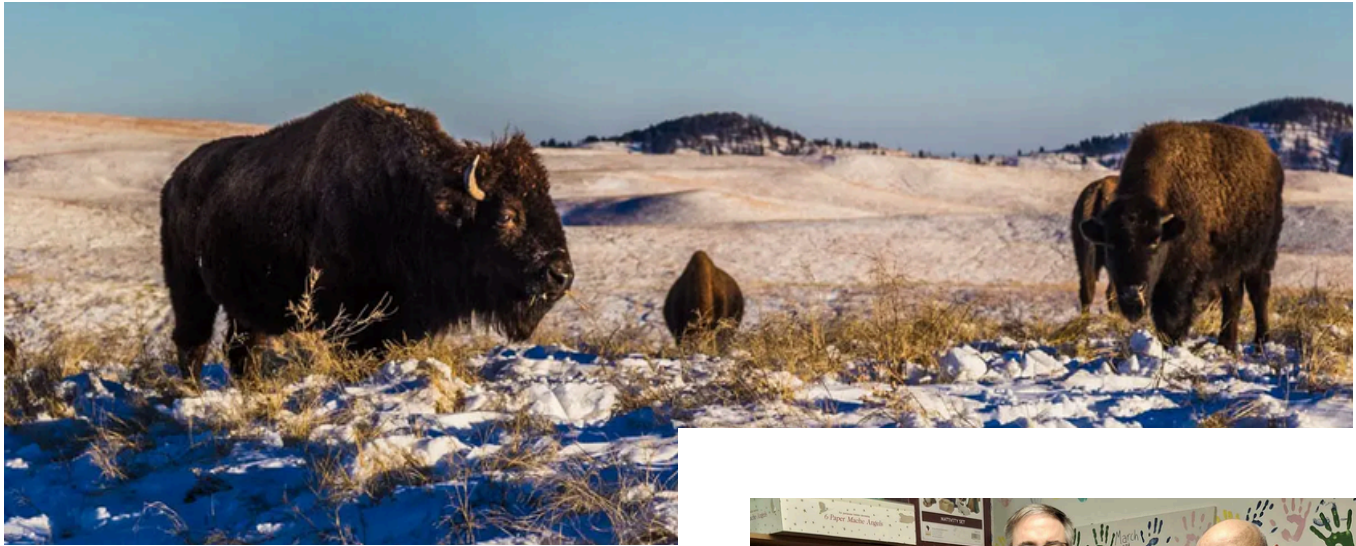




DAKOTA BAPTIST

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear Dakota Baptists,
I wanted to take a moment and send a note to wish you and yours a very Happy New Year! In writing to the Church at Philippi, the apostle Paul encourages the church to press on in Jesus Christ. He writes in Philippians 3:13-14:



SHARING GOD'S WORD - LITERALLY!

A big THANK YOU to Pastor Luis Coca and First Baptist Church of Fargo, ND for sharing some Spanish language Bibles with our churches in Sioux Falls, SD. Much needed and much appreciated. Pastor Otto Garcia of El Punto Es Servir will help distribute these to churches that have been requesting God's Word.

BROTHERS, I DON'T REGARD MYSELF AS YET HAVING TAKEN HOLD, BUT ONE THING I DO. FORGETTING THE THINGS WHICH ARE BEHIND, AND STRETCHING FORWARD TO THE THINGS WHICH ARE BEFORE, I PRESS ON TOWARD THE GOAL FOR THE PRIZE OF THE HIGH CALLING OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS.
PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14

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CAMP JUDSON CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

What a blessing and encouragement it was to read the Camp Judson newsletter this Christmas and talk to Tracy about the 2024 camping season. It was a safe and very successful year of ministry, they had a very good staff, record numbers of campers, and the addition of two "tiny homes" helped reduce crowding at the largest camps.

In the letter, Tracy also reported on the progress of the new building. If you haven't heard or visited the construction site, all the concrete has been poured for the main walls and lower-level floors, the plumbing is "roughed in", two of the massive beams supporting the chapel area have now been set, and backfilling around the foundation is well underway. It's an exciting time

at Camp Judson, but continue to pray for the camp board, management, and staff as they juggle the preparations for camps in the coming year along with the construction of the new building.

Tracy also reached out to donors asking them to consider giving a gift to help with the construction of the new building. There was an out-pouring of support after this appeal and more than \$100,000 was given in the past few weeks. The total fundraising effort now exceeds \$3,300,000.

I would like to share my optimism about attaining or exceeding our goal. We have come a long way, and the end is in sight. Tracy spoke of the fact that "God's perfect timing" was evident this year in many ways. Maybe you can help extend that "perfect timing" to our fundraising effort.

Only By His Grace,

Judy Waldman & Ken Wrede
Capital Campaign Co-Chairs

CAMP BENTLEY BROADCAST

As we close out 2024, our Inspiritus Fundraiser for Camp Bentley scholarships draws to a close. We have more than met our match goal of \$2500. Currently, we have almost \$7000 raised to scholarship all first-time campers to Camp Bentley as well as campers with financial need. These funds were well-used in 2024 allowing 48 youth to attend Camp Bentley in 2024 for the first time.

A Bentley Breeze sharing about our 2024 season is available on the region website and camp's Facebook page. We will soon be looking for 2025 staff, both paid and volunteer. We especially need a maintenance person for the summer and nurses for our youth camps. Please contact Lori if you have any interest at (701)595-2313 or



abcdaklori@gmail.com. Early giving for Giving Hearts Day will open January 13, 2025. All funds will be used towards Rec. Hall improvements and recreation opportunities at Camp Bentley. You can give at minotghd.com by selecting Camp Bentley or by mail at 9115 Baine Dr. Bismarck, ND 58503. Checks should be written to Camp Bentley and dated between January 13-February 13, 2025. Thank you for supporting Camp Bentley!

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