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Pastor Aaron's Post-It

Satan's goal is to get you to believe that by nature you are a drug addict or a manipulator or a negative person, that you are controlled by fear or shame, that nothing will ever change, and so on. Once you give in to and adopt this line of thinking, these fortresses become difficult to remove. Your behavior deteriorates even more since all of us act according to who we believe we are.

The only solution is to tear down these fortresses by "taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5). Reprogram your mind and release yourself from captivity. This is how you unleash your full potential and free yourself up to then help other men rise to do the same. The solution is twofold but straightforward. First, identify Christ's thoughts on a matter, and secondly, align your own thinking under the rule of His truth. Then the truth will set you free (John 8:32).

Heavenly Father, help me take my thoughts captive to You and Your living Word. Help me know You on a deeper level so that I may know Your will even clearer. In the mighty name of Jesus Christ, 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.



It is with great respect and heavy hearts we mourn the passing of our brother and worker in Christ, Pastor Juan Bonilla. Pastor Juan worked tirelessly with his family in Ecuador, South America, the USA, and beyond to help biblically nurture and grow families and fathers through his ministry, Papa Corazon - The Father's Heart.

Pastor Juan was in the process of moving back to Sioux Falls, South Dakota with his wife and children when he came down with an illness and was unexpectedly called home to glory.

At ABC of the Dakotas, we would ask that you please continue to keep his wife Merida and children in your prayers as they are trying to cope with his loss and look to the future as to what God has for them. Thank you.

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Camp Judson 's Latest News

Camp Judson continues to look a little more different each week as progress on the lodge is showing more and more. But before we get to that, let's just give a big praise that Ken Wrede, our Capital Campaign Chair, is doing much better as he is getting great help in recovery. Here's a picture of Ken enjoying some of the finer things in life:



I am sure Ken is as excited as you are to see some of the progress on the roof and interior of the new lodge. Camp Director Tracy



says that the Lodge's auditorium is still on schedule to be used in the coming fall. It is a construction dance between electrical and roofing right now. Everyone has been thankful for the dryer winter that has helped get things accomplished so far.



If you would like to consider giving to Camp Judson's Lodge campaign, we are more than happy to oblige!



Church of Hope News

The Zonta Club of Pierre/Ft. Pierre, celebrated Zonta Yellow Rose Month/Rose Day on March 30th with a social at the Eagle's View Bed and Breakfast. The gathering brought our members together to recognize the achievements of one of your own members, Pastor Yagana Yabuku. Pastor Yagana Yabuku, was selected by the club to receive the 2026 Yellow Rose award for her leadership, dedication, determination and caring heart in working to build a better world for women and girls. As part of the social, Vice President Nance Orsbon shared the story of the yellow rose, a symbol of Zonta for over 40 years and serves as a symbol of Zonta's mission relating to improving the lives of women. Those members gathered that evening also put together over 28 "exit bags" from items donated by members of our club. The "exit bags" were donated to the South Dakota Women's Prison in honor of Pastor Yagana.



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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

Less than 4 weeks until workcamp begins at Camp Bentley. We hope that you will join us for camp this summer. Camp is an excellent opportunity to build your relationship with God and have some fun. Camp provides time away from normal life to experience God. Registration is open at campbentleynd.org. Don't forget that your first time is FREE with code First2026.

We are getting ready for mattress installation next Saturday, May 9th at 10am. We would welcome help and lunch will be provided. Workcamp is another opportunity to help open camp for the season and work on projects. It is free for all, but we would like you to register so we will have enough food for all our workers. We still need a male cabin counselor for both Jr High and Sr High. If you are interested, please contact Lori at abcdaklori@gmail.com. Join us at Camp Bentley this summer.



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, April was more occupied with helping some of our ABCD churches seek out and call pastors. As of today, May 4th, we have 1st Baptist in Pierre, SD extending the call to Yakubu Jakada and 1st Baptist in Viborg, SD extending the call to Isaiah Lee. Both candidates have accepted the call and will be looking to start as soon as they can.

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.



Visiting our church in White Owl, SD

I have been able to take some time on the western side of South Dakota and visited some of our churches as well as caught up with Camp Judson director Tracy Koskan and got a ground level view of all the hard work that has been going into the new lodge. Your prayers for safe travel are coveted always. Thank you!

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/>

Camp Judson Needs You!

In particular, CJ needs:

One person to run our craft shop, take pictures and videos and put together a weekly photo album for campers to take home.

One or two more people who would enjoy working in the kitchen. We're not looking for chefs, just coachable kids who are willing to learn their way around the kitchen.

Interested high school and college-aged kids can find out about all of our summer positions and perks at campjudson.org/work-here/summer-jobs and fill out an application at <https://campjudson.org/work-here/apply-for-a-summer-job>. We hope to hear from you soon!



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 Emmanuel 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's as they grieve the loss of Pastor Juan.
- Pray for our churches to remember their purposes
- Pray for revival and a desire to please the Lord in every area of our lives
- Pray for our pastors and for their rest and refreshment
- Pray for a spirit of hospitality among our churches
- Pray for believers to be ready to give an answer for the hope that lies within them in Jesus Christ

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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