



Nothing to Fear

This is the 66th 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 12: The Lord Gave Freedom - Part 11

Religious liberty became an increasingly important topic of concern as preparations for North Dakota's planned constitutional convention raised many questions about the status and enforcement of the state's largely dormant Sunday closing laws. In Grand Forks N.M. Jorgensen's presentation to the city council was instrumental in the defeat of that city's renewed enforcement plans. Church members sponsored subscriptions to *The Protestant Magazine* and to *Liberty* magazine and viewed with satisfaction the failure of Sunday law enforcement endeavors, such as the acquittal of the Ray (Williams County) boys' baseball team, charged with violating the local law by playing ball on Sunday.⁵⁹

And, of course, the conference office was always ready to encourage local lay evangelistic activity to supplement the work of the itinerant evangelists. The columns of the *Northern Union Reaper* and the conference newsletter carried accounts of laymen like "Brother Burgeson" of New Salem, who conducted evangelistic meetings on Sunday in the nearby town of Judson in 1908, or of John Heibert, who placed short doctrinal articles in the *Woodworth Hustler* in 1917, to acquaint readers with the message of Seventh-day Adventists. The conference offered to make similar articles available for use in other local papers.⁶⁰

Another isolated layman who took seriously the repeated calls of the conference for lay evangelism built a foundation for a new church in the far North Central portion of the state. In early 1918, E.J. Klebe, an isolated member from Bottineau (Bottineau County) visited the conference office to ask for a chart and other materials for conducting home Bible studies. By the end of the year Klebe reported that five families had "accepted the truth" and that a company of thirty-five persons was meeting regularly at Bottineau.⁶¹

At the Conference Session of 1913, the delegates voted to move the conference office and Tract Society from Fargo to either Bismarck or Jamestown. A Jamestown site was ultimately selected because of its central location with respect to the population of the state at that time, its proximity to major Adventist centers, and its ready access to railroad lines in all important directions. A new office building was constructed and completed the following year.⁶²

Another major organizational change related to the vital railroad transportation links was the decision, in 1920, to transfer Bowman and Adams counties to South Dakota Conference which could more easily work this area because of its convenient railroad connections with that state's portion of the Milwaukee railroad lines, the two counties were restored to North Dakota in 1928.⁶³

Two final, small footnotes to history must be noted before passing from this time period. The efforts of M.M. Olsen in and around Clifford, and the later 1916 evangelistic efforts of R.T. Nash in the area, combined with the general westerly location of other, related Scandinavian groups in the vicinity, makes quite reasonable a conclusion that at least some of the labors of these evangelists, and some of the believers for whom they ministered, were located across the nearby county line in Steele County. Furthermore, the 1919 visit of E.L. Stewart to a company of believers at Wildrose (on the Williams/Divide County Line) which mentions a meeting at Willow Lake, apparently northeast of town in Divide County, tends to establish the existence of Adventists' work in that county also.⁶⁴

With these two counties, the list is complete. Within the first two decades of the existence of the North Dakota conference, the Adventist message had been preached in each and every of the fifty-three counties of North Dakota.

Postscript to Chapter 12

The author has been unable to locate in his research any complete lists of churches,

companies, Sabbath Schools, etc. prior to 1920, and the records of new churches admitted to the conference and those disbanded are notoriously incomplete. Additionally, the *Reaper* descriptions of various groups as "churches", "schools", "companies" etc. are frequently ambiguous as to whether a general or technical description is intended. While I have attempted to incorporate major developments as accurately as possible in the text, the lists of Sabbath Schools and Churches below (the first such published lists in existence so far as I have been able to determine) from the close of 1920 will be helpful to the reader in taking stock of the status of the Adventist Church in North Dakota at this stage of its history.

Sabbath Schools

Beach; Bowsmont; Deisem; Driscoll; Fargo; Grand Forks; Heart; Jamestown (English); Minot; Mott; Oberon; Rock Ridge (Fryberg); Sheyenne River Academy; Stanley; Taylor; Zenith; Bowdon; Bowdon Village; Burt; Cathay; Cleveland; Denhoff; Gackle; Golden Valley; Goodrich; Jamestown (German); Harvey; Kulm; Lehr; Lincoln Valley; Medina; McClusky; Manfred; Napoleon; New Home; Robinson; Roosevelt; Sheyenne; Streeter; Turtle Lake; Woodworth; Butte; Dogden; Kief; Great Stone; Killdeer; Stone; Max; Williston; Baldwin; Kenmare; Valley City; Wheelock; Bismarck, English; Croff; Bottineau; Dale; Dunn Center; Dickinson; Douglas; Hazelton; Harvey, English; Hazen; Kulm; Village; Leonard; Lucca; Makoti; Mohall; McLaughlin; Mandan; Norwegian Creek; Pleasant Valley; Park River; Rock Lake; Regan; Tuttle; Wildrose; and Willa

