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Nothing to Fear

This is the 43rd 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 10: The School is a Live Question - Part 2

On August 7, representatives of the North Dakota Conference and of the Board of Trustees of Harvey signed an agreement defining their individual roles in the development of the school, which was initially named Harvey Industrial School.⁶

Faithful to the terms of the agreement, construction of the main building began in the fall of 1903. Suspended by winter weather, construction began again in May of 1904, and on November 3, 1904, Harvey Industrial School, with C.L. Kendall serving as principal, opened its doors for the first time.⁷

The main building, measuring 38 by 40 feet consisted of a basement, first and second floors and an attic with six rooms, probably used as dormitory rooms. In the basement were the boiler room (steam heat), dining room, store room and kitchen. The chapel on the first floor was divided by a hanging partition which could be lowered to transform the chapel into "a study room and recitation room." Also on the first floor was another classroom, the business office and a cloak room. On the second floor were two classrooms, two dormitory rooms and a library.⁸

While we have no records of the early enrollment, it seems to have been near

capacity for the meager facilities. The business office, the second-floor classrooms and part of the basement were all used as housing for students and teachers. Writing in 1906, C.L. Kendall stated that “As many as forty at once have been provided for in this building.”⁹

In 1906-1907, a ten room “cottage” dormitory with basement used for laundry was erected to alleviate crowded conditions. This structure, known as South Hall, was used as the first separate girls’ dormitory. In addition, a new porch was added to the main building during the same year.¹⁰

The spring term of 1906 brought an opening day enrollment of only fourteen students, a number which, although it undoubtedly grew over succeeding days and weeks, is indicative of the priorities of many North Dakota Adventists during that busy farm season.¹¹

Agriculture at the school took on larger proportions during 1906 with the addition of 240 acres to the school farm. The land was purchased by individuals and turned over to the school. Crops grown on the school farm that year included wheat, rye, oats, barley, flax, potatoes, fodder corn, millet, and garden vegetables grown mainly for use by the school family. The school also benefited from 1,000 strawberry plants plus raspberry and currant bushes and plum trees added to the campus the same year and utilized the products of the school's six-to-ten cow dairy herd. A “crop” of thoroughbred Brown Leghorn chickens also provided additional income. Cottonwood, boxelder, and ash trees, lilacs, honeysuckles, roses, and peonies as well as about fifty varieties of annual flowers helped to beautify the young campus.¹²

Work in these various farm and garden projects was apparently part of an early attempt to provide vocational training and employment opportunities for academy students, who had the option of working up to three hours each day. The 1905 Conference Session endorsed this work-study program, urging the importance of “the matter of connecting manual labor with the schoolwork.”¹³

In 1906, the school received a new name, Sheyenne River Academy, and a new principal Norris W. Lawrence, formerly the first president of Mount Vernon (Ohio) College.¹⁴

6. Text of agreement between the Board of Trustees of Harvey and the North Dakota Conference *op. cit.*

7. *Northern Union Reaper op. cit.*

8. *Ibid.*

9. *Ibid.*

10. *Ibid.*; September 4, 1906, 8; "History of Sheyenne River Academy." prepared by Clara McClelland c. 1916.

11. *Northern Union Reaper*, May 1, 1906, 8.

12. *Ibid.*; May 22, 1906, 8; April 17, 1906, 4.

13. *North Dakota Conference Session Record Book*, *op. cit.*, 1, 51, 52.

14. *Northern Union Reaper*, August 7, 1906, 8; "Mount Vernon Academy," *Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia*, *op. cit.*, 830, 831.

Next time from *Nothing to Fear*:

Chapter 10, "The School Is a Live Question" - Part 3 by Robert K. DuPuy

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The first installment of *Nothing to Fear* starts in the October 22, 2020 issue.



**DAKOTA CONFERENCE
WOMEN'S RETREAT**

"Teach me good judgement
and knowledge, for I believe
in your commandments."
Psalms 119:66 (NKJV)

Class is in Session
**September 30 -
October 2, 2022**

The Abbey of the Hills
46561 147th St
Marvin, South Dakota

Brochures and registration
information is available at:
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womens-ministries](https://dakotaadventist.org/ministries/womens-ministries)

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Brick by Brick

"...A house divided against itself cannot stand." Matthew 12:25

I couldn't help thinking of this verse, the one included in Abraham Lincoln's 1858 speech when he ran for the United States Senate, as I restacked these bricks onto pallets to sell. The forklift had pushed a few bricks out of the stack, and I was

removing the rest, a brick or two at a time, to place on the pallet. When I pulled enough bricks out, the stack finally gave way, with one side leaning heavily against the metal bands that were holding it together.

Sometimes these precariously stacked bricks represent my own inner turmoil as I struggle to put my personal faith into practice. Part of me worries about some uncertainties in my future. The other part of me is trying to remember that God is faithful and promises to always be by my side, no matter what my future holds.



