



Dakota Dispatch

KEEPING DAKOTANS FROM AROUND THE CONFERENCE INFORMED AND UP-TO-DATE

OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS®

NEW PORTABLE SOUND SYSTEM PURCHASED FOR YOUTH

PASTOR MICHAEL TEMPLE



Have you ever wondered what happens to the proceeds from the speaker CDs sold during Camp Meeting? Pastor Mike and Roberta Temple have worked tirelessly recording, duplicating, and selling the discs for the past four years, and this year they were finally able to purchase a professional, portable sound system for the youth with a portion of the proceeds. The Dakota Youth Department has needed a sound system which is lightweight, portable, and provides adequate power for audience applications.

The new system was donated and utilized this summer during Teen Camp at Northern Lights Camp where Pastor Temple led the song services, shared the worship messages, and preached the Sabbath sermon.

The Temples have committed to using any proceeds from Camp Meeting duplication funds for Dakota Conference outreach work, and believe that our youth are a wonderful investment.

Sue and Pastor Loren Nelson III along with Pastor Mike & Roberta Temple, together with the portable sound system donated to the Dakota Adventist Youth Department.

YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD TO WITNESS FOR CHRIST

Think you have to be youngster or a pastor to bring someone into the church? Witnessing can be done at any age, as illustrated by Hattie McNeil, one-time member of the Pierre Seventh-day Adventist Church in South Dakota.

For years McNeil (99) brought her long-time friend Marge Zibell (83) to church. When McNeil was moved to a nursing home and unable to drive her beloved car, Zibell would then drive them both to church. Sadly, McNeil passed away last fall, just one month shy of her 100th birthday; Zibell continued to come to church on her own fairly regularly.

After a long absence from church during which Zibell was visiting family out of town, she and Pierre Pastor Fred Shoemaker met providentially at the local Wal-Mart one morning this spring. Zibell expressed interest in baptism, and they agreed to begin Bible studies. On the sunny Sabbath afternoon of July 25th, Zibell was baptized in the Missouri River (per her request), and into the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Acts 1:8 (CEV) says, "Then you will tell everyone about me in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria, and everywhere in the world," ...even in Pierre, South Dakota. McNeil was recognized posthumously for her involvement in bringing Zibell to her decision for Christ, proving you are never too old to witness for Christ.



Zibell with her daughter and two Pierre members

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DAKOTA ADVENTIST YOUTH

KINGDOM OF THE SON: A PRAYER SAFARI

PASTOR DRAGOS PROFIR

Kingdom of the Son: A Prayer Safari was the Vacation Bible School theme for 2009 in Wahpeton, North Dakota. This five-day adventure took children through the Lord's Prayer and helped them memorize Matthew 6:9-14. Each day through songs, Bible study, crafts, recreation, and snacks, children were able to learn what each part of the prayer means. Forty-three children (ages 3-11) joined in the fun, including 34 children from the community.

A parent's night hosted on the last day of VBS was attended by nearly 100 people, and the children performed songs they had learned, as well as showing their parents the different stations they had gone through. The program was made possible through the time and dedication of 20 volunteers from the Wahpeton Adventist Church who tirelessly worked night after night to make this VBS a memorable one.



Showing off their crafts...

We praise God for the interest of these young people and their families in learning more about God's Word, and thank God for having used our church in helping the children to grow closer to God.

**Attention VBS Leaders: Have you recently completed a VBS program at your church?
Photos and summaries are wanted for the upcoming *Dakota Messenger*.
Please send all information to Heidi Shoemaker, Communicatios Director, at the
Dakota Conference office or email heidi@fredandheidi.com. Thank you!**

Odds & Ends from Around the Conference...

WE HAVE THIS HOPE!

**BLACK HILLS HEALTH & EDUCATION CENTER
SPIRITUAL RETREAT**

August 27 - August 30, 2009

Hermosa, South Dakota

First meeting: Thursday, August 27 at 7:00 pm



Featured Speaker:

Pastor Kenneth Cox

Other speakers include: Dr. Michael Olivier and Pastor Larry Priest

Sabbath Afternoon Concert: Dona Klein

Rooms and meals available. Please call ahead for reservations. We are already beginning to fill up. Please call 605.255.4101 for more details or go to www.bhhec.org

DAKOTA WOMEN'S RETREAT

Don't forget to fill out your registration form for the Dakota Women's Retreat, September 18-20 in Bismarck, North Dakota. Early-bird registration ends July 31st. Featured speaker is Marquita Klin-edinst. Visit www.dakotaadventist.org and click on the *Women's Ministries* link to learn more or download the retreat brochure.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE OFFICE TRAVEL

During the month of August, many of the Dakota Conference administrators and staff will be in and out of the office due to travel, training, seminars, etc. We appreciate your patience during this time, as the individual(s) you are trying to reach may be temporarily unavailable. We will do our best to be of service to you and your churches when you call.