

Dakota Dispatch

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Bottineau Adventist Church History

The history of the Bottineau Adventist Church, Bottineau, North Dakota, goes back to 1918 when Sabbath School classes were held in the area. By the 1930s Mrs. Warneke and Selmer Sivertson and Mrs. John Johnson held Sabbath School in their homes in Bottineau County. Mr. Barkley, a colporteur, stayed in the home of Frank Bowers and had meetings in the Ackworth School house.



One of the first baptisms in the late '30's.

As a result of the meetings and other personal work, several people were baptized in 1930. The group gathered at Kerr Lake, one-and-a-half miles west of the Ackworth School house to witness Ulysses Thompson, father of Mrs. Ester Tangen, and his twin brother Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pederson and Mrs. Arthur Hiatt as each one in turn were united with their Lord by baptism.

The church was organized in 1931 in the Olson School house and charter members were Ulysses Thompson, Charles Thompson, Frank Bowers, Mrs. Frank Bowers, Selmer Sivertson, Mrs. Selmer Sivertson, Sam Pederson, Mrs. Sam Pederson, Henry Hiatt, Mrs. Henry Hiatt, Mrs. Arthur Hiatt and possibly Mrs. Chaney and Florence Burdick. The congregation met in private homes and rented school houses such as the Olson and Ackworth schools. The name chosen was the Akworth Seventh-day Adventist Church. The

name was later changed to the Turtle Mountain Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In 1943 the local congregation began planning on a church building of their own. An estimate taken that year places the total cost for a church building large enough to meet the needs of the church to be \$1,000.00. The group purchased two acres on Peace Garden Road with the idea to build there. Two early church members, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan are buried on this land. (Virtually visit the cemetery at www.dakotaadventist.org - under Community tab and Cemetery tab.)

In 1944, it was voted by a church board to check into two lots in Bottineau for a church home. A vote was taken on May 26, 1945, to purchase the present lot the church sits on and the lot to the north. A short time later, in 1947, the land was clear of debt.

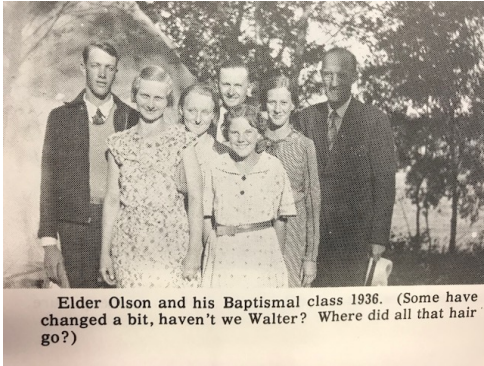
Pastor Rahn asked the church members to pledge \$1.00 each, per month, to the church building fund. In 1949, the conference president, Brother Butcherus, met with the congregation and after much study it was moved to buy the Lutheran Church at Souris, North Dakota for \$2,000.00 cash. The motion carried. It is interesting to note that the treasurers' report shows a balance in the church building fund of \$2,668.00.

In the early part of the year 1950, the newly acquired church building was moved to the present location. A son-in-law of Brother and Sister Emil Wuttke was in charge of the move. The people were pleased to at last have their own church home.

But the first service in the new building was a sad one. On July 21, 1950, the church met for the funeral of Brother Frank Bowers, one of the earlier leaders of the congregation and father of the present local elder, Walter Bowers. The funeral was conducted by Pastors Chapman and Joe Melashenko.

The afternoon service commenced with a full musical concert by the Sheyenne River Academy choir under the direction of Mr. Don Lindsay.

Services have been held in the building since then. In 1955, the name of the church was changed again to the Bottineau Seventh-day Adventist Church.



OFFICERS OF BOTTINEAU SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

ELDERS	Ray Kelch, Walter Bowers, LaVerne Beachler
DEACONS	Gaylin Bowers, Harvey Nerpel, Ray Nerpel
DEACONNESS	Mary Bakken, Myrtle Johnson, Ester Tangen
CLERK	Edna Weksath
TREASURE	Joyce Bowers
L.A. LEADER	Rita Livingston
S.S. SUPT.	Lou Ella Kleven
S.S. SECY.	Linda Bowers
MV LEADER	Vicky Bowers
PATHFINDER	
LEADER	Ray Kelch
DORUS LEADER	Marie Beachler
MEDICAL SECY.	Mary Bakken
TEMPERANCE	
SECY.	Judy Nerpel
PRESS SECY	Marian Kelch
RELIGIOUS	
LIBERTY	Myrtle Johnson
V.B.S.	Joyce Bowers
SOCIAL	
COMMITTEE	Rita Livingston, Vicky Bowers, Gary Kleven

Article by Jacquie Biloff from the Church Dedication, September 13, 1975, and a newspaper article; Photos from dedication bulletin.