The devil seizes opportunities like this to try to take chinks out of my armor. He tells me this situation is just like some misery I experienced in the past, and that I might as well give up hope because I am a failure.

In times like these, I turn back to my Bible and speak truths that, brick by brick, lay out the foundation of my faith and build me back up strong and sturdy.

When I am tempted to give up hope, from Isaiah 28 I read:

"This, now, is what the Sovereign Lord says:

‘I am placing in Zion a foundation that is firm and strong.

In it I am putting a solid cornerstone on which are written the words,

Faith that is firm is also patient.

Justice will be the measuring line for the foundation,

and honesty will be its plumb line.'" (vs 16-17).

This encourages me to be firm, be patient, be fair, and be honest.

When I am tempted to give up hope, from Isaiah 28 I read:

"Unless the Lord builds the house,

those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the Lord watches over the city,

the watchman stays awake in vain.

It is in vain that you rise up early

and go late to rest,

eating the bread of anxious toil;

for he gives to his beloved sleep." (vs 1-2)

I remember that I am beloved - deeply and tenderly loved - and I am able to fall into a peaceful sleep.

I will still have troubles - that much is guaranteed! However, I don't need to allow those troubles to destroy my soul. My faith still holds and is still growing - brick by brick.

Worship Thoughts and photo by Brenda Klein, member of the New Home Adventist Church in North Dakota.

Follow Brenda on Facebook for more devotional thoughts at [Farm Girl Faith](#).

DAKOTA CONFERENCE TOWN HALLS

Join us for a DAA centered meeting!

Bismarck - September 8	Dickinson - September 27
Fargo - September 19	Rapid City - October 13
Aberdeen - September 22	Sioux Falls - October 20
Jamestown - September 26	

Each meeting will be held at the local church and begin at 6:30p.

Come One, Come All! You are invited to attend one of our Conference Town Halls. These meetings will be centered around Dakota Adventist Academy with the goal to share as much information as possible regarding how our Conference is working towards the long-term viability of DAA.

Along with updates, financial information, and trend lines, you will have the opportunity to ask anything about DAA. Please plan to attend one of the seven meetings being held at the local Adventist Church. They will begin at 6:30p, local time, and last no more than 90 minutes.

Outdoor Church at Washburn

It was a beautiful, sunny day on Sabbath, August 13, 2022 - the perfect type of weather for an outdoor church service. The Mandan and Turtle Lake churches planned and executed the day.

This event started back in the early 1970s when Sam and Ruth Timothy took a

Sabbath afternoon drive. They found a picturesque spot near the Garrison Dam in North Dakota. The couple thought that it would be a nice area to have their church service the following week. The Timothys were members of the Max Adventist Church, which later became part of the Butte/Max/Turtle Lake district. The following year, they invited the other churches in their district to join them. That first Sabbath started a yearly tradition of holding church outdoors in that same location - one that the Turtle Lake Church continued to uphold when the Butte and Max churches closed. Since its beginning, to the recollection of those still attending, only two years have been canceled - one in 2011 due to flooding and the other in 2020 because of COVID. After the flood, the meeting place was changed to its current location near Washburn.

Last Sabbath, 96 people were in attendance at Falgren Park State Recreation Area and enjoyed the gorgeous day. Adult Sabbath School was taught by Dwight Duke, a member and elder of the Mandan Church, while youth groups met around the park. Linda Oswald, Bonnie Sundby, and Judy Weir led song services with Luke Metz on the piano. Linda and Bonnie then joined Joe Van Inwagen on the guitar to sing a beautiful special music - all three members in Mandan. Judy Weir, conference treasury clerk and "first lady" of the Dakota Conference, gave the children's story and taught those in attendance the importance of trust. Elder Mark Weir, Dakota Conference president, then spoke about perspective and traditions. Where do they come from and are they all good? He said that life is "...about perspective. Everything that happens in my life is an opportunity to make a difference for someone else. God has put me here and while here, I will use the time to work for Christ." He reminded the audience that while Paul was chained to soldiers, he used the time to share Jesus with each of the different men guarding him. "Bad circumstances can yield good results" and without this opportunity, Paul wouldn't have been able to reach the Romans.

A communal potluck was enjoyed after the service followed by an afternoon "Open Mic". A few people performed songs and then the group dismissed with the intention to meet again at the same spot next year. This tradition is one that church members plan to continue for years to come.



Article by Jodi Dossenko, communication director. Photos by Jodi Dossenko and Paulette Bullinger, women's ministries leader.

Pierre Church Outreach

Several of the Pierre Adventist Church members participated in the "Feeding South Dakota" program on July 12. The volunteer group worked for almost 2 hours and packed 220 boxes. A good time was had by all involved!



