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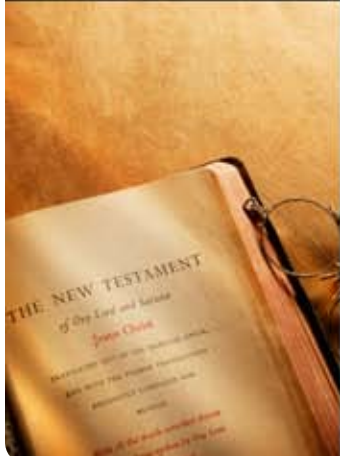


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Making Someone's Day

I was recently reading an article entitled, "72 Ways to Make Someone's Day". It gave me some creative ideas for expressing appreciation to the people around me. We could all make a list of the people that have blessed our lives. And we've all been reminded that we should be sending flowers while people are living rather than waiting too late. Funeral tributes are great, but how much better to be able to say it face to face or demonstrate our appreciation in person.

Some of the suggestions in the article were things like... "Say it with Flowers", "Bake an extra batch", "Offer an unexpected treat", "Commend a job well done", or Rachel's favorite... "Say it with Chocolate!" The method isn't as important as just doing something.

A few years ago I read about a youth leader who had noticed all the "Random Acts of Violence" going on in his community. So he helped his youth group to become creative in going around their town doing "Random Acts of Kindness". It quickly became the talk of the community!

Doing something special to make someone's day almost always means making your own day better too. The time required is often short, but the effects are long lasting.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month and October 14th is Pastor Appreciation Sunday. I like the way 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 reads in the Message version:

"And now, friends, we ask you to honor those leaders who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience. Overwhelm them with appreciation and love" (The Message).

As Shirley Dobson, wife of Richard Dobson, recently stated, "Our pastors are on the front lines in the effort to defend our faith and our families. We must hold them before the Lord in prayer ... we owe these pastors a debt of gratitude that we'll never be able to pay."

*Rev. Stephen Schaible
District Superintendent*



iTUNED

Teachers Enrichment Clinic

Teacher Enrichment Clinics have been designed by the national Sunday School Department to assist your church in training leaders. The TEC that will be a part of our iTuned conference will be led by Rev. David Satterfield.

For this TEC we have selected the topic Student-Focused Learning. Attendees of iTuned who sign up for the TEC will receive a book, note-taking device, and certificate upon completion.



REV. SATTERFIELD

David E. Satterfield serves as Sunday School Consultant and Field Training Coordinator for the national Sunday School Department of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Missouri. He has graduate studies at Assemblies of God Theological Seminary with an emphasis on adult Christian Education.

Without question, things are different in the local church today than they were a few years ago. We are in an unprecedented competition for people's time, energy, and attention. Yet some things remain the same—like the ability of Sunday School and small group ministries to successfully attract, keep, and nurture believers.

In these workshop sessions based on the book titled Student-Focused Learning teachers will follow a typical family as they progress from being casual seekers to actively involved in Kingdom ministry. Through their story, teachers will challenge their common assumptions from a new vantage point and look at vital principles for creating an effective small group. They'll be surprised at how easy it is to incorporate these ideas into their teaching. And their growing class will be delighted that they are giving them what they want: good relationships, biblical teaching that will affect their lives, and a place where students feel like they belong.



My Favorite Part of Painting

Okay... I admit it... I have no favorite part of painting. I hate all parts equally!

It's more satisfying to paint the broad part of a wall than it is to tape the edges around windows and trim and then carefully paint with a tiny brush. My view is that if it can't be painted with a roller then God must have called someone else to do it. But, the job isn't done until the difficult part is done. That's where we are in our desire to finish the new project at Lower Brule. I visited recently and noticed that the building looks well on its' way. But the job isn't done and can't be completed until all the small and, sometimes more expensive things, are finished.

Having been involved in many building projects over the years I have learned that funding begins to dry up when the building looks close to being done.

We really do need your pledged support for the Lower Brule Missions Project.



Thank you to all who have given so much and worked so hard. We appreciate it.

A Passage from my favorite poem written by Robert Frost (who also hated painting) makes the point "The woods are lovely, dark and deep but I have promises to keep and miles to go before I sleep, and miles to go before I sleep.

