



## Baby Dedications

On Sunday, April 28th, we dedicated several babies to the Lord. We looo-ve babies. Here are the names of the babies we dedicated:

- Katelyn Fieleke
- Blair Fuller
- Lynden and Lanna Worley
- Nolan Crawford
- Zoe McReynolds
- Ella and Wyatt Moore
- Judah Loudin

It was such a joy to pray with these families what Hannah prayed so long ago: "For this child I

prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD.' And he worshiped the LORD there" (1 Samuel 1:27-28).

Praise God for these children. We as a church committed with the parents to draw them to the Lord. We lent them to our Heavenly Father.

What are Michael and Alison Davenport doing up there? Praise God for babies on the way, too! They are 14 weeks pregnant, due in October. Exciting! Continue to be in prayer for our KidCity Director, Christy Bunce. She is due early this summer as well.

Praise God for all these children! Pray hard for their parents!  
For His Glory,  
Nathan Loudin

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## Verse of the Month:

ENCOURAGE EACH  
OTHER WITH THESE  
WORDS

1 "I, therefore, a  
prisoner for the Lord,  
urge you to walk in a  
manner worthy of the  
calling to which you  
have been called, 2  
with all humility and  
gentleness, with  
patience, bearing with  
one another in love, 3  
eager to maintain the  
unity of the Spirit in  
the bond of peace. 4  
There is one body and  
one Spirit - just as you  
were called to the one  
hope that belongs to  
your call - 5 one Lord,  
one faith, one  
baptism, 6 one God  
and Father of all, who  
is over all and through  
all and in all. 7 But  
grace was given to  
each one of us  
according to the  
measure of Christ's  
gift."

Ephesians 4:1-7 ESV



## Made to Move

In April, Dr. Brandon Crawford gave several hours to speak to us at the Made to Move event. He spoke about what true health is and how to maintain it. One of the most startling things Brandon shared at the event is this: "The sad truth is that we rank **34th (second to last!)** in life expectancy among all other industrialized nations in the world!" That is not good! Take initiative to eat real food, get your body in motion, and glorify God by taking care of the body He has given you. Thanks, Dr. Brandon, for the time and education.

Following the lecture, the Made to Move attendees hit the streets and moved. We walked about 2.5 miles around the block. Make use of the sunshine, get outside and get moving!

## Awana Sparks-A-Rama Results

On April 13, we sent our Sparks team to the Austin Sparks-A-Rama at St. Edwards University to compete with other Awana Sparks clubs in the Austin area. All of the clubbers did an excellent job, and the team placed 3rd on their game circle. Congratulations to Jonah Acevedo, Mary Browning, Daniel Hampton, Min Gyo Jang, Charis McGaughy, Liam McGaughy, Isabella Parra, Sam Rogers, Ben Sloma, Rylee Su, and Janae Wallace for a job well done!



# Awana Commander College

A few weeks ago I had the privilege to travel to Awana Headquarters in Streamwood, IL, to attend my final Commander College conference. Being the Awana geek that I am, I had the most unforgettable time of my life. I did numerous things while there, including the following:

- met Art Rorheim (co-founder of Awana),
- visited with Jack Eggar (President/CEO of Awana),
- was instructed by an incredible Awana training staff,
- networked with other Commanders from around the United States,
- toured Awana Headquarters, the North Side Gospel Center (birthplace of Awana) and the Awana Distribution Center,
- and finally graduated as a Gold Certified Commander!

However, the most important part of my trip was how I was affected spiritually. The theme of the conference was “Build a Legacy”. We were challenged as to how we could build a legacy that would have an eternal impact in three different areas: our home, our church/club, and the world.

One of the main areas that God spoke to me about was building a legacy in my home. I need to be a more consistent and intentional spiritual leader in my home. I want to see my kids and grandkids (and all the generations to come) know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus. I heard such an amazing testimony from Art Rorheim and his granddaughter about how Art’s kids, grandkids, great grandkids, and other kids he has reached through Awana, are in full-time ministry as church leaders and missionaries. There are numerous Old Testament references which show that our teaching vision needs to be bigger so that we are looking toward future generations and not just the immediate one.

