

# Spearfish Church Groundbreaking

by Steven Vermaas



L-R: Arlo Heinrich-Conference Treasurer, Pastor Brad Traxler, Neil Biloff-Conference President, Randy Iverson-Owner of Iverson Construction, and Jim Barron-Head Elder 2010

*Photo by Leon Thurston*

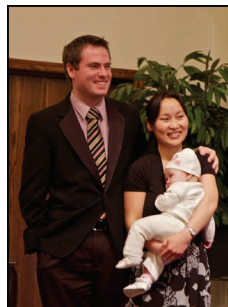
After several years of anticipation, ground was broken for the Spearfish Seventh-day Adventist Church to be constructed at the corner of Highway 14A and Terry Lane in Spearfish. As

friends and members gathered at the site Friday, December 3, Dakota Conference President Neil Biloff offered a prayer of thanksgiving and dedication. The ceremonial groundbreaking followed with the participation of Spearfish Pastor Brad Traxler, along with representatives from the Dakota Conference, the Spearfish Church and Iverson Construction of Sturgis, South Dakota.

Church members are excited as the new facility will provide much needed room to expand and reach out into the community, providing services such as smoking cessation clinics, vegetarian cooking classes, prophecy with seminars and other ministries and educational opportunities.

Iverson is scheduled to begin construction of the new facility in late December 2010, with completion expected sometime next year.

## Nicholas Eaton Ordained As Church Elder by Jacquie Biloff



The Eaton Family  
*Photo by Karen Roe*

Nicholas Eaton, the pastor of the Brookings Plant in Brookings, South Dakota, was ordained as a church elder in Sioux Falls at the Southeast Regional in November. Nicholas spent three years in Mongolia as a missionary before coming to the Dakotas. It was there he met his wife, Zaya. Nicholas and Zaya have a daughter, Nenda Pearl.

God has blessed the Brookings Plant under Pastor Eaton's leadership with several baptisms. There are between twenty and thirty attending each Sabbath. The church meets in a recently remodeled building at 415 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Brookings, South Dakota. Sabbath School is at 1:30 pm and worship service starts at 3:00 pm. You may see a picture of the building on the conference web site at [www.dakotaadventist.org](http://www.dakotaadventist.org) under Dakota Churches.

## Bismarck/Mandan Prophecy Seminar by Dennis Miller

Elder Brian McMahon was invited by the Bismarck and Mandan Adventist churches to present a "Discover Prophecy" seminar from October 23rd to November 13th. Five guests took their stand for the Lord and joined the Remnant Church through baptism. Two members re-dedicated their lives through rebaptism.



← L-R Pastor Dennis Miller, Beth Goetz, and Jodi Faul



Front Row L-R: Pastor Harold Chin, Pastor Dennis Miller, Harriet Dickhaut, Jacqueline Pew, Heidi McMahon, and Evangelist Brian McMahon  
Back Row L-R: Jonathan White, Kalon Gesellchen, Beverly Catalano, Corkie Case, Irene Rath, and Jens Rudy Randolff



# Dakota Adventist Academy

## Festival of Carols Weekend

by Rachael Boyd



The Christmas season at Dakota Adventist Academy is one that is filled with many of the joys of the holiday season. Decorations all around the school brighten students' eyes with twinkling lights. Parties in the dorms and in faculty homes add to the festive spirit. Of

course, treats and goodies are easy to find, making sure every sweet tooth has had its fill.

Most of all, DAA's hallways, classrooms, dorm rooms, and offices are filled with the music of the season. The students spend weeks preparing for the Festival of Carols weekend, practicing their music in the dorms and humming the melodies on their way to class.

On Tuesday evening, December 14, students gathered in the Music Department for the Winter Recital, performed by students currently taking private lessons. Violinists, pianists, and vocal soloists presented Christmas carols and special numbers before students, staff and parents. The recital was a chance for the students to display what they had learned over the past semester.

Finally, the Festival of Carols weekend arrived at DAA and after all the time spent practicing, the students were all abuzz with

excitement. Friday evening vespers featured the DAA bell choir, choir, brass band, and DAK as well as special numbers from soloists on trumpet, sax, and voice. The Sabbath morning church service was entitled "Lessons and Carols"; select responsive readings from the biblical Christmas story were paired with carols, encouraging audience participation throughout the service. An afternoon program featured alumni, community members, and students raising their voices and instruments in praise and thanksgiving.

The melodious weekend drew to a close with one last concert on Saturday night. The bell choir started the evening with Carol of the Bells, followed by other pieces such as I'll be Home for Christmas, Coventry Carol, and Winter Wonderland by choir, brass band, and DAK, respectively. There were twelve numbers in all, punctuated by Christmas readings from the Master of Ceremonies, Gary Way. Punch and cookies were served in the circle to our students and guests. Christmas break started for the students at the end of the concert. Students said goodbye for the next two weeks and headed home, filled with the Christmas spirit from the busy, musical weekend at DAA.

*Photos by Rachael Boyd*



## Red River Has Prophecy Meetings

by Courtney Simpson

The Red River Adventist Church ran a three-week prophecy meeting in Fargo throughout the month of November. Their goal is to provide true biblical answers to global disasters, personal traumatic events, and the growth of increasing wickedness on this earth. The Prophecy of Hope meetings started on Friday, November 5, and the series ended on Sabbath, November 20, 2010.

With the prophecy meetings being held five nights a week, there was an average of thirty-five people attending every night. As a result of the precious truth being preached, the Red River Adventist church baptized three people on Sabbath, December 11, 2010. They now welcome Christine and Danny Wild with their two children to the Red River Adventist Church, and also their dear sister, Heather Guttormson. There are several people who are now preparing for baptism, who were faithful attendees of Prophecies of Hope, so another baptism ceremony will be held soon in honor of their decision for Christ.

As they look forward to the New Year, the Red River Adventist Church is hoping to hold three or four more short prophecy meetings. Your prayers are much appreciated as the gospel continues to be spread throughout Fargo, North Dakota in the year 2011.

Top: Jordon Peck with Heather Guttormson  
Bottom: Jordon Peck with Christine Wild, Danny Wild  
*Photos by Courtney Simpson*



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