



Nothing to Fear

This is the 38th 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 9: Hastening the Coming of the Lord - Part 5

Leaving Benedict, the workers then went on to Dogden where T.T. Babienco had made several recent visits, resulting in substantial growth and considerable interest in the community.²⁴ On this visit, seven families of Dogden members living about “eight miles from the church” were organized into a Sabbath School. It is possible that this group was eventually organized as the second church at Dogden, later named Butte. The two churches separated in July 1911 and were named Dogden No. 1 and Dogden No. 2, probably located respectively, eight miles south of Dogden and two miles west of the village where concentrations of the members lived. Dogden No. 1 was renamed Butte (sometimes called Dogden Butte, and later Butte Country) in 1912, the other church retained the name Dogden until changed to Butte Village some years later in 1926. The present Butte church is the result of a later merger of these two churches.²⁵

During their 1910 visit to Dogden, the workers discussed organizing a church at Kief (McHenry County), where a substantial number of members lived. Although not done at this time, the organization apparently took place within a few months at most.²⁶

Virtually all later records cite Kief as the first Russian church in North Dakota and in North America, leading to the speculation that these people who became the core of the Kief church in 1910 may have been remnants of the church organized “South of Balfour” in 1906 (Balfour is six miles due north of Kief).

It is possible that (as J.C. Michaelenko suggests) the Balfour church was simply renamed Kief, the town of Kief having been founded subsequent to the organization of the original Balfour church - the use of the term organize here being less strict than its narrower, legal meaning - or that the two groups "gathered out" by Wagner early in 1909 became effectively one congregation until this later, official reorganization occurred. The Kief church was admitted to the North Dakota Conference at its eighth annual conference session on June 26, 1911.²⁷

Also, during the summer of 1910, Burley and Litweneco visited Greatstone Township, South of Benedict (McLean County). There was not a single Adventist believer there when they arrived, but in a short time they organized a company of seventeen. About a year later they returned and organized the Greatstone church with a charter membership of 20, on July 12, 1911. In 1940 the church was renamed Benedict but had no church home of its own from 1911 to 1945, when the Turtle Lake Methodist Church was purchased and moved into the country. In 1963-64 a new church was built in town and the church took its present name, Turtle Lake.²⁸

25. *Ibid.*, August 1, 1911, 3. The original Dogden church building was located about nine miles south of the village (*Northern Union Reaper*, October 5, 1909, 3; Butte church history, prepared March 8, 1976, by Butte pastor Charles Hinckley) where the abandoned building still stands. The new church was organized as Dogden No. 2 and admitted to the conference on June 18, 1912. *North Dakota Conference Session Record Book, op. cit.*, I, 149). Therefore, the original church south of town must have been Dogden No. 1. Its name was changed to Butte in 1912 (*Northern Union Reaper*, July 2, 1912, 5.) It apparently became known as Dogden Butte (possibly because of its location near the Dog Den Buttes) and later as Butte Country, or simply Butte. In the meantime, Dogden No. 2, located near the village, became simply Dogden and later in 1926. Butte Village. (J.C. Michalenko letters, *op. cit.*) The two churches apparently merged in 1940 to form the present Butte church located in town. Butte church history, *op. cit.*)

26. *Northern Union Reaper*, August 16, 1910, 4. We have a reference to the Kief church just a few months later in the *Northern Union Reaper*, May 23, 1911, 5.

27. *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, January 4, 1917, 17 ; "North Dakota Conference," *Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia, op. cit.*, 879, 880; Halswick *op. cit.*, 91; J.C. Michalenko letters, *op. cit.*; *North Dakota Conference Session Record Book, op. cit.*, I, 145. At the 1906 Session, Balfour is represented; at the 1907 session, no Russian delegates are recorded; at the 1908 session, (December 1908) Balfour and Dogden are represented, at the 1910 session (June, 1910) it is Dogden only and at the 1911 session, Dogden and Kief are joined by Benedict. *Ibid.*, 69, 87, 106, 126, 127.

28. *Northern Union Reaper*, August 1, 1911, 3; History of Turtle Lake church, dated February 20, 1976.

