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## October is Clergy Appreciation Month

Today's pastors face ever-increasing challenges in ministering to the needs of their congregations. Many of these servants of God are taken for granted, are overworked, and are dangerously close to burn-out. Far too many are simply discouraged.

Clergy Appreciation Month (this October) provides an opportunity for us to refresh the hearts of our pastors through expressions of appreciation from those they serve. It can be something as grand as an all-expense-paid vacation, to something as simple as a basket overflowing with handwritten cards.

Please make every effort to recognize and honor your pastoral staff and families in some tangible way this year.

There are many resources available to assist in this effort with ideas and planning guides. Check out [www.clergyappreciation.org](http://www.clergyappreciation.org) for more information.

Won't you join together this October in giving "double honor... to those who labor in the word and doctrine (1 Timothy 5:17)?" Show them that you care!

Mark it on your calendar: October 10<sup>th</sup> is National Clergy Appreciation Sunday!



Rev. Stephen Schaible  
SD Superintendent

## Ideas for Clergy Appreciation

1. A card shower.
2. An afternoon or evening social.
3. A bulletin board done with your pastor's history at the church.
4. Altar flowers.
5. Balloons.
6. A financial gift.
7. A surprise vacation.
8. Gift certificates to a store or restaurant.
9. A cake and ice cream social.
10. A note of appreciation.
11. Decorate your church in honor of your pastor.
12. Have each Sunday School class do something special.
13. Have a church appreciation banquet. Invite dignitaries and family to attend.
14. Have a testimony time in your service.
15. Announce this special day in your local newspaper.
16. Get local Government officials to recognize the event.

The most important thing is that you do something creative and be willing to extend yourself from the depths of your heart.





## World Missions Summit

Assemblies of God World Missions, together with Chi Alpha, are sponsoring The World Missions Summit. This conference, to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, will be like none other. Four thousand college students and young adults will attend this strategic venue where they will hear reports of what is happening around the world and the needs they can fill. Conference speakers will deliver excellent teaching relating to missions, building a solid missiological base that will stand a life time. Meals will be eaten alongside missionaries where attendees will be challenged, hearing real missions stories. They will be involved in educational breakouts relating to topics such as ministry to Muslims and media ministry. Participants will be exposed to the multiple facets of Assemblies of God missions works around the globe. At the conclusion of the conference, every student present will be challenged to do their part in expanding the Kingdom of God.

Only 4,000 students will be accepted for this historic conference, so be sure to register early.

## MISSIONS

### Holy Land Trip

Ron and Margo Traub, Senior Pastors at Sioux Falls First Assembly of God, are taking their 5<sup>th</sup> tour group to the Land of the Bible in January of 2006. You are invited to join them for the trip of a lifetime, a trip to walk where Jesus walked.

This ten-day trip, which departs from Minneapolis, MN, includes a memorable communion service in the Garden Tomb, a baptismal service in the River Jordan, a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee, plus much more.

Join the tour for \$1999 per person. It's a trip you'll remember for years to come.

If you would like to go or need more information, please contact Ron Traub at [rtraub@aogsf.com](mailto:rtraub@aogsf.com); by phone (605) 361-6300; or by mail at First Assembly of God, 6300 W. 41<sup>st</sup> Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57106.

*Ron Traub*  
District Missions Director

#### Tour Includes:

- Round trip airfare USA/Tel Aviv
- All transfers
- Accommodations in first class hotels
- Transportation by modern motorcoach
- Baggage handling
- Breakfast & dinner daily
- English-speaking professional tour guide
- All applicable hotel taxes and service charges
- Airline departure taxes of \$150.00
- Gratuities of \$50.00

Holy Land Tour

January 2006

Join Rev. Ron & Margo Traub  
Featuring: Jordan River, Sea of Galilee  
and Communion in the  
Garden Tomb.

## iTuned: All Church Ministries Training Conference

September 9-10 in Sioux Falls we're planning our largest all church ministries training conference in SD A/G history. We will be featuring Rev. Jeff Anderson, Rev. Stephen Schaible, and Rev. Mark Entzminger during the general sessions as well as dozens of other leaders from across the district.

