

Awana – Tim Thomas

1 – 3 Year Strategy – In electronics, there is something called the bathtub curb. It says the chances of having a problem with a brand, new TV is actually quite high. Within a few weeks, that likelihood drops off to almost zero and stays there for a significant period. Then over time, as the TV deals with warming up and cooling down, dust settling on components, power fluctuations, and perhaps being moved from one house to another, the chances of failure slowly start to rise, eventually getting to the same point as when it was new. If you graph this, the resulting image resembles a bathtub, hence the name.

This is not unique to electronics; a similar pattern exists in business. We have all heard that most new business ventures fail. Then there is Sears. Sears is over 130 years old and as recently as 1990, it was the largest retailer in the United States. Today, they are hanging on by a thread.

Did you know that this phenomenon can exist in ministry? The first three years of an Awana club are the most tenuous. During these first three years, any number of factors can cause a church to discontinue Awana. After this initial period, clubs usually find their “groove” and enjoy several years of stability. Over time we start to see changes in significant positions (pastors, commanders, etc.), conflicts with other ministries, and people are less excited to volunteer. What was once a groove is now a rut. When clubs reach this point, once again the probability of the church dropping Awana is on the rise.

As a result, Awana missionaries across the country have been concentrating on building deeper and wider relationships (Awana volunteers, pastors, staff, etc.) with churches who have been using Awana less than three years. For us, this list includes 17 churches. We have also been working to get acquainted with the 34 churches that were added to us last July when our territory was expanded. Seven churches are on both lists.

This club year we have driven over 15,000 miles making these connections, visiting and speaking at clubs, attending events and trainings, and participating in missions’ conferences. We praise God for keeping us safe as we have navigated the sometimes treacherous, winter roads. We are praying for a more suitable vehicle before winter returns.

Many of you partner with us through your prayers; we could not do this without you. Thank you for your prayers, for they give us the strength to journey on. Some partner with us with financial support. It means a lot that you invest your resources in this ministry. Others partner with us with spiritual gifts; we could not do this without you. Thank you for being event coordinators and volunteers, for consulting with churches, training leaders, and more. It is a privilege to come along-side you as you reach the next generation for Christ.

Please like our facebook page: www.fb.com/awanawi

Tim & Sherry Thomas



Congratulations to the Justin & Jaclyn Miller Family who welcomed Ewan into their family on Saturday, April 29th. He was 8 lbs, 5 oz. and 21” long. Ewan joins siblings Benson, Thadeus, and Joel at home. May God bless your family!

Thank you to everyone who donated to Kids Around The World ~ One Meal and helped pack the meals on Saturday. We raised \$4,000 which purchased 16,000 meals. Hungry children in Nicaragua will receive these meals along with the Gospel Message!

Care Net “Walk for Life” Fundraiser – If you would like to participate in the “Walk for Life” fundraiser to be held Saturday, May 13th, please stop by the Welcome Center to pick up a pledge form. The Walk starts at 9 am at both Hope Community Center (2902 13th St., Monroe) and Living Word Church (3825 Cnty Hwy. T, Brodhead). The following people are walking and looking for sponsors: Beth Roidt, Helen Tuttle, Lucy Whyte, and Crystal Zimmerman.

Play Ball! Sign-up for 2017 church league softball at the Welcome Center today!

Mission: Monroe ~ MACC, Monroe Area Community Closet is ready for our help. Please contact Carol Larson ASAP at 558-1475 to volunteer for a shift on Mondays 3-7 pm. MACC will be hosting an Orientation Night Monday, May 8th from 5-7 pm. All volunteers, as well as those interested in volunteering, are encouraged to attend.

Mission: Monroe has a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center to help with pizza sales at the Concert on the Square series this summer. Proceeds support Family Promise. This is a great opportunity for Life Groups!

Mission: Monroe T-shirts are still available for \$5. Contact Carol Larson, 558-1475.

Milwaukee Brewers game Monday, July 3rd. Game is at 1 pm, we will be leaving at 9 am and will tailgate before the game. Tickets are \$10. Everyone is invited. Limit of 40 tickets. Please sign up at the Welcome Center. Any questions, contact Bernie Roidt at 325-2199.

