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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE	9:30 a.m.
THURSDAY: Nehemiah Prayer Group	10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Men's Bible Study	1:30 p.m.



# Newsletter

# August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Pastor Brett will be on vacation through August 7.</p> 		2	3	4	5	6
<p>7 9:15 am Prayer in Nursery 9:30 am Worship</p>	<p>8 6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting</p>	9	10	<p>11 10:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 11:00 am Bible Study 1:30 pm Men's Bible</p>	12	13
<p>14 9:15 am Prayer in Nursery 9:30 am Worship w/Communion</p>	15	16	17	<p>18 10:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 11:00 am Bible Study 1:30 pm Men's Bible</p>	19	20
<p>21 9:15 am Prayer in Nursery 9:30 am Worship</p>	22	<p>23 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b></p>	24	<p>25 10:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 11:00 am Bible Study 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>26 <b>ABC Men's Roundup @ Camp Judson August 26-28</b></p>	
<p>28 9:15 am Prayer in Nursery 9:30 am Worship</p>	29	30	31			

## JULY REPORT

	ATTENDANCE	VIEWS	OFFERING*
7/3	45	20	\$3,072.00
7/10	41	11	\$1,360.00
7/17	39	12	\$2,751.71
7/24	31	8	\$ 785.00
7/31	36	10	\$3,485.00

2022 Year to Date received: \*\$87,173.60

2022 Budgeted Amount: \*\$84,018.37

Amount Needed Per Sunday: \*\$2,710.00

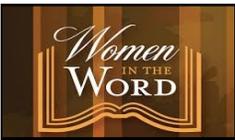
\*These figures are for General Fund and Missions only.

### USHERS FOR AUGUST

Dave Daggett & Gary O'Connell



Sunday, August 14 will be our annual "ABC/D Sunday." Our outgoing Executive Minister, Rev. Randy Rasmussen, will be bringing the message. Plan now to attend!



**Ladies, the book of the month  
For **AUGUST** is **1 SAMUEL**.**

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Joan Cleveland  
Shirley Snapper
- 6 Robert Harris
- 9 Keri Neuharth
- 14 Audrey Harris
- 17 Brindia Hall
- 19 Jenna Paul
- 23 Dwayne Williams
- 25 Kyle Coffey
- 28 Will Nelson

### AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 Leroy & Carole Mathieu
- 15 Dan & Cindy Van't Hof
- 17 Steve & Shelly Stutson
- 19 Pat & Kim Gardner

#### IN LOVING MEMORY

Lenore McMillan 8/2/20

## ABC DAKOTAS

### 2022 MISSION CONFERENCE

**SEPTEMBER 16-17**

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - ABERDEEN, SD

Please join our region family as we celebrate God's faithfulness by gathering for the ABC Dakotas 2022 Mission Conference at First Baptist Church in Aberdeen, SD. There is schedule information located on the bulletin board downstairs. Please feel free to take a copy. You may also check the region website: [abc-dakotas.org](http://abc-dakotas.org). We will be honoring Rev. Randy Rasmussen at the Conference Banquet for his service as Executive Minister of ABC Dakotas.

THEME: Celebrating Our Journey With God  
1 Samuel 7:12 "Thus far the Lord has helped us."

#### GUEST SPEAKERS:

GLOBAL SERVANTS: TAKU & KATIE LONGKUMER  
REGION PASTORS: OTTO GARCIA, NU PAY,  
ZERHUN DEJANE



Dear Friends of Emmanuel - thank you to everyone that attended my 80th birthday party. Also, to those of you that sent cards and words of encouragement. Thanks for being a great church family all these years. Thank you to Cindy, Shelly and Kim for all the work they did to make the day so special.

In Christ's Love,  
Rich Rose

A very heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped out with preparing the luncheon and participating in my mother's funeral services. I appreciate the love and support I have received from the church during this time!!

Pam Scovell, daughter of Marcella Cummings

Congratulations to Jackson Schnieder who was awarded the Eagle Scout Court of Honor in Omaha last weekend. Jackson is the grandson of Marlene Kriech and friend of Al Parliament. We give thanks for God's blessings to Jackson on his achievement.





The Ignite Life Church in Dell Rapids (formerly known as First Baptist Church) is celebrating their 150th anniversary this year! (Please see insert)

**AB MEN'S ROUNDUP  
AT CAMP JUDSON  
AUGUST 26-28, 2022**

**Information can be found  
on the bulletin board**



**ABWM Retreat  
lake poinsett**

**Join Us**



**September 23-25, 2022**

Registration from 4-5pm

Cost: \$110.00 per person

Send registration to :

Esther Burket  
2213 Brookstone Loop  
Pierre, SD 57501



*Renew Friendships*

**GUEST SPEAKER: Sharon Ball**  
**Pastor of the Church of Hope in the SD Women's Prison**  
**Registration forms are hanging**  
**on the Bulletin Board downstairs.**

## Ignite Life Church Turns 150 Years Old!

*“And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns” (Philippians 1:6).*

The sound of celebration is in the air for the congregation of Ignite Life Church (formerly known as First Baptist Church, Dell Rapids). Our church is celebrating 150 years of faithfully serving the LORD in the community of Dell Rapids on July 21, 2022.

