

## Welcome

We want to welcome you to the Bismarck Seventh-day Adventist church. Whether you are a visitor or a long time member we hope that you experience God's presence as well as warm Christian fellowship today here at church. Have a Happy Sabbath!

**Week of Fasting and Prayer:** Join us each evening March 1-7 at 6pm for a special session of prayer. Each meeting will only be thirty minutes long and will be dedicated to lifting up specific needs to God. We'll meet in the board room.

**Prophecy Series:** We have an evangelistic campaign coming soon! Please start praying for this important event. April 17-May 16.

**Prison Ministry's:** Prison ministry's has plenty of opportunities. If you want to impact someone's life you can help. You can lead out in a bible study, participate or just be there to visit. One big need is to write letters or pray for their prayer request. If you don't have any time and only money that's great. We supply bibles, study guides and other books. If any of this interests you contact Pastor Tyler, Janice Wolf, Beverly Edwards, or Troy Reinke.

**Weekly Prayer Session:** Join us each Sabbath at 9:45am for a brief time of prayer in the sanctuary before our regular Sabbath School classes.

**Fellowship Meal - February 29:** We will be serving haystacks (vegetarian taco salad) after the service today. All are welcome to come enjoy the fellowship and meal.

**Missing Coat:** It appears someone took the wrong coat home. If you walked off with the wrong women's black dress coat please return it to the church.

## THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

### THE RESURRECTION

Musical Prelude	
Welcome & Announcements	David Candy
Invocation	Pastor Tyler Bower
Praise Time	Gospel Praise Team
	Springs of Living Water (verses 1, 2 and 3)
	Since Jesus came into my Heart (verses 1, 2, and 3)
	Haven of Rest (verses 1, 2 and 3)
Tithes and Offerings	NAD Evangelism
	John Christensen
Children's Story	David Candy
Scripture and Prayer	1 Cor. 15:11-19
	Kurt Styron
Sermon	Pastor Tyler Bower
	The Gospel of John pt 31: The Resurrection
Closing Song	Gospel Praise Team
	Victory in Jesus (verses 1 and 3)
Benediction	Pastor Tyler Bower

Elder of the Month – David Candy

Sunset Today: 6:28 p.m.

Sunset next Friday: 6:37 pm

Next Week Offering is Local Church Budget

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## **Pastor's Corner: 2-29-2020 – A Call to Fasting**

At our last Dakota Conference pastor's meetings we spent some time talking about fasting and how it is one of the tools that God gives us to connect with him. All through the Bible we see men and women of faith fasting during times of crisis, need, and sorrow. During our meetings we talked about several pressing challenges that the Conference is facing and as a group we thought it would be a good idea to ask our Dakota members to take a week for fasting and prayer. March 1-7 is the week that was selected and I want to invite you to join me in fasting and praying this week.

What exactly is fasting and how can you do it? Biblically, fasting consists of denying oneself of food (and in some cases water) for a specified period and devoting that time to God and prayer. Esther fasted from food and drink for 3 days before approaching the king. Daniel fasted from choice foods while praying about the future of his people. Jesus fasted from food for 40 days as he prepared for his ministry. These examples show us that fasting isn't "one size fits all." You'll have to pick a fasting approach that works for you.

If you choose to fast from food there are couple of things to keep in mind. First, it IS possible to go extended periods of time without eating. It can be a bit of a challenge, but it's not going to kill you. Second, if you are on medication for blood pressure or for blood sugar control, you might want to check with your doctor if you plan to go without eating for more than say, 24 hours.

If you don't think you can fast from food there are other options. You could fast from social media for the week, or from television. You could skip one meal each day that you would normally eat and devote that time to prayer. Any kind of self-denial that frees up time for you to pray

could become part of your fast. One really practical solution might be to join us at the church each evening at 6pm for a thirty-minute prayer session. Skip dinner the nights you come out and make it an intentional fast.

What should we be praying about? As I mentioned, there are several needs that our Conference would like us to lift up to God. One is the financial status of farmers throughout the

Conference. We've had a couple lousy years because of bad weather, and it has taken a toll on our farmers. A secondary effect is that tithe is down, and the Conference is having to do some financial belt-tightening (and there aren't very many belt holes left). Pray for good weather, bountiful harvests, and financial blessings so our Conference can continue to fund ministry.

Another area for concentrated prayer is for Dakota Adventist Academy. We've got a great school out there, but let's face it, people have smaller families today and parents are less likely than they once were to send their kids to a boarding school. As a result, we have this huge facility and fewer students than we would like. Adventist Christian Education is a real blessing and we need to pray that it remains available for those who want it. So please pray for DAA and for the families considering sending their kids there for school.

We can also be praying for the upcoming prophecy seminar that we'll be holding here at our own Bismarck Church. From April 17-May 16 Pastor Donovan Kack will be presenting a series on Bible prophecy and God's plan for our life. This is an evangelistic effort designed to help people understand the basic truths of the Bible and make a decision for Jesus. Pray that our church would be full of guests for these meetings and that God's kingdom would grow.

Of course, there are many things that we could add to the prayer list and it's really up to you. Fasting is an

opportunity for us to reset. By denying ourselves and changing our patterns we can become more aware of what is truly important. We can make time for God. And we can create an opportunity for God to do the kinds of things that only God can do.

Join me in this time of fasting and prayer March 1-7. We will be having a nightly prayer session at the church each evening at 6pm. Our evening prayer sessions are scheduled for thirty minutes, though you can stay longer if you so choose.

Happy Sabbath  
Pastor Tyler