

# get connected

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



## Walking the Path of a Disciple

By Pastor Nate Crandall

The path of following Jesus as a disciple is unique for every person, but every disciple will experience similar steps of growth along the way. Wherever you find yourself on the path, our church family is all about encouraging one another on that journey. The following questions are designed to help you to take the next steps in your life as a disciple of Jesus.

### Step One: Where are you?

Since we all find ourselves at different points along the journey, it is important to recognize where the Lord has led you up to this point so that you can embrace the next steps he has for you. Pastor Nate is ready to help coach you to develop a step-by-step plan. It doesn't matter if you're at the beginning of your relationship with Christ or if you've been following him for a long time.

**Contact Pastor Nate during the first two weeks of September to set up a time for discipleship coaching.** This is also the first step in the process of becoming a church member.

### Step Two: What is a disciple?

A disciple is a worshipper of God who knows, loves, serves, and shares Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. If we are going to follow Jesus as his disciples, then we need to know what a disciple is. This fall our adult Sabbath School class will be a discussion

of Pastor Nate's discipleship series from this past spring. In addition, the church provides classes on basic Christian doctrines, Bible, and spiritual growth as a part of our Sabbath School curriculum.

### Step Three: How do you fit with the family?

Finding your place in the church family is an important aspect of following Jesus. Just like the Lord has placed us in families as the place that is best suited for our nurture and growth, he also places us in church families. We walk down the path of following Jesus together. You will receive coaching on how to get connected to the church family in worship, fellowship, and service.

### Step Four: Where do you need to be set free?

You can't walk through life without picking up baggage along the way. Through our freedom and restoration ministry, you can be set free from the things that weigh you down and keep you from experiencing the kind of thriving life in Christ that the Lord has for you.

### Step Five: Why is church membership important?

Most families live by unspoken expectations and agreements. In the church this is often the case

## September 2024

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# New Sabbath School Classes Starting September 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.

## Youth/Adult Class for September and October

### *Fundamentals of Discipleship*

You heard Pastor Nate preach on discipleship earlier this year. Now is your opportunity to ask your questions and to dig deeper into the qualities and characteristics of those who follow Jesus. If you are considering the step of becoming a member of the church, Pastor Nate highly recommends that you attend this class as it focuses on the mission of the church – making disciples. The class will last

for six sessions – three in September and three in October. Watching the sermons from the discipleship series will be helpful preparation for your participation in the discussion. You can find the series on our church YouTube channel.

[youtube.com/  
theconnectingchurch](https://youtube.com/theconnectingchurch)

Click on the playlist tab and view “What is a Disciple of Jesus?”


### Children’s Class

#### *Inductive Study of Mark*

This class is geared to elementary and middle school kids

who can read. It’s energetic, exciting and focused on Jesus! Each week we study the next 10-25 verses directly from the Bible and we do Bible search drills based on Awana verses. There’s voluntary homework (with rewards) for checking the parallel passages in Matthew, Luke & John. Please send your kids – and attend a class or two yourself to see how we **HEAR** God’s word. (**H**ighlight, **E**xplore/**E**xplain, **A**nalyze/**A**pply and **R**espond.) Faith comes by **HEARING** – and **HEARING** through the word of Christ!

Is God calling you to join our **Wednesday morning ladies Bible study**? September 11 would be a great day to start! We’ll begin an inductive study of John’s gospel. Each week we’ll read the text, make observations, ask questions, identify truths, and apply them to our lives. Can’t make Wednesday morning? Perhaps you and some friends would like to use our materials and get a group together at some other time. Amazing things happen when we gather together around God’s word. Contact Renee Sanford for the address (if you can come in person) or the zoom link if needed.



**Have a BALL with us!**


**Awana Clubs™**

**REGISTRATION NIGHT  
WED., SEPT. 4  
6:00-7:30 PM**

\* COMPLETE ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM  
BEFORE YOU COME!  
GET BOOKS/VESTS ORDERED AND DUES TAKEN CARE OF!

