

Dakota Dispatch
Sharing the unchanging love of Jesus in a changing world.



Why Churches Should Know Their History



1. Church History Provides a Record of God's Work in the Community

Collecting and preserving the memories of the work God has done in the lives of members of the congregation provides an encouraging foundational perspective for church history.

It records God's saving ministry in the community. Elderly members have a wealth of faith stories that may be recorded for posterity.

2. Knowing Church History Helps Keep Faith Alive

The Israelites experienced the hand of God as He brought them from Egypt, but their history is sobering, "When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel," Judges 2:10. As current Israel, the words of David offer advise, "One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts," Psalm 145:4.

By sharing personal conversion and faith stories helps the next generation develop a strong faith in God and commitment to His church.

3. Personal Family Histories Are Woven With the History of the Church

The story of a congregation is the story of individuals and families involved in the church.

Children are dedicated and baptized; married and buried in the church. It is the foundation of religious society. It is the foundation of the nation. No other institution teaches "the surrender of self for the service of love to God and man." (EGW, Education, pg. 574.)

One suggested, "A church family album can be created to preserve the stories of each family in the church. Give every family a scrapbook page and ask them to draw their family tree on the front side of the page, and write how they joined and have been involved in the church on the backside. Gather all of the pages into the church family album and then select one or two families to be recognized each Sabbath. They should invite their entire family to attend church on the assigned Sabbath. In a brief ceremony, introduce their family, read how they joined the church, and close with a prayer for the family." (RSN, Tidings, pg. 5.)

4. Historical Knowledge Helps Leaders and Boards Make Appropriate Decisions

As is evident from the book Nothing to Fear by DuPuy, valuable insights can be gained about a church and its culture through this historical record. When making church and/or school board decisions, rereading or remembering the sacrifices and efforts made over the years to procure a church and/or school may influence the decision making process. These records should be kept in a fire-proof safe and reviewed periodically to avoid mistakes.

5. Anniversaries and Homecomings Are Based Upon Church Histories

Perhaps each church should select a church historian or history committee to continually update and preserve the history of the church. This committee would be responsible to do interviews, collect and oversee historical records and plan annual celebrations to keep the church history current.

6. Church Heritage Inspires Church Involvement and Pride

During difficult times a strong church history can be encouraging as members look back to remember how God led during past difficult challenges, how major goals were accomplished and church ministries expanded.

7. Knowing Church History Provides Encouragement for the Future

"In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say praise God! As I see what the Lord has wrought, I am filled with astonishment, and with confidence in Christ as leader. We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history." (EGW, Life Sketches, p. 108.)

Looking Ahead at DAA

This past school year's Academy Days weekend was amazing. There was fun, friendship and revival. That weekend many youth stood up to voice their desire to be a part of God's family.

Attendees at Flag Mountain Teen Camp experienced a revolution! There were twelve campers, six of whom were baptized. Many of the campers expressed an interest in going to the Academy, but also stated concern about complications in being able to attend. Please pray for all of our youth, more than ever this summer, as families decide where their children will be attending school in the fall. Dakota Adventist Academy is opening its doors to all who wish to be a part of the campus family this school year. In this crazy world, that is a super blessing!

Referring back to the first paragraph, at Northern Lights Teen Camp there will be more baptisms! Some of the youth that stepped forward at Academy Days will be in that group of baptismal candidates, HALLELUIAH!

When we work together - camp, school, pastors and conference - we see great things happen.

Pray for the young people and support them as they revolutionize the world.