Next time from *Nothing to Fear*:

Chapter 9, "Hastening the Coming of the Lord" - Part 6 by Robert K. DuPuy

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Huron Adventist Church Invites You to Live Concert



The Huron Seventh-day Adventist Church invites you to attend a live concert on Sabbath, May 14, 2022, starting at 7:00pm. The Pride Family has been blessed by God with six sons and a love for music. They enjoy traveling, meeting new people, and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. Their music ranges from old-time hymns, southern gospel, contemporary worship, and barbershop style. To find out more about the Pride Family, visit: pridefamilymusic.org

Huron Adventist Church: 1830 Simmons Ave SE, Huron South Dakota 57350

Your Name is Written

A large chunk of granite protrudes up from the prairie along the Oregon Trail. It was largely known that travelers were in trouble if they did not reach this point in the trail by July 4. Around the base of the rock are several graves as well as names carved by passers-by. (To find more images, search "Independence Rock Wyoming".)

As I traveled to the office this morning, a song I had never heard was playing on the radio. "Are we written in the stars? Are we written in the sand?"



In our humanity, we have a fascination with our names and the need to leave a record of ourselves, our values, and experiences - a tribute to our existence. This started my reflection on the holiness of God's name in the Lord's Prayer and our names being written down: carved on a tree, park bench or picnic table, painted on a trestle or overpass. God's name is holy and significant. The fact we are called friends or sons and daughters - children of God - is magnificent and wonderful in ways imagination doesn't do justice to.

In this digital age our name is registered in official records, archives, legal documents, and social media apps which are threading another permanent record of who we are and a testament to our existence.

There's a precious hymn that speaks volumes of meaning into the Christian experience written by M. A. Kidder, "Is My Name Written There?" The refrain queries:

"Is my name written there,
On the page white and fair,
In the book of Your kingdom,
Is my name written there?"

Two scriptures about names come to mind which have great significance to me. "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:20). "...but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Revelation 21:27).

I'm overwhelmed by the holiness of God's name, His calling my name, and His assurance that my name is written in His ledger.

I am praying for each of you today. Submit a personal or corporate prayer request at:

dakotaadventist.org/ministries/prayer-ministries/prayer-requests

Dakota Men's Retreat Boasts Record Attendance

The 27th Annual Dakota Conference Men's Retreat was held at the Rough Rider Hotel in Medora on the weekend of March 11-13, 2022. The conference room was packed with 87 attendees and the weekend didn't disappoint. With great music, inspiring testimonies, and dynamic speakers, there was an air of rest, relaxation, and expectation for the men who attended from around the Dakota Conference.

Exceptional circumstances occurred during our time there, but one "stand-out" experience brought several men to tears. Our weekend speaker had recently suffered the loss of the only vehicle that his family-owned, with very slim prospects of getting another. One of the men in attendance shared this need for vehicle replacement with the rest of the men on Sunday morning before everyone departed. We quickly passed a hotel ice bucket around the room and within minutes, more than \$8,000 was raised to help this speaker's family purchase another one.

The weekend theme, "Growing in Christ," was passionately embraced as we celebrated what God could do with a group of common people dedicated to serving Him with their time, talents, and resources. We anticipate an equally unique Men's Retreat in 2023. If you are a man who wants to join us, please consider penciling March 10-12 into your schedule.



Article by Pr. Mike Temple, pastor of the Grand Forks Adventist Church in ND. Photos submitted by Randy Rubbert, Dakota Conference men's ministries director.

