

Dakota Happenings

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Dr. Mac's Minute:

The Heart of Christ

Passage: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Focus: *"This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."*

—1 Timothy 2:3-4

Where is your heart? You can find out what is truly important to someone by listening to them talk. The thing that is closest to someone's heart excites them. There is a passion in their voice. It might be their children or grandchildren. For most men it is their job or a sports team. Grown men will paint their face with psychedelic colors and chant over a football team. So, again, where is *your* heart?

If you want to make an impact for Jesus in your world, it would be good to know where His heart is. If you could hear God audibly, what would make His eyes light up?

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

October 2023

- 1 Spearfish, SD: Connection Church
- 8 Whitewood, SD: Black Hills Baptist
- 15 Langdon, ND: First Baptist
- 22 Grand Forks, ND: Cornerstone Baptist
- 29 Centurion, South Africa: Olieven Baptist

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- 5 Cape Town, South Africa
- 12 Yankton, SD: Restore Church
- 19 Grand Forks, ND: Cornerstone Baptist
- 26 Hot Springs, SD: Cascade Road Baptist

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Dakota Baptists to Seek "The Heart of Christ" at Annual Meeting

The 2023 Dakota Baptist Gathering and Annual Meeting will be held October 5-6 at South Canyon Baptist Church in Rapid City, SD. This meeting will be the 40th annual meeting of Dakota Baptists. The featured speaker on Thursday evening will be Dr. Paul Chitwood, president of the International Mission Board. Joel Harris (Rapid City, SD: South Canyon Baptist) will be the worship leader for the annual meeting.

DBC president Josh Brown (Rapid City, SD: Redeeming Grace) chose, "The Heart of Christ," as this year's theme. It is based on Matthew 11:28-30. The event will open with a Heart of Christ Conference at 1:30 Thursday afternoon. Brown will bring his message on "The Heart of Christ for the Church" at that time. Afterwards, there will be breakouts for men and women.

The men's breakouts explore the heart of Christ in our preaching, praying, shepherding, and equipping. Messages will be brought by Paul Young (Fort Totten, ND: Dakota Baptist), Gabriel McCormick (Minot, ND: Crossroads Baptist), James Proctor (Rapid City, SD: South Canyon Baptist), and Stephen Carson (Belle Fourche, SD: Connection Church).

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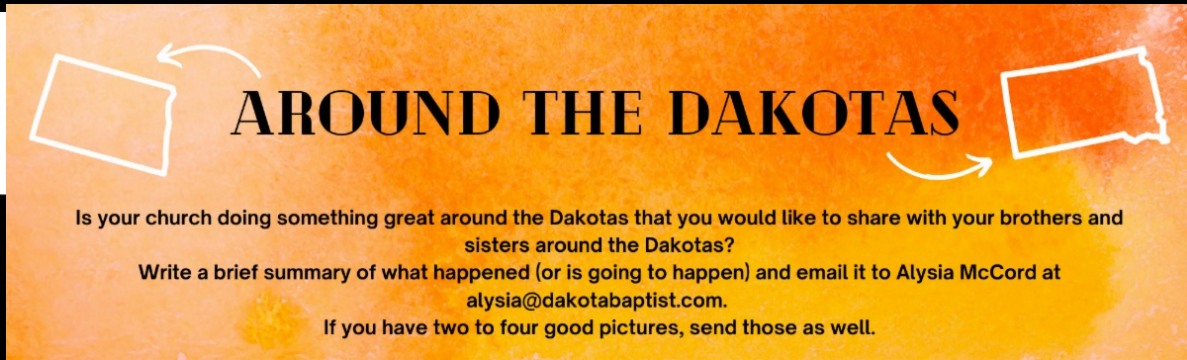


October is Cooperative Program Month

October is Cooperative Program month in the Southern Baptist Convention. The Cooperative Program is the method Southern Baptists use to fund work that SBC churches do together as well as take the gospel around the world.

Each church determines a percentage or amount of their undesignated offerings to share for cooperative work in the Dakotas and around the world. This is sent to the Dakota Baptist Convention, where 75% funds the mission work in North and South Dakota. The other 25% is forwarded to the SBC, where it is combined with the giving of tens of thousands of other Southern Baptist churches around the U.S.