Pierre Church Members Help Pack Boxes for Feeding South Dakota

Blurb and photos by Tammy Johnson, member of the Pierre Church in South Dakota.

OUTLOOK Magazine

OUTLOOK's theme for this year has been Strengthening our Spirituality and this month we are focusing on how that is done through Adventist Education. Teaching is a tough career, made harder by COVID-19, and we need to intentionally express more appreciation and encouragement to all our teachers—both those who are retiring and those who are willing to continue or begin their ministry as first-year teachers.

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Rapid City Church Constructs New Sanctuary

The Church Build Has Started!

The time has finally come where we have put dream into action and have started construction on the Rapid City SDA Church sanctuary. Thanks to the herculean effort from our church members, we have been able to complete the demolition process and clean out the working area. Now the construction crews have started their work by preparing the structure and installing walls. Dale Fleming and his crew have spent countless hours in the preparation for this project and now we are blessed to see this project come to life. Construction is expected to continue through this summer and fall.



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Opportunity to Win a Gas Card!

The staff and teachers at Dakota Adventist Academy dedicate themselves to serving the educational needs of the community - so the administration has launched a survey vital to our shared future. Please take a moment to provide essential feedback about our school. This survey will take about 10 minutes. Your responses will remain confidential and anonymous. As a thank you for completing the survey, you can choose to be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gas card.

Click the link to participate and please feel free to forward the link to a friend:

survey.zohopublic.com/zs/svz00k



DAA Promotes Teacher to Vice-Principal

Jovannah Poor Bear-Adams has added the responsibility of Dakota Adventist Academy vice-principal, starting in July of this year. She and her family moved back to the Dakotas two years ago when she accepted the English teaching position after Gary Way retired.

Born on Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, Jovannah grew up on the reservation as well as in the surrounding area, spending a lot of that time in Rapid City. She and her husband, Zak, graduated from Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, and accepted positions at Holbrook Indian School in Arizona. While there, Jovannah served in several different capacities which included girls' dean, registrar, vice-principal, and dean of student services - all while teaching various English courses. She also taught a "Next Level Prep" course where students explored what they wanted to do after high school and the different opportunities available to achieve their goals. The experience she gained teaching the prep course has propelled her to work those aspects into a unit for DAA's senior English class.

For the past two years, in addition to teaching English, Jovannah has also taught a pottery class. Although she loves pottery, she has passed this role on to her husband and DAA's art teacher, Zak. He is versed in the technical aspects of pottery and will do an excellent job taking over the class.

While Jovannah will still be teaching English at DAA, she will also be working half-time as the vice-principal. This role will focus on assisting students to keep good attendance, work with student leadership, as well as be the primary person in charge

of administrative discipline. She will do all of this while working on her master's in educational leadership. Her master's program degree will allow her to take leadership in higher administrative positions to gain experience in situations a principal would handle.

Since Jovannah was baptized at the age of 16, she has received a negative response from her family regarding her faith. Because of this, her attempts to be her family's advocate for Christ haven't seemed like a possibility. Their mother forbade her from taking her brother, Forrest, to church, which broke Jovannah's resolve to reach out to her family about God. Her brother went to live with Jovannah and Zak as a teenager while he attended Holbrook Indian School. During a mission trip to Belize, he made the decision to be baptized. Today, Forrest has joined the DAA team and accepted the role of food service director. Jovannah is thrilled with this development and thanks God for answered prayers.

Zak and Jovannah have five children, two of which attend Brentwood Adventist Christian School in Bismarck. The family is happy to be living and working in this part of the country.



Article and photo on the top left by Jodi Dossenko, Conference communication director. All other photos

Dakota Camps are a Blessing

I am so thankful for the awesome summer we had at our Dakota Adventist Camps! Our kids had a great time having fun while learning more about how to follow Jesus. Our camps were successful largely due to the excellent staff, volunteers, and donors. I want to quickly share how blessed we were to have excellent medical care and support all summer from members within our conference. Drs. Mike and Jaime Bohlman from Hot Springs and Dr. Kimber and Kim Boyko from Bismarck graciously dedicated their time and medical expertise. Dr. Jaime, known to campers as “Dr. J”, spent over five weeks with us! Our campers and staff were excellently cared for! Thank you, Bohlman and Boyko families, for giving your time and energy to our camps! You were a blessing to us!

While summer camp is officially over for this year, our camps are still busy hosting our academy, schools, and church groups! Last week I had the opportunity to meet with the Harvey, Manfred, and Bowdon churches at Northern Lights, and this weekend I will meet with the Black Hills churches at Flag Mountain before heading back up to Northern Lights to be with Dakota Adventist Academy. Our next work bee will take place at Northern Lights over Labor Day weekend.

