



Interlakes Seventh-day Adventist Church History, Part II (Part I Next Week)

On July 14, 1879, at the first campmeeting ever held in the Dakota Territory on a wooded island of ten acres in the Sioux River, the Dakota Conference was organized under the supervision of James White, president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. At this time a company of Adventists, located at Madison, South Dakota, was formally admitted to the new conference.

In the year 1887 the first Seventh-day Adventist church building was constructed in Madison, South Dakota on the corner of NE Third Street and Grant Avenue. Members of the church helped with the construction work. C. M. Babcock was the conference president at that time. One of the early ministers of this church was Pastor Floyd Weatherly, but the first minister to locate permanently in Madison was Pastor P. G. Stanley, who served the church well for many years, then retired because of ill health.

In 1915, an addition was made to the first structure making it more than twice the former size. Church school was held in the church for several years. Two of the former students of this school, Lillian and Sue Bidwell, are still members of the Madison church as is John Scriven, brother of Thelma Scriven, a teacher of that first church school so many years ago. In 1952 the church building was raised and a full basement was edified. This provided for a new heating system, restrooms and classrooms. Pastor Joel Nobel was then the minister in Madison.

During the fall of 1966 the two churches of Ashgrove, a small church north of Madison and Madison decided to join and to build the church we are worshipping today. The first construction began in October, 1966. During the interim, the Madison church members worshipped with the Ashgrove church. Pastor Eugene Wagner was minister at that time.

All members of both churches donated time and labor and gave liberally toward the new structure of which we are so proud. On July 22, 1967, a group of happy worshippers met for the first time in the Interlakes Seventh-day Adventist Church at Madison. An open house was held August 6, 1967 and on April 24, 1971, the church was formally dedicated.



The above article is not signed or dated.

The picture is from 1917.

Added in red is handwritten information to the above article probably in preparation for the publication of the book Nothing to Fear by Bob Dupuy, circa 1983, reads:

Today it is part of the Sioux Falls district and attended to by Pastor Gay Oliver with the aid of ministerial intern Mike Weakly.

Article and photo from conference archives



Photo by Cliff Freese

Revival Starts DAA

Students on Dakota Adventist Academy's campus have experienced *mighty things* this winter. It started when Ms. Fenton chose to present positive character traits at Wednesday joint worships. (Ps 118:15,16)

DAA has hosted a Purity Weekend, a Week of Worship, vespers focused on personal testimony and how to experience freedom in His love. DAA students were encouraged to attend the Youth Get-together in Fargo and a Prayer Weekend is also scheduled.

There has been a concerted effort by the staff to do even more to help students find Christ for themselves. Pastors Ricky and Brooke Melendez, and Pastor Jason Woll have been integral in the revival experience at DAA.

Last weekend was the Basketball Tournament at Union College. DAA's team, the Lady Knights, received the *Christmanship Spirit Award*. This award demonstrates the students' ability to play hard yet be kind and gracious enough to be deserve recognition.

The freedom God provides when a person asks Him into his or her life is the reality the students are accepting and experiencing.

This is our mission; to facilitate opportunities every day to shine the love of God in every aspect of a student's daily life. When that fire burns in their hearts, more opportunities to share become available. This revival is exciting to watch!



Article by Tracy Peterson; Photos by Union College and Pastor Barry St. Clair

Welcome a New Pathfinder Club

The combined Hurley and Yankton church Pathfinder and Adventurer Clubs have begun.



Enrollment began in January and the first order of business was to find a name. The kids decided upon the name Yankley Kotas! Please like and follow their Facebook page, Yankley Kotas Pathfinder Club. If you know of any kids in the Hurley-Yankton area who would be interested, the ages are 10-15 for Pathfinders and 8-9 for Adventurers.

The club met February 8 at the Hurley Adventist church, under the leadership of Andrea Jensen, and scheduled another meeting on the 9th to begin working on projects such as the Cold Weather Survival Badge but were deterred by weather.

As with all Adventurer and Pathfinder groups, they are looking for some great role models from the church community to lead in worship or share their talents to help achieve honor goals. Cold-weather topics such as Spiritual Hypothermia, Spiritually Lost, and Spiritual Preparedness are currently being presented. This Saturday evening the local emergency rescue team will talk about cold weather and survival.



Article by Rosie Moeller and Andrea Jensen; Photos by Andrea Jensen

Bowman Church Hosts Women of Spirit

Once a quarter the Bowman Seventh-day Adventist church opens its doors to the woman of the community to enjoy Spirit-filled fellowship. The event, *Women of Spirit*, invites women to engage in Christ-centered communion with other women of faith. Pioneered by head deaconess, Linda Mae Johnson, *Women of Spirit* seeks to reach out into the community and interact with women across denominations. All women in the Bowman community are welcome to partake, and since the launch of *Women of Spirit* in 2018, each event has been well attended. This past month marked the ninth event hosted by the church.

Each program involves themed decorations, inspiring devotionals, a vegetarian meal, and thought-provoking speakers to draw people into Spirit-lead conversation, fellowship, and care. The most recent program was centered on the theme of "Love". Decorated in white, pink, and red, the church fellowship hall reflected a valentine/romantic setting. However, the theme was not only centered on the love of spouses of family members but also

reflected the love of God and Christian love for one another. During the devotional time, verses from the Gospel of John were shared, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." The theme of love involved all aspects of life, from family and friends to the source of true love. Holly Moseley from Camp Crook, SD shared her journey of love and relationships and how throughout her life God was leading her into deeper love with Him while leading her to the man whom she would eventually marry.

