



## Nothing to Fear

This is the 44th 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 3

Working with F.G. Specht, preceptor and head of the school's German Department, Lawrence soon issued a “calendar” for the coming school year as an informational and recruiting tool.<sup>15</sup>

Opening day for the fall term brought twenty students - a number that soon swelled to nearly fifty - to “SRA” to be taught by Lawrence and Specht and by “Professor” Shepherd who taught mathematics, his wife, who taught music, and Gertrude Thompson who served as preceptress and taught English and history. “Sister Wright” served as matron and two students, “Miss Hullet and Miss Knowles”, acted as student teachers.<sup>16</sup>

Records of this early school year reveal that in addition to work and study the students participated in missionary activities, organizing themselves into “The Young Men's Christian Training Society” and “The Young Ladies Christian Improvement Band”, and sponsored social functions including a “social and musical program” that consisted of “music, readings, recitations, mental drills, and remarks.”<sup>17</sup>

Campus physical improvements of this 1906-1907 school year included the

installation of a central heating plant in South Hall, the digging of a well and a cistern for the campus, and, apparently, the construction of another “small cottage” probably for use in housing the now capacity student body.<sup>18</sup>

During the following year construction was begun on the next campus facility, a 24 x 40-foot laundry/workshop with a 20 x 24-foot root cellar. This new building was to serve as an industrial education facility, especially during the winter, for the practice of indoor trades as tent and broom making. Enrollment hit its highest point to date at 57, with 48 students in actual attendance during the 1907-1908 school term.<sup>19</sup>

With even this modest enrollment growth, the academy's meager facilities were taxed to the limit. Three to five girls occupied each room of their dormitory and living areas in general were so crowded that students had to study in the chapel during the evening. The newly constructed laundry/workshop was pressed into service as a boys' dormitory.<sup>20</sup>

Continuity and stability of the student body was another major challenge during the early years of Sheyenne River Academy. The needs of the farm economy frequently shortened a student's education on both ends of the academic year, creating havoc for the teaching plans of academy instructors; 1907-1908's banner enrollment year began with only 15 students and ended with just 25, due largely to farm related late arrivals and early departures.<sup>21</sup>

The often-haphazard nature of frontier education created additional problems for the academy faculty. Although the school apparently offered formal classes from seventh grade through high school, students frequently arrived without even the prerequisite elementary preparation for this broad academic program. Some instructors taught as many as nine classes per day, even working through the afternoon and evening, to bring some measure of uniformity to the diverse student body. Grades five and six were added to the formal academic curriculum during the 1909-1910 school year.<sup>22</sup>

Enrollment continued to grow steadily for most of the next decade with a sustained attendance of approximately 100 during each of several years, and increasingly large numbers of students beginning and ending the full academic year at the school. Enrollment apparently peaked during the 1915-1916 school year at 130 students. Even in 1910, when drought and its related economic conditions generated considerable discussion about whether the academy should be operated at all that year, the school's enrollment, even without the twenty-seven students of the newly

inaugurated Russian Department, was on a par with the two previous years.<sup>23</sup>

15. *Northern Union Reaper*, *op. cit.*; March 12, 1907, 2.

16. *Ibid.*, October 16, 1906, 4; March 12, 1907, 2; Clara McClelland, *op. cit.*

17. *Northern Union Reaper*, October 16, 1906, 4; January 1, 1907, 8.

18. *Ibid.*, August 7, 1906, 8; September 4, 1906, 8; December 18, 1906, 4 (photograph shows Main building and South Hall, says picture taken "before the present dormitory was built"); April 28, 1908, 2, states "we have the main building, ladies dormitory, small cottage, and a workshop ... under construction."

19. *Ibid.*, August 6, 1907, 4; November 19, 1907, 7; February 25, 1908, 3; *North Dakota Conference Session Record Book*, *op. cit.*, 1, 72.

20. Clara McClelland, *op. cit.*; *Northern Union Reaper*, July 28, 1908, 4, November 24, 1908, 5.

21. *Northern Union Reaper*, June 23, 1908, 4; April 28, 1908, 3.

22. *Ibid.*, June 24, 1908, 4; October 5, 1909, 3.

23. *Ibid.*, July 16, 1912, 5; July 22, 1913, 2; February 17, 1914, 5; February 16, 1915, 3; November 23, 1915, 3; February 15, 1916, 10; December 12, 1916, 7; January 1, 1918, 4; December 2, 1919, 4; December 13, 1919, 4; Clara McClelland, *op. cit.*; *Sheyenne River Academy Annual Announcement*, 1916-1917, 7.