Churches

Beach; Bismarck Scandinavian (Baldwin); Bismarck English; Bowdon; Bowdon Village (Company?); Bowsmont; Burt; Butte; Cathay; Cleveland; Deisem; Denhoff; Dickinson; Driscoll; Dogden; Fargo; Ft. Yates Company; Gackle; Golden Valley; Goodrich; Grand Forks; Great Stone; Harvey; Hazelton; Heart; Jamestown English; Jamestown German; Kenmare; Kief; Killdeer; Kulm; Lehr; Lincoln Valley; Makoti (Company?); Manfred; Max; Medina; Minot; Mott; McClusky; McLaughlin Company; Napoleon; New Home; Oberon; Robinson; Rock Ridge (Fryberg); Roosevelt; Sheyenne; Sheyenne River Academy; Stanley; Streeter; Taylor (Company?); Turtle Lake; Valley City; Wheelock; Williston; Woodworth; and Zenith

59. *Northern Union Reaper*, November 9, 1909, 4,5; December 21, 1909, 4.

60. *Ibid.*, June 2, 1908,4,5; March 27, 1917, 3.

61. *Ibid.*, February 26, 1918, 6; April 8, 1919, 2.

62. *Ibid.*, July 22, 1913, 1,2; September 22, 1914, 5.

63. *Ibid.*, July 27, 1920, 3; *Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia*, *op. cit.*, art. "South Dakota" p. 1224.

Next time from *Nothing to Fear*:

Chapter 13: Legacy of Uncertainty - Part 1 by Robert K. DuPuy

If you are a new subscriber or have missed the earlier installments, you can find all issues of the *Dakota Dispatch* on our website:

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

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

Dakota Conference Prayer Retreat



The cost to attend is \$80/per person. Options for lodging are as follows:

- Stay on-site at Northern Lights: \$25/for 2 nights, per person
- Quilt Inn: \$95/night (call 701.263.6500 to reserve)
- Local campground or other hotel

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Call Pastor Barry St. Clair with questions or to reserve NLC lodging at: 701.537.3931

Speaker: Paul Ratsara

Paul Ratsara is the chair of the Master's in Biblical Mission and Wellness program and assistant to the president at Weimar University. Ratsara is known for his messages of biblical godliness, revival, and spiritual leadership. His deepest desire and purpose is to see revival and great awakening in God's remnant church and to finish the preaching of the gospel in this generation. Being converted from

paganism, snatched by God from darkness to light—from error to truth, he has a very deep passion to share the good news of the Gospel with the world.

Using mainly the Bible and the writings of Ellen White, he has developed and implemented a very simple, but highly effective, method of church growth that has transformed the organizations he has led. He has served as a pastor, teacher, literature evangelist, and senior administrator at different levels for the Seventh-day Adventist Church for more than 40 years.

Jesus, Our Healer

The Bible is filled with stories of miraculous healing, especially in the New Testament, with the majority being in the gospels. There are stories of Jesus and the disciples teaching, preaching, and healing people from all walks of life. One of my favorites is when four people carried their crippled friend to the house where Jesus was preaching—it was so crowded that they decided to cut a hole in the roof (no doubt a flat roof), and let him down right in front of Jesus. Talk about bearing one another's burdens. As I have commented on this before, Jesus simply said, "Son, thy sins are forgiven thee." The paralytic would have been totally satisfied just to know that, but Jesus didn't stop there. He healed him on the spot and said, "Take up thy bed and walk."

Why are some healed and not others? We don't know the answer. We just have to accept the outcome, that Jesus, our Healer, has our future in His hands.

We have so many friends and loved ones who are struggling with cancer or other diseases, and all we can do is pray for them. Pray that they have a relationship with the only One who can save them. If we lose them here, we will see them on our way to heaven. Paul says, "But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

If I had to choose to live a hundred years here on earth with relatively few problems or in heaven and the New Earth, you'd better believe I'd take choice number two. How about you?