Dennis Preston
Native Ministries Rep

iTUNED

What It's All About:

For the past two years we have invested in church leaders and volunteers through a highly successful event called **iTuned** and the **iTuned Road Trip**. At 6:00 PM on October 12th we will open the doors to the 2007 **iTuned** Conference: A Better Way To Minister. Attendees will be a part of a top quality training event designed for a variety of church ministries.

We know taking a group of church leaders and volunteers to a training conference across the nation is almost financially impossible. That's why we bring the conference to you! Through **iTuned** you have the chance to participate as an entire body with training that will impact nearly every ministry in your church.



In addition to **David Satterfield** (left) the following is a sample of some of the presenters who will be participating in general sessions and breakouts.



Gene Roncone: Senior Pastor, Aurora First Assembly of God - Pastor Gene has served as pastor of Aurora First since October 2002. Gene's writings appear regularly in denominational periodicals as well as two books he authored, "Prevailing Over Impossibility" and "A Season for Legacy." Gene lives in Aurora, Colorado, with his wife, Rhonda, and their four teenage children. Gene enjoys spending time with his family and group motorcycle rides through Colorado's majestic Rocky Mountains. Pastor Gene will be sharing during our final Saturday General Session as well as a selection of breakouts during the day.



Marshall Bruner: Marshall Bruner serves as the national E-LIFE coordinator for the national Children's Ministries Agency. He oversees and conducts E-LIFE, outreach and compassion ministries, conducts kids' crusades and district kids' camps, trains children's leaders nationwide, and coordinates national children's ministry training events. Marshall will be working with the children in a laboratory environment during some of the sessions. This will allow children's workers the ability to see first-hand how to implement E-LIFE into their ministry. Don't forget to bring your children!!! iTuned is for the entire family!

In addition to these guest speakers there will be a host of other presenters during the breakout sessions. For complete details, lodging information, and a more detailed list of speakers, please log on to our website at ituned.sdag.org. We are positive you and the leaders in your church will benefit from the roundtable discussions, on-site resource center, group interaction, and more. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mark at (605) 367-3402 or mark@sdag.org



We were honored to be able to see many of the SD Fine Arts presentations during the National Festival in Indianapolis.

Special congratulations to Stephen Inches (Guitar Solo - Aberdeen), Fish in a Bowl (Percussion Group - Rapid City, Bethel), and Larissa Dohn (Short Sermon - Rapid City, First A/G) for receiving a Superior with Honors in their presentation.

There were many other entries from Watertown, Sioux Falls First A/G, Rapid City Bethel and Rapid City First A/G. We are proud of you all!!!

Bible Quiz

If you have ever wondered how you can teach your children to memorize the Bible, you need to look no further than Jacki Prosper. Jacki has agreed to serve the South Dakota district as the Director of JBQ Development which means she is available to answer your questions, meet with people from your church, and even help you learn how to structure your practices.

Our culture is becoming more and more overt in their attacks against the Bible. There has never been a more important time to teach our kids the Word of God.

You can contact Jacki at jprosper@rushmore.com for available dates.



Student Fire Bible

The Fire Bible Student Edition (aka Student Fire Bible) is a study Bible based on the notes from the Life in the Spirit Bible (formerly known as the Full Life Study Bible), adapted especially for students.

The SFB is not just another teen Bible using trendy lingo to water down the Scriptures and make them easy to read. Rather, the SFB is an in-depth, power-packed Bible complete with thorough study notes, background and key issue articles, personal Bible study tips and more for the student with the desire to truly dig into and discover the real truth of God's Word in full context. The SFB is the only in-depth student Bible with a bold Pentecostal perspective.

After the Full Life Study Bible was translated into Chinese it began to flood into Communist China. Now it has been "translated" for students. Our prayer is that The Student Fire Bible will sweep this nation too. The national youth ministries of the Assemblies of God, in conjunction with Light For the Lost, are proud to announce the first true Pentecostal study Bible for students.

For more information about the SFB and where to order, please go to fbse.ag.org.

The Student Fire Bible is a great gift for every young person. and youth leader.