This multi-faceted conference will give opportunity for attendees to learn from "experts" in the field, as well as participate in discussion groups based on topics of interest. Additionally, there will be plenty of time provided for asking the questions that are most appropriate for their specific ministry.

Don't miss this opportunity to have great teaching right in your own back yard. You can register your church two different ways.

1. Call the district office with the number expected from your church; or
2. Hop on the information superhighway at [www.atripleshot.com](http://www.atripleshot.com) (just look for iTuned).

We've also made this conference affordable. Regular registration is \$25 per person or \$300 for unlimited attendees from one church. We've made further arrangements for any churches with less than 100 in attendance to waive their registration fee.

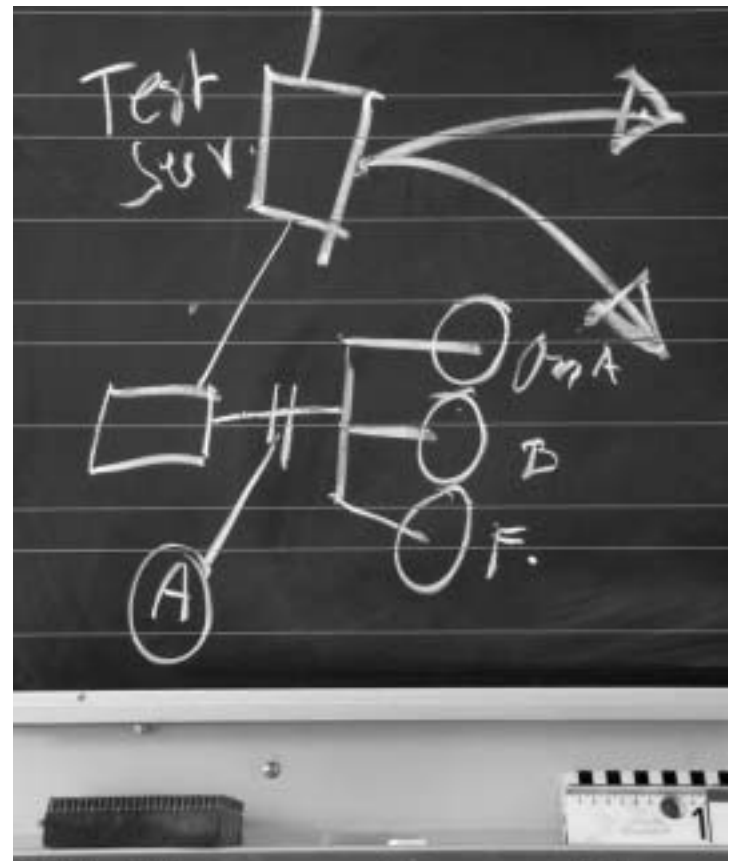
You can find lodging information as well as a list of topics offered in our breakout sessions online at [www.atripleshot.com](http://www.atripleshot.com).

Make every effort to attend this event.



2005 youth convention

date: november 4-5, 2005  
 location: hankota convention center, pierre, sd  
 information: available at [www.atripleshot.com](http://www.atripleshot.com) or by calling 605-387-3402  
 and featuring: workshops, prizes, and more  
 sponsored by the south dakota assemblies of god youth



What's your plan for teaching the Bible?

coming this fall. revised for a master plan. [www.atripleshot.com](http://www.atripleshot.com) for more information.



## HonorBound on the Hunt

HonorBound stepped up the heat this summer! Guys were on the move. We had teams of men going to churches around the state serving pancake and sausage dinners and talking about HonorBound.

On October 28-30, South Dakota HonorBound is sponsoring a Hunting Expedition and Wild Game Feed weekend at Cabela's. Noted speakers will be Sam Timms and Daryl Christiansen from Wisconsin. Both are well known in the professional wildlife sports arena and we are expecting over a thousand men for this first-ever exciting weekend outreach. There will be guided hunting, trap shoots, great prizes and a wild game feed which will include buffalo, alligator, deer, pheasant, bear and coyote (Oops! Forget the coyote).

The general manager of Cabela's is a Christian and is excited to help sponsor a lot of the substantial prizes.