Over half of these dollars goes to the International Mission Board to support missionaries serving around the world. Nearly 23% goes to church planting and mission efforts in North America and approximately 22% to the six Southern Baptist seminaries. In other words, more than 95% of CP dollars goes to the mission field supporting gospel work here at home and around the world and to preparing the next generation of preachers and missionaries.



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.

DBC HOSTS COACHING WORKSHOP

The DBC will host a Blackaby Spiritual Leadership Coaching workshop October 12-14. The training will be led by Bob Royal.

The workshop is for pastors and lay leaders who desire to learn twelve coaching skills that will help them help others move onto God's agenda. The strategy is based on asking questions to assist others to discover how God is working in their life.

Blackaby Ministries said, "We integrate the biblical principles found in Experiencing God and Spiritual Leadership with key coaching skills." They emphasize that the workshop will "help you become more effective in guiding the people you serve to connect with God's work in their lives."

The workshop will begin at 1:00 on Thursday, October 12 and conclude at 1:00 on Saturday. All sessions will be held at Hills of Grace Fellowship in Rapid City. Register online at www.dakotabaptist.com. Members of Dakota Baptist churches can attend the training at no cost.

[Register Here](#)

THANK YOU BLUNT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH YOUTH GROUP!

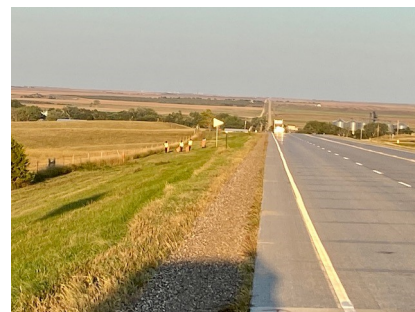
(As posted on Hughes County Sheriff's Office Facebook page)

Say what you want about kids today but know that there's some awfully good ones out there in Hughes County!

I happened on a group of kids out cleaning up road ditches near Blunt last Wednesday evening. Each passing car received a smile and a wave, even mine!

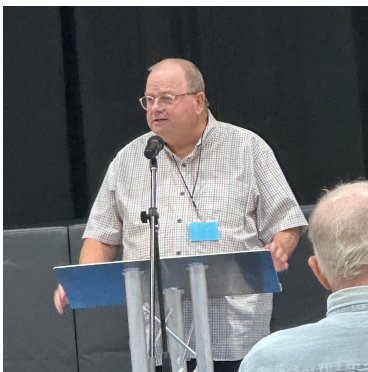
I stopped long enough to thank them and learned they were with the Blunt Calvary Baptist Church youth group.

A nicer group of kids you're not likely to find, but they're out there!
Another beautiful evening in Hughes County!



DAKOTA ASSOCIATIONS HOLD ANNUAL MEETINGS

Five of the seven associations in the Dakotas held their annual meetings during the month of September. Messengers representing Badlands, Black Hills, First Nations, Heartland, Prairie Partners, and South Valley associations gathered to fellowship and conduct business for the churches that make up each association. Prairie Partners and Siouxland Associations will have their annual meeting in November.



DAKOTANS PREPARE TO RETURN TO SOUTH AFRICA

Five individuals from three different DBC churches will travel to South Africa towards the end of October. Todd & Janet Olson (Edgemont, SD: Edgemont Baptist), Paul Young (Fort Totten, ND: Dakota Baptist), and Fred & Denise MacDonald (Rapid City, SD: Hills of Grace Fellowship) will leave on October 25 to continue a partnership that began seven years ago.

The team will partner with Julius & Cintia Mbu and Segun & Funmi Adeyemo to conduct two major training events and a two-day shepherd's retreat. The training events will be in Pretoria and Cape Town. A total of about 150 pastors, pastor's wives, and other church leaders are expected at training events that will focus on spiritual disciplines and practical ministry.

In between the two events, four other ministry couples from different countries in Africa will join the entire team for a short retreat. The retreat will focus on marriage enrichment, fellowship, and encouragement.

Olson, Young, and MacDonald will preach in churches in Pretoria and Cape Town on the two Sundays that they are there.

The team is scheduled to arrive back in the U.S. on Monday, November 6.



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