NEXT STEPS

Step 1 – (1 s.) will be offered **TODAY, May 7th** at noon in the Nehemiah Center. Lunch will be provided. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Step 3 – (1 s.) will be today May 7th at 6:30 pm in the Nehemiah Center. You will need to have attended Step 2 “Our Core Beliefs” prior to this class. Sign up today!



Sunday, May 14

Worship Services ~ 9 & 10:30 am, S
Café Service ~ 10:30 am, NC
Sunday School & ABF ~ 9 am
Nehemiah Center/Kitchen/Sanctuary in use 2 pm – 6 pm
Ignite (Middle School) ~ 4 pm, LL #106
Fusion (High School) ~ 7 pm, LL #106

Monday, May 15

Prayer Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

Wednesday, May 17

Men’s Bible Study ~ Noon, LL #102

Thursday, May 18

Choir ~ 6:30 pm, S
Narcotics Anonymous ~ 7 pm, LL #102
Worship Team ~ 7:45 pm, S

Friday, May 19

Primetimers Birthday Lunch ~ 11:15 am, Pizza Hut
Men’s/Kids Hike ~ 5:30 pm leave MBC, 6:00 pm at New Glarus Woods

Sunday, May 21

Lord’s Table
Sunday School & ABF ~ 9 am (last day before summer break)
Ignite Finale ~ 4 pm, LL #106
Fusion Finale ~ 3-10 pm, Sky Zone & HuHot Grill (leave MBC 3 pm)
Last week of Life Groups before summer

Wednesday, May 24

Guatemala Papa Murphy’s Fundraiser for KATW Playground Equipment

Monday, May 29

MBC Office Closed

Tuesday & Wednesday, May 30/31

Garage Sale Fundraiser items may be dropped off/ NC ~ 1-8 pm

Guatemala Garage Sale Fundraiser
June 1 & 2

Week of May 7-13

Today, Sunday, May 7

Worship Services ~ 9 & 10:30 am, S
Café Service ~ 10:30 am, NC
Sunday School & ABF ~ 9 am
Kids Choir ~ 11:45 pm, LL #106
Next Steps – Step 1 (1 s) noon lunch, NC
Ignite (Middle School) ~ 4 pm, LL #106
Next Steps – Step 3 (1 s) 6:30 pm, NC
Fusion (High School) ~ 7 pm, LL #106

Monday, May 8

MACC Orientation Mtg. ~ 5-7 pm,
W5951 Patina LN.
Elder Board Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #106

Tuesday, May 9

Elder/Deacon Board Mtg. ~ 5 pm, LL
#106

Wednesday, May 10

Men's Bible Study ~ Noon, LL #102
Café Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, NC

Thursday, May 11

Choir ~ 6:30 pm, S
Narcotics Anonymous ~ 7 pm, LL #102
Worship Team ~ 7:45 pm, S

Saturday, May 13

Care Net Pregnancy Center "Walk for
Life" ~ 9 am at either Hope Community
Center OR Living Word in Brodhead
Nehemiah Center/Kitchen/Sanctuary in
use 10 am – Noon

Prayer Topic

**Care Net Pregnancy Center
"Walk for Life": Raise needed
funds and awareness**

**Prayer Focus – Women's Ministry
Ministry Leader – Jane Thoman
Please Pray:**

- † for the Summer Bible Study starting in June
- † for the planning of this year's retreat
- † we can reach and be a blessing to women of all ages

Men's and kids hike Friday, May 19th at New Glarus
Woods. Meet at church at 5:30 pm, or at New Glarus
Woods at 6 pm. We will be hiking, then cooking hot
dogs and s'mores. Any questions contact Bernie Roidt at
325-2199. Sign-up at the Welcome Center.



**Thank you to all who helped
make National Day of Prayer
2017 a success!**

Sanctuary Renewal Update:

\$16,335 has currently been raised in support for our Sanctuary
Renewal Project. Our goal is to raise \$36,713 by September.
Thank you for your continued support!

Monroe Bible Church
May 7, 2017

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Sunday Worship Services
9:00 & 10:30 am

Radio Broadcast WEKZ – AM 1260 – 8:15 am
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Wireless Network: MBCguest
Password: worshipping