**FIRST CLUB NIGHT - WED., SEPT. 11  
6:25-8:00**


MORE INFO.  
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**NEW**

*online registration is also available  
at link on website*

→ <https://theconnecting.church/awana/> ←



**Awana Staff  
Dates to Note:**

- Registration Night  
Wed., Sept. 4, 6:00-7:30 pm
- All Staff Meeting  
Sun., Sept. 8, 6:30-8:00 pm
- First Club Night  
Wed., Sept. 11, 6:25-8:00 pm

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# Be Transformed! The 4 RIGHTS Children's Ministry 2024-25

by Angie Mullen, Director of Children's Ministry

In late July, Jen and Jocelyn Dutcher, Rich Gallegos and I attended an evening of inspiration and learning for over 40 area Awana leaders in our area. Awana missionaries Tim and Cheryl Gille hosted this training titled "Seen - Being Aware of a Child's Reality" in Madison, presenting on topics such as anxiety in our children, creating an environment for God's kids, and engaging parents. While these are all important topics in reaching today's children, the one I found most eye opening and thought provoking was titled "10 Scary Things Today's Kids Think". These 10 items are research based realities our children - the future leaders of the church - face. They are sobering and should be a wake up call not only to parents, grandparents, teachers, coaches, Awana leaders, and caregivers, but to us ALL. A Lifeway publication called *Flip the Script* states that 99% of children coming to our churches have NO biblical worldview. Because of this, they are growing up with thought patterns that are very self centered, misunderstandings of what sin is and how it affects us, and what truth is, to name a few examples. This research is very alarming and discouraging. It also emphasizes how important the work we do at Awana, in our camps, at our youth group, on Saturday morning, and in our homes is.

Thankfully, we don't do this work alone. The research is scary, but the God we serve is so much mightier than this. A couple of days after studying this material, God took me to Romans 12:2 "Do not be conformed to this world, but *be transformed (emphasis added)* by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." We need God to help us lead these children to break free from the ways of the world that surround them and BE TRANSFORMED by him! This gave me hope and reminded me of another conference I have attended a couple of times.

The Appleton Alliance Church has a robust and thriving children's ministry. They developed a curriculum that is used by many churches and incorporates the **4 Rights** into each lesson. I have always been intrigued by their intentionality in helping their children develop a biblical worldview. I dabbled in using the 4 Rights this summer with our Intermediate Campers and found it to be rather simple to tie into Bible teaching and so applicable beyond that lesson.

Based on these 2 learning experiences I have had and the timing with how God has woven them together, I have felt led to set using the **4 Rights** in our teaching as a goal for us

to explore in all Children's Ministry programs for the 2024-25 year. I'd like to share these with you.

## 4 Rights

**KNOW RIGHT - A scripture passage to study - So we can know God and experience His redemptive love through faith in Jesus Christ**

**THINK RIGHT - A scripture verse to meditate on during the week - So we can continually think about God and what is true, pure, lovely, and right**

**DO RIGHT - The challenge to live out God's Word - So that we can respond to our Savior by following Him in our thoughts, words, and actions.**

**FEEL RIGHT - The result of applying the lesson and having a biblical worldview - So we can live a victorious, hope-filled life in Jesus.**

These rights are like a flow chart. The first one leads to the next, to the next, to the next. Imagine if every child who passed through our doors left with a lens of the 4 RIGHTS to consider their world through. Those scary things like increased anxiety, self-centeredness, misunderstandings of sin and its effects and lack of truth would be tested and filtered through God's view. And I believe we would see these scary trends reverse!

