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Pastor Aaron's Post-It

When God brought Israel out of Egypt, He didn't drop them straight into the Promised Land. He led them through the wilderness—a place of testing, training, and transformation. Why? Because freedom without responsibility leads to self-destruction. God wasn't just trying to get Egypt out of their location; He was trying to get Egypt out of their mindset.

And the same is true for us today. You can be delivered from your past and still be stuck in it mentally, emotionally, and spiritually if you refuse to take responsibility for your next step. Real freedom comes when you stop blaming what was and start building what can be. God has already provided the promise, but He's waiting for you to put your feet on it.

That means aligning your life with His Word, making courageous decisions, and refusing to let excuses rob you of your destiny. You don't have to create the blessing—God already did that—but you do have to walk into it. And walking requires effort, faith, and responsibility. Step up, take ownership, and walk boldly into the freedom God has already made available to you.

Men's Round Up !!

Calling all 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. We have special speakers Pastor Luis Coca and Dane Klssack coming to bring some good stuff. Trap shooting, too! Bring your own shotgun!

REGISTRATION FEES: \$100
Campers who wish to stay in Cabins 1, 2 or 3 or Inspiration Lodge must pay an additional \$40 per room.



PastoralHelps

RESOURCES FOR PASTORS!

Pastors face immense, unique pressures. Multiple organizations offer dedicated support to help leaders navigate ministry challenges, avoid burnout, and strengthen their personal well-being. Below are the most trusted resources, networks, and services available to equip and care for pastors.

Care, Counseling, and Mentorship

- **Care for Pastors:** Offers vital counseling, coaching, and encouragement to help ministry leaders stay the course.
- **PastorServe:** Provides ongoing, professional coaching, spiritual support, and practical ministry insight.
- **Pastoral Care, Inc.:** One of the most comprehensive ministries for pastors, providing immediate assistance with counseling, educational support, and personal needs.
- **Focus on the Family Pastoral Care Line:** Provides a confidential, private support line available on weekdays between 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. (MT) at (877) 233-4455.
- **Pastor-to-Pastor:**

Our own ABCD Rev. Dwayne Williams from First Baptist Church in Huron not only has experience but a listening ear. He can be reached at: dwaynewilliams3@icloud.com

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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



June was a busy month with Men's Roundup, Women's Retreat, Jr High and Jr Camps. All were well attended. Singing in the chapel was a highlight as always. We are grateful for a memorial gift of a new used pontoon. This was unplanned after a mother racoon and babies moved into and damaged our old pontoon. We hope to enjoy the new pontoon on Lake Bentley for years to come.



2026 Camp Schedule

May 26-29 Work Camp

May 29-31 Men's Camp

June 5-7 Women's Camp

June 14-20 Jr. High Camp

June 21-26 Junior Camp

July 10-12 Family Camp

July 12-18 Senior High Camp

Unfortunately, the first week of June also brought a windstorm during which trees fell on two buildings. The buildings are fixable and we are so thankful for our staff and volunteers who worked very hard to remove the 15 trees that fell.

We look forward to our July camps, Family Camp and Sr High Camp. You can still register at campbentleynd.org.



Scholarship information!

ABMen and ABWM Scholarships are available. College students who attend an ABC church in North Dakota are eligible to apply for a scholarship sponsored by ABMen and ABWM. Deadline is May 15, 2026. Students can apply here:

<https://form.jotform.com/campbentley/abmen-abwm-scholarship>

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Here and There

As Executive Minister, June was filled with mostly visiting our pastors in North Dakota and helping several of our churches start and continue the search process. It was great catching up with many of our northwest ND pastors and taking time to pray and share some concerns and joys of ministry. I was able to meet with Nagaland missionaries, Katie and Taku Longkumer as well. It was also inspirational to stop by Camp Bentley and see all of the campers having a great time and seeing the work that the board and others did to clean up after the big wind that went across the ND plains.



While First Baptist of Sioux Falls was in the middle of moving, I was able to attend their hymn sing and the first service in their temporary home - courtesy of Sioux Falls Lutheran School. Preaching in the place of Sandy Aakre in Vermillion, SD was my singular preaching assignment. We have been blessed and now only have two ABCD churches in the search process!

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/>



ASCENT - The heartbeat of Ascent is to connect the orthodox, globally minded, missionally engaged Christian community around the call of the Great Commission. Among the cultural and ecclesial fragmentation of our current moment, we know the Holy Spirit to be stitching together a new movement. We are composed of local congregations, regional denominational families, national ministry networks and communions, mission agencies, non-profit ministries, and theological institutions.



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

- Please to continue to Pray for Liberty Baptist in Kief, ND and Burke/Lucas 1st Baptist as they search for a pastor.
- Praise God for helping hands at Camp Bentley that did storm clean up.
- Pray for Camp Judson and Camp Bentley as they continue to provide fantastic camping for everyone that comes!
- Pray for God's people to desire holiness in the innermost parts
- Pray for safety as people travel for the summer
- Praise God for pastors answering the call in our ABCD churches.
- Pray for those outside of Jesus Christ to know there is freedom in the name of Jesus!

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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