Campmeeting Schedule: June 1-4

Dakota Campmeeting 2022

Day / Time	Wednesday - 1st	Thursday - 2nd	Friday - 3rd	Sabbath - 4th
7:30 - 8:15		Breakfast Served in Cafeteria		9:15 - 10:45 Sabbath School Dr. Mark Weir 10:50 - 12:20 Church Service Dr. John McVay
8:30 - 9:45		Elder Gil Webb	Elder Mike Tucker	
9:45 - 10:00		15-Minute Break		
10:00 - 11:15		Dr. Kendra Valentine	Elder Gil Webb	
11:15 - 11:30		15-Minute Break		
11:30 - 12:40		Elder Mike Tucker	Dr. Kendra Valentine	
12:30 - 1:30	Check-in Begins	Lunch Served in Cafeteria		
2:00 - 3:15		Elder Gil Webb	Elder Mike Tucker	2:00 - 3:00 Anointing Service 3:00 - 5:00 Round Table Dr. John McVay, Elder Mike Tucker, Dr. Kendra Valentine, Elder Gil Webb, Dr. Mark Piotrowski, Facilitator, Dr. Mark Weir
3:15 - 3:30		15-Minute Break		
3:30 - 4:45		Dr. Kendra Valentine	Dr. Mark Piotrowski	
4:45 - 5:30		Free Time		
5:30 - 6:15	Supper Served in Cafeteria			
6:45 - 8:30	Dr. John McVay	Dr. John McVay	Dr. John McVay	7:00 - 9:30 Hall of Remembrance Closing Remarks Music Concert: Pam Tucker
8:30 - 9:30	Fellowship			
Sabbath Schedule Differs; Sundown is 9:31				
Kindergarten, 0-5 years Primary, 6-9 years Juniors, 10-12 years Youth, 13-17 years Young Adults, 18-40 years* (*runs Fri evening - Sabbath)		Brienne Engelhart Pr. Roy Morris Pr. Darrel Lindensmith Pr. Justin Walker Pr. Ted Struntz		

Are you interested in attending Dakota Campmeeting? Online credit card payments are now accepted. Register online at: dakotaadventist.org/ministries/campmeeting

The Adventist Book Center will be set up in the usual spot during Campmeeting 2022. The ABC is finding supply chain shortages in both food and books, but they are doing their best to have favorites in stock.

New in Ministry Meetings

On April 24-26, Elder John Gryns, vice president and acting president of the Illinois Conference, presented to those in attendance a workshop on pastoral ministry. New in Ministry meetings are held two to three times each year at the Dakota Conference office. Ordained pastors are invited to attend but the meetings are geared for pastors new to the profession. The Dakota Conference partners with Andrews University in this endeavor.



Article and photos Jodi Dossenko, Dakota Conference communication director. Photo was taken during morning worship.

2022 Camp Registration is Open!



Dakota Adventist Camps

Flag Mountain Camp

cub camp, ages 8-10 • June 15-19 • \$200
 junior camp, ages 11-13 • June 19-26 • \$275
 teen retreat, ages 14-17 • June 26-July 3 • \$275

Northern Lights Camp

cub camp, ages 8-10 • July 13-17 • \$200
 junior camp, ages 11-13 • July 17-24 • \$275
 teen retreat, ages 14-17 • July 24-31 • \$275

REGISTER FOR CAMP ONLINE
 DAKOTAYOUTHANDYOUNGADULTS.ORG/CAMPS



Register today at: dakotayouthandyoungadults.org

Prayer Ministries - Monthly Prayer Emphasis

Please keep the following in your prayers for the month of **May**:

Theme: Mothers, Students & Teachers -
 Preparing Workers for the Harvest

Pastoral Staff: Mike Temple

Education Staff: Leanne Erickson, Eric
 Garrett

Office Staff: Bob Forbes

Adventist Entities: Grand Forks
 Church, Prairie Voyager Elementary

Northeast, North Dakota: Rolla,
 Pembina, Langdon, Grafton, Cando,
 Devil's Lake, Grand Forks, East Grand
 Forks MN, Spirit Lake Reservation



DAKOTANS PRAY

is now scheduled weekly
 Thursdays at 7:00p CT

Meeting ID: 895 8855 6393
 Passcode: 885424
 Call in: 253.215.8782

Zoom:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89588556393?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89588556393?pwd=ZDhqaxNRNUJJdXczR0JFNjVDTE9xdz09)
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[Click here](#) to visit the Prayer Ministries' webpage.

McClusky Church Hosts Ladies Luncheon

What started out as a local community outreach project blossomed into reaching both Dakotas (yes we had South Dakota ladies in attendance too!) and our little church of six hosted fifty-six ladies on Sabbath, April 30 for a Ladies Luncheon. The theme of the day was "When Life Gives You Lemons" and the decorations were beautiful. Let's be clear... we did not do it alone. We called upon my home church of Manfred to help us out and they came through just like I thought they would. McClusky isn't even in Manfred's district, but that didn't matter to this caring church. They went above and beyond in supporting this event. Videll Arhens of the Wahpeton Adventist Church came on Thursday to enjoy the day and we put her to work as well, which she willingly participated in.