### **Next time from *Nothing to Fear*:**

### **Chapter 10, "The School Is a Live Question" - Part 4 by Robert K. DuPuy**

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website: <https://www.dakotaadventist.org/communiques/dakota-dispatch>

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

**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.*

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.

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## Ripe for the Harvest

I learned something new recently. I grew up on a farm and have been helping my family with the farm operation for the last decade. Somehow I had never considered how one knows when crops are ready to harvest.

The other day, I was doing my annual "refresher" ride-along with my brother before hopping into the other combine, and I commented on how droopy the barley heads were. He told me that when all the barley heads are drooped down instead of standing at attention waving their beards in the air, that's when it's time to harvest. In this field, most of the barley heads were down but around the sloughs and low spots, there were still plenty of beards sticking pridefully up. He instructed me to avoid those because it might cause our semi-load to be rejected for too high of moisture levels since these weren't ripe yet.

Interesting. Where have I heard this before? A worship song, for one.

*Humble yourself in the  
sight of the Lord  
Humble yourself in the  
sight of the Lord  
And He (and He) shall lift  
(shall lift) you up!  
Higher and Higher!  
And He shall lift you up.*



God wants us to come with humble hearts, willing to be used for His greater purpose. When I am prideful, I'm not ready to be harvested. My will gets in the way of God's design for my life, and He has to step away and allow my pride to work its

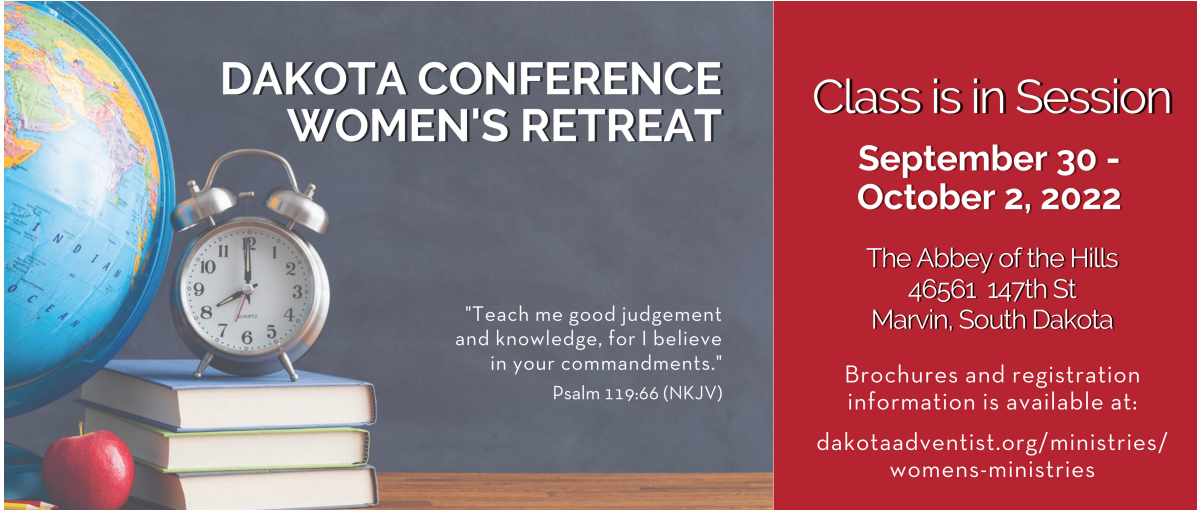
way out of my system before I am of any use for His kingdom.

"A conceited look and an arrogant attitude, which are the lamps of wicked people, are sins. (Proverbs 21:4)." That "look at me" attitude; pridefully waving my deeds in front of others; isn't just an attitude. It's a sin! Yikes!

When I bow my head and apologize for my pride and become willing to be used for His purposes is when God can use me.

"The sacrifice God wants is a broken spirit. God, you will not reject a heart that is broken and sorry for sin" (Psalm 51:17, *The New Century Version*).

*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](#). "Humble Thyself" lyrics by Robert Byron Hudson.*



**DAKOTA CONFERENCE  
WOMEN'S RETREAT**

"Teach me good judgement  
and knowledge, for I believe  
in your commandments."  
Psalm 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:  
[dakotaadventist.org/ministries/  
womens-ministries](http://dakotaadventist.org/ministries/womens-ministries)

For more information and to register online, [click here](#). Early bird prices will end after September 4 and prices will increase by \$25.