This will be an event to bring your sons and non-Christian friends to without fear of embarrassment or intimidation. We need to stand up and let the world know that it takes men of real faith in Christ to live right and have a great time without the snares of evil to destroy you and your family.

Please pray for this huge event. If you or someone you know from your church could help or support this event, please contact Merle at 665-3214 or 660-3335. More information is on its way.



Sam Timms      Daryl Christiansen

## Champions Network Update

Champions Network is now officially administered here in South Dakota. We have been approved by National HonorBound to be the overseer of Champions Network for all of the men of South Dakota. Any Christian man, regardless of church affiliation, can be an HonorBound Champion. Contact me if you are interested in the Champions Network.

*Jeff Mantz*  
District HonorBound Director



## MISSIONETTES

## MINISTRY IN FOCUS

### Day Camp 2005

On June 4 we held our day camp at Kamp Kinship for children ages 4 to 8 years old.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this possible. A special thank you to Pastor Paul Anglemeyer who ministered to the children with music, puppets, skits, games and a message. The day was filled with many activities. We are looking forward to doing it again next year.

### National Sleepover

On September 23, Missionettes in South Dakota will be participating in our annual Nationwide Missionettes Sleepover. Various churches in our state will be hosting a sleepover.

Offerings will be taken for Koins for Kids at these sleepovers. Our Koins for Kids project is the "patio" outreach to street kids at the Candelaria Ministry Center, the breakfast program for children in el bordo garbage dump in Mexico, and the Hillcrest Children's Home.

*Marvel Baker*  
District Missionettes Coordinator

## Teen Challenge of the Dakotas - Ground Breaking

Praise Jesus, we have taken one big step closer to fulfilling our dream here at Teen Challenge of the Dakotas.

Construction has begun on our new 40 acre building site. Foundations have been laid for two of the staff homes. We are so blessed to provide a better place for our very dedicated, anointed staff and their families to live and grow.

The project calls for 2-3 additional staff homes plus the 37,000 square foot ministry center. God has given us an incredible vision. That vision is becoming a reality. Please consider making a donation towards our \$2.5 million goal. Please pray to the Lord of the Harvest that we will see His provision manifested for the many lives that will be changed for many years to come.

*Michael Gilmartin*  
Executive Director - Teen Challenge of the Dakotas



## Fall Retreat

Fall Retreat 2005, "For Such a Time as This..." is just around the corner! Make plans now to join your friends on October 7-8, in Pierre. Get the word out, give a personal invitation, and get ready to have the time of your life!

Our speaker is Arlene Allen, the National Director of Women's Ministries. She is the motivator behind the changes happening throughout the national Women's department, and she has many creative and innovative ministry ideas. I know she is excited to come to South Dakota and share with us. Arlene has been preparing her weekend message for two years! She originally was set to come last year and due to changes in schedules we needed to reset her visit with us for this Fall. In speaking with Arlene she has shared that God laid on her heart a message JUST FOR US. You won't want to miss out on Arlene's special message and anointed ministry.



Arlene Allen

I know you will enjoy the workshops and worship. Our worship leader is Keri Winter, upon whom God has placed a very unique anointing. I know our worship will be uplifting, exciting, and anointed. You will also be blessed by the workshops. Each of these ladies are anointed and gifted in their areas of expertise. Our workshops and leaders are: Kathleen Harwell - "Moving in the Prophetic;" Tammy Cronauer - "Intercessory Prayer and Spiritual Warfare;" LaVonne Masters - "Living a Victorious Life;" Carol Beasley - "Quilting;" and Donna Hunt - "Hospitality and Beautiful Decorations."

All retreat events will be held at New Life Assembly of God. Hotel accommodations can be made at the Governor's Inn. Make your reservations by calling (605) 224-4200, and let them know you are with the SD Assemblies of God women. The cost of the rooms (1-4 occupants) is \$49.00 plus tax, which includes a continental breakfast.

The Lord has put together these plans, and I know there will be a great harvest of encouragement, creativity, friendship, and personal growth from this weekend. The Lord will meet us as we set aside our time and busy-ness to meet with Him! Please **RSVP by September 23<sup>rd</sup>**. No walk-ons or partial registrations will be accepted. Registration is \$30.00 which includes two meals, materials, etc. Additional information, (posters, registration forms, etc.) will be mailed to each church and group President.