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# PRAY For Our FIELD WORKERS

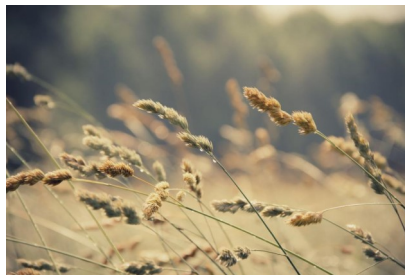
## Serving Great Needs Around the World

*by Renee Sanford, Prayer Coordinator*

**WHO GOES** – Those called to serve cross-culturally in places where basic services are not available.

- Thank you for calling your servants.
- Thank you for affirming their call as they faithfully prepared to go.
- Help them overcome any obstacles to travel & residency.
- We know that they will face challenges & risks.
- What joy to know that you go before them preparing the way.
- What confidence to know that you not only protect them but also sustain & encourage them.
- Let those they serve see the love you have for them & how you provide for every need.
- Increase your servants' faith & confidence in you.
- Help them learn the language, culture & concerns of the people you

- called them to serve.
- Give them opportunities to form friendships.
- Fill them with your Holy Spirit & make them fruitful.
- Give them compassion, strength & perseverance.
- Help them cope with loneliness, disorientation & culture shock.
- Use them to relieve suffering, now & eternally.
- Be glorified, magnified & blessed as your servants complete the work you prepared them to do.
- Give them both discretion & boldness in sharing why they have chosen to serve.
- Provide times of peace, refreshment & encouragement.



**WHO SENDS** – Families, Friends, Local Churches, Sponsoring Organizations – Together prayerfully identifying & supporting the workers you have called to go into all the world.

- Thank you for the opportunity to support your field workers.
- Keep us faithful in providing prayer support.
- Keep us faithful in providing financial support.
- Let us share the vision of relieving suffering.
- Guide us in encouraging your front-line workers.
- Show each of us our role in completing the work you have called us to do.
- LORD, you tell us the harvest is plentiful. We earnestly pray for you to send out laborers into your harvest field.

### **GIFTS Homeless Shelter - Fall Week To Serve:**

Mark your calendar now for September 23, 24 and 26 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, and/or to serve the meal to the men staying there.

### **Operation Christmas Child 2024**

Yes!! We will pack Operation Christmas Child Boxes this year! Instead of a packing party, we'll pack them at home with our families. On October 5, you'll be able to pick up a pre-folded box, instructions, and a bag with many of the standard items (soap, wash cloth, crayons, etc.). Then you can complete filling your box and bring it back by November 2 to be shipped where needed. More details coming next month!



# Uganda Poultry Farm Project

A Report from the SDB Missionary Society

The Uganda Poultry Farm project is on the verge of completing its second phase. The construction of the well has been completed and they hit water.

Training will be completed soon and then the chicks will be purchased and the hard work of rearing them to maturity will begin!

Here is a summary of what has been accomplished:

- A board of directors was established.
- The Project was registered with the Ugandan government.
- A bank account was opened to facilitate its financial operations.
- Two computers were purchased and computer

training provided for the secretary and treasurer of the board.

- The property was purchased and the title transferred into the name of the organization.
- Two poultry houses were constructed.
- Electricity was installed.
- Some training on poultry farming was provided for the board of directors.

The SDB Missionary Society expressed gratitude for the partners on this project, Children's World Impact, for their significant investment of resources, time and energy. Mike Hoffman has been working on behalf of Children's World Impact. The Project is nearing the point when the

actual business of rearing and selling chickens and eggs will be taking place, to the benefit of many families within our Uganda SDB community and beyond.

Please continue to pray for the successful completion of the project, that all the necessary funding will be forthcoming, and that the actual farming will be profitable.

Praise the Lord for His good work!



Victoria inside the Well House



The Well House



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# Extraordinary Stewardship

By Pastor John Pethtel

How do we maintain a healthy perspective about stewardship? What does it mean to be realistic about stewardship within the context of our church?

To maintain a healthy and realistic perspective in the context of our church we use the vision of our church to set goals. We then use our time, talents, and treasures to accomplish these goals which help us to achieve the vision of our church.

The vision of our church is: *We are a community of ordinary people who have been transformed by the extraordinary person of Jesus Christ.*

*Therefore, we connect people to Jesus and equip them to be his disciples. In all things we seek to live for the glory of God.*

How can we achieve this vision with our time, talents and treasures? How will you use your ordinary self to show an extraordinary Christ? How will you use your ordinary money to

do the extraordinary work of equipping people to be disciples?