## Regional Meetings

Regional meetings will be starting again soon. Please feel free to share the following information to keep your church members in the loop.

### Regional program schedule:

- Sabbath School - 10:00a

- Church - 11:00a
- Fellowship lunch
- Afternoon seminar sessions on church life
- Light supper with a conference administration Q&A (supper will be provided by the hosting church)

### Scheduled dates:

Dates are scheduled on a rotating basis - two years in the same region, one year off, then repeat. The exception to this is the Bismarck regional, which has been coupled with DAA's Celebration of Praise weekend.

- October 15, 2022 - Rapid City, SD
- November 12, 2022 - Aberdeen, SD
- December 17, 2022 - Bismarck, ND
- March 25, 2023 - Jamestown, ND
- April 15, 2023 - Fargo, ND
- October 14, 2023 - Rapid City, SD
- November 11, 2023 - Sioux Falls, SD
- December 16, 2023 - Bismarck, ND
- March 2024 - Dickinson, ND
- April 2024 - Fargo, ND
- Fall 2024 - Aberdeen, SD
- November 2024 - Sioux Falls, SD
- December 2024 - Bismarck, ND

Churches have been assigned to regions, but please be aware that everyone is invited to attend any regional meeting.

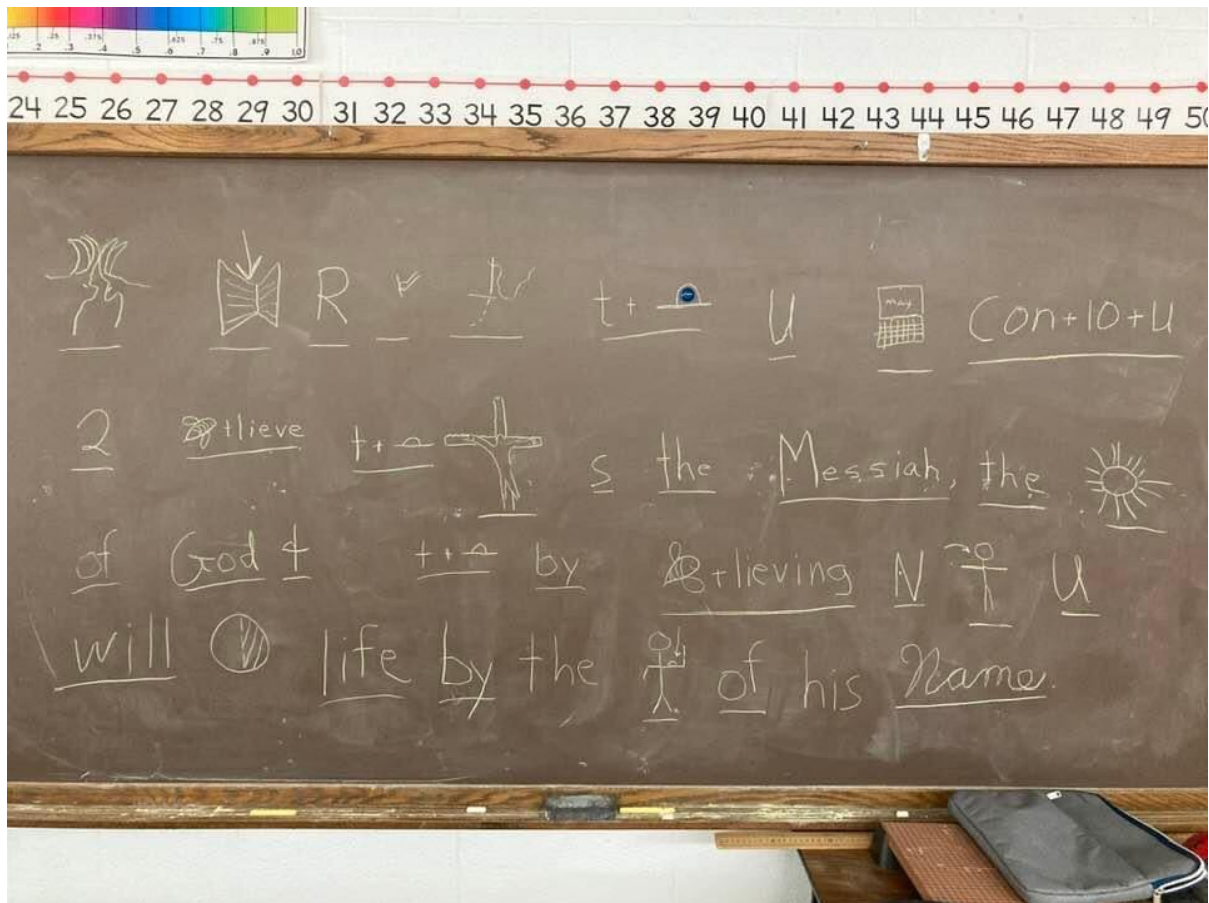
**When your church regional is scheduled, we ask that you:**

