

Red River Baptism

by Vanessa Boeser

Sabbath, June 25 dawned warm and sunny. Hearts were glowing with joy in the Red River Seventh-day Adventist Church as baptismal candidates Lori Grismer and her son Jamie recited their vows to be true to Christ. Pastor Jordan Peck officiated at the baptism. Over fifty people attended, six of whom were Lori and Jamie's family.

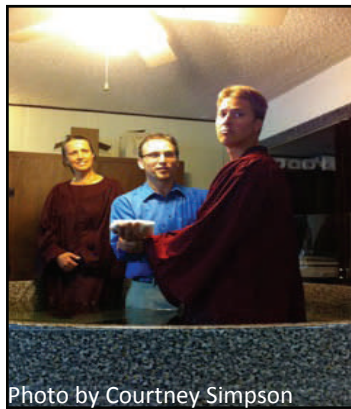


Photo by Courtney Simpson

Lori, formerly a member of the ELCA, began studying her Bible earnestly four and a half years ago. Three years later, she came to know the

Sabbath truth. Just a few months ago, she decided she wanted to follow the Lord's example by being baptized by immersion.

Jamie was involved in sports and athletics. He said that fitness was his god. Four and a half years ago, he began earnestly studying his Bible. He was baptized non-denominationally two years ago while on a trip in Israel. Upon learning many new truths thereafter, Jamie felt the Lord calling him to be re-baptized as a Seventh-day Adventist.

Following the baptism and potluck, 18 people, including Lori and Jamie went door to door handing out flyers for the upcoming Fargo-Moorhead Health Expo. The Lord blessed the time spent in His vineyard.

Please pray for Lori and Jamie that they will stay true and faithful to Jesus.

Wahpeton Church VBS

by Dragos Profir

The theme of this year's Vacation Bible School at the Wahpeton Church was 'Inside Out and Upside Down on Main Street: How Jesus Makes a Difference Everyday.' Fifty children learned how Jesus makes a difference each and every day.

Each night through music, crafts, stories, snacks and other activities, children were drawn into the parables Jesus told about everyday people in everyday situations. Kids were taught about gratitude, compassion, forgiveness, grace and faithfulness and about how Jesus turned lives upside down and hearts inside out through the parables he told and challenged people to look at themselves and at others in new and unexpected ways.

The highlight of this year's Vacation Bible School was the parents' night as parents and grandparents gathered in the gym to hear their children sing about how Jesus makes a difference everyday. Numerous

parents expressed how grateful they were that they had brought their children and how excited their children were, coming home each night telling them in great detail what they had learned.

Even though we may wonder whether a program such as Vacation Bible School makes an impact in people's lives, we've been reminded this year that the seeds of the Gospel we plant in the children's minds each night are often replanted by the children in the parents' lives. Our prayer and hope for the children who attended and parents who dropped them off is that they will continue allowing Jesus to make a difference everyday in their lives.



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Gearing Up for the New School Year

by Sharon Heinrich

The halls and classrooms of Dakota Adventist Academy are silent. Teachers are spending time with their families or taking summer classes and many students are working summer jobs.

August 1 will find our staff once again on campus and preparing for the new school year. We are blessed to have dedicated staff working with our young people. Returning staff are: **Leonard Quaile** - Principal & Business Manager and Education Superintendent for the Dakota Conference; **David Chapman** - Vice Principal for Finance; **Julie Vieau** - Vice Principal for Academics & Mathematics; **Janna Quaile** - Registrar; **Gary Way** - English & Art; **John McCombs** - Music; **Russell Haveman** - Technology Education and Maintenance Assistant; **Ruthanne Altsman** - Dean of Girls; **Janet Way** - Food Services Director; and **Jerry Davis** - Maintenance Director. Joining us this year are: **Derek Timms** - Bible and Chaplain; **Richard Dickerson** - Dean of Boys and PE; **Deanne Sparks** - Social Studies; **Zahger Botrous** - Science; and **Sharon Heinrich** - Director of Development.



In five weeks, the halls will ring with the voices of students, some who are returning and others who are new. Greeting old friends, making new friends and settling into the dorm are all part of registration day - August 14. Registration will be from 9:00 - 4:30 followed by the Student Association Handshake. Then it is off to Northern Lights Camp for a few days of relaxation, making friends and building relationships with each other and more importantly with God. What a great way to start the school year.

As we wind down to the final days of summer, please pray for our students and our staff. Decisions are being made by parents and students on where to attend. If you know of a student who should be here, please encourage them to come and to contact us at 701-258-9000 or visit www.dakotaadventistacademy.org and click on the admissions link.

Pierre Warehouse Closed

by Jacquie Biloff

The Pierre Warehouse that opened June 1, 2011 for flood victims, was closed July 5, says Phyllis Alexander. However, the ACS/DR (Adventist Community Services/Disaster Response) volunteer personnel are prepared to return when clean-up operations commence.

During the 35 days of operation, 31 volunteers served 1008 hours, helping 78 families and 234 individuals. Donations amounted to \$44,692.00 with \$42,670.00 of that being distributed in supplies.

Alexander would like to thank members of the Pierre Church for providing food and volunteers, especially Forest Walter and Libby Lee, who went the extra mile to keep the warehouse open after the ACS volunteers returned home.

North Dakota Homeland Security and FEMA have asked ACS/DR to be on standby if the decision is made to open warehouse or distribution centers in Bismarck and Minot.

Ministry comes in all shapes and sizes but is displayed mainly by hard work and self-denial. ACS volunteers include members from many Adventist churches and families in the Dakotas and deserve our respect and admiration.



Photo by Phyllis Alexander

***The annual Riverdale Sabbath Celebration for the first Sabbath of August has been cancelled due to flooding.**
***Butte Centennial Celebration July 16, 2011, 10:00 a.m.**
***Turtle Lake 100th Anniversary Celebration July 23, 2011 Sabbath School 10:00 a.m., afternoon program 3:00 p.m.**

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