Our ordinary vision will only be accomplished through extraordinary stewardship of what God has provided us. It all begins with you and your next step of stewardship.



**Heritage Sabbath  
Weekend**

October 25-26

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as well. Since our church family values open communication, we believe it is best to clearly understand what it means to be a part of the family. Our covenant, vision, and values describe how we

aim to do life together. Your commitment in membership to the church family affirms these values and seeks to live by them.

**Watch for the upcoming membership class this fall.** If you are not yet a member, this class is a requirement to being considered for membership.

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## Be Transformed! The 4 RIGHTS, *continued from page 3*

So would you join me in seeking God's direction and help in leading our children, our children's ministry workers, and our families in investigating the 4 Rights this coming year as we kick off our fall ministries? Our children, their salvation, their

faith, the future of our church depend on leading children to live according to God's way and according to his truth because HE is the only way. Join me in praying that we all will BE TRANSFORMED!

more about the realities of our children today, I would encourage you to take a look at the book, Flip the Script – Disrupting Tradition for the Sake of the Next Generation.

\*If you are interested in reading

# September

## Birthdays And Anniversaries

- 1 Doug Lubke
- 1 Janet & Kevin Butler
- 4 Lori & Bob Ball
- 5 Neil Lubke
- 5 Ryan Curry
- 6 Randy Kersten
- 7 Jamie Dutcher
- 12 Jayne Lubke
- 12 Calvin Lubke
- 12 Liz Green
- 13 Taliesin Kersten
- 15 Janette Loofboro
- 17 Isaiah Call
- 17 Tara Rotzoll
- 17 Jordan Dutcher
- 19 Joe Bornemann
- 20 Kevin Butler
- 28 Caleb Sanford
- 28 Tom Rotzoll
- 29 Mike Hoffman
- 30 Perla Call

### Ladies Sit 'n Sip

Tuesday, Sept. 10,  
9:00 a.m. at Sharla's

## September Bulletin Board

### North Central Association

Battle Creek Michigan SDB Church  
September 27-28 (Eastern time zone)

**Friday:** 5:30 Dinner; 7:00 Praise and Worship

**Sabbath:** 9:30 Sabbath School; 10:45 Worship

The 2025 Conference President, Tom Davis will be sharing his theme, "Shouldn't It Be Obvious?" at a 4:00 session.

5:30 Dinner; 7:00 Business meeting

**Sunday:** 2:00 Forge a knife from a railroad spike \$120



### September

4	Registration Night
*8 Sun.	Staff Meeting @ 5:30
11	First Club Night
18	Club
25	Club



### Men's Chorus

September 21st  
Rehearsal at 8:00 a.m.  
Singing at 10:30 a.m.

### September Children's Church

#### September 7

**Unit 23: Session 1**  
Jesus Taught About  
Character: Matthew 5

#### September 21

**Unit 23: Session 2**  
Jesus Taught About  
Behavior: Matthew 6



### September








4	4:30 Bible Study – The IceShantea 6:30 Collision – Camp Wakonda
11	4:30 Bible Study – The IceShantea 6:30 Collision – Camp Wakonda
18	4:30 Bible Study – The IceShantea 6:30 Collision – Pizza Night, Bring a Friend
25	4:30 Bible Study – The IceShantea 6:30 Collision – Camp Wakonda

### Focus on Funds

as of July 31, 2024

General Fund Balance	\$28,244.17
Cash at Mem. Fund	\$27,122.08
July Undesignated Inc.	\$12,753.82
July Total Income	\$22,364.31
July Expenses	\$27,133.07
Denomination Giving YTD	\$ 3,201.00
Capital Campaign Fund	\$ 6,024.38

