had as few as one – and it was a good study. We had as many as 10 – and it was energetic! We were blessed by parents and older siblings joining in as mentors.

Here are some of the truths and applications:

- Sometimes healing is immediate. Sometimes it's a process.
- Jesus is the Son of God.
- When you have a question, ask Jesus – but ask sincerely not to trick him.
- Pray for a gentle heart.
- Pray to be fertile soil.
- Pray for open eyes.
- Ask for faith.
- Jesus has minions – and minions obey him. We can be his minions. We can obey God.
- When you obey, you can expect problems.
- Talk to God. Listen to God. Make prayer a priority.
- Focus on Jesus. We can get confused or lost if we take our eyes off him.
- Believe the good news.

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# Summer Lunch Bunch – Feeding Kids in Our Community



Milton area children who depend on school lunches will not go hungry when school is out for the summer. Several local churches, led by Hope Lutheran Church, have been meeting to plan and fund-raise for this important summer program. Our church will once again be joining this effort to prepare and distribute lunches. We have already made a financial donation to help cover the cost of the food for the week we will serve. This simple act of service and love helps to shine the light of Jesus throughout our community as we consider the needs of those around us.

As you make your summer plans, consider helping with the Summer Lunch Bunch. **July 22-July 25** is our church's week to feed the children. Lunches will be prepared in our kitchen at about 9:30 a.m. and distributed from 11:45-12:15 at 2 locations: Goodrich Park (right across the street) and Milton United Methodist Church. We will need 5 people each day to prepare the meals and 4 to help

pass them out. If you have the mornings free in the summer, please consider signing up to help. Please note that this is Conference week, so if you're not going to Conference, we could really use you. The sign up sheet will be placed in the Welcome Center in late June. If you'd like to volunteer before that or if you have questions, contact Angie Mullen 608-295-6484 or [asmullen92@gmail.com](mailto:asmullen92@gmail.com)



Scan here to make a donation to the program.

## Children's Inductive Bible Study, *continued*

- Jesus cares. Jesus is awake.
- Jesus makes time for people who need him.
- Things we don't understand can make us afraid. Keep trying to understand.
- Trust – do not be afraid.
- Come when Jesus calls. Even people Jesus calls have faults.
- Don't argue about status.
- Remember. Repent. Repeat.

The Lord, willing, next year we will finish chapters 10 through 16! Send your kids! Come yourself and visit! It's an amazing experience.

Highlight – What did you notice? What's repeated?

What's important? What does it say about God?

Explore & Explain – What is confusing? What don't you understand?

Analyze & Apply – What truths are here? What does it mean to you?

Respond – What are you going to do about it?



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## Advancing the Gospel

by Pastor John Pethtel

Stewardship should be driven by the mission, vision, and values of our church. At The Connecting Church - Milton SDB, this would be *“we connect people to Jesus and equip them to be his disciples.”*

Your gifts show an extraordinary Savior to an ordinary world. Our support of mission causes all over the globe from Janesville to Uganda has had a tremendous impact on people. However, your gifts also

make sure that the same gospel shared in Uganda is shared at our church building and camp most weeks of the year to people of all ages.

We are blessed to have facilities to use for this purpose. From the staff who clean the buildings to the staff who make a gospel presentation happen each week, we should be encouraged that our gifts make the gospel advance.

There are no sermon notes in a bulletin, a live streamed worship gathering, or a clean floor without your gifts.

Your time, talents, and treasures are vital to support the connections that our church makes between the gospel and people. Consider this summer how you can make your next best step in your contribution to the ministry of our church.

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## What Father's Day Means to Me

by Stephan Scott, June 21, 2020, Focus on the Family

Father's Day to me is about being thankful to the men in our lives who take on the responsibility and obligations of guiding us through life. Most of the time, taking that responsibility begins at the birth of their child. But, sometimes God gives children their father through other paths.

When a man becomes a father, he takes on new obligations and expectations. I do not know this from firsthand experience, for I do not have any children. However, I have experienced the range of consequences of those responsibilities, from being forgotten to the impact of when a man steps up and owns them.

This holiday is a time to express to our fathers the gratitude we have for the sacrifices they made. It is a time to ele-

vate our relationships with them to the forefront of our hearts and minds. God showed us the importance of this relationship clearly throughout scripture and capitalizing it in the Gospels. It gives us an intimate view of the relationship between Christ, the Son, and God the Father. Jesus gave thanks to the Father as an example to us. Father's Day is the time we designate to thank our earthly fathers and our Heavenly Father, just as our Savior did.

To understand my perspective on Father's Day, you need to know a bit about my relationship with my father. Initially, there was no intention of him becoming my “father.” He was the pastor of the church that sat across the street from our foster home placement in a

small community outside of

Birmingham. Before moving in with him and Mrs. Scott, we would occasionally meander across the street to attend services, especially when they were offering to feed us. So inevitably, we would come across the broad-shouldered, white-haired preacher with his red tie and pin-striped suit. The most well-dressed man I had ever met. He was (and is to this day) a fiery, passionate man in the pulpit, which made him seem like an intimidating, moral celebrity of sorts. At the time, I was a ten-year-old boy with no understanding of church culture or etiquette. To me, he was the equivalent of a school principal, but with God on his side.





