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Pastor Aaron's Post-It

During this last Holy Week, there's no need to perform. No need to pretend. No need to show up with a perfect heart. Just come as you are. Bring the broken pieces. The regret. The tiredness. The questions that won't go away. Lay them down at the foot of the cross. Because that's exactly where healing starts. Jesus didn't go to the cross because we had earned it. He went because He loved us too much to let our brokenness be the end of the story.

And in just a few days - Sunday is coming. The stone will roll away. Light will break through the darkness. Everything that felt final - the pain, the loss, the silence will give way to something nobody saw coming: life.

So wherever you are today - hurting, tired, wondering if healing is even possible for someone like you - hear this: It is. Because He already took care of it. God has never once let you go. *Heavenly Father, thank You for a love so deep it carried every wound we bear. In this Holy Week, draw us closer to the cross - not in shame, but in trust. Touch the places in our hearts we've hidden from the world but never from You. Remind us that because of Jesus, nothing in us is beyond Your healing. In His name, we pray. Amen.*

Men's Round Up! !

Not too soon to get this on your calendar, men!

AUGUST 28-30, 2026

Round up the men and boys and head to Camp Judson for a great weekend of growing in faith, bonding in fellowship, relaxing and eating some great food!

There's no need to pre-register. You may register upon arrival at Camp Judson between 3 and 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28.

REGISTRATION FEES: TBA

Campers who wish to stay in Cabins 1, 2 or 3 or Inspiration Lodge must pay an additional \$40 per room.

The full weekend schedule may be viewed at abc-dakotas.org.



Camp Judson Summer Camp is coming soon!

Just a helpful reminder as you start thinking of packing and preparing for a fantastic week at Camp Judson. Please visit the Camp Judson website to see some helpful suggestions for overnight camping at:

<https://campjudson.org/overnight-youth-camps/packing-list-for-overnight-camps>

Please be in prayer for not just our campers but the staff and counselors who will be put in place to help make camp one of the best faith-filled events of the coming summer. Registration for any open camps remaining can be found on this link: <https://campjudson.org/>

- Please note that families who wish to register for either week of Family Camp or Project Camp must call the camp office at 605.574.2314.



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2026 National Leadership Council Meeting

May 18-20, 2026 | Atlanta, GA

"Claim, Distinguish, and Proclaim the Markers of American Baptists"

Registration is now Open!
Please register by April 10th.

Meeting Location:
The American Hotel Atlanta
Downtown, Tapestry Collection
by Hilton
160 Ted Turner Drive NW
Atlanta, GA 30303

You can register at:

<https://web.cvent.com/event/30ba8e1b-b288-4161-aecf-f20f500992c5/regProcessStep1>

JESUS CHRIST LIVES!!



Important Interview

For the twentieth anniversary of Larry King Live, Barbara Walters interviewed the man who became famous interviewing others. She asked him direct and revealing questions.

Two of the most telling responses came when she probed about fear and faith. Walters asked King, "What is your greatest fear?" He immediately replied, "Death." This interview occurred in 2005 when he was at the very top of his career and had much to lose, but none of that mattered compared to the fear of death. Her follow-up question was, "Do you believe in God?"

The good news for all who have put their faith in Jesus Christ is that we have an answer to some of the deepest questions any interviewer can pose. In order to have an answer, we must be familiar with the answer Giver, Almighty God. Spend time in his Word and be assured of His mighty promises and reassurances that are all valid and trustworthy and transcend mere opinion and perspective.

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. - James 1:2-3

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This summer, International Ministries is organizing a Discovery Trip to Moldova, providing participants from the United States and Puerto Rico with an opportunity to gain firsthand insight into cross-cultural mission. I will be leading a team of six individuals to Moldova, where we will assist a local community with Vacation Bible School programming and offer support to elderly residents.

Would you be willing to share this opportunity with your community? If you or someone you know is interested in participating in cross-cultural ministry, this is an excellent starting point. Please use the [link](#) below to submit the initial application by March 27th.

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Camp Bentley Broadcast

Camp Bentley was one of the 5 top performers for Giving Hearts Day in our budget category. When I was asked what made Camp Bentley so successful, I said it was the commitment and vision of our supporters. You make Camp Bentley what it is, both through financial giving and giving of your time and talents. As we prepare for campers in two months, we are thankful for our manager, assistant managers, cooks, directors, camp pastors and nurses who have already made commitments. Counselor applications were due last week, but there are still opportunities especially for male leaders. Contact abcdaklori@gmail.com to apply. If you are an adult who wants to help as a camp grandparent, craft leader or just provide extra hands and a caring heart, please contact Lori as well.

We have brand new mattresses to install. We will be completing the Beds for Bentley project on Saturday May 9th starting at 10am. Many hands are needed to remove the old mattresses and place with new ones. Registration is open for all camps. Please visit campbentleynd.org to register. We want to make good use of all those new mattresses so help us fill all the bunks this summer!



**We thank you for your prayers,
your gifts, and your commitment
to Camp Bentley!**



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Here and There

As Executive Minister, I have the distinct privilege of traveling the open range of the Dakotas and visiting with pastors & believers of all kinds.

March was packed full of travel as I attended the ASCENT conference in Falls Church, VA and learned about several initiatives available for our churches in the Dakotas. Among these are: the Mustard Seed Initiative, the Vital Preschool Initiative, ASCENT Arts, and the Americas Initiative for our Latin Witness across the Continent. If intereted, please don't hesitate to contact the ABCD office and request more information on some of these initiatives and resources for our congregations in the Dakotas.



Also, I have been working closely with several of our churches in North and South Dakota concerning pastor search and call as well as visionering workshops for leadership. Lori Dvirnak-Lundblad and I continue to work helping our camps fulfill God's plan. Your prayers and support mean so much!

Church and Pastor Resources



Let's get social! TUVU's "gated" community platform helps members discover great content, share what matters to them, stay close to family & friends, make new connections, and have fun in a safe digital environment. Rather than driving you to consume, TUVU social media helps you to connect. Join the TUVU members like these who are changing the social media status quo!

Download the app or visit:

<https://www.tuvu.com/>



Our able and amazing administrative assistant, Kim Aalberg, has been working hard on getting the annual reports ready for our ABCD churches to complete. Pastors and other amazing administrative assistants, please take some time to fill these out for region and national as they help determine several things - including grants and regional help. You should all be receiving information to either fill these reports out online or by mail. Thank you for your neded help!



A Time to Pray

Each month, we will feature prayers concerning our ministries in the Dakotas that we can offer to God, knowing that we can, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." - Rom. 12:12

- Prayer for Emmauel Baptist, First Baptist of Watertown, SD, , First Baptist in Pierre, SD, First Baptist of Viborg, SD and Liberty Baptist in Kief, ND as they search for a pastor.
- Pray for the rest of pastor Juan Bonilla's family's visas to be completed.
- Pray for opportunities to witness and minister
- Pray for revival and a desire to please the Lord in every area of our lives
- Pray for our churches and pastors as they reach out to their respective communities
- Pray for a spirit of hospitality among our churches

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, - Phil. 1:3-4

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