



# The eFree Press

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## **Missionaries Serving Around the World**

### *Avant*

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### *Awana*

Tim & Sherry Thomas

### *The Evangelical Alliance Mission*

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### *Fellowship International Mission*

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### *Global Serve International*

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### *Literacy and Evangelism Int'l*

Bob & Mary Emily Mulloy

### *Ethnos360*

Rich & Karen Brown

Derrick & LaShawn Dobbs

Lloyd & Mary Wapp

### *Pioneers International*

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### *ReachGlobal*

Abraham & Maria Mudidi

Howard & Marilynn Plucar

Nubako & Claudine Selenga

Lonnie & Debbie Smith

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### *Teachbeyond*

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### *Wycliffe Bible Translators*

Jon & Stephanie Weiss

## **Partner Missionary Organizations**

*Anchor of Hope Medical Center*

*Campus Life*

*Evangelical Child & Family Agency*

*Good News Jail & Prison Ministry*

*The Family Radio*

**Check the church directory for  
contact info on all missionaries  
and their sending agencies.**



## Baptism Service

Baptism is an exciting step in a person's walk with the Lord! We invite you to come alongside those in our church family who will be baptized on Sunday, August 4 at 3pm. The service will be held at the home of Doug and Kristen R.



Plan to bring a lawn chair or blanket and some sunscreen! Remember to bring a snack, an hors d'oeuvre, or dessert to share after the service. Cold water, lemonade, and paper products will be provided.

You'll be encouraged as you hear testimonies of God at work in the lives of those being baptized. A sneak peak at one such testimony comes from Andrea M.



*Andrea says that her "metamorphosis took years," explaining that her knowledge in her younger years of what Jesus did for her did not have an impact on her heart until more recently. "I went on for years doing what I wanted and believed I would go to heaven when I died," Andrea says. A serious motorcycle accident just over 5 years ago nearly took her life. Still, Andrea admits, this did not change the way she was living. "I was the seed that was continually choked out by the weeds...I would hear the gospel, but the desires of the world were more appeasing." Then, over the past few years, the Holy Spirit has been working on Andrea's heart. She says she started reading her Bible and "everything started to shift" just like it says in 2 Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, He is a new creation, the old has passed away, behold, all things have become new." Andrea says, "Everything about me transformed, the music I listened to, my thoughts, my words, my actions, the things I watched, the people I surrounded myself with, and most importantly my desires. All I desire now is my Lord, I yearn to see Him, I seek to know and study Him more. Today, I am undeniably certain, that if I died today, I would see my Lord and Savior."*



## Awana 2019 Is Just Around The Corner!

It's time to get ready for another awesome year of Awana! Awana is a place where lives are changed and children are reached with the transformative message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and it all begins in just a few short weeks! Each night of club will be filled with irresistible excitement, divided into three segments:

- Age appropriate, energetic games
- Small group interaction and Bible-based lessons
- Bible teaching, worship, and the Gospel message

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## Awana *(cont'd from pg. 1)*

**Cubbies** provides foundational teaching for preschoolers, ages 3 (by September 1 and potty-trained) and 4. Games, puppets, crafts, awards, and other activities create a lively weekly experience where fun and learning go hand-in-hand.

**Sparks** offers fun with God's Word for grades 5K-2. It's filled with games, music, teaching, and Bible memory verses.

**Truth and Training (T&T)** leads students grades 3-6 through a deeper dive into the Bible. T&T engages kids by answering their questions about God and the Bible, while we study the meaning of God's grace.

Registration forms will be mailed the first week of August to last year's clubbers. Forms should be returned to the church office by August 31. Registration will be held in the Welcome Center prior to 2nd and 3rd services beginning in mid-August until the start of club. Registration will also be available online at [www.e-free-family.com](http://www.e-free-family.com) or in the church office on weekdays. Online registrants will need to see the Awana Secretary, Marti Willis, to sign a medical release.