Worship Thoughts by Gary Messer, member of the Richardton Adventist Church in North Dakota.

Women's Retreat



Make plans now to attend the upcoming 35th Annual Dakota Conference Women's Retreat, held at the historical Rough Riders Hotel in Medora, North Dakota. Due to the hotel availability, no registrations are guaranteed after August 29.

For more information and to register, [click here](#). Scholarships are available to those that need them.

At Women's Retreat, there will be a session about Outreach Ministries. If you are participating in a type of outreach in your area, would you be willing to be on a panel during the Retreat weekend? If you don't plan to attend, Char Timothy would love to hear what you are doing, so she can share it. The committee is looking for ideas that involve single people or groups - anything you do to share the love of Jesus.



Please email Char at ctimothy56@gmail.com and share what you are doing, how you got started, how often you do it, and whether you plan to attend and are willing to be a part of the panel.

Folk Singers Perform in Huron

On July 29, 2023, the Huron Seventh-day Adventist Church had the privilege of hosting a Folk Mountain Gospel group. Dan and Donna Mohl came and shared their music with the church family and helped close out a beautiful Sabbath day. The couple travel around the countryside and share the love of Jesus through music and song. As the Lord continues to open doors and direct them to share His message of love and grace in song, they plan to follow him wherever He leads.

Their music is a blend of mountain and folk-style gospel. They play traditional and biblical instruments such as the bowed psaltery, hammered dulcimer, mountain dulcimer, mandolin, zither, banjo, autoharp, guitar, and harmonica. It was a joy to have them share their talent and many heart-warming stories.



Article and photos by Belinda Hofer, member of the Huron Adventist Church in South Dakota.

Health for Today Seminar

September 15 & 16, 2023

Bismarck Seventh-day Adventist Church

How Not to Die ~ September 15 - 7:00p

This seminar is based on the book by the same name, *How Not to Die* by Dr. Michael Greger, but with a spiritual twist. Discover the main causes of death and how the diet given to man by God has been scientifically shown to be the most effective treatment for these diseases. Also, learn how not to die forever when you get to know the Giver of Life, Jesus Christ.

Health & Self Control

~ September 16 - 11:00a

This seminar explains why self-control is so important in achieving all our goals—including goals related to health, education, work, and other general goals. It uncovers the scientific basis for self-control, and discusses self-control as part of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Hear advice to increase self-control, and free yourself from addictions (including food addiction, the internet, etc.).

Cancer and Its Causes

~ September 16 - 2:00p

This session discusses the projected increase in cancer rates and shares dietary risk factors for cancer. It covers the stages of cancer growth and which one is most affected by nutrition. This seminar will educate you on foods and habits that affect the immune system and share which foods are anti-cancer. You will also learn how exercise affects cancer.

Diabetes: Reversing the Sweet Killer ~ September 16, 4:00p

This seminar defines diabetes and insulin resistance. It warns of the risk factors and consequences of diabetes but also shares the two main keys to control diabetes. Learn about the only diet that improves diabetes and prevents other diseases. Uncover the best exercise for diabetes.



The poster features a light yellow background with images of mushrooms, tomatoes, and an avocado. The title 'health for today' is written in a large, bold, black font. Below the title, there is a list of seminar topics and times. At the bottom, there is a photo of Dr. Maria José Hummel, her bio, and contact information for the Bismarck Seventh-day Adventist Church. A QR code is also present.

health for today
Learn how to avoid and reverse lifestyle diseases such as diabetes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, and obesity.

How Not to Die
September 16 | 7 pm

Cancer and its Causes
September 16 | 2 pm

Health & Self Control
September 16 | 11 am | during church service

Diabetes: Reversing the Sweet Killer
September 16 | 4 pm

Free Lunch | September 16 | 12 - 2 pm

Dr. María José Hummel
As a health educator and plant-based nutritionist, María José enjoys sharing her knowledge and passion for nutrition, health, and plant-based cooking. She teaches people how to avoid, and to reverse, lifestyle diseases, such as diabetes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, and obesity. María José's teaching of biblical principles and nutritional health gives hope to the hopeless.

Dr. María José Hummel holds a Bachelor's in Engineering, a Master's of Science in Nutrition, a Master's in Public Health, a certification in Plant-Based Nutrition, a Doctorate in Naturopathy, and a Doctorate in Philosophy in Natural Medicine.