Before South Dakota was even a state, a group of pioneers arrived by covered wagons from across the prairie, most of them from Osage, IA and settled in Dakota Territory. On July 21, 1872, the congregation was organized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Morse, the community’s founder. The early days of the church were linked with hardships and struggles of the pioneers. The first pastor was Rev. William T. Hill, a former Civil War chaplain. The church was the most northern mission in Dakota Territory except for the Presbyterian Indian Mission at Flandreau. As the town grew, more and more settlers joined in their fellowship, and they worshipped together in various homes. Often the furniture had to be moved outside of the homes to accommodate room for the people, with boards resting on boxes for seating and a sewing machine serving as the pulpit. In 1880, the first church building was built for a cost of \$1200 dollars and was located where the Golden West building now sits. This church building was eventually sold. The current church building was finished in 1884 at a cost of \$8000 and for many years was used for large community gatherings as it was the largest gathering place in town.

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Our church was formed as a missional church to the Dakota Territory, and many pastors and missionaries have been born, raised, and sent out from this congregation, including our current pastor, Rev. Melissa Fletcher. Missional outreach, both foreign and domestic, is in the blood, sweat and tears of our congregation. A deep relationship was established with Rev. R.R. Williams who lived in Dell Rapids for a year in 1883 but served as a missionary at the Telugu Mission in Nellore, India. It was through this relationship that the Telugu Christians sent money for the purchase of one of the beautiful stained-glass windows in the sanctuary. In 2010, our congregation was blessed by a visit from some of the descendants from the Telugu Christians who desired to visit the church that their ancestors had formed relationship with. To this day, this relationship is still going strong as we support missionaries in India.

Discipleship, prayer, and missional outreach continue to be our key focuses as we persevere in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a hurting and broken world. God continues to remind us of His call on our lives to be transformed by His Spirit and to be His hands, His feet, and His mouthpiece. We are thankful for His sustenance, and we look forward to where He is taking us. We give all glory to God!

Because of the church’s missional focus, our 150<sup>th</sup> celebration will take place over the next month through various missional outreach activities in Dell Rapids and surrounding communities. Those that utilize our Bread Box free food giveaway on the weekends will see some special treats as well. We are thankful for 150 years as the Body of Christ and we look forward to continuing to serve our community.

# JOURNEY OF *Faith*

*With you on the journey...*

This is taken from July 2018 Newsletter. As we continue to endure the Coronavirus this article seems appropriate to read again.

## **AN EPIDEMIC ALL OVER?**

WHY ARE YOU DOWNCAST, O MY SOUL? WHY SO DISTURBED WITHIN ME? PUT YOUR HOPE IN GOD, FOR I WILL YET PRAISE HIM MY SAVIOR AND MY GOD.

I understand that anti-depressants are among the most commonly-prescribed drugs in the United States. World-wide, it is estimated that 300 million people struggle with depression, a figure up 18% from 2005. Scientists disagree about whether the data supports the view that there is more depression in our modern era or the view that there is more diagnosis; both views are true.

One aspect of the rise in depression diagnoses and treatment is the secularizing of our culture. I believe it can be reliably proven that people without any god and say, "This life is all you get," are people without hope. It has been shown that religious belief and practice makes life easier to tolerate, that faith promotes health and adds vitality to life.

As followers of Jesus, we believe that people without God have no hope; their situation is worse than our secular fellow citizens know. Depression is an understandable outcome when a person has nothing better than the things of this world to enliven and amuse. Jesus came to give us life "TO THE FULL" (John 10:10). When our experience is less than that, we need an adjustment.

BUT - and here I speak from personal experience - people who are in Christ have to battle depression too. Faith provides us immunity from hellfire, but not from the temptations and trials that are common to people in this life. Church people need to take the cover of secrecy and lose feelings of shame associated with mental or emotional illness of any kind, especially depression. We should be mature enough to acknowledge that we may be overwhelmed from time to time and wise enough to know we may occasionally require professional assistance in coping. What is unwise is NOT utilizing all the resources at hand to overcome our most serious challenges. God does not award "extra points" for people who "tough it out" alone. There is no benefit to covering over one's feelings or otherwise keeping godly and good-intentioned assistance at arm's length.

What's needed in response to the epidemic of depression is a response that is biblical and scientific. When a brother, sister, or self is depressed, we need to rally around and give and receive support as needed. Here are some tools in our "tool kit."

- Prayer. (Request prayer from spiritual people you trust.)
- See a psychologist, counselor, or psychiatrist-
- Conversation (especially with those who've been through it).
- Get away from your routine for a while.
- Emotional support.
- Participate in a support group.
- Service in meeting circumstantial, physical, and financial needs.
- Volunteer (service has a healing quality).
- Medications. (Get an initial prescription from your general practitioner, then see a psychiatrist as soon as possible.)

Faith sees God at work through spiritual, extraordinary means and through the physical, ordinary means of family, friends, fellow believers and health care professionals. Let us be generous and gracious in offering help and in receiving it.

*... Pastor Brett*