

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

“From Grasping to Letting Go”

Welcome & Announcements	Tami Flemmer	
Invocation	Pastor David Fitzcharles	
Tithes & Offering	Local Church Budget	Tami Flemmer
Praise Time	Dan Spilovoy	
	#470- There’s Sunshine in My Soul Today, vs 1, 2, 3	
	#310 – I Would Draw Nearer to Jesus, all vs	
Children’s Story	Esther Edminister	
Special Music	Fita Freddy	
Scripture & Prayer	Philippians 2:5-11	Rebekah Thingvold
Special Music	Arlys Stampka & Karen Breuer	
	Wonderful Grace of Jesus	
Message	Pastor David Fitzcharles	
	“From Grasping to Letting Go”	
Closing Song	Dan Spilovoy	
	# 309 – I Surrender All, all vs	
Benediction	Pastor David Fitzcharles	

Elder for the Month of April – Tami Flemmer

Sunset Today: 8:43 pm

Sunset next Friday: 8:53 pm

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Pastor’s Corner:

There’s something in us that loves to hold on. We grip tightly to plans, to health, to control, to the version of life we quietly assumed would unfold. Not because we’re stubborn, but because letting go feels a bit like stepping off a cliff and hoping there’s something underneath to catch us.

If I’m honest, I’ve had seasons where I thought I was doing just fine, strong, capable, steady. And then life has a way of gently, and sometimes not so gently, prying open your fingers. What you thought you could manage slips, what you thought you controlled starts to unravel, and suddenly you’re not standing on solid ground anymore. And that’s where things get interesting. Because somewhere in that descent, when you’ve run out of strength and clever plans, you discover something unexpected. God does not meet us at the top where we appear strong. He meets us in the valley where we finally are honest.

It turns out that surrender is not losing. It’s not giving up in defeat. It’s more like releasing the steering wheel when you realize you were never meant to drive the whole journey in the first place.

We admire strength. We celebrate success. but God seems to do His deepest work in the quiet, hidden places where pride loosens its grip and trust begins to grow. Not flashy. Not dramatic. Just a quiet, steady turning of the heart toward Him. And here’s the surprising part, the part that still catches me off guard. When we finally let go, we don’t fall apart. We fall into grace. Not always instantly fixed. Not always suddenly easy. But held. Carried. Sustained in ways we could never manufacture on our own.

So maybe the question for all of us this week is simple, and a little uncomfortable. What are you still holding on to? Because the journey of faith is not about climbing higher while clenching tighter. It’s about learning, slowly and sometimes reluctantly, to open our hands and trust that God is already there in the space we’re afraid to release. And when we do, we may just discover that the place we feared the most is the place where He meets us best.

Blessings,

Pastor David

Evangelism:

Happy Hamper: On Thursday, April 2, Happy Hamper assisted 63 individuals, including 36 children. We processed a total of 86 single loads of laundry. Each individual is permitted up to two single washers. In addition to our regular volunteers, we would like to extend a special thank you to Nathan and Noah Kreiter for volunteering their time last week. If you would like to volunteer on any first or third Thursday of the month, please contact Tami at 701-226-8258.

Happy Hamper is having a fundraiser by selling tickets to a Bismarck Larks baseball game on Wednesday, June 25. To benefit Happy Hamper, you must purchase the tickets in a specific way. Please see Kimber or Tami Flemmer 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 Colossians, Chapter 3.

Men’s Ministry Bible Study: The 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.

Calendar:

- ♦ Apr. 27, May 5, 12 – Men’s Bible Study, 6:30-8:00 pm
- ♦ Apr. 29, May 6, 9 – Pathfinder Club Meetings
- ♦ Apr. 29, May 6 – Wed. Morning Bible Study, 10:00 am
- ♦ April 26 - Memorial Service for Jonathan White, 11:00 am
- ♦ May 2 – Adventurer Club Meeting
- ♦ May 7, 21 – Laundry Love, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- ♦ May 7 – Brentwood School Visitor’s Day
- ♦ May 9 – Investiture Service
- ♦ May 16 – Young/Adult Youth Event, 6:00 pm, Engelhart Home
- ♦ May 16 – Women’s Ministry Hiking event
- ♦ May 18 – Brentwood Graduation

Announcements:

2nd Reading Membership Transfer Out: Nicole Schmidt from the Bismarck SDA Church to the Dakota SDA Conference Church.

