AWANA ~ Tim Thomas

I had the privilege of speaking at several year-end celebrations. Four of these included being part of a Citation Award Ceremony. For those newer to Awana, the Citation Award represents 10 years of work from 3rd grade through 12th, though many have completed an additional five years when you add in Cubbies and Sparks. Citation achievers have completed all of their Truth & Training (T&T), Trek, and Journey handbooks, plus they have read the entire Bible and completed a summary report on each book. The number of verses memorized depends on which handbooks they completed, but averages around 750. They have also served for at least 12 months in one of their church's ministries and completed an annual ministry training event, like the Awana Ministry Conference. This year there are 913 Citation Award recipients in the United States. All Citation Award recipients are also eligible for scholarships provided by over 40 Christian colleges and universities. Some also give scholarships for Timothy and Meritorious Awards. For more on scholarships go to www.awanaym.org/scholarships

Warm weather finally arrived in Wisconsin. This winter had been challenging for us and the churches. Many churches had to cancel multiple club nights this year. More than once this season we traveled a considerable distance, only to have our meetings or visit canceled at the last minute; but overall, we are thankful that during all of the travel in some rather sketchy conditions, God kept us safe.

So far, only one church has registered to start a new club this fall. Highland Crest Baptist in Green Bay, located across the street from Lambeau Field. There is also another church in Kiel that registered last year that is planning to start this fall. On average we help three to five churches start new Awana Clubs each year.

We are so thankful for the churches and event coordinators that did such a great job overseeing the Bible Quiz, AwanaGames, and Sparks Camp. This year local churches, or organizations, took over the administration and operation of regional events. This includes: planning, finances, registration, ordering supplies, volunteer management, and more. Because of this, the events were able to continue with very little difference to the clubber experience. This season, they hosted two Bible Quizzes, three AwanaGames, and two Sparks Camps.

Kyle is Home! He returned from his 10-month Army Reserve deployment to Kuwait. We know Lenie and the girls are glad to have him home. After several weeks off, he will return to his job in Watertown and will resume his monthly drill weekend in the fall. In other news, we are looking forward to two new grandchildren. One in August and the other in November. For those keeping count, this will make a dozen.

Tim & Sherry Thomas



Our Elders are prepared to answer your questions regarding the MBC <u>Evangelical Free Church of America affiliation</u>. Please see one of them prior to our Annual Congregational Meeting July 28th!

Annual Congregational Meeting ~ Sunday, July 28th at 12:15 pm in the Sanctuary. We will be voting on affiliation with the EFCA. If you are a member in good standing of Monroe Bible Church and unable to attend this meeting, you may pick up an absentee ballot from the church office and sign the voting register. Fill out your ballot, place it in a sealed envelope, and return the ballot to the office any time during office hours before noon Friday, July 26th.

<u>Deacons</u> ~ Richard Peach and Randy Whyte were previously Deacons and they have graciously offered to return to the Board of Deacons. *If you believe either of these men do not meet the character and conduct qualifications outlined in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1, please bring your concern confidentially to an Elder by Sunday, July 21st.*

<u>Guatemala Mission Team</u> ~ Please keep our Mission Team in prayer this week! The team will return home **Saturday**, **July 13**th. Pastor Dan will stay longer in Guatemala teaching the Pathways training through Friday, July 19th.

<u>Primetimers</u> bus trip to Oshkosh to visit Ray & Becky Jones is Tuesday, **July 9**th. We'll be leaving MBC at 8:15 am and returning sometime after 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided. Cost of the trip is \$16 per person, payable to Deb Hendrickson by July 9th.



<u>Sign up for the Brewer Game</u> at the Welcome Center. The Brewers will play the Atlanta Braves at 1 pm on Wednesday, **July 17**th. We'll be carpooling from church at 8:30 am and tailgating before the game. Cost is \$21 per person. Please see Bernie Roidt if you have questions.

<u>Women's Summer Bible Study</u> ~ *It's Not Supposed to be This Way,* by Lysa Terkeurst, will begin **July 17**th at 6:30 pm. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if interested. Participants will need to purchase their own books and workbooks before class starts. Contact Helen Tuttle 608-473-2951 or Jenn Chladil 608-636-4852 with guestions.

<u>Library</u> ~ The library is having a <u>summer reading program</u> every Tuesday afternoon from 2-3 pm, through July 23rd. Come join us!