## Dakota Regions

<p><b>Aberdeen:</b> Aberdeen Bowdle Ellendale Huron Lehr Pierre Tolstoy Watertown</p>	<p><b>Bismarck:</b> Bismarck Bottineau DAA Goodrich Mandan McClusky Minot Turtle Lake</p>
<p><b>Rapid City:</b> Custer Hermosa Hot Springs Rapid City Spearfish</p>	<p><b>Dickinson:</b> Beulah Bison Bowman Grassy Butte Invitation Hill Richardton Watford City Williston</p>
<p><b>Sioux Falls:</b> Hurley Mitchell Sioux Falls Yankton</p>	<p><b>Fargo:</b> Fargo Grand Forks Wahpeton</p>
<p><b>Please Note:</b> For simplicity's sake, the names of regions reflect the hosting city. No favoritism is implied.</p>	<p><b>Jamestown:</b> Bowdon Cleveland Edgeley Harvey Jamestown Manfred New Home</p>

- Plan to close your church for the day (unless you are the hosting church). On the day of the event, it is a good idea to put a sign on your church's door with an explanation of why you are closed.
- Help promote the event - advertise on your website and Facebook page that your church will be closed that day and include directions to the hosting church.
- Ask your members to bring food dishes for a fellowship lunch.
- Encourage members to stay for the day and participate in the events planned.
- Email Jodi the name of your church's children's ministry coordinator and provide their contact information: j.dossenko@gmail.com

## Brentwood Rebus Puzzle



In Bismarck, North Dakota, Brentwood Adventist Christian School's teacher, Ron Reese, created a rebus puzzle to help his students learn Bible verses. Can you crack the code?

# Hermosa Church to Host Parenting Expert

Hermosa Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hermosa, SD, brings to the community nationally-known author, syndicated columnist, and family psychologist John Rosemond on September 16-18, 2022. Rosemond is known for his sound advice and relaxed style and is one of America's busiest and most popular public speakers.

Rosemond will give an introduction on "Healthy Parenting for the 21st Century" on September 16 at 7:00pm. He will speak on "Parenting with Love and Leadership" on September 17 at 11:00am and "Understanding and Managing Your Teenager" at 3:00pm. A dedicated Q&A session will take place on September 18 at 3:00pm. All events will take place at Hermosa Seventh-day Adventist Church, 14313 Broken Spoke Place, Hermosa.

"Parenting with Love and Leadership" is a humorous, yet thought-provoking seminar, where Rosemond describes the contemporary parenting conundrum in clear, compelling terms and then describes a practical, tested solution using what children need adults to provide to them: Love and Leadership.

In "Understanding and Managing Your Teenager," Rosemond describes a macro-management style that focuses on the "Six C's of Teen-Proofing": curfew, cash, car, conflict, consequences, and colleagues (a.k.a. co-conspirators). This parenting style all but insures that teens will take responsible control of their own destinies during the most significant years of their childhoods and approach emancipation with confidence and purpose.

Rosemond has authored over 20 books on parenting, family life, and faith, including his recently released "The Bible Parenting Code: Revealing God's Perfect Parenting Plan." He has been writing a nationally syndicated parenting column for over 35 years that appears in over 200 newspapers. Some of Rosemond's books include: "The Well-Behaved Child," "Making the Terrible Twos Terrific," and "Teen Proofing." Rosemond's common-sense advice has gained much credibility with today's parents who are sick of techniques and methods that don't work.



A portrait of John Rosemond, a man with light-colored hair, wearing a white shirt, looking directly at the camera.