2nd Reading of Brentwood School Board Representatives: Traci Thingvold and Monee Quast.

Condolences: The church family wishes to express our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Jonathan White. Jonathan passed on Friday, April 10th at his home. The memorial service will be on Sunday, April 26, at 11:00 am at the Bismarck SDA Church. His obituary is posted on the Bismarck Funeral Home website.

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.

Financial Report as of March 31, 2026: Thank you for your weekly tithes and offers.

Budgeted: \$34,190	Received: \$25,749	Short \$8,441
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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.

Baby Announcement: The church family welcomes our newest addition. Mycah Esme Poure was born on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz. Psalm 127:3 says children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from Him. Congratulations and blessings to Massa and Wynter Poure.

Announcements Cont.:

Get Ready for Camp Time: The church would like to see as many children attend summer camp. The church will donate \$150 to each child who attends. The conference office also donates to each child. In addition, we are asking church members to donate funds for this cause. Thank you for your donations.

SUMMER 2026

	Flag Mountain Camp
CUB	June 10-14
JUNIOR	June 14-21
TEEN	June 21-28
	Northern Lights Camp
CUB	July 8-12
JUNIOR	July 12-19
TEEN	July 19-26

Information.



Scan the QR code to register online. Please see the flyers on the bulletin board for detailed camping information.

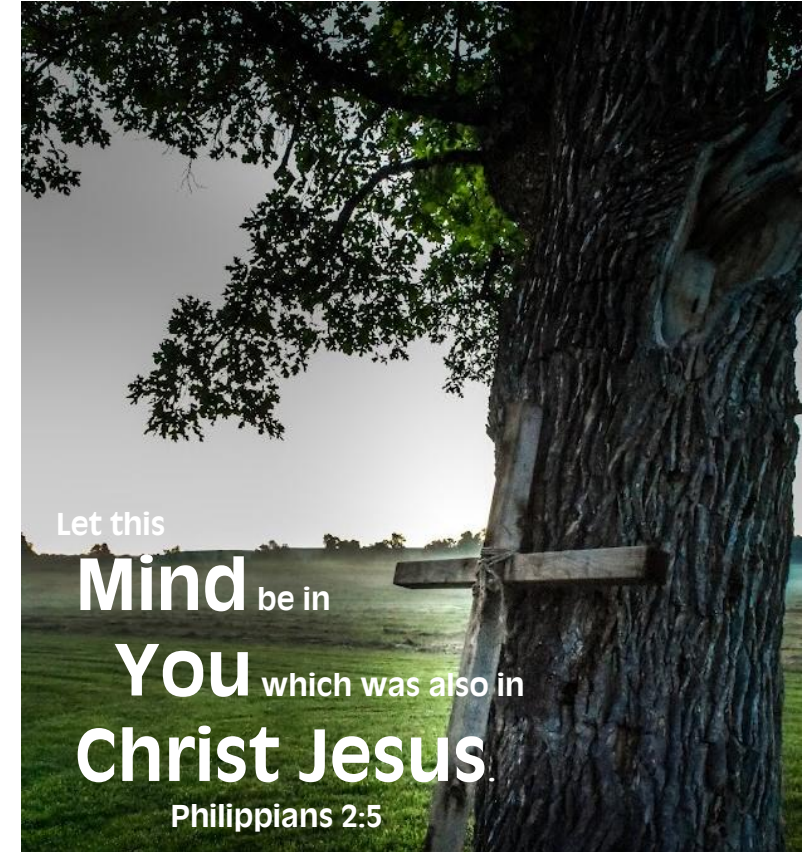
BACS Early Bird Registration Savings 2026–2027 School Year:

Families planning to enroll their kids at Brentwood Adventist Christian School are invited to take advantage of our early registration discounts.

- Pay your registration fee by May 19 and receive \$100 off your registration fee.
- Pay your registration fee by June 30 and receive \$50 off your registration fee.
- These early bird savings apply to the registration fee for the 2026–2027 school year. If you're considering BACS for your child, this is a great opportunity to secure your spot and save. We look forward to partnering with you in your child's education. For more information, please contact Debra Eszler or Lee Meier

Brentwood Adventist Christian School Visitor's Day: Visitor's Day will be held on Thursday, May 7 at Brentwood Adventist Christian School. If you have a child in 1st-8th grade who would like to visit, please contact Debra Eszler to reserve a spot on 701-805-1808 or 828-674-9767. We look forward to welcoming you!

April 25, 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!