Learn more at healthfortoday.net | All sessions presented by Dr. Hummel

free admission

Bismarck Seventh-day Adventist Church
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Adventist Community Services

You are invited to attend the annual ACS Federation meetings held across the Dakotas. These gatherings provide an opportunity for church members to gather and share what their church has done throughout the previous year in the area of community outreach. Christ sent out the disciples to different locations to do His work—when they returned, He had them relate what they had accomplished. All meetings will be held at the local Adventist Church and begin at 10:00a local time.

Come, rejoice, exhort, share, and learn. Attend by yourself or send a church representative who can take a report back to their home church. Lunch is provided.



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September 10: Aberdeen, SD
September 11: Jamestown, ND
September 17: Rapid City, SD
September 18: Bowman, ND

Prairie Voyager Student Baptisms

One of the founding missions of Adventist Education is to foster a connection with God and Jesus. This connection is introduced through the Bible stories that are taught, the daily class worships, the example of the teacher, the discussions of Christ through all the academic subjects, and regular classroom interactions with the pastor. Adventist school is a place that helps children develop this connection outside the home so that when a child is ready they can make the choice to join God's family. Three students from Prairie Voyager Elementary School in Grand Forks, North Dakota, made the public decision, through baptism, to be a part of God's family!

Mrs. Erickson believes that the school is a mission of the church, and therefore provides in-school time for students wishing to be baptized to study with the pastor. Laney Miller, second grade, and Ariana Mattice, third grade, studied with Pastor Mike Temple throughout the 2022-2023 school year, taking time on most Tuesdays to work their way through baptism lessons.

Ryker Erickson, seventh grade, decided late in the school year that he wished to be baptized as well, and the teacher knew he was prepared from a previous school activity. Last year, the school had a special month-long study of the 28 Fundamental Beliefs and used the "Yellow Chair Devotions - 28 Fundamental Beliefs" that Kelli Wasemiller created for the Dakota SDA Kids YouTube channel. This tool, which consists of several Dakota Conference pastors discussing each belief, is an excellent resource for baptismal study.

The school's year-end program and baptism were set for May 27, 2023. Unfortunately, Pastor Mike Temple suffered a heart attack on May 5, which temporarily put plans into an unknown time. This time period was an opportunity for spiritual growth in the Prairie Voyager classroom. Students diligently prayed for the healing of their friend, Pastor Mike. Miracles happened, and students saw a group of believers from around the world coming together to pray for Pastor Mike. The faith of students and their belief in the power of prayer was strengthened. We are thankful for Mike's progress in recovery and continue to pray for him.

After discussions with the parents and the conference, it was decided to move forward with the baptism due to the uncertainty of when/if Pastor Mike would be able to perform these duties. It was an honor for the local elder and teacher's husband, Troy Erickson, to perform the baptisms. Teacher Leanne Erickson also joined the students in the tank to assist—a highlight of her teaching career.

Rejoice with us as we welcome these three young people into the family of God! Pray for their faith to grow. Pray for all our Adventist schools in this conference that their ministry in the 2023-2024 school year may be fruitful with lives changed for eternity!



Article by Leanne Erickson, teacher at Prairie Voyager Elementary School in North Dakota. Photos by Leanne Erickson and Angela Juhl, members of Grand Forks Adventist Church.

DAA / PVA / SRA Alumni Weekend

Make plans to attend this year's DAA/PVA/SRA Alumni Weekend, October 6 & 7 at Dakota Adventist Academy. Come early for the Golf Scramble at Tom O'Leary Golf Course, and stay to visit with your friends and attend the car show—the first of hopefully many! To show your car, register it at the alumni website: dakota-alumni.org.

Although the weekend is targeted for graduating classes ending in four and nine, everyone is invited. We hope to see you there!