I want to encourage your continued faithfulness to give to our 2005 project, the Teen Challenge of the Dakotas. This is an exciting time for them and we can be used by God to help make this miracle come together.

Dorothy Tufte Ludens  
District Women's Ministries Unlimited Director



## LIGHT FOR THE LOST



### Steakwagon Tour

The 2005 Light for the Lost Tour is right around the corner!

Lee Williams will be the speaker for the September 11-18 tour. All evening dinners will start at 6:30 p.m. The steakwagon dinner is \$8.00 (Kids ages 6-12 is \$4, and under 6 is FREE).

For more information, please contact Dwayne Pederson (372-4228, 351-0530) or Tim Cushman (359-6860).

#### September

- 11<sup>th</sup> - Pierre (AM)  
- Rapid City Bethel (PM)
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Lead
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Spearfish
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Aberdeen
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Watertown
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Yankton
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Madison
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Brandon Valley (AM)  
- Sioux Falls Calvary (PM)

## Fall Retreat Coming Quickly

It's time once again for our Annual Fall Retreat September 7-9. We are expecting a wonderful time of refreshing, both spiritually and physically, as we gather at Camp Judson. We are looking forward to the ministry of Ron and LaVonne Masters and know that we will be encouraged and blessed mightily.

The summer is quickly passing by and soon the harvest will be complete. Leaves will turn and be blown away by the winter winds, and the beauty that we enjoy in our flower gardens will no longer be beautiful to behold. But the time for the harvest of souls continues on. We are reminded in scripture that the harvest is great and in need of laborers as we see the day of Christ's return quickly approaching. Matthew 9:37-38 says: "Then saith He unto his disciples, 'The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.' " As seniors we sometimes forget that we can help in the harvest, perhaps not in the physical sense, but many of us have the time to pray for those who carry the message to the lost.

We had a marvelous Senior Banquet Tour the last week of April, and were blessed by the ministry of Dale Lidstrom, who was our guest speaker. South Dakota didn't disappoint us in the weather department. We had cold temps, very windy days, and our last day of the tour in Rapid City even produced a few snowflakes. Brother Lidstrom, from Surprise, AZ, got a big surprise when he brought only a sports jacket! His first visit to South Dakota provided many cold memories, though he enjoyed seeing our beautiful state and meeting the wonderful seniors of South Dakota.

May the Lord continue to bless each of you as we labor together for Him wherever he has placed us. Thank you for your continued financial support and prayers for us and this great Seniors' Ministry!

*Nels & Angie Easterby  
District Senior Adult Ministries Directors*

## ROYAL RANGERS Pow Wow

Plan to join us for our annual Pow Wow in Pierre this September 16-18. Jim Rounsville, the FCF Vice President, will be our featured guest.

We will be providing a supper on Friday night, the 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. If you plan to attend this supper, please RSVP at 641-0501. If you will not be at supper, please join us for the evening service at 8:00 p.m.

We are pleased to announce that all home missions churches, who register and bring boys, will be scholarshipped their registration fee. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Mike Glanzer at 641-0501.

## DISTRICT NEWS

### New Pastors in South Dakota

We would like to welcome the following pastors and their families as they make South Dakota their home.

**Howard:** We have a new pastor in Howard as of July. Mike and Karrie Aldridge moved from Dickinson, North Dakota, where Mike served as youth pastor. We welcome them to the South Dakota District!

**Mitchell:** Adam and Dianna Kjerstad moved from Bethel Assembly in Minneapolis in August to take on their new responsibilities in Mitchell. Adam is the son of Virgil & Judy Kjerstad of Rapid City, and Dianna is the daughter of Bob & Carol Beasley of Sisseton. We welcome Adam and Dianna back home to South Dakota.

**Winner:** Randy and Hazel Hahne began serving in Winner in July. Randy is a recent graduate of TBC and received his credentials with us this spring. We welcome them to South Dakota!



