



# Dakota Dispatch

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## MORE BAPTISMS ACROSS THE DAKOTAS

### Two Baptisms for the Dickinson Church Family

Pastor Michael Temple

The Dickinson congregation rejoiced together on Saturday, July 11th, as Pastor Michael Temple enjoyed the privilege of baptizing two new members. Matt Tibor and Ken Kostelecky were both buried in the waters of baptism.

Ken began building relationships with other members last fall in the KPAR Community Event Center, which the Dickinson church opened to reach out to the public. He would study and participate during weekly bible studies, and has attended the local church since November 2008.

Matt studied himself into the Sabbath truth on his own, and came with his wife Jordan to the recent marriage seminar hosted at the Center in April. He approached Temple about baptism in May 2009, and is excited about the soon coming of Jesus Christ.

It was a joyous Sabbath as both men gave a public witness of their love for Christ. Two more people signified that they would like to be baptized and begin studies when Temple made an appeal after the baptism.

Dickinson has seen significant growth in their attendance, and excitement is in the air about what God is doing. Please keep this growing congregation in your prayers!



*Ken Kostelecky with Pastor Temple*



*Matt Tibor with Pastor Temple*

### “Channel Surfing” Brings Couple to Christ

Lonna Quast and Berneice Lunday

Like the eye of God, Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) beams God’s truth around the world, and souls respond, such as did Avis and Jim Sauer. Always interested in Bible prophecy, Avis came upon 3ABN while “channel surfing.” She was attracted to the prophetic message of Daniel and Revelation, noting whatever message the speakers presented was proven to be correct with scriptural references and made very easy to understand. Avis listened daily, learning God’s truth about the Sabbath and the Three Angels’ message.



*The Sauer's with newly rebaptized member Kalon Gesellchen and Pastor Miller*

When Jim heard Mark Finley’s Bible series on 3ABN, he accepted God’s truth as eagerly as his wife. Together they studied with pastor Dennis Miller, and were baptized at the Bismarck church on May 23, 2009, eight months after discovering “The Miracle of 3ABN.” Raised in the Lutheran denomination, the Sauer’s had never heard God’s prophetic message before listening to 3ABN and studying their Bible at the Adventist church.

The Sauers have been married for 52 years; they have two sons and three grandchildren.

Thanks to the dedication of several members, the Bismarck Seventh-day Adventist Church maintains two Christian radio stations, 93.7 FM and 1.067 FM. The result? Many radio listeners visit the Bismarck church on a regular basis throughout the year.

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# DAKOTA ADVENTIST EDUCATION

## MEET THE NEW FACES IN DAKOTA ADVENTIST EDUCATION

RACHAEL BOYD, DAA DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

As the school year quickly approaches, we want to welcome the new teachers and staff to the Dakota Conference.



Kimball

Robert Bruce Kimball, the new history teacher at DAA, has been teaching for 30 years, 23 of those years at Atlanta Adventist Academy. Bruce brings a lot of education experience and passion for history to the school. In addition to teaching history classes, he will be helping teach a Bible class as well as planning several educational trips for the students.

Our new Girls' Dean, Ruthanne Altsman, has been teaching in elementary schools for 16 years with a specialization in reading. Ruthanne, her husband John, and their three children are moving from the Spokane, Washington area. Her two eldest, Brennon and Sara, will be students at DAA, and Elle is 10 months old.



Altsman



Bertresse

Coming from the furthest away, Lunelle Bertresse arrived from Miami, Florida to be our task force assistant girls' dean this year. Recently graduated from Southern Adventist University, she has a bachelor's degree in Social Work and plans to continue her education with a law degree and work in juvenile justice

Jordan Vliet is the new task force assistant boys' dean and will be helping out with our AcroLights gymnastics team. As a PE education major at Union College, Jordan is excited about learning the ropes from his brother-in-law, Chris Morrison, and also helping out wherever he can.



Vliet

Andrew Easley (not pictured) is coming on board as our new teacher at Prairie Voyager Adventist School in Grand Forks, North Dakota. He and his family are from Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, and Andrew has spent the last eight years teaching in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. His wife, Marnie, is a stay-at-home mom with their three children, Cole, Denali, and Savannah.

Registration is on August 23. Here at Dakota Adventist Academy, we are excited about the strengthening of our team and look forward to the upcoming year. To learn more about Dakota Adventist Academy, check out our website at [www.dakotaadventistacademy.org](http://www.dakotaadventistacademy.org).

## 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 Neil Biloff, Dakota Conference President

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](http://www.bhhec.org)

### ALERT: COMING UP SOON!! ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICE FEDERATION MEETINGS.

According to Phyllis Alexander, Dakota ACS/DR director, this gives you plenty of time to ask for the time off if you are working. You will leave with blessings when you hear what you and your churches are doing:

Sept 21	Aberdeen SDA Church	10 AM to 2 PM
Sept 22	Bismarck SDA Church	10 AM to 2 PM
Sept 23	Dickinson SDA Church	10 AM to 2 PM
Sept 24	Rapid City SDA Church	10 AM to 2 PM

More information coming as we get closer. Contact Phyllis Alexander at [csalex@rushmore.com](mailto:csalex@rushmore.com) for details.