**The Hermosa Seventh-day Adventist Church Presents**

**JOHN ROSEMOND**

**Parenting Expert & Best Selling Author**

**Friday, September 16**

7pm: "Healthy Parenting for the  
21st Century"

**Saturday, September 17**

11am: "Parenting with Love and Leadership"  
3pm: "Understanding & Managing  
Your Teen"

**Sunday, September 18**

3pm: Q&A Session

**14313 Broken Spoke Place  
Hermosa, South Dakota**

For more information, call **Dan Gabbert** at **605.209.7752** or email him at [dadgabby@hotmail.com](mailto:dadgabby@hotmail.com).

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## **Student Body Officers Present Church Service**

Every year in the first week of school, Dakota Adventist Academy students have gone to Northern Lights Camp and spent some time in the outdoors, enjoying the fall weather and Lake Metigoshe while setting the stage for the new school year. For the past two years, Student Association (SA) officers have gone to the camp a few days earlier to spend a little time growing spiritually and drawing closer as a team before the rest of the student body arrives for Camp Week. Along with bonding time, they plan the activities that the rest of the school family will take part in after they arrive for Camp Week. Last year, the student officers went up to the camp on Friday and completed a "get to know yourself and others" seminar, prior to beginning the planning. This year, other things came up, so our SA was not ready to leave until Sabbath. On Friday morning, DAA administration called the Turtle Lake Adventist Church to see if they had room for the group to attend and worship with them. Before long, they were set to provide the entire worship service. Each officer

participated in some aspect of the program, including children's story and scripture reading.

Though the group was prepared to have DAA's chaplain or SA sponsor present a sermon in Turtle Lake, Zorryn, the spiritual vice-president, stepped up and volunteered to present the Sabbath message. He is passionate about leading a student body that is focused on Christ and jumped at the opportunity to share the Gospel.

The cafeteria sent the group with a few dishes to take for potluck, as the students were also invited to share a Sabbath meal with the church. Many of the students come from rural communities similar to this one and so, this Sabbath visit felt like worshipping at home.

As teachers in the Adventist church, we are so blessed by the way that the Turtle Lake Adventist Church pressed our young people into service. The members welcomed us with open arms and hearts as we participated in the worship service. It was an incredible blessing to be so heartily welcomed by this church family and we hope to visit again soon.



*Article by DAA's administrative team, Jovannah Poor Bear-Adams and Anthony Oucharek. Photos by Jovannah Poor Bear-Adams.*

This year's SA officers are Tasian Subigca, Kiera VanWart, Zorryn Erickson, Shawn Tretter, Ana Weber, and Maddie Utley.

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**Final 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. The survey will close on September 5.

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

[survey.zohopublic.com/zs/svz0Ok](https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/svz0Ok)



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## Close Knit Friends Grow a Ministry

How did this Ministry begin? Simply by observing a community need in the Sioux Falls area. It began while we were isolated during COVID-19, which led us to focus on others instead of what was happening in the world around us. We believe it was God-inspired to provide useful, creative hats to bring warmth, comfort, and joy to those in need.

We are just weeks away from our third winter season and have been busy knitting all summer to have a stockpile ready to distribute before winter. By the end the of this winter, we anticipate having given away over 1,000 loom knitted hats. Various non-profits graciously accept these hats and have been in contact to ensure we keep them in mind again this season.

Some of the non-profit organizations that readily welcomed these hats are Salvation Army, Union Gospel Mission, The Banquet, Children's Inn, Sioux Falls Public

Schools, McCrossan Boys Ranch, The Boys & Girls Club, and local churches.

Mary Kay Hars, Shirley Nagel and Betty Dodds are the hat loom knitters, and this year, Sherry Underberg contacted us to crochet scarves and blankets. Out of this hat ministry there has grown a close “knit” friendship and a tremendous need to depend on the Lord. To deepen our spiritual growth, we meet every Monday for a two-hour Bible study and are currently studying prophecy.

All yarn is graciously donated, with the majority coming from an ask on the local Sioux Falls "Pay it Forward" Facebook Group. Once community members were aware of this ministry, they generously contributed yarn that comes like “heavenly manna”.

Our plans are to continue this ministry as long as the yarn is provided and there is a community need. We began as novices with much patience from the Lord and are now masters of loom knitting. One of our group members has graduated to using a knitting machine that her family gave her for Christmas.

The hats send the message, “Jesus loves you” and leads us to follow Matthew 25:35-36. It also keeps our hands, hearts, and minds positively and patiently occupied. We believe we are working hand in hand with Jesus because he taught us to use the looms and bountiful supplies of yarn. Those who give yarn are joyfully blessed as well.