Seniors Enjoy Class Trip



When you visit with any of DAA's senior students, you will hear excitement about the senior year being the year to go on a CLASS TRIP. As freshman they start planning and working towards the goal of having the best class trip ever; maybe Alaska, the Bahamas, "We want to fly to Hawaii." They start with lofty goals.

This year, the Class of 2019 opted for a long road trip to the West Coast. Spring Break afforded them the perfect timing.

The first weekend was spent in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The seniors enjoyed praise time and the sermon at the church there. Hiking Tubbs Hill afforded vespers with a beautiful sunset to close out Sabbath.

With each leg of the trip, tremendous views of God's handiwork were apparent. The majority of the trip was spent at a house in Rockaway Beach, Oregon. The seniors toured museums, an aquarium and historic sites. They skied Mt. Hood, watched a hockey game, walked trails and enjoyed the beach. Leaving the beach was hard, but on the return trip the seniors were able to spend an evening

with Kelsey Harrington's parents in Idaho.

The final stop was a cabin outside West Yellowstone, Montana. For Sabbath worship each of the seniors and sponsors reflected on the class verse, Exodus 14:14 "The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." Their day was enriched not only by the beautiful creation that surrounded them, but also by the deep meaningful sharing of how God has touched each of them.

The only downfall of the senior class trip was that it ended. They are now on to the last quarter of their senior year. Time will pass quickly and graduation will come, but wherever they go they will always carry the memories of their time together and the beauty of God's creation.



Seniors include: Jadynd Anderson, Joshua Bovey, Trina Giltamag, Hayden Gronau, Kelsey Harrington, Jonathan Justino, Hans Kenaston, Qianyi Li (Cecilia), Nonthida Pathomsiri (Fin), Faith Peterson, Karissa Rickard, Vichayut Suppermstien (Get), Kyle Tachenko, Kaitlyn Van Inwagen, and Ryan Weisz.



Article by Tracy Peterson; Photographers includes Ryan Peterson, Tracy Peterson and Mindy Juhl.

Dakota Conference Welcomes the Smits



The Dakota Conference would like to welcome Sarel and Ronica Smit, and their daughter Twainé, from South Africa to the United States and to the Dakotas.

Before becoming a pastor the Smits owned a mining company, which they sold to go into real estate. Ronica, as an accountant, was actively involved in these enterprises and also managed rental properties. Sarel also studied to become an attorney and was appointed general manager of several state agencies until a dentist, located in the same office complex, introduced them to Adventism.

After they became Adventists, Sarel felt called into the ministry so they moved to Capetown to study at Helderberg, which is similar to Andrews University. Ronica divided her time between being a mom and bookkeeping to keep Sarel in school. However, because he did so well in his studies his first year, the school offered him a full scholarship for his second year and the conference sponsored the last two years if he would agree to work for them. Upon graduation the conference called him into the office as a Human Resource Director and Ronica as an accountant. However, his desire was to be a pastor.

The Northern Conference, in Johannesburg, called him to pastor. He had five churches in the Alberton area of Johannesburg. Ronica transferred to the Northern Conference as an accountant and was later promoted to internal auditor.

He also pastored for the Cape Conference in the area of Port Elizabeth.

His last appointment was the Sedaven District, an Adventist community that includes an elementary school, high school, Advent Haven Retirement center and several churches. It is a hub for pastors' meetings, retreats, Meals-on-wheels and Campmeeting. Besides pastoring he was serving as the town's Mayor.

During his tenure the conference asked if he was open to working overseas. He said he would be but heard no more. Later he was asked again if he was still interested. Sarel assured him would be willing and was notified that the Dakota Conference had openings for pastors and the journey began.

Their daughter, Twainé, is enrolled at Dakota Adventist Academy as a sophomore.

Article and photo by *Jacquie Biloff*

Hot Springs' Pastor's Brother Passes

Pastor Samuel Thomas of the Hot Springs, Custer and New Beginnings Adventist Churches in South Dakota, lost his brother, Jerry D. Thomas, writer of nearly 60 books for children and adults on Friday, March 15. Jerry was working at Pacific Press as vice President of the editorial department. He had written several best sellers including "Messiah," "Blessings," and "A Thoughtful Hour." Thomas also wrote/created popular series such as "Detective Zack" and "Great Stories for Kids."