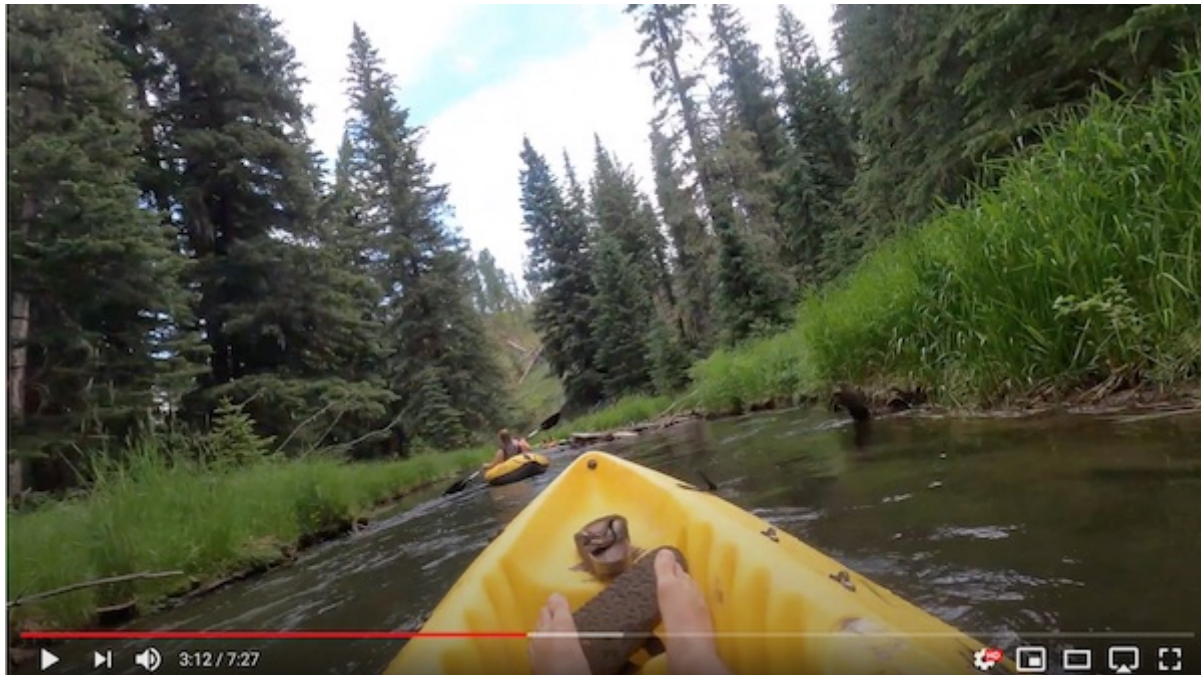
Article by DAA Recruiter Tracy Peterson; Photo by Caleb Haakenson

Teen Camp at Flag Mountain Camp

Cub Camp was June 17 - 21

Junior Camp was June 21 - 28

Teen Camp was June 28 - July 5



A video is posted each week on YouTube. This video is of Teen Camp at FMC

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0AYzXJULoR4&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR0B3kH3vC-e3oO0pv57xx1nrny4dAVcjWNdkTd9UGGILnFP5oQqImklsc0>

You are encouraged to check the social media outlets and website where regular updates are posted!

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/dakotayouthandyoungadults/>

Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/dakotayouthandyoungadults/?hl=en>

Website - <https://www.dakotayouthandyoungadults.org/camps>

Bricks Are Available for Sale at DAA

There are several thousand new, unused Brown Stone 4-hole and 3-hole bricks for sale at Dakota Adventist Academy. These are left-over from the construction of the academy and are on pallets. The sale and removal of these bricks would be beneficial in several ways. Contact Principal Anthony Oucharek or Vice-principal David Chapman for more information at 701.258.9000.









Bloodmobile Will Be at Campmeeting on Friday

As usual, the bloodmobile will be at Campmeeting on Friday, July 31, from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm. If you are interested in donating blood, please contact Jacquie at 701.751.6177, ext. 208 to be placed on the schedule.



COVID-19 Antibody Testing Now Available

Vitalant is now testing blood donations for COVID-19 antibodies.

- Appointments are strongly recommended
- Do not donate if you are sick. This antibody test does not test for the presence of COVID-19 disease
- All successful donations will be tested for antibodies to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19
- Donors can view results in your online donor account 2 weeks after you donate

Note: Due to the significant cost of this test, reward points are suspended for the time being (except for apheresis donors, who give specific blood components via special equipment).