# September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
1	2 8:00 TOPS 9:00 Classical Conversations   Labor Day	3  7:00 Scouts	4 6:30 Men's Bible Study - Sharla's 9:30 Women's Bible Study  4:30 Youth Bible Study 6:25 Awana Registration Night 6:30 Collision	5 7:00 Prayer for Outreach—zoom	6	7 9:00 Sabbath School 10:30 Worship and Children's Church
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29	30 8:00 TOPS 9:00 Classical Conversations		<div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 10px;"><b>Sabbath Sunset Times</b> Sept. 6 7:22 p.m.    Sept. 7 7:20 p.m. Sept. 13 7:10 p.m.    Sept. 14 7:08 p.m. Sept. 20 6:57 p.m.    Sept. 21 6:55 p.m. Sept. 27 6:44 p.m.    Sept. 28 6:43 p.m.</div>			





**September  
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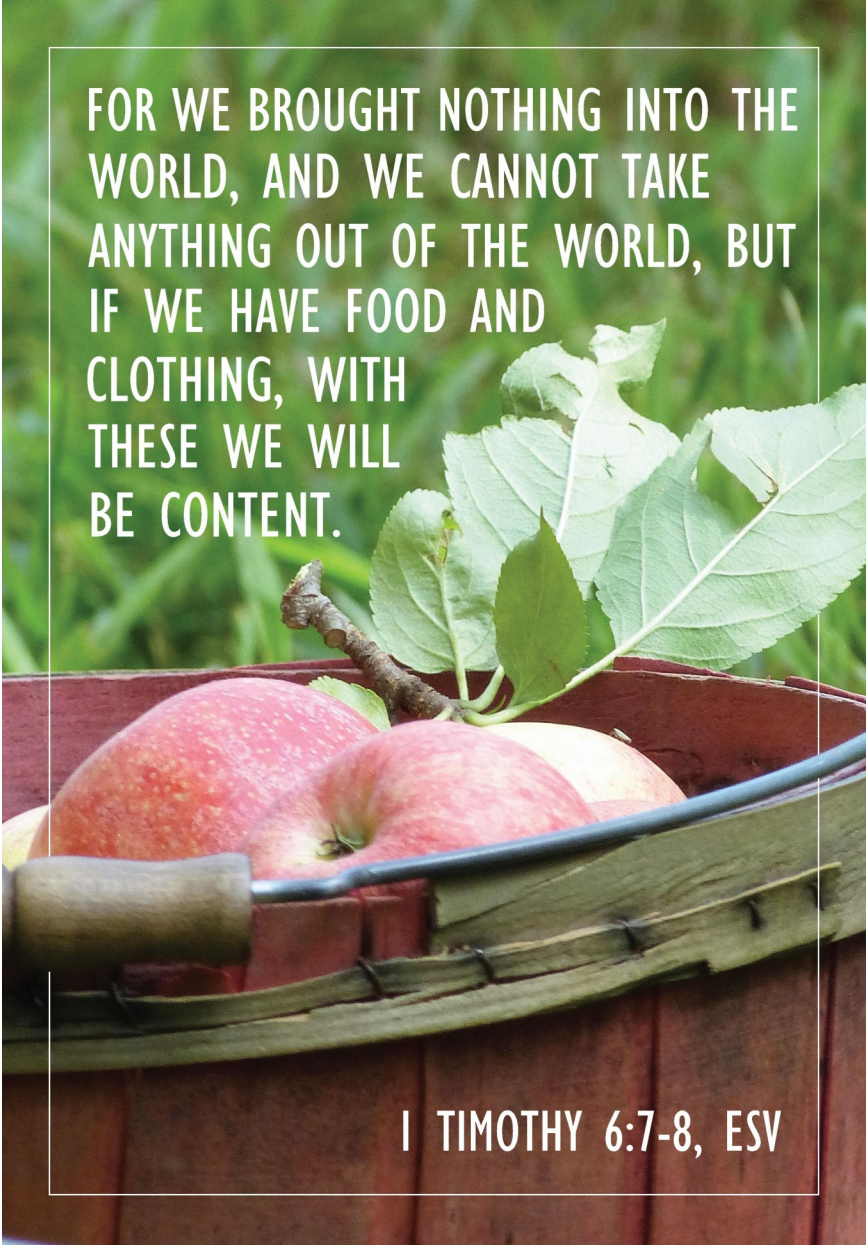
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**Online Worship**

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.