Our condolences go to Pastor Sam Thomas and his family during this difficult time.



Information and photo from NAD News Points, March 20, 2019.

The Northwest Regional will be held at Invitation Hill Adventist Church in Dickinson, ND, March 23, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

The Northeast Regional will be held at the Jamestown Adventist Church in Jamestown, ND, April 27, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

Enjoy a day of praise, music and fellowship.

Rapid City School Students and Staff Are Excited

The Rapid City Adventist Elementary School students had the opportunity to do something unique this month. They cut fringes on scarves and



hung them on the life-sized presidential statues that adorn historic downtown Rapid City, South Dakota. This tradition is unique as homeless folks, or anyone who needs a little something warm, can help themselves to these scarves.

The upper-grade students have been working on a few Pathfinder honors. One of them is Drilling and Marching. Students have learned how to execute many of the basic moves and are beginning to work together as a team.

Another Pathfinder honor they are doing is Archery, the Outdoor Campus is assisting with this one. Students have learned about the two types of bows - recurve

bows and compound bows - and all the parts of the bows, as well as the parts of an arrow. They have learned how to properly notch an arrow, and when the range is hot and when it is cold.

A third Pathfinder honor is Bridges. Students have learned about different types of bridges such as suspension bridges, cable-stayed bridges, beam bridges, truss bridges, drawbridges and more. They have created their own PowerPoint presentation with photos of different types of bridges, and will be creating their own bridge using Popsicle sticks. The challenge is to create a bridge strong enough to support weight.



The Rapid City Adventist School has many exciting things on its horizon. A building has been purchased and renovations are underway for a new school by next year. The building will house both the school and the church. It will also have a large gymnasium.



The school renovations should be complete by the end of June 2019, and the school will move in July for the 2019-2020 school year, which begins in August. The old school has been a place where students have been receiving a Christian education since the 1950's, but it is antiquated and not suited for growth. Although saying good-bye to the old building will be full of sentiment, embracing the new one will be wonderful. The new building will have more classroom space, modern and attractive updates and room for growth. The teachers are excited about this and looking forward to growing the school.

Article by Jennifer DeFluiter; Photos by Jennifer DeFluiter and Jaime Howell

Religious Liberty is a time-limited privilege. Consider this quote from an article on ReligiousLiberty.tv:

"Freedom will only prevail as long as Americans recognize that there is a legitimate right to be wrong on issues of faith, and the way Americans treat peaceful outliers on the fringes of society and faith will serve as America's proverbial "canaries in the coal mine" as religious freedom issues go mainstream."

Virginia Statue of Religious Freedom of 1786 reminds us of the mutual benefits of church-state separation, posted January 16, 2019 and retweeted March 19, 2019.

Safety Sabbath is March 23rd



A Call to Action: One Sabbath. One Drill. A Safer Church.

Go to SafetySabbath.com for resources.

Men's Retreat to South Dakota



It was not the northern reaches of the conference that provided challenging weather for the twenty-fourth annual Men's Retreat this year but the southern city of Aberdeen, South Dakota. A monster storm, named the "Bomb Cyclone" swept through the midwest dumping record depths of snow accompanied by fierce winds, and it all happened the weekend of March 8 - 10, 2019, Men's Retreat.

Although March 10 was "spring ahead" Daylight Savings Time, many knew that getting up early to head home was not advisable. By Sunday noon, the weather had improved.

Gary Thurber of the Mid-America Union Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska was the featured speaker with the weekend theme being *A Man After God's Own Heart*.



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March

March 1-31, 2019

		Bismarck Retail <u>Case</u>	Bismarck Retail <u>Single</u>	Bismarck Special Case	Bismarck Special Single
CANNED:					
Fri Chik	12/12.5 oz	61.49	5.64	56.49	5.44
Linketts	12/20 oz	71.73	6.58	68.33	6.38
Little Links	12/19 oz	71.73	6.58	66.73	6.38
Vegetarian Burger	12/20 oz	71.73	6.58	66.73	6.38
Veja Links	12/19 oz	71.73	6.58	67.83	6.33
CL Chops	6/19 oz	36.02	6.64	32.02	6.14
Frozen:					
Steaklets	8/10 oz	35.23	4.87	31.23	4.55

quantities may be limited

ABC hours in Bismarck, ND are:


- Tuesday - Thursday 3:00pm - 5:30pm


March 21 Dispatch Photo




Photo by Anthony Oucharek near Turtle Lake, ND.


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