Current needs for our camps are a DSLR digital camera, a utility vehicle for transporting materials and trash at Flag Mountain, and funds for updating our outdoor activities. Feel free to contact me at **dakotaadventistcamps@gmail.com** to find out how you can help. We have two beautiful camps that God has entrusted to us; if you haven't been to them for a while, let me know what I can do to fix that.

~ Pastor Ted



Article by Pr. Ted Struntz, Conference youth director. Photos by Halie Garrett.

Prayer Ministries - Monthly Prayer Emphasis

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

Theme: Media & Communication

Pastoral Staff: Marveen Gentillon, Darren Purdy, Sam Thomas

Education Staff: Annabelle Harper, Jamie Howell, Madison Hudema

Office Staff: Mark Seibold, Ted Struntz

Adventist Entities: Black Hills Health & Education Center, Custer Church, Hermosa Church, Hot Springs Church, Rapid City Church, Rapid City School, Spearfish Church

Southwest South

Dakota: Spearfish, Sturgis, Rapid City, Hot Springs, Custer, Wall, Pine Ridge Reservation

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DAKOTANS PRAY
is now scheduled weekly
Thursdays at 7:00p CT

Meeting ID: 841 1749 9925
Passcode: 382190
Call In: 669.444.9171

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84117499925?pwd=MHJVS0k4Ryt1UWVXT0I4MDI1mc2NoZz09>

Seventh-day Adventist Church

Kid's Corner

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.

Dakota Conference Calendar

The offering schedule is in purple.

The office preaching schedule is in blue.

Town Halls & Regional schedules are in green.

August -

- 20: Elder Mark Piotrowski preaching at Mandan Church, ND
- 20: Local Church Budget
- 27: Elder Mark Piotrowski preaching at Watertown Church, SD

- 27: Elder Bob Forbes preaching in Hurley Church, SD
- 27: Dakota Challenge

September -

- 3: Elder Ted Struntz preaching in Bismarck Church, ND
- 3: Elder Bob Forbes preaching in Wahpeton Church, ND
- 3: Local Church Budget
- 5: Conference Office Closed - Labor Day
- 8: Bismarck Town Hall Meeting - Bismarck Church (6:30p)
- 10: Elder Mark Piotrowski preaching in Hermosa Church, SD
- 10: Education Superintendent Kelli Wasemiller preaching at Minot Church, ND
- 10: Elder Ted Struntz preaching in Hot Springs Church, SD
- 10: Elder Bob Forbes preaching in Watertown Church, SD
- 10: World Budget
- 11: K-12 Board of Education at Conference Office (10a) *changed from Aug 28
- 11: Southeast Adventist Community Services (ACS) Federation Meeting in Pierre, SD (10a)
- 12: Northeast ACS Federation Meeting in Jamestown, ND (10a)
- 13: Northwest ACS Federation Meeting in Grassy Butte, ND (10a)
- 14-18: DAA Homeleave
- 17: Elder Bob Forbes preaching in Spearfish Church, SD
- 17: Education Superintendent Kelli Wasemiller preaching at Richardton Church, ND
- 17: Local Church Budget
- 18: Southwest ACS Federation Meeting in Rapid City, SD (10a)
- 19: Fargo Town Hall Meeting - Fargo Church (6:30p)
- 19-22: Elementary Outdoor School at Northern Lights Camp *changed from Aug 12-15
- 22: Aberdeen Town Hall Meeting - Aberdeen Church (6:30p)
- 24: Elder Bob Forbes preaching in Grassy Butte Church, ND
- 24: Elder Mark Piotrowski preaching at Bowman Church, ND
- 24: Dakota Challenge
- 25: Executive Committee at Conference Office (10a) *changed from Sept 18
- 26: Jamestown Town Hall Meeting - Jamestown Church (6:30p)
- 27: Dickinson Town Hall Meeting - Invitation Hill (Dickinson) Church (6:30p)
- 30-2: Women's Retreat in Marvin, SD

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

Blessed & Kept

May you experience renewal.

May your birth be in the front of your mind today.

May the innocence of that baby born so many years ago be your innocence as you are cleansed with the grace of a new day.

May the helplessness of that baby be your helplessness as you learn to more fully trust in a good and caring God.

May the curiosity of that baby be your curiosity as you encounter a deeply mysterious and altogether marvelous world.

May you remember that you are fearfully and wonderfully made.

May you also ponder your second birth.

May all the emotions of the day you gave your life to Christ return to you.

May the commitment you made on that day be the commitment you make for this day.

With every decision may you repeat the vow you made to Jesus on that day,
I am wholly yours.

May this day, be a third birth.

May your righteousness go undoubted.

May your trust be unwavering.

May your curiosity be vast.

May your commitment be everlasting.

Today, you are a new creation.

May you live out the reality of God's claim on your life.

Written by Casey Bartlett.

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

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Photo by Stephanie Miller, taken at Hoffer Lake near McClusky, ND.

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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