Parents are encouraged to pre-pay the cost for the program prior to the first night. Dues are \$0.50 a night (or \$8 for half a year, \$16 per year), and handbooks are \$12 each. Uniforms are highly encouraged and are priced as follows:

- **Cubbies blue vest** (M, L, XL, XXL) \$14
- **Sparks red vest** (M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL) \$15
- **T&T Ultimate Adventure uniform** (Youth 12, 14 or Adult S, M) \$18
- **T&T Ultimate Challenge uniform** (Youth M, L or Adult S, M, L, XL) \$18

K-6 clubbers whose pre-registration is received by 8/31/19 will receive an Awana share; clubbers whose payments are received by 8/31/19 will receive five Awana shares.

Questions? Want to get involved? Contact Awana Commander Mike V., or Director of Children's Ministries Gwen MacDonald (452.6520).



## Happy Birthday/Anniversary in August

Names omitted.

# This and That

**Summer Choir**, with a Wednesday practice for the following Sunday, begins July 31. This is a great time to give choir a try! Join us at 8pm in room 109.

**Ladies** — gather your friends and mark your calendars for these upcoming opportunities:

- **Lake Lundgren Ladies Retreat: Broken Hearts Can Be Mended** September 13-15. Brochures are available in the church office.
- **REVIVE'19: Seeking Him conference** September 27-28 in Indianapolis. Visit [revive19.com](http://revive19.com) for details.



## Youth Group Fun in August

August 7 — Beach Bonfire near North Pointe, 6:30pm

August 14 — Pool Party at the Tuttle Home, 6:30pm

August 20 — Family Picnic at Firehouse Park, 6pm\*

August 28 — No event

*\*Note this is a Tuesday event*

## West Parking Lot Progress!

## Mugs & Muffins



Ladies of all ages are enthusiastically invited to enjoy fresh baked muffins, warm fellowship, and heart encouragement at this year's Mugs & Muffins on Saturday, August 10 from 9-11am in the Multi-Purpose Room.

It's a fun, casual morning designed for you to be with friends (both old and new) and to learn about various Bible studies, volunteer opportunities, and connection points. In addition to encouragement

from God's Word, all those in attendance will be eligible to win fun door prizes and giveaways.

Make plans to join us for this sweet time of fellowship as we look ahead to a new year of ministry together!

## Forever Faithful Hosts a Summer Picnic

Can you smell the enticing, wafting, smoky aroma of outdoor grilled brats and burgers? Oh so good! Adults of all ages are encouraged to attend the annual Forever Faithful summer picnic on August 22 from 12-3pm at Rochester Park in Sheboygan Falls. In addition to brats and burgers, we'll also provide American and German potato salads, baked beans, lemonade, and coffee. You just need to bring salads and desserts!

Missionaries Rich & Karen Brown will be speaking, so get ready for a world-wide update!

Sign up on the bulletin board near the Gathering Grounds coffee bar or on the clipboards passed around the *Equip* class in the Sanctuary. The event will take place rain or shine. Hope to see you there!



## Youth Group Family Picnic

Families of students entering grades 7-12 are invited to a picnic at Firehouse Park in the town of Sheboygan on Tuesday, August 20. Festivities will begin at 6pm with a potluck style supper. Hot dogs will be provided, and a Signup Genius link will be emailed closer to the event for side dishes and desserts.

This is a great opportunity for students and their families to reconnect before the new program year starts. Pastor Aaron will present what's new and upcoming for Student Ministries. Plan to join us for this time of fellowship and fun!





## Saying Goodbye — Staff Transition

On August 10, Ministry Assistant Briana Reuter will be moving with her husband Zac to Texas, where he will finish his master's degree in Christian leadership at Dallas Theological Seminary. During her six-plus years on staff, Briana has worked on a variety of projects for the Welcome Ministry, office administration, and the Web Design Team, as well as scheduling for several managers.