Fall Retreat:

In just a few days, September 5-7, 2007 we will again be traveling to the Black Hills for our annual Seniors Fall Retreat. We are privileged to have our Assemblies of God, National Senior Adult Ministries director, David Weston and his wife Ladonna as our guest speaker and musicians. They are both very talented musicians, both play piano and Ladonna plays marimba as well. We know that it will again be a time of refreshing both spiritually and physically.

2007 Spring Banquet Tour

The Spring Senior Banquet tour was held the last week of April, and we were blessed by the ministry of our own Assistant District Superintendent, Ron Traub. His message each evening was an encouragement to all in attendance. Angie was unable to travel to several of the banquets due severe back pain, which, after several weeks, was diagnosed as a compression fracture of the spine due to osteoporosis. We thank all of you for your prayers and concern for her during those difficult days. The healing is continuing and we are praising the Lord for His goodness.



We thank God for all of you and pray that He will continue to bless each of you as we labor together. Thank you for your continued financial support and your prayers for us and this great senior's Ministry!

*In the Service of the King,
Rev. Nels & Angie Easterby
Senior Adult Ministries Directors*

NATIONAL GIRLS MINISTRIES

Day Camp News:

This was a very rewarding summer for our department. Our day camps served eleven different churches, and provided an opportunity for our younger children to encounter our Lord Jesus Christ, and to share fun and fellowship with other younger Christians. A special thank you to Pastor Andrew Davis (recent CBC graduate, and son of John and Gay Davis), who presented the teaching portions at both day camps. It was exciting to see the Lord moving so mightily through this man of God.



Lower Brule Campout:

We held our District wide campout in July at Lower Brule. We were able to kick off the Girls Ministries program at Lakeview Assembly of God. It was awesome to see how the Lord is working in that community. What a powerful way to show our girls how they can truly impact their world for Christ.

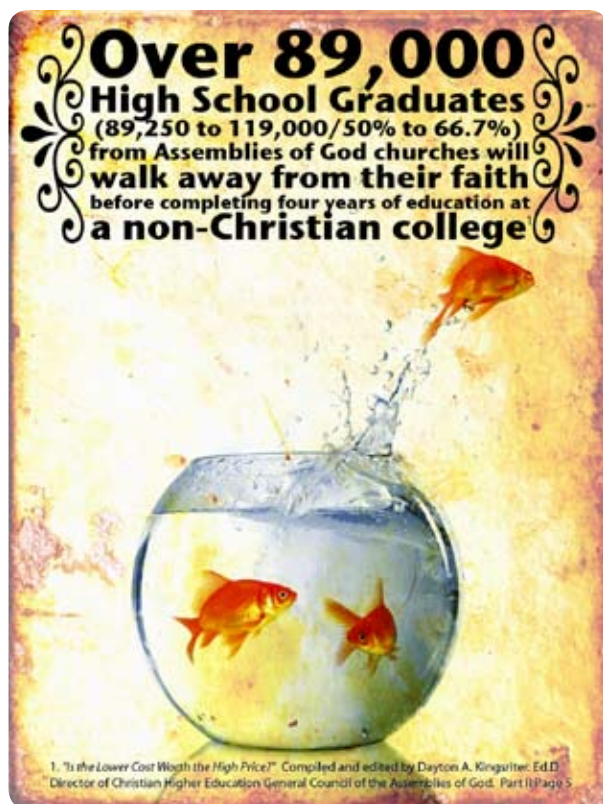
National Sleepover:

This fall brings around our annual National Sleepover. This years theme is "Child of the King" We will be promoting the **Coins for Kids** program again, which is the missions arm of national Girls Ministries. This years project is Touched Romania.

The Touched Romania program has a three-fold mission to touch the lives of Romanian women and their babies by providing for the needs of abandoned newborns in maternity hospitals, Christian fostercare, and basic needs and Christian counseling for struggling mothers.

Please encourage the members of your fellowship to support this missions program. There is no better way to mentor our girls in the area of missions than to get them involved in the Lord's work. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the iTunes conference in October and exploring ways we can partner together to advance our Lord's kingdom.

*Julie Weller
Girls Ministries Director*



Fall Women's Retreat

Fall Retreat 2007 will be held at Lake Poinsett Bible Camp, October 5-6. Ministry of the word and worship will be provided by Voice of Hope Ministries. Connie Scott and Wendy Jepson minister together in teaching and worship.

