

DAKOTA DISPATCH

Sharing the unchanging love of Jesus in a changing world.



Nothing to Fear

This is the fourteenth installment of a multi-part series taken from Bob DuPuy's book, *Nothing to Fear: The Story of Seventh-day Adventism in the Dakotas*, published in 1983.

CHAPTER 5: The Work is Onward - Part 4

During the winter of 1892-93, work was begun in a new area of the state, the extreme northeastern corner, by Elder W.B. Hill.³⁴ *Experiences of a Pioneer Minister of Minnesota*, an autobiography written by Hill, had convinced a Walhalla (Pembina County) family, Mr. Schram, his wife and married daughter, Mrs. Baker, of the seventh-day Sabbath. When word got back to Minnesota, Hill was sent to work for the winter in the area of Pembina and Cavalier Counties.

Hill's account of his experiences, recorded in a later literary work, gives us valuable insight into the problems encountered and the methods used by the early pioneers.

Arriving in Neche (Pembina County), Hill rode the sixteen miles to his destination with Schram's son-in-law who was bitterly opposed to Adventist teachings and forbade Hill to talk about his beliefs in the home. Hill inquired if he could just read the Bible with the family, and his request was granted. "But alas for error!" commented Hill, "In reading the Bible is just where truth is found, and the person who has the truth can ask for nothing more."

On Christmas day, Hill scheduled a meeting at the schoolhouse. Despite a temperature of 52 degrees below zero, one man came, bundled up with two overcoats. "We studied the Bible with a hot stove between us, with overcoats on and were not too warm then," observed Hill.

"I am now doing work in private homes," reported Hill. "I hold Bible readings from house to house in the daytime and get as many together in the evening as I can and either speak to them or give a Bible reading. I now have evening appointments near Crown Center (Canada?), at Earnest (Ernest, Pembina County), Walhalla (Pembina), and Elm Point (Cavalier County). The families all around these places have been visited, Bible readings have been held, and reading matter distributed among them."

Through deep snow drifts that withstood horses, Hill walked day after day, meeting alternately with warm acceptance among people searching for truth, and bitter rejection among some who wanted to ride him out of town on a rail for “teaching the people to work on the Holy Sabbath.”

Hill, who suffered a frozen nose on the way to a Bible study with the wife of a Presbyterian minister, Mrs. Scott, explained how he was able to withstand the cold. “. . . my health and courage are good, and while walking over the bleak prairies my heart is warm with thoughts of the heavenly beauty of the soon coming kingdom, when the faithful toilers who have gone forth into the wilderness of this world bearing precious seed and weeping, shall come again and with rejoicing lay the golden sheaves which they have gathered, at the feet of the Master, and join the everlasting song as we behold the King in His beauty.”

“The good seed has been sown in all that region,” reported Hill on his way back to Minnesota, “and the sound of the third angel’s message has extended to regions beyond. One young Englishman who accepted the truth has already begun sending the light to his parents in England. A company has embraced the message, among whom is the wife of a Presbyterian minister (Mrs. Scott?). A leader has been chosen and Sabbath meetings established.”³⁵

The “young Englishman “ was a Mr. (George E.?) Carscallen, father of Arthur A Carscallen who was baptized in 1899 and after attending Union College for two years, went to England to work as a literature evangelist.³⁶ In 1906, after his ordination, Arthur became Superintendent and the first missionary to the British East African Mission (Kenya), establishing a string of mission stations and the East African Publishing House.

He mastered the Luo language, and was the first to reduce it to writing. He spent more than two years translating portions of the New Testament into the Luo tongue.

Carscallen held the workers together during the difficult days of World War I when mission stations were looted and damaged.

Returning home in 1921, Carscallen pastored for some years in the Dakotas, then went back to pioneering in British Guiana, entering the interior to work among the Davis Indians, mastering the native dialect and producing a dictionary and grammar in the local language.

In retirement, Carscallen visited churches and camp meetings in the United States seeking to kindle a missionary spirit among the people, until his death in 1964. W.B. Hill’s bitter winter in North Dakota has indeed had far-reaching implications.³⁷

34. W.B. Hill, *Experiences of a Pioneer Evangelist of the Northwest* (By the Author, 1902), 230-239; *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, January 24, 1893, 61; February 21, 1893, 124.

35. *Ibid.*, April 4, 1893, 320.

36. W.B. Hill, *op. cit.*, 231,239. Although the Carscallen son is not specifically identified by Hill as A.A. Carscallen, the events described fit well the account of his life in the *Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia* (article:” Arthur Asa Grandville Carscallen) *op. cit.*, 205, 206.

37. *Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia*, *op. cit.*

Next time from *Nothing to Fear*:

Chapter 5, "The Work is Onward" - Part 5 by Robert K. DuPuy

DAKOTA EDUCATORS ARE APPRECIATED

Thank you for
your service!