Women of Spirit always seeks to be uplifting. It is an outreach that demonstrates care and compassion to all the women in the community. More than just a social event, *Women of Spirit* offers a chance for women, many of whom are in their twilight years, to be strengthened by the loving fellowship of others and by the Spirit that binds us together in unity.



Article and photos by Pastor David Werner

The ladies at Dakota Adventist Academy would like to thank Angela Juhl, Pam Juhl and Megan Tretter for remembering them on Valentine's Day.



Fargo Youth Get-together Held

The first Youth Get-together of the year was held at the Fargo Seventh-day Adventist Church two weeks ago. There were kids from the academy, Jamestown, Fargo, Grand Forks, and even youth from the Moorhead church in MN who came out and participated in the weekend's events. Together through music, Bible study, prayer and preaching, we learned about freedom and identity in Christ, and how because of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are no longer slaves to sin.



It was a beautiful weekend full of learning and fun, but most of all, the Spirit of God. Many of us gave our lives over to Jesus once again, claiming the promise that we are His children, and that through His spirit, we can have boldness to live a life of freedom in Christ. Please continue to pray for our Youth Get-togethers as we gather in Bismarck, Rapid City, and Sioux Falls. We want the Holy Spirit to show up to transform and change the lives of young people all over the conference.

A special thank you to the Fargo church, pastors Darrel Lindensmith, Mike Temple, Barry St. Clair, Casey Bartlett and Moorhead church pastor, Tyson Kahler, for their support and help, as well as all of the volunteers and youth leaders that brought youth to the event! This event is not possible without all of you! Also, did we say thank you to Pastor Mike? His pizzas were DELICIOUS!



Article and photos by Ricky & Brooke Melendez

Dakota Conference
25th Annual Men's Retreat
dakotaadventist.org

Men of Issachar: Those Who Understand the Times

MARCH 13 - 15, 2020



ROUGH RIDER HOTEL

301 3RD AVENUE
MEDORA, NORTH DAKOTA

FEATURED SPEAKER:

DR. CONRAD VINE
ADVENTIST FRONTIER MISSIONS

Fasting and Prayer Scheduled in Conference



Biblical prayer and fasting is an avenue for a personal connection with God. The pastors of Dakota recommend a conference-wide week of prayer and fasting commencing March 1, 2020.

Prayer

Spend time in prayer

Set aside time each day

Participate in the NAD all-night call

Prayerfully uplift

Your family and neighbors

Your church and conference

Pastors and teachers

Your country

Maintain a special attitude of prayer

Fasting Ideas

- Skip an occasional meal
- Quit sugar usage for the week
- Enjoy a day of fasting
- Give up TV/social media for the week

- Give a sacrificial offering
- Forfeit a personal pleasure
- Do a random act of kindness daily for the week

I Felt Closer to God



The beginning of last summer I made the decision to be baptized. I realized more than anything in the world I wanted to be in heaven with Jesus. I asked my dad if I could be baptized, so we started baptismal lessons together. When February 1, 2020 came I was so excited, because it was the day of my baptism. My family, including my grandmother from California, was there as well as most of my Pierre church family.

My dad and I went up the stairs to the pool of water, and I was very happy that the water was nice and warm. He talked a little about me and how proud he was of me, and I was baptized. After we got out of the water, he asked me some questions, and I was voted into church membership. He then played a music video that he dedicated to me which made me cry. The words of his sermon that day are still with me now.

After church ended my friends, September and Teslin, gave me a gift to celebrate my decision to give my life to Jesus. I thought it was very sweet of them. We then walked over to the gym to have a special baptism potluck. My grandma made my favorite pecan pie. It was so good!

That evening my family and I went out to eat, and I got my own special dish! It was a really great evening.

Looking back, being baptized by my dad was really special, a memory I will cherish always. From that day on I have felt closer to God!

Article by Nenda Eaton, age 9, homeschool writing assignment



Dakota Conference Calendar

Feb 20 - 23	Academy Days at DAA
Feb 22	Dakota Challenge Offering
Feb 22	Bismarck Youth Get-together at DAA
Feb 22	Arizona Alumni Chapter Meeting
Feb 23	California Alumni Chapter Meeting
Feb 29	NAD Evangelism Offering
Mar 01	K-12 Board
Mar 02	Local Church Budget
Mar 08	Executive Committee
Mar 09	Adventist World Radio

Mar 11 DAA Students at the Conference Office
Mar 13 - 15 Men's Retreat at Medora, ND
Mar 16 Local Church Budget
Mar 21 Rapid City Youth Get-together
Mar 23 Dakota Challenge
Mar 28 Dickinson Regional
Mar 30 NAD Evangelism

There Are No ABC Specials for February

ABC hours are Tuesday - Thursday 3:00 - 5:30 pm
Dakota Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
7200 N Washington Street
Bismarck, ND 58503
701.751.6177

Closeout Sale

(while supplies last)

Cedar Lake

Reg \$6.64 each **Sale \$3.50 each**

Loma Linda Blue

Reg \$6.58 each **Sale \$3.50 each**

Heritage

Reg \$6.64 each **Sale \$4.75 each**


Reg \$36.02 case **Sale \$32.02 case**




February 20 Dispatch Photo

Photo by Mindy or Jody Schumacher near Venturia, ND

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