<u>Community Celebration Service</u> ~ Single service only at Twining Park on Sunday, August 4th at the West Shelter (behind the Bandshell). Hotdogs and Brats will be provided. Please bring two additional generous dishes to share. This is a potluck – MBC provides the lunch for those in the community attending.

<u>Interested in going to Israel?</u> ~ See the proposed 9-Day Trip to Israel being offered to Monroe Bible Church for April 20-28, 2020 at the Welcome Center. Contact Pastor Dan if you are interested.



Sunday, July 14

The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Iglesia Biblica Service ~ 2 pm – 4 pm, NC

Monday, July 15

Prayer Meeting ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

Tuesday, July 16

Library Open ~ 10 am - Noon & 1-3 pm Library Reading Program ~ 2-3 pm, NC

Wednesday, July 17

Brewers Game ~ leaving MBC 8:30 am VBS Leader's Mtg. ~ 9 am, NC Women's Study begins ~ 6:30-8:30 pm, NC

Thursday, July 18

VBS: Prayer & hand out invites ~ 4:30 pm Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting ~ 6 pm,

NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102

Friday, July 19

Primetimers Pizza Hut Lunch ~ 11:15 am Iglesia Worship Prac. ~ 5 pm, NC

Team C – 8:30 pm, West

Team B Ump – 8:30 pm, West

Team A - 9:30 pm, East

Team B - 9:30 pm, East

Team C Ump - 9:30 pm, West

Saturday, July 20

VBS Leader's Mtg. ~ 9:00 am, NC Sunday, July 21

The Lord's Table

The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Iglesia Biblica Service ~ 2 pm – 4 pm, NC

Monday, July 22

VBS: Prayer & hand out invites ~ 4:30 pm Prayer Meeting ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

Tuesday, July 23

Pleasant View Service ~ 9:30 am Library Open ~ 10 am - Noon & 1-3 pm Library Reading Program ~ 2-3 pm, NC Board of Deacons Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #106

Wednesday, July 24

Women's Study ~ 6:30-8:30 pm, NC

Week of July 7-13

Today, Sunday, July 7

The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Lost & Found ~ NC Iglesia Biblica Service ~ 2 pm – 4 pm, NC (1 pm set-up)
Lower Level #106 in use ~ afternoon No Next Steps-Step 4 (Canceled)

Monday, July 8

Prayer Meeting ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

Tuesday, July 9

Primetimers bus trip to Oshkosh ~ 8:15 am, cost \$16/person Library Open ~ 10 am - Noon & 1-3 pm Library Reading Program ~ 2-3 pm, NC

Thursday, July 11

Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting ~ 6 pm, LL #101 NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102

Friday, July 12

Iglesia Worship Prac. ~ 5 pm, NC *Revised softball schedule:
Team B - 7:30 pm, East
Team A Ump - 7:30 pm, East
Team A - 8:30 pm, East
Team C - 8:30 pm, East
Team C Ump - 9:30 pm, East

Saturday, July 13

Guatemala Mission Team returns home

Prayer Focus – Youth Ministry Ministry Leader: Pastor Troy Watson Please Pray:

- 1. Pray for our students and adults who are serving another local church's VBS in July. Pray for energy and endurance since the VBS will be during the evenings on the same week as MBC's VBS. We have 7 or 8 MBC people serving at the other church.
- 2. Please be praying for Fusion Students planning to serve at Lydia Home Association in Chicago from August 12-16, 2019. This Urban mission trip will require our students to prepare and carry out their assignments for leading their classes. Planning has begun.
- 3. Prayers for Ignite students this summer as we remain active with a monthly event, service project and/or meeting.
- 4. Prayer needed for our Ignite and Fusion Fall adult leadership team. Pray for a good time of rest this summer and a good response to leadership in September.

Entire Bible	Family Plan
Ezek 22-23, Song of Sol 7, Heb 5	Isaiah 41:1-20
Ezek 24-26, Song of Sol 8, Heb 6	Psalm 46
Ezek 27-28, Psalm 116, Heb 7	Isaiah 53
Ezek 29-30, Psalm 117, Heb 8	Isaiah 55
Ezek 31-32, Psalm 118, Heb 9	Nahum 1
Ezek 33-34, Psalm 119:1-8, Heb 10	



This Week
New City Catechism:
Part 2, Question 42