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Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia Available

June 30, 2020 I received the following letter from Dr. Douglas Morgan. We have worked

together for over a year on the Dakota Conference history for the online *Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists*. The links may be of interest to you.

Dear Jacqueline Biloff,

As you may be aware, the official launch of *Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists* (ESDA) Online is set for July 1, 2020. You will be able to access it at encyclopedia.adventist.org.

It is your work – your time, expertise, and creativity as an author – that gives value to the ESDA. Though words are entirely inadequate, I do want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude.

You may wish to view the livestream of the launch program from General Conference headquarters on July 1 beginning at 3:00 pm (EST) on the SDA church YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/ghb55gmz2ts> or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu5mxn89NdGYSJC3kbHzmDw>.

You may also enjoy and wish to share the brief informational video at https://youtu.be/DLfkmHZB_MY.

I also wish to emphasize that ESDA at present is far from complete, with only about 15% of the articles categorized as “North American” published. In a sense, as a dynamic, online publication, it never will be complete. But we plan to work intensively during the year that lies ahead to make it much more comprehensive.

If you have submitted articles that have not yet been published, please be patient and do not be concerned. We will be posting them over the next few months.

So, we pause for a moment to give thanks for what the Lord has enabled us to accomplish thus far, but then we will resume pressing toward the mark of our high calling.

Peace,

Doug

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help families with estate planning.

Assistance with the following documents is available: a Will; Durable Power of Attorney; Health Care Directives; Charitable Gift Annuities; various kinds of Trusts and other documents as needed. Basic estate planning documents are done at no cost to you.

Please contact us with any questions or for help preparing these documents. We are here to serve you.

Things to consider:

- Who should be guardians of our children should something happen to me and my spouse?
- Who will make medical or financial decisions for me if I am unable to make them myself?
- How may I be faithful to God as He has been faithful to me?
- What is a Medical Power of Attorney and how does it differ from an Advance Directive?

Contact information:

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Note from the NAD

Health Sabbath is **July 25, 2020** this year with Dr. David Williams, an internationally acclaimed researcher in health disparities. The theme is “Now, More Than Ever.” View current content on our [website](#).



HEALTH SABBATH

NOW  **EVER**

JULY 25, 2020

Societies are on the verge of collapse and chaos
Hope is waning and hearts are despairing
Hope and Healing is needed **NOW, more than EVER**

HEALTH MINISTRIES
Seventh-day Adventist Church
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION



The King's Heralds will be at Campmeeting

THE KING'S HERALDS

Celebrating 92 years of ministry.



Dakota ABC

The ABC will be open at Campmeeting, July 30 - August 1, 2020.

Limited quantities of canned foods and books will be available as a truck from Lincoln, NE will not be coming. **No frozen foods will be available on site**, but a limited supply of frozen food is available at the Bismarck ABC store other than during Campmeeting week.

Listed below is the food price list.

