

**April 2024**

I pray that you all had a wonderful Easter, remembering Our Lord and Savior and celebrating with family and friends!

The last few days I have been thinking of our past Leadership Conferences. How over the years it has evolved and grown. The excitement of moving to the new North Point Church just north of Spearfish and how just a few years later, we filled it to capacity! Truly a blessing as we hope to reach out to church leaders from across our region.

I also remember the many guest speakers who have poured out their life experiences to lead us to become better leaders in our churches. We have been blessed to have some of our fellowships' best writers and speakers grace us with their presence and knowledge.

I remember some terrible weather that we came to expect at conference time, so we moved the date, but it seems the weather just followed us, praying this year is different. Weather in the northern plains can be very unpredictable in the spring.

One year, we were on the verge of cancelling because we only had eight registered guests with only a week and a half to go! But God provided and we had a very good crowd. That does not seem the case this year as we are over sixty with two weeks to spare. Thank you for your online registrations as we continue to improve that process.

So, with that, we are moving again that our Saturday schedule will be held in the Holiday Inn Conference center. Friday night's gathering will still be at North Point!

Prayers needed for the conference, our speaker James Bryan Smith, the weather and for safe travel for all who attend! Hope to see you there!

This month we introduce our newest church planter and his family, Ben Sander and his wife will be moving to our region to plant our next church. He has been busy learning, fundraising, planning and is eager to get started. We have included his guest newsletter with this month's mailing.

One more heartfelt prayer as I close this month's newsletter. Churches across our region are praying for the wife of a minister, who has been missing since Easter morning. While helping another mom get her children from her mother-in-law, the two women never reached their destination. Their car was found on the side of the road with no trace of them. Many churches in Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming have close ties to the minister's wife, as well as Summit Christian College and Ozark Christian College where a daughter attends. Prayers for a safe return of these young mothers.

In need of you! Always!

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