Briana has spent the past month training her replacement, Kim Buhr. Kim has been on staff as the Assistant Secretary since January 2017. Before she chose to be a stay-at-home mom, Kim was the Marketing Applications Manager at Sara Lee Foodservice Corp., IL.

While we are sad to see Briana go, we look forward to seeing how God will use her in this new season of her life. We welcome Kim to her new position and know that God will use her many talents to bless the staff and congregation.



### Summer Equip

Join us for a special five week edition of *Equip*, which will meet in the Sanctuary on Sundays, August 4 through September 1 at 9:30am.

Dr. Walt Kaiser will be presenting *The Unchanging Love of God: Studies in the book of Malachi*.

We hope you are encouraged, challenged, and inspired as we seek to be equipped to *multiply committed followers of Jesus Christ*.



### Parents Of 1st-6th Graders. . .



On Sunday, August 18 at 10:45am (immediately following the 2nd service), there will be a brief informational meeting for all parents/guardians of 1st-6th graders to let you know about upcoming changes to the elementary Sunday school curriculum. We are incredibly excited to share details, so come hear what your child(ren) will be learning this fall! The meeting will be held in the North Fellowship Hall. See you there!

### Thanks From The Miami Crew!

Quick report: Thank you for praying for the students and leaders on the Miami Mission trip in July! They spent time with local kids playing games, making crafts, and teaching Bible lessons, and participated in a prayer walk around a mall. They also had some down time to experience the area. Thank you to everyone who supported them financially and in prayer!



*Behold, the fear of the Lord,  
that is wisdom* (Job 28:28, ESV)

### How Did We Finish FY2019?

Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019) ended with a deficit (our first in many years) of \$18,696. Giving for the year totaled \$1,094,863, significantly below the budgeted plan of \$1,200,000 and less than 1% ahead of the previous year. Expenses were \$1,113,559, far better than the budget of \$1,200,000, and only 3% more than the previous year.

"Given the economic prosperity we are experiencing in our nation, state and region, our giving was disappointing, but outstanding expense control helped minimize the impact," said Larry W, Treasurer. "We are praying



that everyone will step up their giving as we begin a new fiscal year with a budget increase of just over 4%, approved by the congregation at the Body Life Update."

# MASTER PLAN



The five key facility elements that have governed the Master Plan Team could be thought of as *Five Hurdles to Effective Ministry in our Facility*. Each one of them presents a problem which we are currently trying to overcome by compensation, creative scheduling, going without, or “making do.” This facility sometimes works against us, and it is our intention to improve it so that it can work with us, for God’s glory.

Do you have questions about the Master Plan? If so, please email us at [masterplan@e-free-family.com](mailto:masterplan@e-free-family.com).



PARKING



SANCTUARY



WELCOME CENTER



SECURE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



FLEXIBLE MINISTRY ROOMS

# REACH

## SAVE THE DATE: September 15

Make sure to mark your calendar to join us for an incredible night of vision, worship, and starting our Master Plan Campaign as a church family. You won't want to miss out on this celebration as we acknowledge all that God has done and we step in faith into all He will continue to do! We'll see you there!

Carolyn and I moved to Sheboygan in the spring of 1991 for a job change and to be “near Door County” (criteria fulfilled by living near Lake Michigan). With past membership in an Evangelical Free Church, we visited eFree in early summer with our very young (and still growing) family. We desired a church that would preach the Word of God, worship with passion, welcome us with fellowship, help disciple our children via youth ministries, and be outreaching both locally and globally.

First impressions are often of visual facilities; of style and substance of the worship service. As we left the Sanctuary—unsure of a return—we were met in the church parking lot by soon-to-be friends and warmly welcomed to the church and the community. We decided the “Parking Lot Welcome Ministry” warranted another visit to eFree. Now after 28 years of “doing life” with this ever-changing body of believers, this is still OUR church family and we look to meet and greet and welcome others to this fellowship, as was done unto us.



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