We were all so blessed to hear Brenna Hudson's message of trial and hope, struggle and perseverance. She has been and continues to be, a true example of how to trust in God, even when life throws you lemons. Never give up. "Life is messy, but life is beautiful." We were blessed with music by Sue Schlafmann, Jodi Dossenko, and Joann O'Hare as well as the study of Esther by Sarah Christenson. Local veterinarian Nadine Tedford shared about her book "Daily Dawn of Hope", which many ladies took home to read and share. We also heard about the McClusky Backpack Program by Sheila Majors, a member of the McClusky area community. A donation jar was placed on one of the tables and these fifty-six ladies donated \$1,138 to the backpack program! Door prizes were given away and Vicky Reile cheerfully hosted the event. Each woman was given a Bible study book donated by Marilyn Heilman and the Manfred Church. There were delicious sandwiches, salads, yummy desserts, and some very amazing and beautiful cookies made by Miriam Juhl of the Grand Forks Church. Making your own flavored lemonade was a hit and then of course we got our hands greasy making lemon sugar scrub. Handmade cards from Verna Briggs of the Manfred Church were given to each lady to send off to friends that need encouragement.

All ladies in attendance seemed warm, friendly, and ready to enjoy a relaxing event in a comfortable atmosphere. Some even made friends for life with a woman they had just met. It was a wonderful and spirit-filled day with ladies who love Jesus!



Article by Lisa Heitzmann, member of the Manfred Adventist Church in North Dakota. Photos by Lisa Heitzmann, Brenna Hudson, and Jodi Dossenko.

Kid's Corner

Have you checked out our new devotional study on the Parables of Jesus?

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLT8TBICrTY6ciEMd2zUYBirT-yuLkaSQf>

A new craft corner is available and it ties into our storytime book, "The World Needs Who You Were Made to Be."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WzawcHnEpHA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=66H1LKBGCRQ&t=0s>

Visit the Dakota Conference Children's Ministries YouTube channel, [Dakota SDA Kids](#), and explore the many videos available for children.



Kelli Wasemiller is the Dakota Conference education superintendent and children's ministries coordinator.

Dakota Conference Calendar

Offering schedule is in purple.

Office preaching schedule is in blue.

May -

- 14: Elder Mark Piotrowski preaching at Yankton Church, SD
- 14: Elder Bob Forbes preaching at Invitation Hill Church in Dickinson, ND
- 14: Paulette Bullinger preaching at Turtle Lake Church, ND
- 14: Disaster / Famine Relief
- 14: DAA's Spring Music Concert
- 20-22: DAA Graduation Weekend
- 21: Elder Bob Forbes preaching at Richardton Church, ND
- 21: Local Church Budget
- 22: Brentwood 8th Grade Graduation at DAA (6pm)
- 24: Invitation Hill 8th Grade Graduation (6:30pm)
- 25: Hillcrest 8th Grade Graduation at Jamestown Church (7pm)
- 26: Rapid City 8th Grade Graduation (6:30pm)
- 28: Elder Mark Piotrowski preaching at Mitchell Church, SD
- 28: Elder Bob Forbes preaching at Turtle Lake Church, ND
- 28: Dakota Challenge
- 30-1: Camp Pitch for Conference workers

June -

- 1-4: Dakota Campmeeting at DAA in Bismarck, ND
- 4: Dr. John McCoy preaching at Dakota Campmeeting
- 4: DAA Annual Fund
- 6-7: Conference Office closed - Campmeeting Recovery Day & Memorial Day (Observed)
- 6-11: General Conference Session in St. Louis, MO
- 11: Elder Mark Piotrowski preaching at Hurley Church, SD

- **11: Women's Ministries**

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

Blessed & Kept

May you rest without losing momentum.

May you resist the temptation to keep working after beginning to work towards your dreams yesterday.

May you remember the Sabbath and its command to stop; to rest.

May you trust that this rest will push you into the coming week where the work will continue.

May you rest even though you are finally energized by the work you have started.

May your rest remind you that your progress does not make you more valuable.

May your rest remind you that your identity is not found in what you do.

May your ego be tempered by this rest. For on this day, all any of us are are children of God and nothing more.

May your self worth be bolstered by this rest. For on this day, all any of us are are children of God and nothing less.

Written by Casey Bartlett.

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May 12 Dispatch Photo



Photo taken by Anita Kopplin at Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

If you have 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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