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Pastor Aaron's Post-It

I just care enough to tell you that the weakest thing you can do is feel like you've got to carry all this without letting anybody in. The strongest men and women I know, have brothers and sisters in Christ (that are all uniquely made in God's image) and they call them quick when they are feeling tempted or weak. They grope forward towards God together. Ecclesiastes tells us that it is a very difficult to be just go solo.

You have to look for these people. Listen, there is meaning and gratitude and life that can be found in vulnerability and awkwardness that will never be found in full strength and pretend strength. And the Gospel invites you to it under the banner that you are absolutely loved by God under the banner of redeemed in Christ, under the banner of forgiven in Christ, under the banner of son or daughter of God.

Heavenly Father, help us each know that because of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven sons and daughters of God. Help us to know we are not alone and we have other brothers and sisters who have been redeemed just like ourselves. 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: \$100

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.



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

The 2026 season is officially underway with workcamp and counselor training. Despite temperatures in the 90s, spirits remained high as we completed significant projects, including the installation of new bed rails. Our wonderful counseling staff is eager to welcome campers and share the teachings of Jesus. Meanwhile, our camp cat, Mr. Bentley, is back to his usual routine of making everyone feel at home. The counselors also gave their enthusiastic approval to our new mattresses.

Volunteers have truly defined this season. We are grateful for everyone who helped replace the mattresses, our dedicated workcampers and counselors, and our Camp Board for their year-round commitment. We also welcomed volunteers from North Carolina and Ohio who worked tirelessly to prepare the grounds. We hope to see many more visitors at Camp Bentley this summer, and we encourage everyone to keep registering at campbentleynd.org.

Camp Bentley recently endured some 100 mph winds that whipped through ND. 10+ trees have fallen at Camp Bentley. We are thankful all campers were already home when the storm struck. Please be in prayer as the camp board is getting camp

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

back in shape and ready for another week of excited campers. Thank you!

Please keep Camp Bentley board of directors and staff in your prayers as they are working hard in helping to continue to provide a wonderful and Christ-centered camping experience!



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, May had a few trips to ND and Aberdeen, 1st Baptist. The ABCUSA National Leaders Convention took place in Atlanta, GA where region executives and ABCUSA leadership had the opportunity to tour and learn about Ebenezer Baptist Church, MLK's family church.

I also met with several pastors from Sioux Falls, Aberdeen, and Atlanta, Ga as we discussed church life and ministry concerns. Our churches in Kief, ND, Sioux Falls (Emmanuel), Burke/Lucas, SD, and Watertown, SD are still in the process of searching. Please keep these churches in your prayers. Thank you.



Along with preaching at The Point Is to Serve in Sioux Falls, I have been able to take some time to finish planning for Men's Roundup at Camp Judson that takes place August 28-30. The front page of this newsletter has more details for you, if you would like them. The summer has a lot of travel in store for your exec. Your prayers for traveling mercies are much appreciated!

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 Emmauel Baptist, First Baptist of Watertown, SD, and Liberty Baptist in Kief, ND as they search for a pastor.
- Pray for pastor Juan Bonilla's family as they consider the next steps in ministry
- Pray for your part in sharing the Gospel
- Pray for God's people to desire holiness in the innermost parts
- Pray for safety as people travel for the summer
- Pray for followers of Christ to be encouraged
- 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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