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# DISTRICT COUNCIL 2008

## UPDATE

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## DISTRICT COUNCIL SCHEDULE

### Hosted by Bethel Assembly of God, Rapid City

#### TUESDAY:

10:00 AM-1:00 PM — Registration at Bethel Assembly

1:00 PM — Call to Prayer and Communion Service

2:30 PM-4:00 PM — Council Business Session

6:30 PM — Student Missions Banquet

Guest Speaker - Jay Mooney (National Director for the AG)  
*There is no charge for the banquet for AG ministers and their families and/or church delegates. Please RSVP to Donna at the district office by April 1, 2008 so we can plan appropriately.*

**NOTE:** *We will be receiving our annual missions offering during the banquet. We recommend churches bring their offerings for the El Salvador outreach with them to the banquet.*

#### WEDNESDAY:

8:30 AM — Sanctuary open for prayer

9:00 AM — Council Business Session

11:30 AM-1:30 PM

— Women's Ministry *Unlimited* Luncheon  
— Men's HonorBound Luncheon

1:30 PM-4:00 PM — Council Business Session

6:30 PM — Ordination Service

Superintendent Stephen Schaible - Speaker

### District Council Lodging Options

#### America's Best Value (605) 343-5434

1 Queen \$44.00  
2 Queens \$54.00

#### Holiday Inn Express Disc Drive

(605) 355-9090  
2 Queens \$94.95  
1 King \$104.95

#### Country Inn & Suites (605) 394-0017

2 Queens \$54.00  
1 King \$54.00

#### Quality Inn (605) 342-3322

1 Queen \$69.99  
1 King \$79.99

#### Ramkota (605) 343-8550

2 Queens \$96.99

#### Hampton Inn (605) 348-1911

2 Queens \$102.00  
1 King \$102.00

## Teen Challenge of Brookings

One of the great ministries we have in our District is Teen Challenge. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our Executive Director, Mike Gilmartin, and his amazing team for the wonderful job they do.



In 1958, a young pastor from rural Pennsylvania traveled to New York City to start a ministry to teenagers involved in gangs. Over the course of the next 50 years, the organization he founded would come to help thousands of men and women find freedom from drug addiction, alcoholism, and other life-controlling problems. That ministry, Teen Challenge, would eventually expand to include more than 180 centers in the United States, and another 450 centers in 93 countries around the world. The graduates of its residential discipleship programs, once prisoners of addictions and the streets, would go on to start Teen Challenge centers, take up leadership roles in their churches and in their careers, and establish other ministries that would reach out to thousands more. What has happened could only be described as a 50 year miracle.

Teen Challenge would also become recognized as one of the most successful addiction recovery programs in the world. It would earn endorsements from prominent leaders like Billy Graham, Chuck Colson, three U.S. Presidents and dozens of world leaders.

Our Teen Challenge in Brookings came into existence in 1971. The center was originally organized independent of Teen Challenge calling itself New Life Educational Foundation. Several concerned business men formed the organization to reach young people with the Gospel message.

From a coffee house above a bar in downtown Brookings, the ministry grew. As it grew and expanded, God provided a larger facility. The three story Sawnee Hotel, with all its contents, was converted into a residential ministry for youth needing guidance and help dealing with life-controlling problems. The ministry became highly successful. Teens and young adults from all over the nation sought help from this budding ministry.

Today, the Teen Challenge of the Dakotas continues to minister to young men with life-controlling problems. Teen Challenge depends on the donations of concerned individuals to finance its operations. We are grateful to God to have this powerful, life-changing ministry in our District and encourage your support.

## DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMISSARY

### 2008 Shopping List

Thank you for your faithful and generous giving to the commissary. The items below are currently NOT in stock at the commissary at this time. Again, thank you and God bless you!!!

Our South Dakota home missions pastors, foreign missionaries, nationally appointed home missionaries and retired ministers shop at the commissary. The items are brought to District Council, which will be April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at Bethel Assembly in Rapid City. We also have a room in the district office in Sioux Falls that houses commissary items to make supplies available to our missionaries four times a year.

**GIFT CARDS** - Wal-Mart, JC Penney, Sears, Target

**LINENS** - Queen sheet sets, mattress pads, baby blankets

**QUILTS** - Twin 68" x 89"; Full 76" x 89"; Queen 88" x 92"

**PAPER ITEMS** - foil/plastic wrap, toilet paper, facial tissues, paper towels

**MISCELLANEOUS** - plastic garbage bags, computer printer paper, wastebaskets, light bulbs, laundry detergent, fabric dryer sheets, small appliances, blender, towel sets

**MEN & WOMEN ITEMS** - watches, reading glasses, tools, measuring tape

**BOYS & GIRLS ITEMS** - sweats, pajamas, socks, underwear, toys, games

**PERSONAL GROOMING** - toothbrushes, band aids, antibiotic towelettes, deodorant, travel-size personal care items, soft soap, shaving cream, lip balm

**BABY ITEMS** - disposable diapers (larger sizes), crib sheets

**\*ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW and PLEASE NO FOOD\***

If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Schaible

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Submit your church ministry testimony to [update@sdag.org](mailto:update@sdag.org).