It just takes one person and one idea to start changing the world around you. Everyone has a talent. Be bold and step out in faith - be the hands and feet of Jesus and spread His love.



*Article by Jodi Nagel. Photos and article submitted by Shirley Nagel, member of the Sioux Falls Adventist Church in South Dakota.*

Pictured: Shirley Nagel and Betty Dodds (photo on left), Mary Kay Hars with knitting machine (center), and Sherry Underberg with blanket (right).

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## **Dakota Camps**

When you think of summer camp, your mind is probably taken to a time in the past of a younger you running around camp doing activities or sitting by a campfire singing songs and having fun. And, yes, this summer we definitely did all of that and more during our time at our Dakota Adventist Camps. This summer we had over a hundred and fifty campers and staff making our camps ring with the sounds of laughter and song. However, Dakota Adventist Camps aren't only for summer ministry.

As I shared with you a few weeks ago, our camps also provide a tranquil place for ministry and retreat following our busy summer camp season. During August, churches from around our conference met at our camps to retreat from the busyness of life. I was fortunate to join in with these different groups as our camps were once again a place of active ministry. It has been so awesome getting to meet so many of you during the past several weeks! I had a great time hearing what our camp facilities mean to our members and kids! Our camps provide a place where we can meet with other Adventists from surrounding areas and worship our Creator together out in nature. Our beautiful camps offer a vital retreat from the rigors of life.

Up at Northern Lights Camp, the Harvey, Manfred, and Bowdon Country church district had a weekend filled with fellowship. This annual district weekend has been going on for years. This year, Pastor Harold Chin spoke for our worship service on Sabbath. On Sunday, many stayed by for a camp work bee. They came for a blessing and then worked to be a blessing for those who will attend camp in the future!

Down at Flag Mountain Camp, I met with the Black Hills churches for their special weekend gathering. This event also has been going on for a number of years and has had speakers such as Craig Carr, MAUC Ministerial Director (this year's speaker), and Bill Wood, former South Dakota Conference Youth Director. On Sabbath, it was such a blessing to have a time just for fellowship and family fun.

From hiking to singing, it was a great weekend for worship and friendships at one of our amazing Dakota Adventist Camps.

And last week, I watched our DAA students grow closer together at Northern Lights as they participated in team-building exercises, led out in worship, and just enjoyed being out at our beautiful camp facility.

We are so blessed to have our camps! I look forward to each time I am able to be at Flag Mountain or Northern Lights. I feel blessed to be part of a conference where our members' hearts (and hands!) are at our camps. Thank you for your continued support and prayers! If your church or district would like to schedule a special weekend at one of our camps, visit our website and follow the links to the rental forms. [dakotayouthandyoungadults.org](http://dakotayouthandyoungadults.org)

I look forward to meeting more of you over the next few months as I travel to different churches throughout the conference!

~ Pastor Ted



Article and photos by Pr. Ted Struntz, conference youth director.

In the last issue's article "Dakota Camps are a Blessing", incorrect photo credits were given. Lynnette Struntz took the photographs that were shared.

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## Prayer Ministries - Monthly Prayer Emphasis

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

**Theme:** Harvest - Making Disciples & Storing the Harvest

**Pastoral Staff:** Harold Chin, Vernon Herholdt

**Education Staff:** Debra Eszler, Ron Reese, Peter Hutaauruk

**Office Staff:** Jaelyn Pickett, Kelli Wasemiller

**Adventist Entities:**  
Bismarck Church,  
Brentwood School, Dakota  
Adventist Academy

**South Central, North Dakota:** Bismarck, Mandan, Lehr, Kulm, Fort Yates, Cheyenne River Reservation

[Click here](#) to visit the Prayer Ministries' webpage.

