

## News from Around the District. . . .

**April 2011**

**Dave Manske** writes about his time spent with **Dr. Daniel Shayesteh**:

I spent a power-packed 10 days accompanying a compelling speaker, who has a passion for Christ, immense gratitude to God, and unique insights into Islam. Daniel Shayesteh was part of the fundamentalist movement in Iran that overthrew the Shah and grabbed the nation’s headlines in 1979. He is now a believer, and he is my friend.



Daniel had a variety of ministries in our district during this visit — a missions conference in Mountain Lake, MN, speaking ministries at Dordt and Crown Colleges, as well as ministry at Alliance churches in Mountain Lake (MN), Vermillion and Wagner (SD).

Daniel’s passion for Christ was evident as he told his story. His love for people under the influence of Islam was obvious as he clarified the differences between the Quran and the Bible. His insider’s understanding of Islam was obvious, as he contrasted how Jesus is described in the Quran as compared to the Prophet of Islam. The audiences sensed this, as was evident when the student body

of Crown College stood in recognition of God’s amazing work in the life of a radical Muslim who “left his father’s house!”



The **Crown College President’s Council** made use of the District Office conference room for their day-long meeting on March 17.

**Spring Work Days at Big Sandy Camp—May 6-7**  
 Support BSC by volunteering your time to prepare the camp for the summer season.

Stay overnight at camp (meals provided). Housing is limited so contact BSC at 218-426-3389 to register your group.

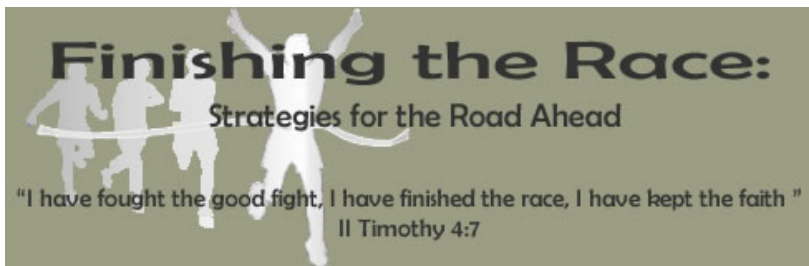
**Check out Big Sandy Camp’s new website at [www.bigsandycamp.com](http://www.bigsandycamp.com)**



Rumor has it that Spring is just around the corner, although we haven’t mothballed the snow shovels just yet! Folks are getting their camp registrations in, however, and starting to take advantage of the early bird discount. If you missed the deadline there are still several other discounts to take advantage of.

We have been busy giving Lakeview Lodge a facelift and making a few changes as we prepare for summer. We are anxious to see the buses rolling in to camp and campers running all over.

We are always looking for volunteers, so if you’d like to spend a few days with us please contact Randy Barnaby at 218-426-3389!



*District & Prayer Conference*  
*Watertown Event Center*  
*Watertown, SD*  
*April 11-13, 2011*

**Tentative Schedule**

<b>Monday</b>	2:30 p.m.	Committee Chairs and Secretaries Orientation
	3:00 p.m.	Committee Meetings
	5:00 p.m.	Registration Begins
	*5:30 p.m.	Family Gathering/Social Time—Ballroom
		Registration continues Finger foods & punch
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Service—Theater
	8:15 p.m.	Pie Social—Ballroom
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 a.m.	Prayer Service
	8:30 a.m.	Morning service—Ballroom
	10:00 a.m.	Break—reception area
	10:30 a.m.	Business Session—Theater
	12:00 noon	Luncheons
	2:00 p.m.	Business Session—Theater and Breakout rooms
	5:00 p.m.	Break for supper
	7:00 p.m.	Evening service-Theater
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 a.m.	Prayer Service
	8:30 a.m.	Morning Service-Theater
	10:00 a.m.	Break
	10:30 a.m.	Business Session—Theater
	12:00 noon	Close

\*The Family Gathering/social time is in place of the "family dinner". This will be a lighter meal and will allow time for reconnecting and socializing before the evening service. Pie and coffee will be served following the service at 8:15 p.m.

**Alliance Women's Luncheon**



Tuesday, April 12 at noon  
*Watertown, SD Event Center*  
Cost: \$12.00

**Speaker:** Azeb Getachew from Gospel of Mercy Church in Sioux Falls will be speaking about reaching out to ethnically diverse people right in our own neighborhoods.

**Features:** Carol McDonald will talk about CAMA and Impressionz jewelry project from Turkey; Calah and Suzy from a Creative Access Country on Skype will talk about CAMA and ministry in a third world country.



**Men's Lunch**  
Tuesday, April 12 at noon  
*Watertown, SD Event Center*  
Cost: \$12.00

**Speaker:** David Lauffer will be sharing updates and stories on new Alliance initiatives worldwide. Dave is currently serving as Assistant Vice President for International Ministries for the C&MA. He is a former Alliance missionary to Israel.

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***The Alliance 40 Day Prayer Adventure Plan:***

The Alliance 40 Day Prayer Adventure begins April 17, 2011. During the next 40 days, use a pattern of prayer given by Jesus and commonly called “*The Lord’s Prayer*.” Saying these words takes less than 10 seconds, but when used properly becomes a template covering nearly every aspect of our lives. As you pray using the prayer Jesus taught His disciples, seek God’s blessing and direction for The Alliance as we push back the darkness in our neighborhoods and the nations.

For more information and resources to download, go to: [www.cmalliance.org/events/2011/40-days/](http://www.cmalliance.org/events/2011/40-days/).



The Wisconsin College of Prayer Spring module will be held at the Alliance Church of the Valley in St. Croix Falls, WI—April 28-30.

Speaker: **Jonathan Graf** is currently Vice President for Harvest Prayer Ministries. He is the author of *Praying Like Paul* and *The Power of Personal Prayer*.

For more information contact the church at 715-483-1100.

***Thank You!***

Cheri and I would like to thank you for your prayers, phone calls, emails, and cards related to my dad’s death on March 9. We had a gathering of family and friends at the funeral home in Baytown, TX on March 11 and a good memorial service on March 12. We then took a day off, followed by 3 busy days going through my parents’ belongings to prepare for an estate sale. We drove back from Texas on March 17, arriving in two days because we were ready to get back home! Thank you for the green plant that was sent from the NWDistrict family and the flower arrangement from the Big Sandy Board and staff members.


***Doug & Cheri Parkinson***

**NWD Calendar**



April 4	LO&CC—District Office
April 11-13	District & Prayer Conference—Watertown, SD
April 30	Greater Metro AWM Walk-a-thon
May 2	LO&CC—District Office
May 5-6	Crown College Board meets
May 6-7	Spring Work Days at BSC
May 7	Crown College Graduation
May 25-29	C&MA General Council—Kansas City, MO
June 7	DEXCOM meets at District Office

***With Sympathy***



Doug Parkinson’s father, David Parkinson, passed away in Baytown, TX on March 9, 2011.

Wallace (Mac) Malcore, father of Neal Malcore, passed away March 21, 2011 in Green Bay, WI.