



## Dakota Conference Celebrating 145 Years, 1874 - 2019

### Colman Adventist Church Highlighted

Colman, South Dakota once housed a Seventh-day Adventist Church. In 1909 two families, the Don Prior's and Martin Thompson's, met together for Sabl week, but the town was growing. In 1900 there was a population of 213. By 1910, 362 people called Colman home, an increase of 70%. Thus the need for meeting, which was held in 1911 by Elder Gjording, E. M. Anderson and D. P. Miller.

A church was organized November 18, 1911 with Elder D. P. Miller named as pastor. D. F. Prior was elected as an elder and there were 17 charter members. Kluge School House, one mile east and two-and-a-half miles south of Colman.

A church building was started almost a year later, November 4, 1912, two miles east and two miles south of Colman. It was a wood building measuring 20 feet by 30 feet with a reported capacity of 50 people.

A school was started in September of 1914 with Leila Garretts as teacher. It was held in the church and continued for five years.

By 1952 the church was sold and members met in an "old Catholic church in the east part of the village of Colman," according to a form filled out September 1952 by John Scriven, a farmer by occupation and an elder in the church. Evidently, that location was "one block east of the Gamble Store."

A *Questionnaire for Local Church Information*, which Scriven filled out, asked for the "Names of any members who later became prominent in the denomination." The accompanying sheet lists these names:

- John Gjording - Missionary to China
- Gus Youngberg - Missionary to Borneo
- Alfred Youngberg - Missionary to India
- Ruth Youngberg (Mrs. T. L. Oswald) - Missionary to South America
- Alice Flatten (Mrs. Carol Christensen) - Missionary to South America
- Grace Flatten (Mrs. Alton Bringle) - Missionary to Africa
- Lela Thompson (Mrs. Raymond Cronk) - Missionary to South America
- Mildred Thompson (Mrs. Wayne Olson) - Missionary to Lebanon
- Violet Scriven (Mrs. Charles Wittschiede) - Missionary to China
- Elder and Mrs. (Leila Levey) Cord A. Scriven - Minister, Conference and Pacific Union President
- Thelma Scriven (Mrs. Chester Barger) - Academy and church school teacher and pastor's wife
- Elder Ward A. Scriven - Departmental work in several conferences
- Elder Wayne A. Scriven - Departmental work in several conferences
- Donald D. Prior - Faculty in academies and college
- Gladys Flatten-Prior - Church school teacher
- Jenny Thompson-Combs - Church school teacher
- Martena Thompson-Bakke - Church school teacher
- Lura Simmerman-Jenks - Church school teacher
- Mildred Thompson-Olson - Church school teacher

A small, unimportant town with a small, unimportant Adventist church and school. I don't think so – not in God's eyes.

The current Colman website says, "The busy city of Colman is located just 2.5 miles west of Interstate 29 at Exit 109 and is centrally located between the Brookings, Sioux Falls and Pipestone, Minnesota. The city's current population is about 600 people.

Article by Jacquie Biloff



Photo by Cliff Freese

## Leaders at Union Academy Leadership Conference

There are, maybe, some born leaders, but sometimes those skills have to be cultivated. This year DAA brought six young ladies to Flag Mountain Camp Youth Leadership Conference. The Dakota students joined roughly 60 other young leaders for a weekend of learning and sharing.

What made this conference so special wasn't the great break-out sessions where they learned and collaborated about various leadership topics. It was the connections that were made with God.

Christopher Morris, from Mile High Academy in Colorado, talked every morning and evening about the armor of God as found in Ephesians 6:11-18. God touched the hearts of DAA's six young ladies to bring about a renewed fire and zeal to put God's will first in their lives.

The leadership girls have shared their testimonies by presenting a sermon at DAA. They want to ignite the fire they have experienced in the hearts of others. These ladies feel that if they share some of what spoke to their hearts that it could spark a flame in someone else's heart.

With our youth on fire for God, leading each other closer to Him, we as adults have the privilege to follow suit and encourage the flames of revival.



Article and photos by Tracy Peterson

## Pierre Church Enjoys a Camping Weekend

The Pierre Seventh-day Adventist Church held its first annual camping weekend August 23 - 25, 2019, at Farm Island east of Pierre, SD. Farm Island is located on the Missouri River, downstream from Pierre, the state capital. The island is connected to the main shore via a causeway. The area is popular for camping, hiking and other water-based recreational opportunities.

Four families from the Adventist church camped out that weekend and many church members, friends and visitors joined the campers for church, fellowship around Farm Island on Sabbath.

"Although the wind and mosquitoes tried their hardest to discourage the participants, they had a wonderful time and hope to make this an annual event," says Wendy Brotherton.



Article and photos by Wendy Brotherton

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# Leadership Training Workshop

Training breakouts available:  
Master Guide Skills Development Seminars



**October 11-13, 2019**

Northern Lights Camp

**4:00 p.m. Friday to 12:00 noon Sunday**

-Guest Speaker-

Roger Wade -Mid-America Youth Director & Team

Six seminars will be  
offered this year!