### Fine Arts Festival

April 18-19, 2008

Crosswalk Community Church, Sioux Falls

More Information Online at [faf.sdag.org](http://faf.sdag.org)

### Featuring

- Friday Night Festival
- Late Night Celebration Service and Youth Pastor Freak Show
- Saturday 3-on-3 Tournament and Pool Party



### El Salvador AIM



Over the past several months I have witnessed God moving as we work to put together every element of our summer outreach to El Salvador.

I would like to thank you and your church for your support of this vision and dream.

I am looking forward to giving a great update on our progress during our district council in April.

If you haven't seen the videos about the need and the trip we are taking, view them online at [youtube.com/atripleshot](http://youtube.com/atripleshot).

Though our deadline is past, we still have a small window of opportunity to take additional students. If you have a teenager (age 15-18) who would be interested in participating in this once-in-a-lifetime event, please contact my office directly. You can reach me at (605) 367-3402 or by e-mail at [mark@sdag.org](mailto:mark@sdag.org). Details are online at [aim.sdag.com](http://aim.sdag.com).

### Congratulations Carol Hubbeling

Carol's involvement at Bethel Assembly of God has been long and extensive. She willingly serves whenever and wherever her gifts allow.



CAROL HUBBELING

Carol recently retired after 30 years of teaching English at Rapid City Central High School. Her skill in teaching Christian Education has been shaped and finely tuned by the challenges this has afforded her. She is highly regarded by those who have been under her tutelage.

Mrs. Hubbeling has been faithfully teaching Sunday School to 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade children for so many years that no one knows the exact number. The students consistently love her. Her approach is challenging and inspiring. The pupils usually come early and she spends the extra time before class giving individual attention and encouragement.

Sincerely

Rev. Robert Maddox, Teaching and Equipping Pastor  
Bethel AG, Rapid City



## Spring Banquet Tour 2008

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The time slips by so quickly! As we write this article, it is well into the second month of 2008 and soon will be time for our Spring Banquet Tour.

Our theme for this year is, "Keep Your Faith Great in 2008." In Matthew 21:21 & 22, Jesus is talking to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done. And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive." We trust that you are exercising your faith daily.

### BANQUET SCHEDULE:

April 21 <sup>st</sup> , 6:30 p.m., Yankton Assembly of God	April 25 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30 p.m., Al's Oasis (Oacoma)
April 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 6:30 p.m., Mitchell Assembly of God	April 26 <sup>th</sup> , 12:00 p.m., Spearfish Assembly of God
April 24 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30 p.m., Sisseton Assembly of God	

Check your church bulletin board and/or weekly bulletins for further information. Sign-up sheets for the banquet in your section will be available in each church as the time draws nearer.

Our Banquet Tour speaker is Larry Mather of Springfield, MO. Larry was raised in Rapid City and attended First Assembly of God. He and his wife, Jo, pastored for over 30 years at the same church in the state of Minnesota. We look forward to a great time of fellowship with the Mather's, and know that you will be uplifted and encouraged by their ministry.



We are happy to announce that Larry and Gloria Lundstrom will be our guests at Fall Retreat, September 3-5, 2008. You will be blessed by their ministry in music and the Word. Place these dates on your calendar now, make plans to attend the upcoming events outlined in this article and invite others to come with you.

In Christ's Love  
Rev. Nels & Angie Easterby  
Senior Adult Ministries Directors

## NATIVE AMERICAN MISSIONS

## NATIONAL GIRLS MINISTRIES

### A New Year

Our goals for the Girls Ministries Department in 2008 focus on evangelism and discipleship. Our club members raised a total of \$493.78 for World Missions through our Coins for Kids program. Awesome Job! Our offering to our U.S. Missions will be on display at the commissary during District Council. The members of our Stars and Friends Clubs will go on a very short-term missions trip one weekend this summer, to hold a children's outreach for one of our District churches.



In addition to our regular club meetings, we will continue to disciple children 4 years old through the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade during our summer day camps. This spring, we are planning a purity retreat for middle school and high school girls, focusing on purity, keeping ourselves separate from this world, and self-esteem. We thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Love in Christ  
Julie Weller & Diana Kjerstad  
Girls Ministries Directors

### Christmas in Oglala

Christmas in Oglala. What another awesome Christmas 2007. The Ministry Team fed approximately 300 people and gave out a multitude of Christmas stockings.



