

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

“God Fights Battles Self-Reliance Cannot Win”

Welcome & Announcements		Sterling Breuer
Invocation		Pastor David Fitzcharles
Tithes & Offering	Local Church Budget	Sterling Breuer
Praise Time	Kimber Flemmer & Judy Benz Country Church Medley	
Children’s Story		Reese Saxon
Scripture and Prayer	Psalm 20:6-8	Rosie Christenson
Special Music		Hannah & David Fitzcharles
Graduate Recognition		Pastor David Fitzcharles
Message	Pastor David Fitzcharles “God Fights Battles Self-Reliance Cannot Win”	
Closing Song	Kimber Flemmer & Judy Benz #426 – I Shall See the King, all vs	
Benediction		Pastor David Fitzcharles

Elder for the Month of May – Sterling Breuer

Sunset Today: 9:11 pm

Sunset next Friday: 9:19 pm

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Pastor’s Corner:

There is something strangely exhausting about modern life. We carry phones that can answer almost any question in seconds, cars that practically drive themselves, and watches that remind us to stand up because apparently, we can no longer be trusted to notice our own legs. Yet, despite all our cleverness, many people quietly walk around carrying tired hearts. Not dramatic tiredness. Not collapse-on-the-floor exhaustion. Just a steady, grinding weariness from trying to hold everything together all the time.

Perhaps that is why Jesus’ invitation still feels so deeply human: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). Not instructions. Not pressure. Rest.

I sometimes think we treat life like an old sports car. Beautiful from a distance, slightly unreliable underneath, and constantly requiring us to tighten bolts we didn’t even know existed. We keep suffering under that hood, convinced that if we just work harder, plan better, or worry longer, everything will finally run smoothly.

But our inner beings, our hearts, are not engines. They were never designed to run endlessly without stillness, trust, or grace. One of the quiet miracles of faith is discovering that God does not ask us to carry the unbearable weight of being our own savior. He simply asks us to walk with Him one day at a time.

Perhaps this week is a good time to loosen your grip a little and remember that God is remarkably capable of holding what you cannot.

Blessings,
Pastor David

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)

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. 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.

Christian Record Services: This service provides free accessible Bibles, Sabbath School lessons, and inspirational magazines in audio, braille, and large print for individuals experiencing vision loss. If you or someone you know is struggling to read or participate fully in worship, please contact Members Services at services@christianrecord.org or 402-488-0981 (Option 3) to learn more or request resources

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 1 Thessalonians, Chapter 3 and 4.

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:

- ♦ May 19, 26 – Men’s Bible Study, 6:30-8:00 pm
- ♦ May 20, 27 – Wed. Morning Bible Study, 10:00 am
- ♦ May 21 – Laundry Love, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- ♦ May 16 – Young/Adult Youth Event, 6:00 pm at Engelhart’s
- ♦ May 16 – Women’s Ministry Hiking event, 2:00 pm
- ♦ May 17 – Debra Eszler Retirement Celebration, 4:00-6:00 pm
- ♦ May 18 – Brentwood Graduation
- ♦ May 27-30 – Dakota Campmeeting

Announcements:



Congratulations to Anthony McCarthy, Jordan Sherwin, Hannah Fitzcharles, Miah Torres, Lacie Garrett, Aiden Reese, Kailey Stampka, Megan Rath, and Madison Rath. God's grace has brought you here; may it lead you to even greater heights. Celebrate your success and give thanks to the One who makes all things possible. In Christ, your future is bright—go forth and shine His light.



The church outdoor camping event will be June 19-21 at General Sibley Park & Campground. Reserve your spot for camping and/or plan to join the Friday Night Vespers and Sabbath Church service. Questions, contact Chelsea Christensen on 701-226-8251.



Vacation Bible School will be June 12-14, 2026. Volunteers are needed for decorating, registration, leading the opening/closing program, crafts, games, Bible story, food prep, and group leaders. Please consider volunteering your time for this important church ministry. Contact Chelsea Christensen at chflemmer@gmail.com or text 701-226-8251.

Women's Ministry Hiking Event: We plan to meet today at 2:00 pm at the parking lot on the east side of DOT and walk the capitol grounds loop to take in the blooming trees.

Financial Report as of April 30, 2026: Thank you for your weekly tithes and offers.

Budgeted: \$44,710	Received: \$44,405	Short \$350
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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.

Announcements Cont.



Please join us for a retirement celebration in honor of Debra Eszler on Sunday, May 17, 4:00-6:00 pm at Bismarck SDA Church.



Youth and Young Adult, ages 15-25, Social Event this evening.

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.

Preaching Schedule:

- May 16 – Pastor David Fitzcharles
- May 23 – Dan Spilovoy
- May 30 – No Church service

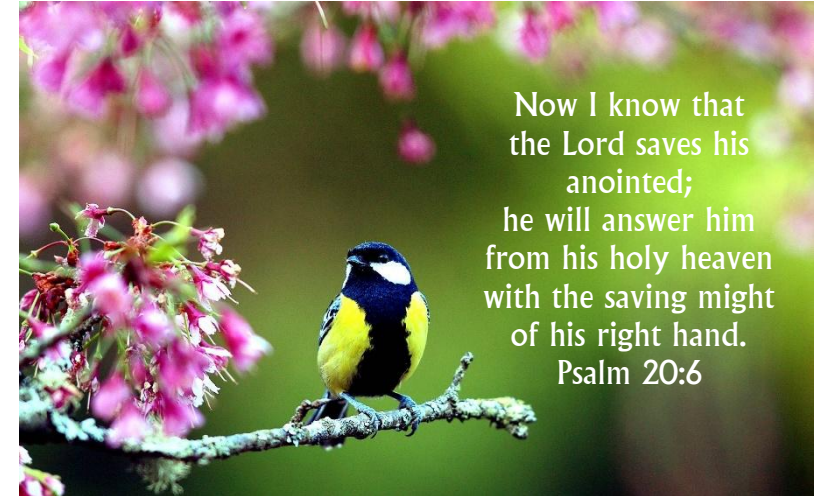


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Help shape the future of *OUTLOOK Magazine* by taking a brief survey to share what content matters most. Feedback will help guide future stories and the upcoming website redesign. Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/2026magsurvey to participate. Participants may also enter for a chance to win a \$100 gift card.

Kitchen Help Needed for Campmeeting: The Campmeeting kitchen team is looking for individuals willing to assist with meal preparation and service during Campmeeting. This is a paid, hourly opportunity. Those interested are invited to text Alyse Roe at (630) 779.3182 for more information.

May 16, 2026 Bismarck Seventh-day Adventist Church



Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand. Psalm 20:6

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



YOUTH & Young Adult SOCIAL

AGES 15-25

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026

6:00 PM

9601 Oak Dr.
Bismarck, ND 58503

Join us for a **FUN EVENING** with

- FOOD
- ACTIVITIES
- WORSHIP
- CAMPFIRE

Bring a friend
AND COME HANG OUT—
everyone is welcome!

Contact:
CALL OR TEXT
JOLENE ENGELHART
701.214.7410

LEST WE FORGET

DAKOTA CAMPMEETING
MAY 27-30, 2026
SPEAKER ELDER JOHN BRADSHAW

Dakota Ministry Marketplace

A new gathering space during Campmeeting highlighting ministries, organizations, and artisans sharing their work, resources, and mission.

Who may participate:
Ministries · Organizations · Arts & Crafts

What to know:

- Limited booth spaces available
- Booths are provided at no cost
- Arts & crafts participants keep all proceeds from their sales

Scan the QR code to learn more or request a booth.