\$50.00 for the weekend

Includes: Friday Supper 6:00, Sabbath  
Breakfast 9:30, Lunch 1:00 Supper 6:00,  
Sunday Brunch 11:00 & Materials



This workshop is a requirement if  
you are working to be a Master Guide!!

Leadership Training Weekend

Registration

October 11-13, 2019

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

There is a \$50.00 fee for food and materials

Please return form with payment to:

Dakota Conference Pathfinder Department
7200 North Washington Street
Bismarck, ND 58503-6301

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Deadline: Please respond by September 18, 2019

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Please bring your own bedding!

Enough Money to Be Baptized

About a year ago, one of Pastor Sam Thomas' church members, who was working at the Pine Hills Retirement Center in Hot Springs, South Dakota, aske





lady that "won't let anyone clean her room on Sabbath." He didn't, but he followed up the next week. He told McClure when she was "93 years old, almost 94," she told him.

He said to her, "Someone mentioned to me that you are keeping the Sabbath." She told how she was raised and found out about the Sabbath and, "I have been keeping it ever since."

McClure was born in Oklahoma in 1924. She moved with her family near Custer, SD when she was nine years old. She was a member of the Assembly of God church.

Pastor Thomas began studying the Bible with her. She was delighted and eventually they finished all the books of the Bible. Thomas asked if she would be willing to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church. "I would like to but I don't have the money," she replied. Thomas assured her that she didn't need money to join the church. "If you don't ever give, even a dime, you can still join our church." McClure owned over a thousand acres of land but now lives on \$20 per month.

McClure joined the New Beginnings Adventist Fellowship by Profession of Faith September 14, 2019.

"She reads her Bible all day long on Sabbath," says Thomas. "Usually the New Testament because holding the whole Bible is just too heavy." Pastor found a complete Bible that was lighter than her personal full Bible but, "She is usually reading the New Testament when I come to visit."

At 95, she doesn't leave her room too often because she is afraid of falling. Recently, she said to the pastor, "When I pass away, I want you to do my service. I hope you don't plan on doing that any time soon." "No, but now I am ready."

Pastor Thomas said baptizing octogenarians and nonagenarians was not what he anticipated doing as a minister, but this year he has baptized three and

- Mildred Kraemer, 96
- Beverly Price, 85
- Enid McClure, 94

Article by Jacquie Biloff; Photo by iStock

## Note:

**Who:** All PVA/SRA/DAA Alumni and Friends

**What:** PVA/SRA/DAA Alumni Weekend  
Honor classes are years ending in "0" and "5"

**When:** October 4, 2019  
Registration opens at 1:00  
Wallace Carlson Memorial at 2:30  
Pioneer Reception at 4:00 - *Class of 1970* - but all classes are welcome  
Vespers at 7:30

**When:** October 5, 2019  
Breakfast at 8:30  
Worship Service at 10:00 - *Class of 1980*  
Lunch at Noon  
Honor Class Recognition at 3:30  
Buffet Supper at 5:00 - *Compliments of the Alumni Association*  
Vespers, DAA Showcase Concert at 6:30  
Alumni Business Meeting at 8:00  
Basketball & Volleyball Games at 8:00

**Where:** Dakota Adventist Academy  
15905 Sheyenne Circle  
Bismarck, North Dakota

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***Dakota Conference Women's Retreat  
October 25 - 27, 2019  
Mandan, North Dakota***

***Register Online at [dakotaadventist.org](http://dakotaadventist.org)  
Featured Speaker: Linda Shelton***

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## **Dakota Conference Calendar**

September 28	Endowment Sabbath
October 4, 5	Alumni Weekend at Dakota Adventist Academy
October 6	K-12 Board at Dakota Conference
October 6 - 8	Pastors' New in Ministry at Dakota Adventist Academy
October 11 -13	Pathfinder Leadership at Northern Lights Camp
October 19	Central Regional in Aberdeen, SD
October 24 - 25	Teachers' In-service at Dakota Adventist Academy
October 25 - 27	Women's Retreat in Mandan, ND