KS-NE ABC Book & Bible House				SUMMER Sale: July 12- August 31, 2020			
FOOD PRICE LIST				Bismarck Store			
Loma Linda Canned Food:				Worthington Frozen:			
Buy 5 cases and save an additional \$15.00				Buy 2 cases and save an additional \$2.00			
Buy 10 cases and save an additional \$35.00				Buy 3 cases and save an additional \$6.00			
				Buy 4 cases and save an additional \$10.00			
			Cases	(quantities are limited)			Cases
Item	PRICE	Purchased			PRICE	Purchased	
LOMA LINDA TRADITIONS®				WORTHINGTON - FROZEN			
12/20 oz	Big Franks	\$68.00	_____	12/1 lb	Chic-ketts	\$82.00	_____
12/19 oz	Big Franks - Low Fat	68.00	_____	8/9 oz	Croquettes	34.50	_____
12/20 oz	Chili	47.00	_____	6/2 lb	Dinner Roast	82.00	_____
12/20oz	Choplets®	73.00	_____	12/9 oz	Fripats	34.50	_____
12/13 oz	Diced Chik	58.00	_____	8/8.5 oz	Leanies Deli Dog	34.50	_____
12/12.5 oz	FriChik®	58.00	_____	12/16 oz	Prosage, roll	82.00	_____
12/12.5 oz	FriChik® - Low Fat	58.00	_____	8/8 oz	Sausage Links	35.40	_____
12/13 oz	Fried Chicken w/Gravy	58.00	_____	8/10 oz	Stakelets	34.5	_____
12/20oz	Linketts®	68.00	_____				
12/19oz	Little Links	68.00	_____		DELI SLICES (may mix cases)		
12/13 oz	Prime Stakes	58.00	_____	8/8oz	Chicken	34.50	_____
12/19 oz	Redi-Burger	68.00	_____	8/8oz	Corned Beef	34.50	_____
12/19 oz	Saucettes®	68.00	_____	8/8oz	Salami	34.50	_____
12/19 oz	Super Links	68.00	_____	8/8oz	Smoked Turkey	34.50	_____
12/13 oz	Swiss Stake w/Gravy	58.00	_____	8/8oz	Wham	34.50	_____
12/19oz	Tender Bits	73.00	_____				
12/19oz	Tender Rounds w/Gravy®	68.00	_____		ROLLS		
12/19oz	Vege-Burger®	68.00	_____	4/4 lb	Chicken - Roll	110.00	_____
12/20 oz	Vegetable Skallops®	68.00	_____	4/4 lb	Corned Beef - Roll	110.00	_____
12/20 oz	Vegetable Steaks	68.00	_____	4/4 lb	Salami - Roll	110.00	_____
12/20 oz	Vegetarian Burger	68.00	_____	4/4 lb	Smoked Turkey - Roll	110.00	_____
12/19 oz	Veja-Links®	68.00	_____	4/4 lb	Wham - Roll	110.00	_____
				4/4 lb	Mix/Match rolls		_____
FOOD SERVICE							
6/96 oz	Big Franks	118.00	_____				
12/50 oz	Chili	118.00	_____				
12/42 oz	FriChik®	145.00	_____				
6/96oz	Linketts®	120.00	_____				
12/47 oz	Prime Stakes	145.00	_____				
6/96 oz	Super Links	120.00	_____				
12/47 oz	Swiss Stake w/Gravy	145.00	_____				
12/50 oz	Vegetable Skallops®	145.00	_____				
12/50 oz	Vegetarian Burger	145.00	_____				
Prices Subject to Change							
Quantities are limited on some items							
NO rainchecks							

Dakota Conference Calendar

July 8-12 Cub Camp at Northern Lights Camp (ages 8-10)

- July 11 **Local Covid Budget**
- July 12-19 Junior Camp at Northern Lights Camp (ages 11-13)
- July 18 **Local Church Budget**
- July 19-26 Teen Camp at Northern Lights Camp (ages 14-17)
- July 25 **Dakota Challenge**
- July 27-30 Pastors' Meetings combined with Camp Pitch at DAA
- Jul 30-Aug 1 Campmeeting at DAA
- Jul 30-Aug 2 Family Camp & Spiritual Feast at NLC - **cancelled**
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- Aug 1 **Local Church Budget**
- Aug 2 Dirt Kicker Charity Run
- Aug 3 Office Closed for Campmeeting Recovery Day
- Aug 5-6 Teacher In-services at the CO
- Aug 8 **Women's Ministries**
- Aug 15 Spiritual Feast Weekend at FMC
- Aug 15 **Local Church Budget**
- Aug 16 Registration day at DAA for 2020/2021 School Year
- Aug 22 **Dakota Challenge**
- Aug 29 **Dakota Evangelism**
- Aug 30 K-12 Board Meeting (10 am)
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July 9 Dispatch Photo

