

## THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

“TBD”

Welcome & Announcements		Sterling Breuer
Invocation		Pastor Robert Forbes
Tithes & Offering	Local Church Budget	Sterling Breuer
Praise Time	Lerése Fitzcharles & Reese Saxon	
	#369 – Bringing in the Sheaves, all vs	
	#573 – I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go, all vs	
Children's Story		Reese Saxon
Scripture & Prayer	1 Corinthians 2:1, 2	Kimber Boyko
Message	“TBD”	Pastor Robert Forbes
Closing Song	Lerése Fitzcharles & Reese Saxon	
	I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, all vs	
Benediction		Pastor Robert Forbes

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Elder for the Month of January – Ron Reese

Sunset Today: 5:22 pm

Sunset next Friday: 5:32 pm

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**Pastor's Corner:** Now it came to pass that a group existed who called themselves fishermen. And lo, there were many fish in the water all around. In fact, the whole area was surrounded by streams and lakes filled with fish. And the fish were hungry. Year after year these who called themselves fishermen met in meetings and talked about their call to fish, the abundance of fish, and how they might go about fishing. Continually, they searched for new and better definitions of fishing. They sponsored costly nationwide and worldwide congresses to discuss fishing and promote fishing and hear about all the ways of fishing. These fishermen built large, beautiful building called “Fishing Headquarters.” The plea was that everyone should be a fisherman and every fisherman should fish. One thing they didn't do, however; they didn't fish. They organized a board to send out fishermen to other places where there were many fish. The board was formed by those who had the great vision and courage to speak about fishing, to define fishing, and to promote the idea of fishing in faraway streams and lakes where many other fish of different colors lived. Also, the board hired staff and appointed committees and held many meetings to define fishing, to defend fishing, and to decide what new streams should be thought about. But the staff and committee members did not fish. Expensive training centers were built to teach fishermen how to fish. Those who taught had doctorates in Fishology, but the teachers did not fish. They only taught fishing. Year after year, graduates were sent to do full-time fishing, some to distant waters filled with fish. Further, the fishermen built large printing houses to publish fishing guides. A speaker's bureau was also provided to schedule special speakers on the subject of fishing. Many who felt the call to be fishermen responded and were sent to fish. But like the fishermen back home, they never fished. Some also said they wanted to be a part of the fishing party, but they felt called to furnish fishing equipment. Others felt their job was to relate to the fish in a good way so the fish would know the difference between good and bad fishermen. After one stirring meeting on “The Necessity for Fishing,” a young fellow left the meeting and went fishing. The next day he reported that he had caught two outstanding fish. He was honored for his excellent catch and scheduled to visit all the big meetings possible to tell how he did it. So, he quit fishing to have time to tell about the experience to the other fishermen. He was also placed on the Fishermen's General Board as a person who has considerable experience. Now it's true that many of the fishermen sacrificed and put up with all kinds of difficulties. Some lived near the water and bore the smell of dead fish every day. They received the ridicule of some who made fun of their fishermen's clubs and the fact that they claimed to be fishermen yet never fished. They wondered about those who felt it was of little use to attend the weekly meetings to talk about fishing. After all, were they not following the Master who said, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men?” Imagine how hurt

some were when one day a person suggested that those who didn't catch fish were really not fishermen, no matter how much they claimed to be. Yet it did sound correct. Is a person a fisherman if year after year he never catches a fish.

Blessings

Pastor Bob

### **Evangelism:**

**Happy Hamper Laundry Love:** This mission program is asking for prayers, volunteers, and donations to help those with no/low income to wash their clothes. For those donating funds, please mark it in your tithe envelope as laundry program. Also, if you would like to donate quarters to help with the loads of laundry there is a detergent bottle just outside the sanctuary doors on the table for quarter donations. This event is every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month, 5:30pm-7:30pm. Contact Tami Flemmer on 701-226-8258 for more information.

### **Small Groups:**

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study:** All are welcome to join the Wednesday morning bible study at 10:00 am. Pastor David leads out as we continue to study the Bible together. We are in Galatians, chapter 6.