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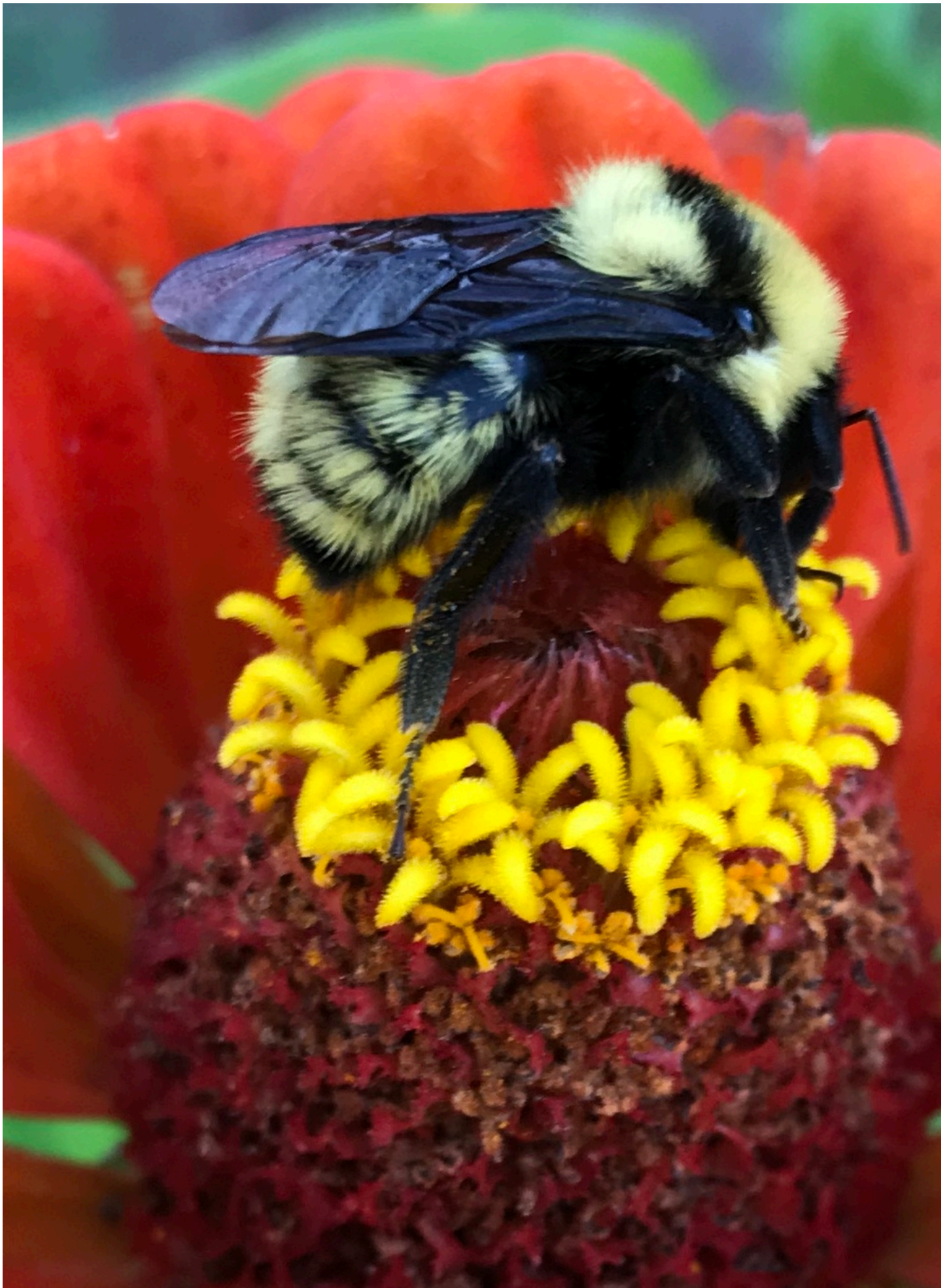
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<b>Bismarck</b>					
<b>Canned</b>					
H Breakfast Links	6/19 oz	\$36.02	\$6.61	\$30.50	\$6.16
LL Chili	12/19 oz	51.23	4.70	47.83	4.50
LL Choplets	12/19 oz	71.73	6.58	68.33	6.38
H Deli Dog	6/19 oz	36.02	6.61	30.50	6.16
LL Diced Chik	12/13 oz	61.49	5.64	57.59	5.44
LL Fri Chik	12/12.5 oz	61.49	5.64	57.34	5.41
LL Tender Bits	12/19 oz	71.73	6.61	68.33	6.33
LL Tender Rounds	12/19 oz	71.73	6.61	68.33	6.33
LL Vege Burger	12/12 oz	71.73	6.61	68.33	6.33
LL V Skallops	12/20 oz	71.73	6.61	68.33	6.33
LL V Steaks	12/20 oz	71.73	6.61	68.33	6.33
LL Vegetarian Burger	12/19 oz	71.73	6.61	68.33	6.33
LL Veja Links	12/19 oz	71.73	6.61	68.33	6.33
<b>Food Service</b>					
Fri Chik	12/47 oz	153.69	14.10	147.89	13.75
Swiss Steak	12/47 oz	153.69	14.10	147.89	13.75
<b>Frozen</b>					
W Frozen Rolls	4/4 lb	118.50	32.61	107.50	30.41
W Deli Slices	4/4 lb	35.23	4.85	31.23	4.45
sales dates: September 3-20, 2019					

ABC hours in Bismarck, ND are:  
 Tuesday - Thursday: 3:00 - 5:30 pm

**Sept 19 Dispatch Photo**







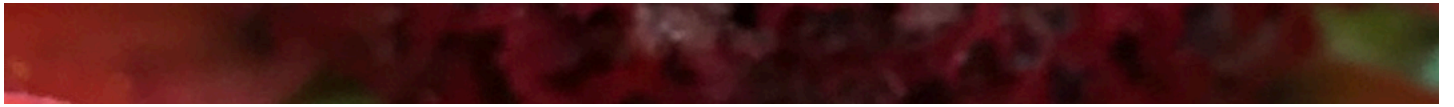




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