



SOUTHERN WISCONSIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Planting and Developing Prevailing Churches

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Special points of interest:

- Baptism
- Amanda Miller
- New Roof
- Block Party

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The Rest of the Story . . .

Last month's newsletter reported the story of the Block Party in Wisconsin Rapids at the **Church at Wazeecha**. People from the community around Lake Wazeecha, came to have fun and mingle with others near by. The greatest impact was with a 14 year old boy named Justin and his parents.



Pastor Trey Turner (center) baptizes Justin in Lake Wazeecha.

Through the Block Party and other contacts, Justin made a decision to follow Christ. On July 20th, Justin was baptized just off the shore of Lake Wazeecha. Pastor Trey Turner shared, "It is fitting that our first baptism would be at the lake where we met his family, the place where we had the block party, and the place from where we drew our church's name."

Though the water was cool, they had a great time. Justin took his first step buried with Jesus in symbolic identity with his death and in hope and expectation of resurrection life.

Farewell, Amanda!



(left to right) Kathy Jatho, Ashley Carswell & Amanda Miller at Amanda's lunch reception in the SWBA office

Amanda Miller has announced her resignation. Her last day in the office was July 22. After 10 years of faithful service to the Lord and to the churches of this association, the Miller family is moving to the Atlanta, GA area.

If you have any requests for the office, including renting the **Block Party Trailer**, please email Admin@wisconsinbaptist.org. Amanda@wisconsinbaptist.org will no longer be active after August 31.

New Roof for CCC



The team from **Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association** took on the task of putting a new roof on Campus Community Church. After many hours of hard work, the NC crew completed the job!

The Power of Prayer

On Saturday, July 12, 2014, the members of **East Madison Baptist Church** came together to prepare for a block party with more than 30 people from a mission team



in North Carolina. There was rain that started to come down as soon as the block party started to get set up in the side yard. With that in mind, members of the **Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association** mission team took their places around the church building and began to pray for the mem-

bers of East Madison Baptist Church and the community of Madison (*above photo*) After being in the rain for two hours and no one coming, everyone decided they would reschedule for Sunday.

On Sunday, the block party was rescheduled for 6:00 p.m. At 4:00 p.m. more than 50 people from both groups gathered to pass out flyers in the streets surrounding the church. More than 200 people came to the block party, with many people staying past dark. Several people accepted Christ during the block party. The members of East Madison Baptist Church did a great job engaging their neighbors, sharing with them about the church and finding out about the people who live right next to their building.

This block party truly demonstrated the grace of God. Not only was the block party not cancelled due to rain, but the time was a resounding success. Members of East Madison took the time to be trained on Saturday night on how to encounter people. Then they followed through by meeting and getting to know their neighbors in a way they had never done before that time. God uses simple tools like block parties to share the gospel and **help our churches reach out to those who are close to them, but far from God.**

Calendar of Events



August 20-22
MWBC Assessment
Milwaukee, WI

September 13
SWBA Quarterly Meeting

September 29 -
October 2
Vision Tour with
Noonday Baptist
Association of Atlanta,
GA

October 6-8
“Issues that will Sink
Your Ship” with Bill
Agee

November 8
SWBA Annual Meeting
Hope in Christ Assembly
in Madison, WI

SWBA Church Giving - June 2014

Church	Amount	Year to Date
Agape Gospel Fellowship Inc.	0.00	0.00
Blue River Valley	185.88	505.73
Campus Community	0.00	600.00
Church at Wazeecha	99.35	419.60
East Madison Baptist Church	160.00	1,334.00
Faith Community Baptist Church	0.00	124.42
Gospel Baptist Church	399.06	2,654.94
Heartland Church	43.00	421.50
Hope In Christ Assembly	75.17	437.70
LaCrosse Hmong	0.00	55.00
Madison Hmong Baptist	210.05	210.05
Midvale Baptist Church	0.00	1,469.21
Mision Bautista Hispana	76.30	330.19
New Hope Baptist Church	100.00	600.00
Red Village Church	0.00	3,491.50
River of Life Church	530.19	1,868.66
Rolling Hills	182.91	1,009.41
Three Rivers Fellowship	0.00	0.00
Transformation Church	0.00	0.00
Trinity Baptist Church	750.00	4,500.00
United Hmong Baptist	67.15	450.43
Waterbrook Community Bible Church	350.00	1,050.00
TOTAL	3,229.06	21,532.34