"What a teacher writes on the blackboard of life can never be erased." - unknown

Grace Upon Grace

A key concept of the Gospel is the grace that Jesus offers. Grace is such a beautiful concept because it speaks of just how loving God is; that He would extend the gift of pardon without price when we do not deserve it. Divine grace, when it is received, is transformative and should affect us down to the very fiber of our being. But it's easy to accept grace and hold it in, something it was never intended to do. When hoarded, grace becomes stale and impacts us less and less.

It's easy for me to accept that I need grace. It's harder for me to accept that God expects me to extend grace to others as well, especially when it comes to difficult people whose faults irritate me and whose failures sadly please me. It's in those moments that I need to remember that I need and have received "grace upon grace" (John 1:16), and if grace has any sort of impact in my life, I need to be willing to give it to others. Divine grace begs to be given away for free, "But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift." (Ephesians 4:7). The people with whom I disagree, the ones who chafe me, the truck that honked at me while I was waiting in the turning lane need grace just as much as I do. We are all "fellow partakers in grace" (Philippians 1:7).

I think the reason why Paul would always open and close his letters with "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (Galatians 1:3), is because one leads to the other. Receiving Divine Grace leads to the peace in knowing we are forgiven. Giving grace to others also leads to peace: peace in letting go of anger or resentment when we are slighted. Grace is never content to sit on the shelf collecting dust. It begs to be handled, wrestled with, and given away.

May the Grace and Peace of Jesus be with you.

Worship Thoughts by Pr. David Werner, pastor of the Bison/ Bowman/ Dickinson church district.

Dakota Campmeeting Speakers



PR. RICHIE & TIMI BROWER

With pastoral and counseling backgrounds, Richie and Timi's credentials come as much from their stories as their schooling - their marriage started coming apart on their honeymoon. Heartache has made them passionate about restoration through connection. Having walked the path of healing for many years now, they also know what it is to live with daily connection that creates stability and joy. The Browsers believe that God's plan for every person in marriage is noble, nurturing, safe, and healing. The couple travel nationally and share their Marriage Conversion Seminar.



ELDER RON CARLSON

Born in Minnesota, Ron Carlson is president of the Kansas-Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, serving in this capacity since 2006. He and his wife, Sue, are both graduates of Union College and have served in pastoral ministry in the conferences of Dakota, Iowa-Missouri, and Northern California. The couple have four married children and seven grandchildren. Ron loves to share Jesus through preaching. He also enjoys biking, doing home projects, and canoeing in the wilderness regions of northern Minnesota.



ED DICKERSON

Ed has published three books, scores of articles, was singled out for recognition by the Governor of his state, and taught at every level from grade school to grad school. Audiences on three continents have found he speaks with wit, warmth, and wisdom. He holds a Master's Degree in Religious Education from Andrews University. He conducts Bible studies in person and over the internet, and makes a wealth of material available on YouTube and at www.Patreon.com/BibleJourneys. He and wife, Mavis, have three grown children and eight grandchildren.



DR. CHRIS HOLLAND

Pastor Chris Holland is senior evangelist for Hope Channel International and President-elect of the Living Hope School of Evangelism. He previously served as Speaker/Director for It Is Written Canada. In 20 years of ministry he has additionally served as a local pastor, local conference departmental director and for the North American Division. Chris has been involved in media ministry since his early undergraduate years in college where he was involved with both television and radio programs. It is his sincere desire to know Jesus more and to utilize the many media outlets to preach God's word with power. Since their marriage in 1996, Chris and his wife Debbie have served the Lord together and strive to do all that they can to fulfill His commission to take the Gospel to the "ends of the earth"



DR. MARK PIOTROWSKI

Elder Mark Piotrowski is vice president of administration, human resources director, and education superintendent for the Dakota Conference. He has served as an army chaplain, church pastor, and conference prayer ministries coordinator. Mark and his wife Elbie have two daughters, Cherise and Adeline.



THE EMMANUEL QUARTET

The Emmanuel Quartet is an a cappella gospel quartet from Collegedale, Tennessee. They began in 1989 as Highland Academy Men's Quartet and have toured the United States and internationally. Members include Will Labrenz, Tim Reutebuch, Gary Sewell, and Phillip White.

Register for a room online at: www.dakotaadventist.org

Kid's Church

They are our kids, our grandkids, our nieces and nephews, our members' kids. But what is really important, they are the future of our church - our leaders for tomorrow. They aren't just going to turn twenty-plus one day and know how to be a leader, know the parts of the service. By taking ownership of their church today, they will continue to grow in their personal relationship with God and that of their church family.

Therefore, the Rapid City Seventh-day Adventist Church has started a new tradition. For now, every other month we will take one Sabbath when the kids will present every part of the worship hour. Starting with one playing the piano during the transition from Sabbath School to worship hour and on throughout the service. Our first Sabbath was March 12. Children did the interlude, welcome, invocation, a solo for call to worship, call for offering, offering prayer, offertory, took up the offering, congregational prayer, special music, scripture, and an energetic skit. Then to cap it off, Kelli Wasemiller, our new children's ministry field director, shared a lively sermonette.

