

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

“How to Ruin a Perfectly Good Dead Sea”

Please silence your phones

Welcome & Announcements	Nathanael Reese	
Invocation	Pastor David Fitzcharles	
Tithes & Offering	Local Church Budget	Nathanael Reese
Praise Time	Reese Saxon	
	#183 – I Will Sing of Jesus Love, all vs When I Look into Your Holiness	
Children’s Story	Beverly Edwards	
	Open Your Heart and Let the Sunshine In	
Scripture & Prayer	Isaiah 35:1-7	Otang Disa
Special Music	Ellen Kreiter, Tami Flemmer Chelsea and Alexis Christensen	
Message	Pastor David Fitzcharles	
	“How to Ruin a Perfectly Good Dead Sea”	
Closing Song	Reese Saxon	
	#493 – Fill My Cup, Lord, all vs	
Benediction	Pastor David Fitzcharles	

Elder of the Month - Nathanael Reese

Sunset Today: 6:54 pm

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Pastor’s Corner:

There are some things in life we are remarkably quick to label. We call a week “awful” by Tuesday morning. We decide a relationship is “finished” after one difficult conversation. After another failure, we look at ourselves and quietly conclude, “Well, apparently this is just who I am.” Human beings are surprisingly efficient at reaching conclusions while God is still halfway through the sentence.

Perhaps that is why I keep coming back to the words of Jesus in Revelation 21:5: **“Behold, I make all things new.”**

Notice that He does not say, “I make all new things.” God’s work is not simply to throw away everything damaged and start again with better materials. He makes **all things new**. He takes what has been wounded, disappointed, exhausted, or spoiled and does something with it that we could not have predicted.

That does not mean every painful situation will resolve neatly. Some scars remain. Some questions stay unanswered much longer than we would like. Faith is not pretending otherwise. But neither should we confuse what something looks like today with what God may yet do with it.

Perhaps there is an area of your life you have already labelled, filed, stamped, and placed in the cabinet marked “Nothing More Can Be Done.” It might be worth remembering that God has never been especially impressed by our filing system.

This week, perhaps leave one of those drawers open. Bring that person, situation, disappointment, or part of yourself before God again, and quietly ask: **“Lord, what might You still be doing here?”**

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); Junior/Earliteen (ages 11-14)

Evangelism:

Happy Hamper: The Happy Hamper continues to provide funds to wash and dry the laundry for those with little to no income. This past Thursday, Oct. 15, we served 78 people and washed 101 single loads of clothes.

This year we started distributing Our Little Friends and Primary Treasure Guides to children at the laundromat. Steps to Christ were also handed out to our adult and teen customers. We have received and distributed donations of gently used sheets from individuals. These have been so welcomed by people who have so little.

Thank you to those that have so generously given their time and donations for this service and outreach to our community. "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me,'" Ministry of Healing, page 143.

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 the book of Hebrews, chapter 8.

Men’s Ministry Bible Study: The bible study continues every Tuesday from 6:30 - 8:00 pm (meal included). Contact Ryan Eberhardt for questions on 952-261-6281.

Calendar:

Oct. 20 27, Nov. 3, 10 – Men’s Bible Study, 6:30-8:00 pm
Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11 – Seasons of Prayer, 11:00 am & 6:30 pm
Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11 – Wed. Morning Bible Study, 10:00 am
Oct. 24, Nov. 7, 21 – Adventurer Meeting, 1:00-2:30 pm
Oct. 24 – Pumpkin Party Social
Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 21 – Pathfinder Meetings
Nov. 5, 19 – Laundry Love, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Nov. 10 – Church Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
Nov. 21 – Praise Fest Vespers, Sabbath evening

Announcements:

1st Reading Membership Transfer Out:

- Chrysolyte Prieto from Bismarck SDA Church to Durham Five Oaks SDA Church, Durham, NC.
- Alvin Bilog from Bismarck SDA Church to Durham Five Oaks SDA Church, Durham, NC.

Condolences: The church family expresses heartfelt sympathy to the family of Deb and Bob Hieb, as her mother passed this week. May the memories give you peace and comfort during this time of sorrow.

Items left in the Church: There are several kitchen/other items left in the church that belong to somebody. These items are on the table outside the fellowship room. Also, clothing items hanging on the coatrack by the men’s bathroom. Please take them. If they aren’t picked up in 2 weeks they will be donated.

Magazines Needed: The Adventurer Club would be so grateful if church members could provide magazines for their projects. If you have old magazines lying around, please bring them to the church. Thank you.

Praise Fest Vespers: This event is scheduled for Sabbath, November 21, at the Bismarck SDA Church. It will be inspiring and heartfelt by the singers as well as the audience. You don’t want to miss it. Invite your family and friends.

Praise Fest Choir: Choir members, there will be an organizational meeting today at 1:45 pm in the Sanctuary for the upcoming Praise Fest. Due to short notice, if you cannot attend, please watch your email for upcoming practice dates and times.

Church Social: The Pumpkin Party - October 24, 2026, at 6:30 PM. This party is brought to us by the Church Social Committee and the Letter P. Please bring a food item to share that starts with the Letter P (i.e. pumpkin pie, peanuts, or pretzels). Our entertainment will be anything you bring that starts with letter P (i.e. puzzles, Parcheesi, or Pinochle). Also consider wearing something that starts with the letter P (i.e. Periwinkle, pirate eye-patch, or parachute pants). See you there!!

Announcements Cont.:

Thank You: The Eszler Family appreciate the lovely plant, prayers, and support during the loss of their loved one.

Prayer Warriors: Scripture calls us to pray without ceasing. We continue to have a season of prayers every Wednesday at 11:00 am and 6:30 pm. Please join the prayer warriors with your requests and praises.



Each week we will contact a church family letting them know we are praying for them for the week. Things really happen when Church members pray together. A famous author says, “A prayer meeting will always tell the true interest of the church members in spiritual and eternal things. The prayer meeting is as the pulse to the body; it denotes the true spiritual condition of the church.”

Fellowship Meal: We’d love you to join us for Fellowship Meal! Come share good food, great conversation, and the joy of community. Bring a vegetarian dish to share, your appetite and your smile.

On Sabbath, October 31, we’ll be serving a planned meal consisting of soups, salads, and sandwiches. The clipboard will be passed these next 2 weeks to sign up for these items.

Financial Report ending September 30, 2026: Thank you for your weekly tithes and offers. *“The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.”*

Budgeted: \$102,570	Received: \$88,466	Short: \$14,104
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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.

October 17, 2026
Bismarck Seventh-day
Adventist Church



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