They both have separate CD's out currently and are busy traveling and ministering through the year both as a team and separately. You can check out their website at www.voiceofhopeministries.com. This will give you a link to their separate websites, also. Connie and Wendy will be speaking on: Rebuilding the Tabernacle of David; At the Feet of Jesus; Journey into Intimacy; Cultivating a Heart of Worship; Extravagant Worship. There will be times set aside for journaling and hearing from God and for soaking in the Spirit.

I expect this Retreat to move each of us closer to God in our personal lives and closer to understanding worship and becoming joyful women of worship. Come and walk deeper into an expectant and trusting relationship with Him! You will be blessed by the beautiful and peaceful surroundings and find refreshment for your soul. Be a kid again as you take time for a walk along the beach, sit at the campfire, enjoy s'mores, and make new friends over table games and popcorn.

Retreat registration and additional information can be found on our District's website (women.sdag.org). You may email be at dorothy@sdag.org with questions.

Bring an inquisitive mind, an expectant spirit, and child-like wonder! And bring a friend or two!

Churches, don't forget to give offerings for our Christmas giving to Home Missions Churches Children's departments, and our Foreign Missionaries. Also, our 2007 project has been our two new church plants - new ministries started recently and in need of many items and monetary donations. See the District website, under Women's Ministries for a list of needed items. Thank you for your generous and cheerful giving to the works of the Lord.

*Dorothy Tuft Ludens, Director
SD Womens Ministries Unlimited*

CHILDREN'S OUTREACH MINISTRY

Kids Quest & Character Connex

If you are looking for a quality ministry to reach children in your church, community, and school. Look no further than Pastor Harry Flanagan and the ministries of Kids Quest & Character Connex.



Character Connex is a school assembly program developed specifically to teach good character traits to your students. This high-energy program captures all the senses, featuring video, skits, puppets, games, illusions, and audience participation. Character Connex helps students leave with a better understanding of why honesty, kindness, respect, responsibility, as well as other good character traits are important to exercise and cherish.

KidsQuest USA is an outreach ministry of the National Children's Ministries Agency in partnership with Assemblies of God churches across America. It's a 3-night kids' event performed using clowns, giant-sized characters, drama, music, and crowd interaction. KidQuest USA is done in partnership with a local church which allows your church people to be a part of the successful ministry.



Just this summer KidsQuest USA launched a second edition for churches who have already had the KidsQuest USA event. This new version is called KidsMax Live!




To learn more about these ministries please contact Pastor Harry Flanagan at (507) 348-4775.

**Women's Ministries Unlimited
Fall Retreat**

Extravagant Worship

October 5-6, 2007
Lake Poinsett Camp, Arlington SD
Contact: (605) 361-3231
Register online: www.sdag.org or by mail: 518 17th Ave S. Brookings, SD 57006
Registration deadline: September 20

Project: Sowing into new works
Falls Church, Sioux Falls, SD and Freedom Church, Aberdeen, SD



Desiring an encounter with the Living God...

Presenters/Worship Leaders
Connie Scott and Wendy Jepsen

Tips on Impacting Men

As you are planning for all the activities and ministries that go with a Fall schedule don't forget to give our men a prominent place for their specific needs of transparency and accountability to function. Women seem to come by it naturally. Men on the other hand need a structure to provide that safe place to eye ball one another and speak man to man. The phrase "Man in the Mirror" which is also a book written by Pat Morley infers that a man must look in the mirror of his own life and deal with those things God wants to deal with so he can become more Christ-like. That will never happen unless a man is vitally connected with other men of God who are striving for the mind of Christ. Men are naturally lazy when it comes to character issues and spirituality or morality.

I recommend more than a Bible study for your men. They need to be asked "What is one thing you need to work on this week?" Next week they need to be asked "How did you do with that 'one thing' God dealt with you last week?" Men like to mark progress and see accomplishments in their lives. If you ask a man if he did devotions or read his Bible or prayed this week, he will almost invariably answer, "Not as much as I should." I believe it is time to haul out the pile of 'should' in men's lives and live by responsible actions that produce fruit for the Kingdom. When I ask a man if he prayed this week and he answers sheepishly, "Well not as much as I should." I respond to that with a direct specific question of how much is enough for his weekly prayer budget.