The theme is "Fixer Upper," to correspond to our new church remodeling. Crafts were featured on display that related to the theme. It was fast paced, fun, interesting and our participating children were ages three years old through fourteen, with two young adults in their twenties adding support. It was their day, their program for their church. We can't wait for our next Kid's Church Sabbath on May 8.



Article by Barb Chancellor, member of the Rapid City Seventh-day Adventist Church in South Dakota. Photos by Irene Chow, Ed & Erika Lopez.

Come Join Us at DAA

Big things have been happening at Dakota Adventist Academy during April. As we are working into a new normal, DAA staff and students are striving to move forward with the events that help our school family grow.

FIRST Robotics in North Dakota was able to hold two Robotics qualifying events with the main event hosted by DAA. Sixteen teams from North and South Dakota, along with a team from Minnesota visited our campus. FIRST Advisor, Lee Gullingsrud, commented that the volunteer help of the DAA senior class was the best he has ever had for an event.

More excitement on campus came a couple weeks later when 24 potential students came for Academy Preview Days. Working from the theme of “God, the Master Potter”, the weekend was far more than previewing classes. Youth arrived Thursday evening and time was scheduled to meet others before class previews started on Friday. The guests were able to choose elective classes they desired to attend, allowing everyone to find out more about their favorite subjects. Mrs. Poor-Bear Adams, English and art teacher, lead out in a pottery class to start out vespers where she shared examples and facts that would come to be a part of her worship talk. Pastor Rob

Carlson blessed us all during the Sabbath hours, sharing how to look for God's leading in our lives. The evening ended by working as teams to navigate puzzles of two different escape rooms. The weekend held positive reviews from the current DAA students and staff as well as the preview students.

We are looking forward to all the new students and new adventures that will be found next school year at DAA. Come join us!



Robotics Competition

Preview Days' Pottery Class

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Article and robotics photo by Tracy Peterson, DAA recruiter. Pottery photo by Halie Garrett, DAA student.

Youth & Young Adults

Hello Dakota Family,

It's May and camp is just around the corner! If your child would like to attend camp and has not yet registered, please get them registered as soon as possible. Our camps are filling up and we are anticipating a full and fun summer. Registration will remain open through June 9, 2021. If you need help with registration or with finances, please reach out to us at dakotayouthandyoungadults@gmail.com. We want every child to have the chance to attend one of our beautiful camps!



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Message from Ricky & Brooke Melendez, Dakota Conference camp directors.

Church School Honors Teachers

This week, Hillcrest Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School showed love to their teachers in several ways. Every day, a new Facebook post was added to the school's page expressing their appreciation and took turns spotlighting each teacher. On Monday, a parent took donuts to the teachers and students. On Tuesday, the school board brought in popcorn as well as a sign that read, "No one is butter than Hillcrest teachers! Thanks for all that you do!" The sentiment and recognition was appreciated by the teachers, including the substitute teacher, Mrs. Merkel.

There is still time to honor the teachers in your church and life. Take time to make them feel special!



Article by Jodi Dossenko, Conference communication director. Photos by Christina Rittenbach, Hillcrest board chair.

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Dakota Conference Calendar

Offering schedule is in purple.

May -

- 3-7: Teacher Appreciation Week

- 6: Dakotans Pray (7pm)
- 8: Disaster/Famine Relief
- 15: Local Church Budget
- 20: Brentwood 8th Grade Graduation (Bismarck Church - 6:30pm)
- 21-23: Graduation Weekend at DAA
- 22: Dakota Challenge
- 22: Prairie Voyager 8th Grade Graduation (11am)
- 26: Invitation Hill 8th Grade Graduation (6:30pm)
- 26: Hillcrest 8th Grade Graduation (7pm)
- 27: Rapid City 8th Grade Graduation (6pm)
- 29: Camp Development
- 29: Sioux Falls 8th Grade Graduation (11am)

For more scheduled events, please see the calendar on the Dakota Conference website: www.dakotaadventist.org/events

Blessed & Kept

May you experience growth.

We tend to only love growth at the end of it.

Once we have made it through the uncomfortable parts; been through the painful deconstruction; and emerged new we love the result.

Only when we can see the progress we've made do we begin to celebrate.

May you relish the beginning stages of growth.

May the discomfort you feel bring you preemptive joy

May you willingly step into the pain that bring about your growth.

May you properly grieve what you will lose in the growing process.

May you allow the old ways to die and let them go.

May you bask in the blessed assurance that just as a seed dies and is buried in the ground only to sprout a plant with fruit that produces more seeds, this death will sprout new life.

May you be awash in fresh ideas, new ways of thinking, better avenues for faith.

May you participate in the ongoing creation of the world through this death that leads to new life.

May you grow.

Written by Casey Bartlett.

To follow Casey's Podcast *Blessed & Kept* click [here](#).

May 6 Dispatch Photo



Paulette Bullinger

Photo taken by Paulette Bullinger at Theodore Roosevelt National Park, north unit, in North Dakota.

If anyone has local church news or stories to share, please send event information, news suggestions and/or articles and pictures to: j.dossenko@gmail.com

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