## Koinonia Singers – 2024 Summer Tour!

Saturday, June 22, 10:30 a.m. at Milton SDB Church

Rehearsals have begun for this year's program,

**Eavesdropping at the Proppa Cuppa Coffee House.**

A buzz of praise is in the air!

The key Scripture for the show this year is **Psalm 103**. The message addresses the devastation of sin. First, those who don't know what sin really is - not only rebellion and disobedience against God, but treasuring and loving anything and everything more than God. Second, the confusion about remaining sin in a true Christian's life. Then, the solution for both and for abundant life is to run to Jesus through the Gospel.

*Setting:* At the Proppa Cuppa Coffee House. There is a big sign that says: Open Mic Night Tonight and a man sitting in a lounge chair with his nose in a big book – the Bible . . .

## What Father's Day Means to Me, *continued*

Over the next year, my siblings and I began to attend more and more services. I remember one Sunday he was preaching a sermon and asked the congregation a rhetorical question. "When does a coal mine become a coal mine?" I raised my hand as I would at school and blurted out loudly, "When they find coal!" He was making a point about permits or something along those lines, but this interjection took him entirely off-guard. The congregation found this exchange to be hilarious, and that was the first time my future dad and I really connected. Eventually, our foster home could not continue to care for all of us. So, he and my future mother took my siblings and me into their home when we were about to be placed into separate foster homes. Thus began the journey of CB Scott becoming my dad.

Over the next several years, he took on every obstacle of being the father I had never

had. Before him, no man had ever shown me that he loved me and tried to build me into anything valuable. His goal was primarily to share with me the love of our Savior, then to provide the spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical resources to break the cycle of the broken families from which I came.

My father always said that he is "in the man business." By this, he meant that he was determined to instill the character in me that I would need to be a strong man of God. Without the efforts and sacrifices my dad made while raising me; I would likely have become another foster care statistic. According to the world, I was destined to be lost and hopeless. Instead, my dad shared grace with me and taught me how to do the same for my children one day. For this, I am eternally grateful. Father's Day is about being thankful for the man or men in our lives that stepped up and shouldered the responsibility of fatherhood for us. It is about recognizing the sacrifices that

those men made to be a good figure in our lives. We are called by God to love our fathers and mothers every day, but this holiday is specifically to recognize the role and impact fathers have. As followers of Christ, it is about being grateful to our Heavenly Father for those men.

Father's Day is especially meaningful to me. I was on a path not to have a father to care for me or show me the love of God. I was not supposed to have someone invest their time. To teach me the value of hard work and hold me accountable for my actions. I am so grateful for my dad, and I recognize I am so blessed to have him in my life. Not everyone has a man in their life that fills the father role in their life. However, we all have access to the love and grace of Jesus Christ. We can all unite in one Heavenly Father, and all be thankful to access to His love and guidance.



- 1 Isaac Kersten
- 4 Merry FitzRandolph
- 4 Miriam Shook
- 6 Natalie Geske
- 7 *Paul & Denise Green*
- 10 Jen Dutcher
- 11 Carol Watson
- 11 *Chuck & Connie Nelson*
- 14 Julianna Crandall
- 15 Rich Gallegos
- 15 *Neil & Carol Aiken*
- 18 Theodore Lubke
- 19 *Kris & Debbie Johnson*
- 20 Tracy Porter
- 20 *Angie & Rick Mullen*
- 20 *Carl & Cindy Greene*
- 21 Zach Groelle
- 23 *Brian & Carol Watson*
- 25 Joel Osborn
- 29 Martha Shaw
- 29 Robert Muench
- 30 Brittany Kersten

## June Bulletin Board

### Join us for **Worship at Wakonda**

on Sabbath, June 29 at 10:30 at  
Camp Wakonda, 10240 Klug Road, Milton.

Please bring lawn chairs, games, and anything else you would need for some fun time outside. We will share a Fellowship Meal with hotdogs and buns provided. Please bring a dish to share and your own beverage. In case of bad weather, we will be at the church instead.



### **Congratulations to our grads this year! They are:**

- Jordan Dutcher – Taylor University
- Julia Dutcher – Tricoci University of Beauty Culture
- Natalie Geske – Milton High School
- Eva Harris – Servant Academy
- Allison Johnson – Parkview High School
- Ivan Sykora – Milton High School

### **June Children's Church**

**June 1**  
**Unit 21: Session 4**  
We Are Saved By  
Faith in Jesus  
(Hebrews 11)

**June 15**  
**Unit 21: Session 1**  
Jesus Healed Ten Men  
(Luke 17)

### **Ladies Sit 'n Sip**

Tuesday, June 11,  
9:00 a.m. at Sharla's

### **Men's Chorus**

is taking a break  
until September.