I settle for nothing but a specific amount that HE believes he needs to pray on average in one week. If you are not specific and press for an achievable goal a man will resort to guilt driven stolen moments that yields no fruit for his relationship with Christ. If it's only 15 minutes a day, he needs to rejoice in that accomplishment and not "should" on himself.

Planning Ahead: Men's Retreat is Coming Up

Be sure to mark your calendars for March 7-8 in Huron and 14-15 at Kamp Kinship in the Hills for our annual HonorBound Retreats with David Ravenhill who will challenge men to the depths of their souls. These times for men are an incredible time for them to be men of God and press into a more intimate relationship with their Lord and Savior.

Jeff Mantz
SD District HonorBound Director

BOYS AND GIRLS MISSIONARY CRUSADE

Resources, Tips, and Celebrations

We are proud to announce Pastor Angie Nible from Spearfish as our South Dakota Director of BGMC Promotions.

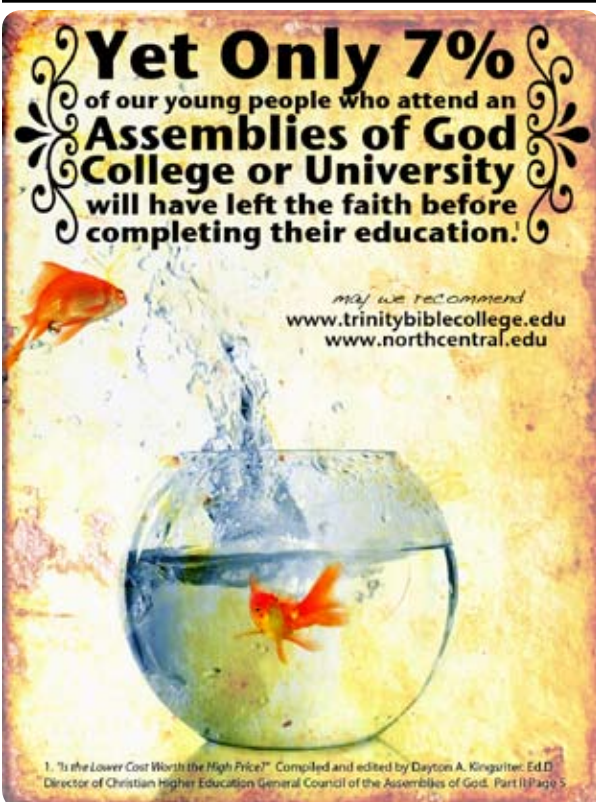
Angela, born in Canada, has loved children's ministry and hearing stories from visiting missionaries from a very young age. At age eleven she had her first introduction to working in the kids ministry at her church and she hasn't stopped since.

After college where she majored in Elementary Education and led a missions prayer team and continued her ministry to children, she moved to Buffalo, SD where she began to help two churches develop their children's ministry. During that time she had her first introduction to BGMC and says, "God just gave me such a burden for missionaries at that time."

She has also served at Calvary Temple in Spearfish and estimates that since her time in Buffalo she has helped challenge children with the support of their parents and church raise over \$20,000.00!

Angie is available to do special BGMC children's services on a Sunday morning, train your children's leaders, and cast vision to your entire congregation about investing in your smallest members.

If you would like to schedule a special BGMC service with an incredible children's pastor, please contact Angie at grang@rushmore.com.



QUICK CALENDAR

September:

5-7: Senior Adults Retreat (Camp Judson)
9-11: Light For The Lost Tour (Various)
14-15: Royal Rangers Pow Wow (Pierre)
15: Bible Quiz Registrations Due (District Office)
21-22: East River JBQ Kickoff Weekend (Watertown)
24-26: Minister's and Spouses Retreat (Pierre)
26: See You At The Pole
28-29: National Girls Ministries Sleepover (Various)

October:

5-6: Women's Ministries Unlimited Fall Retreat (Lake Poinsett)
12: iTuned: A Better Way to Minister (All Church Ministries Training Conference, First Assembly of God, Rapid City)

November:

2-4: Transformed Youth Convention (Pierre)

December:

31_BGMC Contributions Deadline
31_Speed the Light Contributions Deadline



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