

Dakota Happenings

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Dr. Mac's Minute:

The Overcomer's Toolbox (pt. 2)

Passage: Revelation 12:10-12

Focus: “*And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb.*” (v. 11)

Where we've been . . . Satan has three basic tools: “*the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the boastful pride of life*” (1 John 2:16). He also tries to discourage by accusing us when we fail. He is, “*the accuser of the brethren*” (Rev. 12:10). God provides three tools to resist Satan: *And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life, even when faced with death*” (Rev. 12:11).

Tool #1—“*The blood of the Lamb*”: This is our primary tool for resisting Satan. In fact, it makes the other two possible. Our relationship with Jesus is a free gift, but it came at a heavy price. Peter wrote, “*You were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ*” (1 Pet. 1:18-19).

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**Dr. MacDonald's
tentative schedule:**

May 2023

- 7 Box Elder, SD: Mercy Gate Church
- 14 Hot Springs, SD: Cascade Road Baptist Church
- 21 AM: Huron, SD: Huron Baptist Church
PM: Blunt, SD: Calvary Baptist Church
- 28 Not Available

June 2023

- 4 Grand Forks, ND: Cornerstone Baptist Church
- 11 SBC Annual Meeting in New Orleans
- 18 Huron, SD: Huron Baptist Church
- 25 Rapid City, SD: Hills of Grace Fellowship

Dakota News



DBC Hosts Two Evangelism Workshops

More than 70 Dakota Baptists took part in two evangelism workshops last month. The first was in Rapid City, SD. The second was in Fargo, ND. The theme for both events was, “What is the Gospel?” Two guest keynote speakers and breakout leaders from around the Dakotas helped Dakota pastors and church leaders remember and recommit themselves to a biblical understanding and sharing of the gospel.

The keynote speaker for the Rapid City event, which was held at Hills of Grace Fellowship, was Shawn Parker. Parker is the Executive Director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The Fargo event featured J. J. Washington, who is the new National Director for Personal Evangelism with NAMB. The Fargo participants met at Journey Church.

The men's breakout conferences focused on the foundational aspects of the gospel: 1) God: the Holy and Righteous Creator; 2) The Human Condition; 3) Jesus: the Way, the Truth, and the Life; and 4) the Gospel Conversation. Leaders at the Rapid City workshop were Garvon Golden (Rapid City: Christ Church), Chad McCord (Belle Fourche: Connection Church), Matt Hadden (Porcupine: Creator's Fellowship), and DBC Executive Director Fred MacDonald.

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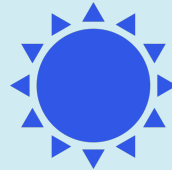
What is RISE? Part 1

By: Everett Hornbostel

For four years before coming to the Dakotas, I served as a training officer at a university. In this capacity, I trained several people how to respond to an active intruder. The training was geared specifically for schools and universities. I learned through these trainings that most schools and universities are similar in structure and layout.

Churches, on the other hand, are unique creatures. Each church is designed differently, with some churches filling spaces previously occupied by office buildings, newspaper facilities, department stores and bars. This motivated me to develop an active intruder response specifically for churches. It flowed out of a project I completed for my Master of Corporate Security Leadership at Missouri Baptist University.

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The Work Done In Me

By: Alysia McCord

I remember as a 26-year-old headed to the mission field how excited my husband and I were that we might be part of a church planting movement. No matter how difficult our living situation might be, it was worth it; we were doing this for Jesus.

It's true that our calling made the difficulties of life in our new country worth it! Still, I had a rude awakening coming. A college Bible teacher had complimented my ability as a teacher of the Word. In my new country, I had control of very few words at all. I didn't even know the alphabet. Cultural differences shocked and assailed me...were we really required to pay "tea money" every time our phone lines were cut? Could I handle wearing a skirt every single day, even for exercise? Could I face being laughed at when I chose the wrong word, or reduced to below the status of a kindergartener, who at least knew how to use chopsticks or ask for a toilet when he needed one?

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AROUND THE DAKOTAS



Is your church doing something great around the Dakotas that you would like to share with your brothers and sisters around the Dakotas?

Write a brief summary of what happened (or is going to happen) and email it to Alysia McCord at alysia@dakotabaptist.com.

If you have two to four good pictures, send those as well.

TEAM OF MISSISSIPPI PASTORS TO TOUR NORTH DAKOTA

A team of 28 Mississippi pastors will travel to North Dakota with Mike Ray to see what God is doing and to discover ways to help partner in His work in the Peace Garden State. Ray is the Director of Missions Mobilization for the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The team will have opportunity to meet with several Dakota church planters and pastors and travel to various parts of the state.



Mike Ray

The tour is part of an informal partnership that has been growing out of the friendship between the executive directors of the two state conventions.

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LONGTIME MISSIONARY AND PASTOR HAROLD HEINEY CELEBRATES 90TH BIRTHDAY

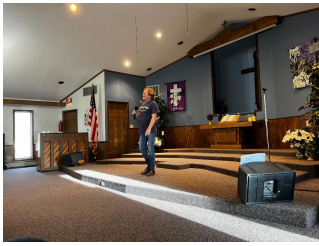
Harold Heiney celebrated his 90th birthday on April 23, with friends and family at his home in Hot Springs, SD. Harold and his wife Deloris served the Lord on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation for decades. He also devoted much of his life to helping the men and boys of the Black Hills become godly men through the annual Royal Ambassador camp and annual men and boys steak fry. Over the years Harold served among Native Americans in South Dakota, Montana, and Oklahoma.

After Harold and Deloris retired, they moved to Hot Springs to the Pine Hills Retirement Community. Deloris went home to heaven in 2019, but Harold continues to serve Jesus. He leads a weekly Bible study and Sunday afternoon worship service at Pine Hills. He is also a member of Cascade Road Baptist Church in Hot Springs.

RESTORE CHURCH FAMILIES COMMIT THEMSELVES TO CHRIST

Restore Church in Yankton had a family dedication day on Sunday, April 16. Several new moms and dads came before the church and committed themselves to lead their family to follow Christ. Pastor Jeffrey Mueller prayed over each family and presented them each with a certificate to commemorate their commitment. Family ministry leaders also share about the various ministries that the church has to partner with parents in fulfilling this commitment.





COMEDY NIGHT AT CORNERSTONE

Cornerstone Community Church of Mobridge hosted a comedy night on April 19 featuring comedian Brad Stine. Ninety-two people attended the show, which included laughs and also a challenge for the church to live as truth-tellers. At the conclusion of the show, Pastor Everett Hornbostel closed with a presentation of the gospel.



LOOKING FOR WIRELESS MICROPHONE

First Baptist Church of Miller, SD is looking for a wireless microphone. If any church is upgrading and has one that they can give to the church, please contact Pastor Will Page at pastorwill.fbcmiller@gmail.com or call him at 701-609-0197.

ASSISTANT SERVICES FOR PASTORS

Assist, a virtual assistant service for pastors, is looking to add **5 new clients!**

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