### **Rummage Sale Coming – August 18**

Start cleaning and saving  
your items. Watch the  
bulletin for details.

### **Focus on Funds**

as of April 30, 2024

General Fund Balance	\$27,814.88
Cash at Mem. Fund	\$26,920.18
April Undesignated Inc.	\$19,604.88
April Total Income	\$21,747.08
April Expenses	\$17,041.40
Denomination Giving YTD	\$ 2,265.00
Capital Campaign Fund	\$ 6,024.38

# June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Sabbath Sunset Times</b></p> <p>May 31 8:28 p.m.    June 1 8:29 p.m.            June 7 8:33 p.m.    June 8 8:34 p.m.            June 14 8:37 p.m.    June 15 8:37 p.m.            June 21 8:39 p.m.    June 22 8:39 p.m.            June 28 8:39 p.m.    June 29 8:39 p.m.</p>			<p><b>Camp Discover – June 24-28</b>  <b>Collision Camp – July 7-14</b>  <b>Intermediate Camp – July 14-19</b>            Registration at  <a href="http://theconnecting.church/wakonda">theconnecting.church/wakonda</a></p>			<p>1</p> <p>10:30 Worship and Children's Church</p>
2	3 8:00 TOPS	4  7:00 Scouts	5 6:30 Men's Bible Study – Sharla's 9:30 Women's Bible Study	6	7	8 10:30 Worship – Communion
9	10 8:00 TOPS	11 9:00 Ladies Sit 'n Sip – Sharla's  7:00 Scouts	12 6:30 Men's Bible Study – Sharla's 9:30 Women's Bible Study	13	14 <b>FLAG DAY</b>	15 10:30 Worship and Children's Church
16 	17 8:00 TOPS	18  7:00 Scouts	19 6:30 Men's Bible Study – Sharla's 9:30 Women's Bible Study 	20	21 	22 10:30 Worship – Koinonia Singers
23 9:00 Mid-Year Meeting	24 8:00 TOPS	25	26 6:30 Men's Bible Study – Sharla's 9:30 Women's Bible Study	27	28	29 10:30 Worship at Wakonda
30	<p><b>Camp Discover – Monday – Friday 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.</b></p>					
		7:00 Scouts				





**June  
2024**

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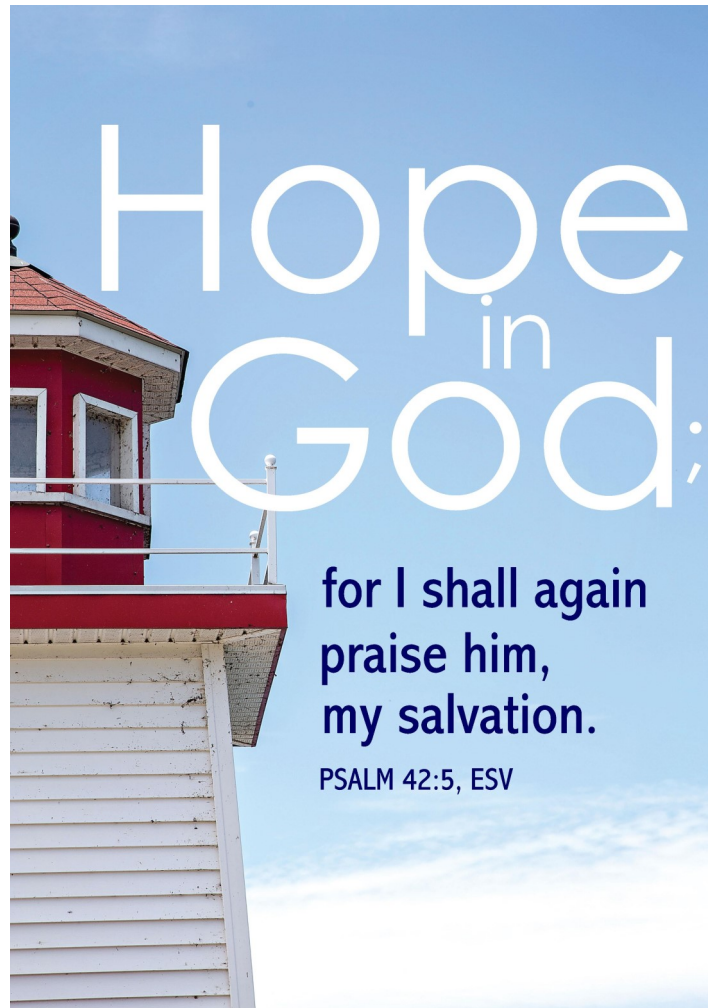
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**Seventh Day Baptist Conference Week**  
*"Unearth the Church"*

July 21-28  
West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon WV  
seventhdaybaptist.org/conferenceweek2024

### **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.