Pastor Eric and Amanda, Leon Schwartz, and all those who are VITAL to the success of Oglala ReCreation & Worship Center are to be commended for their faithful, sacrificial and tireless ministry they do there. Pastors Eric and Leon will become ordained AG Ministers at District Council this year. God is so very faithful to the call here in Oglala.

### Christmas in Lower Brule



Wow, what a time Pastors Randy & Rebecca had this year for Christmas. They had over 80 attend their Christmas celebration, and the progress on the new building continues. Thank all of you who have blessed this ministry and these two precious Pastors.

Thanks to all those who sent Christmas  
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## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES *UNLIMITED*

We have an exciting 2008 planned for you. We have terrific speakers and exciting projects chosen for both our Spring and Fall events. I hope each of you will make time to attend our Spring Luncheon and Fall Retreat as well as commit to our projects. God desires for us to draw closer to Him and others. In addition to this, He wants us to be a blessing through us to those in need. I look forward to seeing you and getting a chance to touch base on what the Lord is doing in your lives, and hearing your ideas for speakers and projects! You can contact me at anytime with ideas and/or needs: [dorothy@sdag.org](mailto:dorothy@sdag.org) or (605) 321-4558.

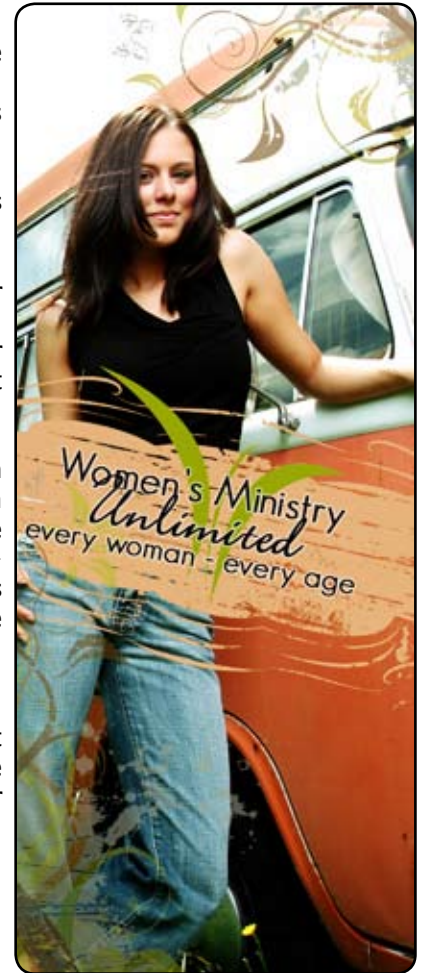
Our speaker for Spring Luncheon is Keri Winter. Keri and her husband, Dan, pastor the Assembly of God church in Sturgis. She has a special anointing for worship and has a message from the Lord to share with us. I am excited to have her as our guest speaker and to share her music again. Keri is a woman of God with a sweet spirit for Him. I encourage you to come and bring friends!

Our Spring Project is the youth outreach to El Salvador this summer. This is an awesome time for our youth and Youth Department as they put together a program that will impact El Salvadorian youth for the first time on a national scale. These youth will impact souls for eternity. The Youth Department has set a huge fundraising goal because they want this to be a quality outreach. I am proud that we as the Women's Ministries *Unlimited* will support another District department and be a part of what God wants to do for youth in another country. May God be glorified in our efforts, and may He richly bless their efforts.

On a different note, please remember the commissary is an important part of District Council. It is our chance to bless those who work so hard for the Kingdom. Please encourage your ladies to participate in bringing items, money, and gift cards for distribution.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you at Spring Luncheon!

*Rev. Dorothy Tuft-Ludens*  
Women's Ministries Unlimited Director



## NATIVE AMERICAN MISSIONS *CONTINUED*



stockings and blessed the Jensen's. God has blessed Lower Brule, Lake View Chapel, with such faithful, loving, caring and giving pastors.

### **Native American Missions Update**

Praise God for Pastors Vern & Donna Chopper at Wagner. The ministry there is growing under the Chopper's leadership and going strong. They have had several outreaches and many children attending. Please continue to keep them as well as all our Native American Ministries in your prayers. Continue to pray for laborers for the harvest field among our Native American communities.



### **Lynette and Owen Mincks**

Missionaries Lynette and Owen Mincks continue to faithfully serve our Native American community at White River.



As ministry is going well, they continue to seek the Lord for His plans on the future of White River. They would like to be able to purchase the church building pictured to the left. As this would be a big step, please pray with them as they seek the Lord concerning this matter.

South Dakota has been so blessed to have the Mincks' faithful ministry all these years. Thank you for your prayers and faithful support of this work.

