Tim & Sherry Thomas – Awana, WI

Earlier this year Arthur "Art" Rorheim, Co-founder of Awana passed away. He was 99. Art was born to Norwegian immigrants who settled in Chicago. He placed his faith in Jesus Christ at age 10. He soon began attending the Tabernacle Scouts weekly program (a precursor to Awana) at the Chicago Gospel Tabernacle.

In 1943 Art became youth director at the North Side Gospel Center and began to conceive many of the features that are distinctive to Awana: handbooks, outreach events, awards, uniforms, and of course the Game Square. He eventually named this program Awana, based on II Timothy 2:15 which tells us that approved workmen are not ashamed.

Art guided the ministry for many years, living long enough to see Awana grow from a single church in Chicago to a global ministry used by over 50,000 churches in 120 countries, reaching 4 million children each week with the gospel of Jesus Christ. "We live in a world where billions of people are facing a Christ-less eternity," Art pointed out. "How can I not share the greatest news in the history of mankind with men and women and boys and girls whose futures depend on hearing it? Sometimes God allows things to happen to me so that He can use me to share His good news with people who need it."

Art's unwavering commitment to leadership training, and reaching and discipling children and youth will always be remembered. He valued the role that adults play in the lives of young people because of the enormous impact mentor Lance Latham made on him.

"That's why every child who attends Awana even just once in his life will be introduced to God's plan of salvation through our materials and our teaching," Art pointed out. "I wanted to ensure that no child would leave Awana without having heard the good news of the gospel. Every child who comes to Awana has the opportunity to place his hope and trust in Christ to save him from the penalty of sin, which is separation from God forever. No one leaves any Awana meeting without learning the gospel."

Art's legacy will continue to live on in countless ways around the world as children, youth, and adults continue to know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

What will your legacy be?

Tim & Sherry Thomas



<u>Awana pre-registration</u>! Please stop by the table in the foyer to register your child for Awana.

NO Men's Noon Bible study today due to Cheese Days – Join us again next week, as the Men's noon Bible study has moved from Wednesday's to Sunday's at 12:15 pm in the Lower Level, Room 106. Contact Kyle Ohlrich at 719-439-1003 to order a book or get more information.

Sign up at the Welcome Center for...

<u>Next Steps – Step 1</u> (1 s.) \sim Sunday, September 23rd at noon in the Nehemiah Center. Lunch is provided.

Next Steps – Step 3 (1 s.) ~ Sunday, September 23rd at 6:30 pm, lower level room #102. *This step is required for membership.

<u>Women's Hebrews study</u> begins Thursday, September 20th at 9:30 am, Nehemiah Center. Sign up today and pick up your book at the Welcome Center. Make your book payment the first day of study, cost is \$7/book.



<u>Bible Study for Young Adults</u>, single or married, will begin Thursday, September 20th, at 7 pm, LL #106. The study will be on the book "Not God Enough" by J.D. Greear. Questions? Contact Jesse Petersen at 608-214-2535 or jpicon727@gmail.com

<u>Church Family Campout</u> at Yellowstone State Park on Friday, Sept. 28 - Sunday, Sept. 30. Sign up at the Welcome Center. Cost is \$8 per person, whether you stay 1 night or both nights. *<u>Make checks payable to Monroe Bible Church and Indicate "Campout" on the memo line</u>. *Deadline for payment is Next Sunday, September 23rd*.

A big <u>CONGRATULATIONS to Aaron and Meghann Holverson</u> who won the <u>Library's Couple's Reading Challenge</u>! Each participant received a marriage building prize, in addition the winners won a date night package of a gift certificate to a local restaurant, movie tickets, and a babysitting coupon for free babysitting! In October we will be starting a <u>NEW Couple's Reading Challenge</u> that will run through January! Drop by the library for details!"

Three large trees will be taken down and removed from our property on <u>Saturday, October 20th</u> beginning at 8 am. Sign up at the Welcome Center to help. Contact Duane Zimmerman with questions, 608-214-6793.



Sunday, September 23 Lord's Table

Campout payment due!
Worship Services: 9 am & 10:30 am Café
Sunday School ~ 9 am
Edify Equip Parents Meeting (open to all
parents) ~ 9 am, NC
Next Steps - Step 1 ~ Noon, NC. Lunch
provided, Sign up at the Welcome Center

Ignite ~ "Air Soft War" with Lena E. Free Church ~ leaving MBC at 12:15 pm Next Steps - Step 3 ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

Life Groups begin

Monday, September 24

Prayer Meeting ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102 Tuesday, September 25

Pleasant View Service ~ 9:30 am

Wednesday, September 26

Middle & High School "See You at the Pole" breakfast ~ 6 am/NC, At the Pole by ~ 7:15 am

Awana Kick Off ~ 5:30 pm Trek/Journey; 6:15 pm Clubbers 3 ½ yrs. – 6th grade Thursday, September 27

Women's Hebrews Study ~ 9:30 am, NC
Kitchen in use ~ Noon – 6 pm
S & NC in use ~ Noon onward, decorating
Wild Mountain Man Leaders Mtg ~ 6:45 pm,
Hardacre home (W8163 Smock Valley
Rd., Monroe)

Young Adults Study ~ 7 pm, LL #106 Narcotics Anonymous ~ 7 pm, LL #102

Friday & Saturday, September 28-29

All Church in use for decorating & wedding Friday-Sunday, September 28-30

All Church Campout at Yellowstone State Park, 8495 N Lake Rd, Blanchardville, WI

Week of Sept. 16 - 22

Today, Sunday, September 16

Worship Services: 9 am & 10:30 am Café

Awana Pre-Registration ~ Sign up at the table located in the foyer

Sunday School ~ 9 am

No Men's Bible Study today

No Ignite

Fusion Cheese Days Clean Up & Pizza

~ 6 - 8 pm, Meet at Retail Tent

Monday, September 17

Prayer Meeting ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

Tuesday, September 18

Board of Deacons ~ 6:30 pm, LL #106

Thursday, September 20

Ladies "Hebrews" Study ~ 9:30 am, NC Narcotics Anonymous ~ 7 pm, LL #102 Young Adults Study ~ 7 pm, LL #106

Saturday, September 22

Nehemiah Center in Use ~ 9 am - 10 pm



There will be a Celebration of Life service remembering Judy Wray at Churchill Woods (800 - 13th Avenue, Monroe) at 1 pm on Monday, September 17th. A light lunch will follow the service.

All are welcome.

Prayer Focus – Café Ministry Ministry Leader – Peter Rische Please PRAY:

- † That our Heavenly Father would be glorified in every aspect of the Café Service.
- † That the families and individuals who attend the Café Service would be challenged and encouraged to build discipling relationships with those outside the church.

Mission:Monroe will be serving at the Care Net Spaghetti Supper on Monday, October 1^{st} . Opportunities for set-up (3 - 4:30 pm), serving (4:30 – 8 pm), and clean-up (7:30 – 9 pm) are available. Stop by the Welcome Center to sign up!

<u>LIFE GROUPS START the week of September 23rd!</u> Please check the plexi-board in the foyer and choose a group to join.

Releasing 2 Bible Reading Plans next Sunday, September 23rd: Family Plan and Bible in a Year Plan. Both plans start on *October 1*st!

<u>A Tool for Building Your Family:</u> If you would like to implement a tool for building your family, go to your App Store and download the New City Catechism.



If you're visiting Monroe for the Cheese Days Celebration we're glad you came to worship with us. Come again!

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