## CONSIDER THIS

### Thoughts to Ponder

Recently, I received some interesting statistical information from the General Secretaries Office at the Assemblies of God headquarters. It was a 10 year comparison between 1994 and 2004. Many of the areas of growth in the nation-wide Assemblies of God were encouraging:

	1994	2004
Assemblies of God Adherents	2,324,615	2,779,095
Persons Baptized in the Spirit	77,009	91,470
A/G Churches	11,764	12,277
Conversions	319,351	472,704
Youth Group Members	271,877	372,330

While these numbers were again encouraging, one figure upon closer examination was both disturbing and motivating. In 2004, there were 9,451 A/G churches reporting conversions. While I praise God for those who accepted Christ in each of those churches, it also means that last year there were 2,826 Assemblies of God churches that recorded no conversions! Not one!

How can this be? How can a body of Believers go 365 days and its members reach no one in their communities?

I rejoice in the areas of development and progression in our churches. We must, however, be reminded that Believers throughout South Dakota are strategically placed to evangelize and disciple people who are lost. The task is great, but we serve a great Savior!

*Gary Wileman  
Secretary/Treasurer*



## QUICK CALENDAR

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### September:

- 7-9: Senior Adult Retreat [*Camp Judson*]
- 9-10: iTuned All Church Ministries Conference [*First A/G, Sioux Falls*]
- 11-17: National Missionettes Week
- 11-18: LFTL Steakwagon Tour [*Various Churches*]
- 16: Bible Quiz Registrations Due
- 16-18: Royal Rangers Pow Wow [*Pierre*]
- 21: See You At The Pole
- 23-24: Missionettes Sleepover [*Local Churches*]
- 25: National Sunday School Day
- 26-28: Minister & Spouse Retreat [*Ramkota, Pierre*]

### October:

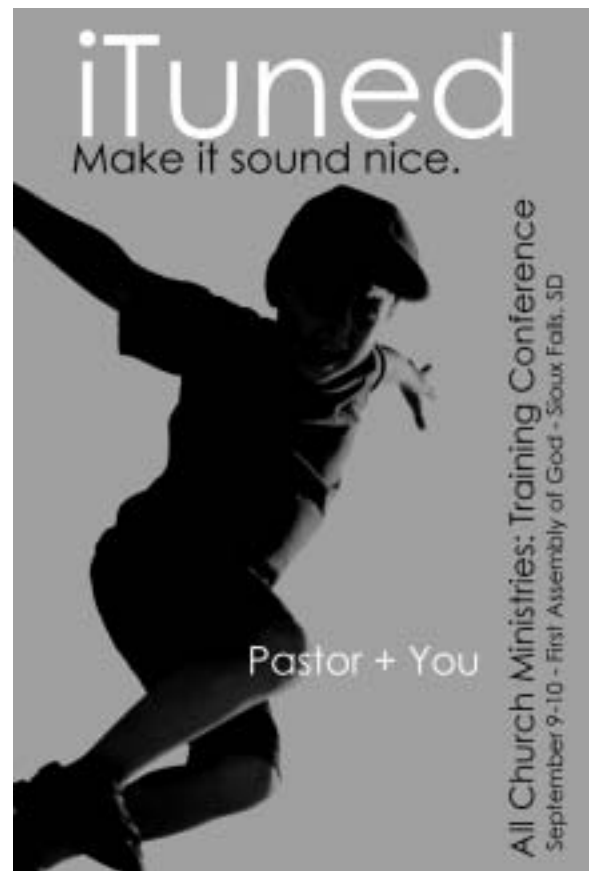
- 1: JBQ Kick-Off [*Bethel/Watertown*]
- 2-8: National Royal Rangers Week
- 7-8: Women's Ministry Retreat [*New Life A/G, Pierre*]
- 9: National Children's Day
- 15: TBQ Kick-Off [*Aberdeen*]
- 16: National Speed The Light Day
- 29: JBQ Meet [*Aberdeen*]

### November:

- 4-6: Youth Convention [*Ramkota, Pierre*]
- 12: JBQ Meet [*Lead*]
- 19: TBQ Meet [*Pierre*]

### December:

- 3: JBQ Meet [*RC First/Watertown*]
- 31: 2005 Giving Deadline



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