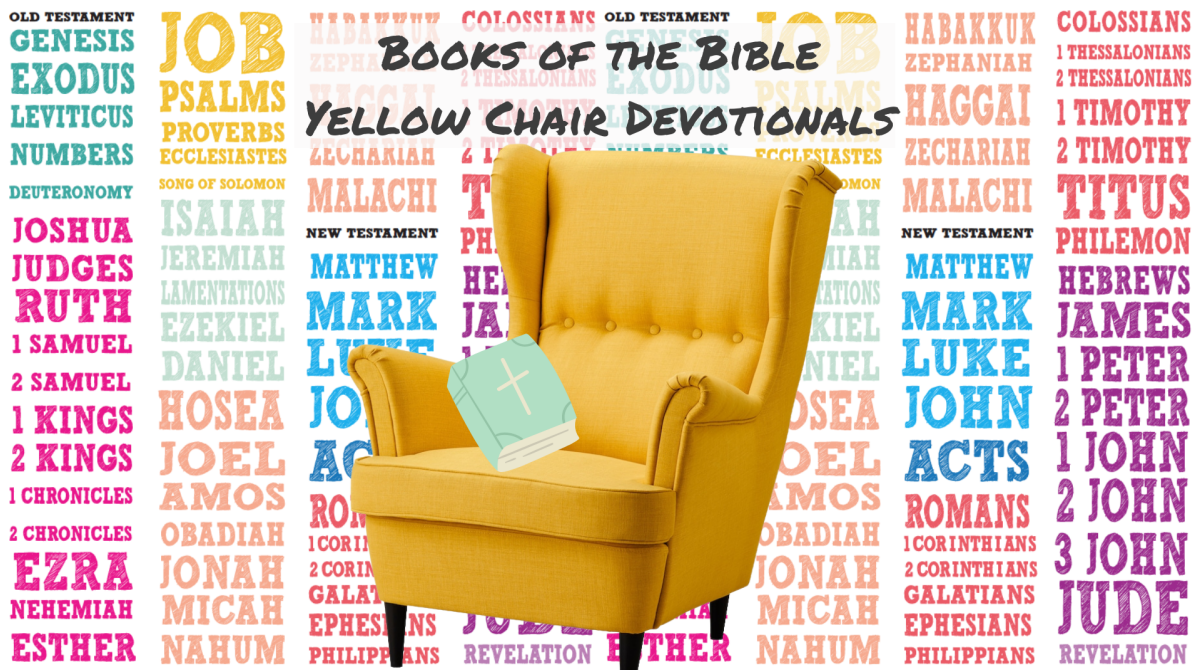


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## Kid's Corner

Summer is over and that means we're back with new Yellow Chair Devotionals! We're looking at each book of the Bible and how it fits into the larger story of Scripture displaying God's desire for a loving relationship with us. Click here to view "[Books of the Bible: Yellow Chair Devotionals](#)".

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.

### September -

- 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 in 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 in 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 in 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: Women's Retreat in Marvin, SD

### **October - Pastors' Appreciation Month**

- 1-2: Women's Retreat in Marvin, SD
- 1: Elder Mark Piotrowski preaching in Hot Springs Church, SD
- 1: Elder Ted Struntz preaching in Richardton Church, ND
- 1: Local Church Budget
- 7-8: DAA/SRA/PVA Alumni Weekend (Elder Neil Biloff preaching for church on Sabbath)
- 8: Elder Mark Piotrowski preaching in Watford City Church, ND
- 8: Camp Development
- 9-11: New in Ministry Meetings at Conference Office
- 13: Rapid City Town Hall Meeting - Rapid City Church (6:30p)
- 15: Rapid City Regional with Elder Mark Weir preaching
- 15: Local Church Budget
- 18: Executive Committee via Zoom (7p)
- 20: Sioux Falls Town Hall Meeting - Sioux Falls Church (6:30p)

For more scheduled events, please see the calendar on the Dakota Conference website: [www.dakotaadventist.org/events](http://www.dakotaadventist.org/events)

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## **Blessed & Kept**

May you believe in the trinity.

May the fact of humanity being made in the image of God give you fresh realizations of our connectedness to one another.

God is three in one. We are made in the image of God.

May you believe that all of humanity is fastened together by our most fundamental identity, bearing the image of our creator.

May this belief remove any selfish desires you may have had.

May you give of yourself freely to others, knowing that you are also feeding yourself.

May you sense our communal attachment more deeply today.

May the sacrifices you make not feel like sacrifices because when one suffers, we all suffer.

May you welcome the obligation to your fellow humans this brings.

May you fight for the well-being of others as you would fight for your own family.

May you fight for the well-being of those whom you dislike and disagree with as if they were your family.

Because as creations bearing the image of God, they are.

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

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## September 1 Dispatch Photo



*Photo by Delvin Hansen, member of the Harvey Adventist Church, taken at the golf course in Harvey, ND.*

If you have local church news or stories to share, please send event information, news suggestions and/or articles, and pictures to: [j.dossenکو@gmail.com](mailto:j.dossenکو@gmail.com)

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