2023 Alumni Weekend Schedule

Events and times are subject to change

Friday, October 6

- 11:00a Golf Scramble
- 2:00p Registration
- 3:00-6:00 Car Show
- 5:30 Supper &
Pioneer Reception
- 7:00 Vespers
- 8:00-9:00 Social Hour

Sabbath, October 7

- 8:30-9:00a Breakfast
- 10:00 Sabbath School
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 12:15p Honor Class Photos
- 1:00 Lunch
- 2:30 Open Mic for Classes
Art Class with Mr. Way
- 5:30 Supper
- 7:15 Vespers
- 8:00 Business Meeting
- 8:30 Alumni Games

Golf Scramble

FRIDAY, 11 AM
OCTOBER 6, 2023

TOM O'LEARY
GOLF COURSE

1200 N WASHINGTON ST #1,
BISMARCK, ND 58501

11:00 AM TEE TIME, TEAMS OF 4
\$35 PER PERSON



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Coupe*

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Friday, October 6, 2023 at 3:00-6:00p
at Dakota Adventist Academy

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dakota-alumni.org
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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: Kris de Bruin, Vernon Herholdt, Jacob Pittenger

Education Staff: Debra Eszler, Ron Reese, Kisa de Bruin, Aida Woodruff, Ernest Woodruff

Office Staff: Marlin Miller, Mark Piotrowski, Mark Seibold, Mark Weir

Adventist Entities: Bismarck Church, Brentwood Adventist Christian 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.



Dakota Youth & Young Adults

My wife, Lynnette, is fearless when it comes to heights. When we were dating, I would watch her walk right next to the edge of tall drop-offs and take a good, long look over the edge. And for the past twenty-two years of marriage, I have continued to watch her do this from a “safe” distance. It is definitely not an activity for me. I have always been scared of heights; I don’t even like climbing tall ladders, although I do it when needed. When I was a camper in Ohio, we had a rock wall, and I wouldn’t climb it because I was too scared. As I got older, I realized that I couldn’t let fear stop me from trying things or getting a job done, and I wished that I would have taken the opportunity and climbed that wall.

One of the activities that has been a staple for years at our Dakota Adventist Camps is rock climbing. So many of the youth throughout our conference have great memories climbing at both Flag Mountain and Northern Lights. Unfortunately, over the past several years, it has become more and more challenging to provide safe rock climbing for our campers. At Northern Lights, the “Pizza Hut” climbing structure has deteriorated, and the holds and the anchor points no longer meet safety standards. Down at Flag Mountain, much of the rock that we have available for climbing is schist, which easily splits and flakes. This doesn’t allow for the routes to be well anchored, so they aren’t as safe as we would like them to be. These challenges were hard to accept, because as I spoke with kids throughout the Dakotas, one of the main activities they wanted at both camps was climbing. We wanted to find a way to continue this legacy at both camps while ensuring the utmost safety for our campers.

As we explored options and evaluated viable solutions by talking with other camp directors around the division, we kept being directed back to the idea of a mobile rock wall that could be transported and used at both camps while meeting the highest safety standards, allowing multiple campers to climb at the same time, and providing the opportunity for our campers to stretch their limits while conquering their fears.

After getting input from both camp committees and working with our conference administration, we were able to purchase our “Tower of Faith” rock wall and use it during this year’s 2023 Summer Camp season—even while we are still in the midst of fundraising for it. And the campers loved it! It was so awesome to see our junior and teen campers pushing their limits and conquering their fears! Our summer’s theme, “I Am,” focused on understanding how God sees us; in Scripture we are told numerous times how He does not want us to fear. He sees us as victorious. One teen camper shared how she had been terrified of heights but signed up to do the rock wall to conquer her fear. After successfully climbing the wall, she went back to attempt it again. Making another successful climb, she exclaimed, “It didn’t feel as high the second time!”

We are so blessed to spend the summer with our Dakota kids as they spend time worshiping their Creator, growing in Christ, and learning about God’s plan for their lives. Our Dakota youth definitely have hearts for God, and it is awesome to see them demonstrate their love and kindness for others throughout the summer. A few of our amazing campers even held a bake sale and raised nearly \$300 for the rock wall. Thanks, Layla and Juliet, for your love of our Dakota Adventist Camps and for your hard work in raising money for the Tower of Faith!

We have also received a number of donations for the rock wall. Thank you to those who have already contributed to our fundraiser for the Tower of Faith.

With taxes and shipping the mobile rock wall and accessories cost approximately \$46,000. The Dakota Conference Association paid upfront for the entire amount, so that we could have it to use for the 2023 camp season. They generously decided that the Dakota Camps would only need to raise half of the total cost, and they would pay for the rest. So far, we have been able to raise nearly half of our \$23,000! We hope that you will be inspired by Layla and Juliet and others. We ask you to also consider donating to the rock wall, so we can finish off our remaining amount.