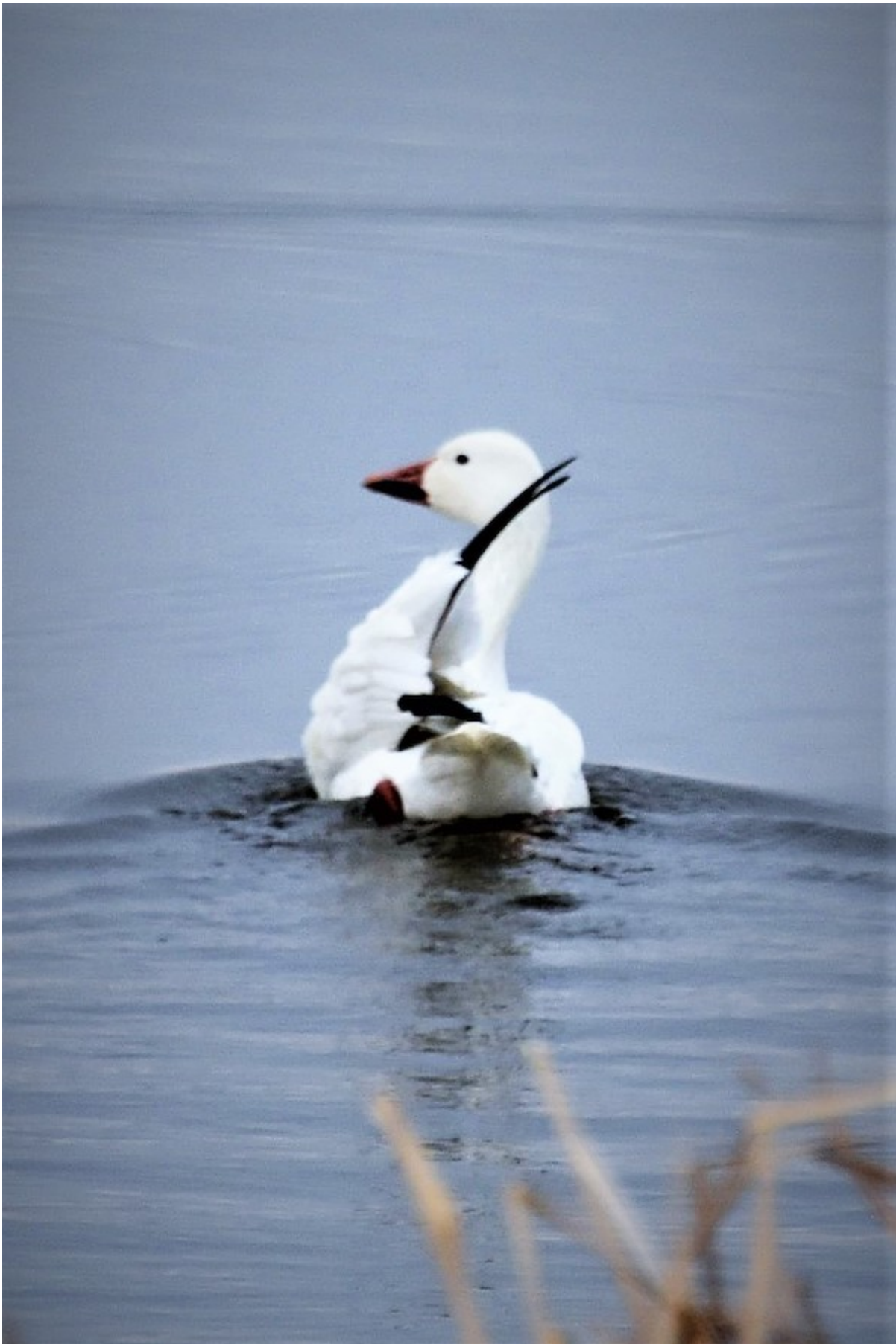


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