**Women In the Bible and Me Study:** This is practical advice for women to achieve their full potential. In studying the lives of these women, you will learn that God has called women to play a significant role in the home, in the church, and in the community. You will understand that each woman today is invited to fulfill God's call to be a blessing in her personal center of influence.

Attend this Zoom bible study right from your home. Monday evenings, 8:15 pm – 9:00 pm. To get the zoom information please send your email address to Tami Flemmer, 701-226-8258, and she will forward it to you.

**Men's Ministry Bible Study:** The Days of Noah bible study continues every Tuesday from 6:30 - 8:00 pm (meal included) at the Bismarck SDA Church. Contact Ryan Eberhardt for questions on 952-261-6281.

## **Announcements:**

**Church Business Meeting/Breakfast:** The business meeting is Sunday, January 25, at 10:00 am. Join us for breakfast, followed by the meeting.

**Financial Report as of December 31, 2025:** Thank you for your weekly tithes and offers.

Budgeted: \$134,040	Received: \$151,691	+ \$17,651
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**Tithe and Offerings:** There are three easy ways to give your tithe and offering.



1. Online giving, scan the QR code and explore the Adventist online giving site. It's a quick, easy and fun way to give.
2. Drop your offer in the offering box on the back wall of the sanctuary.
3. Place your offering on the offering plate when it is passed.

**Bismarck Regional – Tracing His Footprints:** The Bismarck Regional will be held Sabbath, January 24, 2026, at the Bismarck Church. We will be serving Haystacks (taco salad) for the meal. For more information see the insert in the bulletin.

**Brentwood Adventist Christian School Constituency Meeting:** The meeting will be January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:30 pm at the school. Please come to voice your concerns and support the school, teachers, and students. For more details, see the draft agenda on the bulletin board.

**Fellowship Meal:** Join us for a fellowship meal today. We ask members to bring a vegetarian dish to share. To promote a healthy lifestyle, we would like to see more salads, vegetables, grains, legumes, beans, nuts, and fruit for our meals.

**Pastor David's Office Hours:** Pastor is available Monday to Thursday between 9:00 and 13:00. He would really love for you to stop by during that time, whether it is to talk, pray together, have a hot beverage, or just catch up. You are always welcome!

## **Announcements cont.**

**Free Books to Take:** There are a series of free books on the bookshelf by the furnace room. Someone donated them to the church. Please take them to read and may they be a blessing to you or share them with your friends and family.

**Little Food Pantry:** Please help the Pathfinders keep the little pantry stocked by donating non-perishable food items and hygiene items. Some examples of items we could use are canned goods, foods in plastic jars like peanut butter and jelly, boxed items such as pasta and cereal and hygiene items such as toothbrush/toothpaste, soap, and shampoo/conditioner to fill the pantry. There is a tote located in the foyer to place your donated items.

### **January Preaching Schedule**

- Jan. 17 – Pastor Robert Forbes
- Jan. 24 – President Vernon Herholdt
- Jan. 31 – Pastor David Fitzcharles

### **Calendar:**

- ♦ Jan. 21, 31 – Adventurer Club Meetings
- ♦ Jan. 19, 26 – Women's Bible Study via zoom, 8:15 pm – 9:00 pm
- ♦ Jan. 20, 27 – Men's Bible Study, 6:30-8:00 pm
- ♦ Jan. 21, 28 – Wed. Morning Bible Study, 10:00 am
- ♦ Jan. 22 – Laundry Love, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- ♦ Jan. 21, 31 – Pathfinder Club Meetings
- ♦ Jan. 24 – Bismarck Regional Meeting, Bismarck Church
- ♦ Jan. 24 – BACS Constituency Meeting, 6:30 pm at school
- ♦ Jan. 25 – Church Business Meeting/Breakfast, 10:00 am

### **Sabbath School Divisions/Classes:**

Adult Classes – Sanctuary and Come & See in Large Classroom.  
Cradle Roll (ages 0-4); Kindergarten (ages 5-7); Primary (ages 8-10); Juniors/early teens (ages 11-14); Youth (ages 15-19)

## **January 17, 2026 Bismarck Seventh-Day Adventist Church**



**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!**

### **Service Times**

Sabbath School – 10:00 AM  
Worship Service – 11:00 AM