One special memory for me this summer was baptizing Juliet on Sabbath after seeing her climb the wall over and over again all week. The rock wall is more than just an activity at camp; it is part of the ministry that happens each summer at our Dakota Adventist Camps. Thank you to all who help us ensure that every summer is an encounter with Jesus for His kids!



In the top left photo, Layla is the girl in the purple/pink shirt and white hat, and Juliet is the girl to the far right. Juliet is also pictured in the baptism photo and in the middle photo of the climbing wall.

Article by Pr. Ted Struntz, Conference youth director. Photos by Lynnette Struntz, Conference associate youth director, and Jahsouley Walton, Dakota Summer Camp staff member.

Kids' Corner

Are you passionate about Sabbath School? The North American Division (NAD) invites you to their virtual *Do It Together Refresh Sabbath School Conference*, held September 14-16, 2023, online.

Whether you're a Sabbath School director, superintendent, teacher, assistant, pastor, member, or volunteer—this conference is for everyone passionate about the ministry of Sabbath School. No matter your level of experience, this virtual event is here to inspire, educate, and empower you. Discover innovative teaching techniques, gain practical insights, and connect with like-minded individuals who share your enthusiasm for Sabbath School. The best part? The registration fee is completely waived, making it accessible to all. Can't make it on the event dates? Not a problem! Register now and receive a link to watch the seminar recordings at OneTeamPlaybook.org.

Gather your Sabbath School community, schedule a watch party, and embark on this incredible learning journey together. Don't miss out on this invaluable opportunity—register today!



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 & children's ministries coordinator.

Dakota Conference Calendar

The offering schedule is in purple.

The office preaching schedule is in blue.

September -

- 2: Local Church Budget
- 2: Elder Mark Piotrowski preaching in Minot, ND (Evangelism Rally)
- 2: Ministerial Director Elder Vernon Herholdt preaching in New Home, ND
- 4: Conference Office Closed - Labor Day
- 7-30: Elder Mark Piotrowski presenting a Bible Prophecy Seminar in Minot, ND
- 8-10: Prayer Retreat at Northern Lights Camp
- 9: General Conference (GC): Radio Ministries
- 9: ACS Director Elder Bob Forbes preaching in Hurley, SD
- 10: Dakota Executive Committee at Conference Office (10a)
- 10: SE ACS Federation Meeting in Aberdeen, SD (10a) *Location Change
- 11: NE ACS Federation Meeting in Jamestown, ND (10a)
- 11: Dakota Constitution and Bylaws Committee via Zoom (7p)
- 13-17: DAA Home Leave
- 16: Local Church Budget

- 16: ACS Director Elder Bob Forbes preaching in Hot Springs, SD
- 17: SW ACS Federation Meeting in Rapid City, SD (10a)
- 18: NW ACS Federation Meeting in Bowman, ND (10a)
- 18-21: Outdoor School at Flag Mountain Camp
- 22-24: Black Hills Convocation at Flag Mountain Camp
- 23: Dakota Challenge
- 23: ACS Director Elder Bob Forbes preaching in Grassy Butte, ND
- 29-1: Women's Retreat in Medora, ND
- 30: Camp Development
- 30: Elder Ted Struntz preaching in Hot Springs, SD
- 30: ACS Director Elder Bob Forbes preaching in Grand Forks, ND

October - PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

- 6-7: DAA/PVA/SRA Alumni Weekend
- 7: Secondary Endowment
- 7: ACS Director Elder Bob Forbes preaching in Ellendale, ND
- 8-10: New in Ministry Meetings - Conference Office
- 14: Dakota Challenge
- 14: Rapid City Regional with Elder Mark Weir preaching
- 14: Jaime Jorge Concert - Rapid City Church/School (6p)
- 14: ACS Director Elder Bob Forbes preaching in Watertown, SD

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

Blessed & Kept

May your success in educating the children entrusted to your care have an eternal perspective.

May their growth in Jesus matter more, in every instance, than their growth in math, English, science, or history.

May you incorporate Jesus into their growth in math, English, science, and history.

May you infuse every lesson in the truth of the gospel—God wants us.

May you strive first and foremost to teach that your student's identity is secure, and they do not need to search for it.

May you know for yourself that your identity is secure—we are all of us children of

God and nothing we do or feel will add or subtract to that identity.

May you grow the kingdom of God through the education of its youngest citizens.

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

August 31 Dispatch Photo



Photo taken near Center, North Dakota, by Lily Metz, member of the Mandan Adventist Church.

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