In another session, Pastor Rob Reinow spoke about “Leaving a Legacy for Your Children”, based on Deuteronomy 6:4-9. From that passage, Rob gave two great points about putting the Great Commandment (Deut. 6:5) into action:

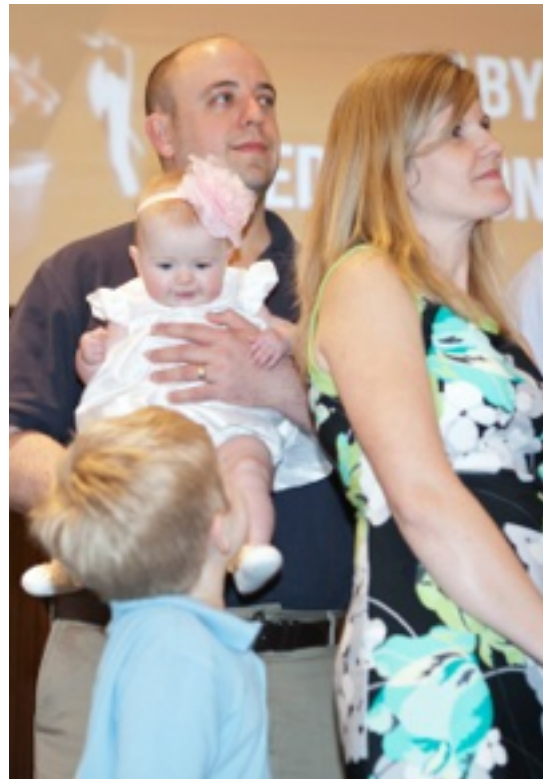
1. The purpose of parenting and grandparenting is to **impress** the hearts of our children and grandchildren with a love for God
2. The purpose of family: God created the family to be a **discipleship** center

These two points have been in the forefront of my mind. During the conference, Larry Fowler made this profound statement that has stuck with me: “Dads are able to pass a legacy of sports teams to kids through passion, why not the Gospel and eternal things?” How true. I have more I could share about how I was also challenged in building a legacy in my church/club, but that will have to wait for another time. Thank you for entrusting me to be your Commander.

In His Service,

Tom Nelson

## Here are more photos from our Baby Dedications



### Baby Announcement:

Blair Marie Fuller was born on March 25, 2013. She weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.

## By-Law Amendment Results

Dear Milwood,

With joy I write to let you know that the amendments to our by-laws, proposed by the Deacons, have passed. The vote was 52-4 which places the approval percentage of the vote at 93%.

Please make sure to say thank you to your Deacons in coming days. They've spent many Saturdays and much time in prayer over the amendments presented. It has been such a joy to see their deep resolve for the health and unity of our church family proven time and time again. As a reminder, our Deacons are:

- John Hurley (Deacons Chair)
- Steve Sivells (Vice-Chair)
- Jeff Bunce
- David Davenport
- Brian Evans
- Matt Ham
- Randy Moore (Staff)
- Tom Nelson
- Ed Wilson

I want to say thank you to you, the church. You have shown great poise, patience, and support through this entire process. Your honesty and openness has only helped the process. Your attitudes have not only led to the by-laws being adopted but will also allow us to move forward as one with the by-laws in place. Thank you.

Praise God! He sustains His church. The Spirit leads us and has led us. Praise God because it is He who works in us! We have prayed for unity many times through this process. Let us not assume that the unity we enjoy is of us. Thank God for working in our hearts.

Now we begin the realization of the newly adopted by-laws. The most significant step to be taken in 2013 is the appointment and affirmation of elders. This process will begin very soon. My hope is to have elders in place as we begin the fall. But we are more committed to patiently and wisely affirming God's men than we are to a time table.

Be in prayer for our elders. Take time to go back and listen to our sermons on eldership again (links below). Spend time reading the Scripture and the responsibilities that God has given elders in the church. Pray over this. "He who desires the office of overseer desires a noble task" (1 Timothy 3:1).

I'm looking forward to what lies ahead! I love you.

For His Glory,  
Pastor Nathan

*click the links below to listen to the sermons:*

### **Biblical and Historical Basis for a Plurality of Elders - January 13, 2013**

<http://www.milwoodbaptist.com/sermons/sermon/2013-01-13/biblical-and-historical-basis-for-a-plurality-of-elders>

### **Who Should Be An Elder? - January 20, 2013**

<http://www.milwoodbaptist.com/sermons/sermon/2013-01-20/who-should-be-an-elder>

### **What Does and Elder Do? - January 27, 2013**

<http://www.milwoodbaptist.com/sermons/sermon/2013-01-27/what-does-an-elder-do>