## Training Children's Pastors in Nigeria

On January 4, 2008, a group of Children's Pastors/Children's Workers went to Nigeria, Africa. We started the 2 weeks by having a 4-day Children's Conference. Nigerian Children Pastors, Pastors and Children's Workers from all over Nigeria attended. Some travelled as long as two days. There were over 300 in attendance. The building that was just built for Children's Ministry could not hold all the attendees, so the chapel had to be used. We taught them different areas in Children's Ministry: Nursery, Preschool, and Kid's Church. We covered topics such as ballooning, puppets, clowning and paper tricks. The Nigerians were receptive about new ideas from America. We started at 8:00 am and ended at 6:00 pm. They would have had us go longer, in fact, they often kept us from leaving with their questions and desires for pictures. They were very curious and desirous to know about Children's Ministry. Their hunger showed as they asked questions. Sometimes those questions dealt with a communication break down, such as the following question asked by one of the Nigerian guys: "Aren't you concerned about the "contaminated children" affecting your own children?" I had told the Nigerian people about my family and the children I adopted. I later found out that cults in Nigeria take children and cause them to be demon possessed. The Nigerian people are afraid of these children. Another question that came up many times was this: "What do we do with all these children?"

I remember one Children's Pastor in particular. His name was Pastor Ime Pleasant Joseph. He was from the southern part of Nigeria and it took him two days by bus to travel to the Conference in Jos, Nigeria. He told the entire group that he had been a Children's Pastor only a couple months. Later on he told me that he had been praying for America and he believed God had spoken to his heart concerning the USA. He told me that America is in decline because of how we do not value our children. Here I was listening to a man whose country was torn apart because of poverty and conflict and he was hurting for the American children.

The experience in Nigeria was a life changing time. I found the Nigerian people to be simple and child like.

*Written by Ryan Corbin  
First Assembly of God, Sioux Falls*



PICTURED ABOVE FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: HARRY FLANAGAN, REV. TSETU (DISTRICT SUPT. PANKSHIN DISTRICT), RANDY MUNCE, PAUL ANGLEMYER, RANDY TRAMP, JOHN FLEMMER, ALICIA TRAMP, JORDAN FOSTER, DEB RIED, RICH RIED & RYAN CORBIN

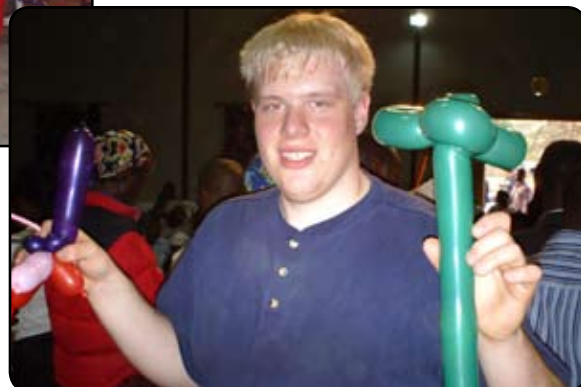


ABOVE: SD MISSIONARY RICH RIED WITH AFRICAN CHILDREN. RIGHT: RICH RIED, RYAN CORBIN, AND JORDAN FOSTER WITH NATIONAL MINISTERS AND LEADERS.



LEFT: TEACHING THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S PASTORS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TECHNIQUES.

RIGHT: JORDAN FOSTER DISPLAYING THE BALLOON ANIMALS.





## QUICK CALENDAR

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### March:

7-8: HonorBound Men's Retreat (Huron)  
9: BGMC Sunday  
14-15: HonorBound Men's Retreat (Kamp Kinship)  
16: Palm Sunday  
21: Good Friday  
23: Easter Sunday  
31: JR Ashcroft & SH Peterson Scholarship Deadline

### April:

5: JBQ/TBQ District Finals (Sioux Falls, First AG)  
7: STL/BGMC Grand Club Banquet  
7-9: District Council (Rapid City, Bethel AG)  
18-19: Fine Arts Festival (Sioux Falls, Crosswalk Community Church)  
21-26: Senior Adult Banquet Tour

### May:

1: National Day of Prayer  
1: Camp Early Bird Deadline (Individuals)  
2: Regional TBQ Finals/Invitational (Minneapolis, MN)  
4: Men's Ministries/LFTL Day  
5: Camp Early Bird Deadline (Churches)  
8: JBQ Regional Finals (Minneapolis, MN)  
11: Mother's Day  
11: Pentecost Sunday  
11: World AG Fellowship Day of Prayer  
18: National High School Day  
26: Memorial Day

### June:

5-7: Adventure Camp  
7: Day Camp  
9-13: Kids Camp  
15: Father's Day  
16-20: Middle School Camp  
20: PK Retreat  
23-27: High School Camp

\*June events located at Kamp Kinship in the Black Hills



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