

July 12, 1993

To Whom it is of Interest:

During the Centennial year for the State of South Dakota (1989), Mr. Dan Bierer asked if I would write a history of the Rapid City Worldwide Church of God. My own experiences and notes helped cover the time from November 1972 til July 1991. Information provided by my dear friend Marie Sheaman, who was present at the first bible study and also first Sabbath service enabled me to fill in the years from 1963 to 1972. Mrs. Sheaman, Dr. Rockey, Naomi Stiver, Vonda Westers, Neil & Barbara Wolcott provided valuable leads or helped to confirm dates and events I was not sure of. Only 5 people from the original 1962 Bible Study are still in the Rapid City area (Marie Sheaman, Thelma Elwess, Goldie Loder, Norman Westers and Vonda Westers) and I am guessing that only 20 are still here from the original Sabbath service in 1970. Some of the 20 were very small children then. These numbers do not include those who have moved away and are now attending in other church areas but were a part of the original Rapid City church.

I received a letter from Maria Hall, widow of Meriwether Lewis Hall. Most Rapid City members never heard of him as he moved away a long time ago. According to Mrs. Hall (who now lives in Milwaukie, Oregon) he and Burk McNair met in the Rapid City Regional Airport to discuss possible locations for the bible studies. Mr. Hall knew Rapid City and was able to provide some advice and automobile transportation. She was not sure of the date. I met Mrs. Hall briefly when she returned to the area for the funeral of her husband. He died on May 27, 1989 and is buried in Philip, SD. Mr. Waldo Armstrong performed the funeral on June 2, 1989. Later that month Mrs. Hall wrote and gave what information she could remember from what her husband had told her. This made me realize I had better get as much of this on paper as I could. The pioneers in this area are slowly passing on and year by year new people begin attending, babies are born and grow up. Some day, there will be no more pioneers of this era living and those that follow will wonder how it all began. They may marvel at the miles we drove, the facilities we rented, the activities we had. None of which they would know if this was never written.

This is being written partly as a tribute to those pioneers who joyously met and endured the hardships of a dream being made real, partly written as a gift to those that follow, and also as a way of saying "thanks" to God who makes all things possible.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Johannsen

ORIGINS OF THE RAPID CITY WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

Mr. Burk McNair conducted the first bible study in Rapid City, SD, on June 9, 1963. Interesting that June 9 became an infamous day in Rapid City history as 9 years later, June 9, 1972, there occurred a disastrous flood along Rapid Creek that took about 250 lives. Since no one showed up with a key to unlock the building (the Silver Dome) Mr. McNair had to pick the lock with a credit card. He used his American Express card, because its the "you can go anywhere with it

card".

The bible study was conducted, the place cleaned up and relocked without incident. A car lot and a Columbia Paint store now stand where the Silver Dome used to, in the 900 block of Main Street across from the Dusek Building. The City Directory lists this building from 1959 to 1966 at 912 1/2 Main. According to Marie Sheaman, there were 58 men, women, and children present.

On August 13, 1967, Arthur Craig took over the bible studies. I believe he would come up from Colorado. In those days, members would keep the spring Holy Days in Longmont, Colorado. In 1969 and 1970 they kept the spring Holy Days in Sioux Falls, SD. Sioux Falls was established as a church in 1968.

Don Prunkard presented some bible studies after November 10, 1968. He lived in Sioux Falls, a few times he flew commercially to Rapid City.

Dr. Vernon Rockey has a letter from Mr. Herbert Armstrong dated August 25, 1970 that announced the beginning of a local church in Rapid City on September 5, 1970, 1:30 PM in the Star room of the Gill's Sun Inn (reprinted below). Milo Wilcox was the first Pastor, and a week later he began the Douglas, Wyoming church as well. He served in this area until May 19, 1973 when he was transferred to the east coast. About a year after that Mr. Wilcox was no longer affiliated with the church. Robert W. Hoops was assigned to take his place. From September 1970 to July 1971 Mr. Wilcox had an assistant serving with him named Victor Kubik. Mr. Kubik is now assisting Mr. Joseph Tkach Jr. in CAD in Pasadena. Mr. Kubik lived near Hill City, SD during his assignment in this area.

Following is a "computer replica" of the letter from Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong announcing the beginning of the Rapid City church:

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD
WORLD HEADQUARTERS
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

Herbert W. Armstrong
PRESIDENT and PASTOR

August 25, 1970

Dear Brethren in Christ:

Here is GOOD News! We are now able to begin a new local Church in Rapid City, South Dakota.

I know all of you will want to attend this first Sabbath service to be held on September 5, at 1:30 p.m. You will be meeting in the Star Room of Gill's Sun Inn Motel in Rapid City. For the present, services will be held there the first and third Sabbath of each month. To find Gill's Sun Inn Motel, from Interstate 90 take the West Boulevard exit south to Main Street. Go west on Main Street about one-half mile and turn left on Jackson Boulevard. Gill's Sun Inn Motel is located in the second block of Jackson Boulevard after turning off Main Street, and the Star Room is located in the lower level of the building, west of the swimming pool.

Mr. Milo Wilcox, an ordained minister of Jesus Christ and a graduate of Ambassador College, will be your pastor. I know you will welcome this opportunity to become acquainted with him and his wife.

So you are now blessed with a local Church in Rapid City. Remember, the first Sabbath service will be held September 5 at 1:30 p.m. Plan now to be there and do your part to help get the new Church of God in Rapid City started off with real enthusiasm and love.

Sincerely, in Jesus' name,

/s/ Herbert W. Armstrong

In those days there was a strong link of activities between Rapid City and Douglas, Wyoming, because they shared the same Pastor. By the time Mr. Wilcox was transferred, the area had grown enough so that two ministers were brought in. Mr. Jim Jenkins took the central/southern Wyoming area and Mr. Hoops took the Chadron, Nebraska, Billings, Montana, and the Rapid City area.

Mr. Wilcox got caught in the disastrous June 9, 1972 Rapid City flood. His motel room was partly flooded as was his fleet car. I changed a headlight in that car in 1973 and found some flood silt behind it! Due to the flood, services on June 10th had to be cancelled.

The first ordinations in the Rapid City area were on the Last Day of Unleavened Bread in 1972 when Mr. Wilcox ordained Neil and Barbara Wolcott as deacon and deaconess. This took place in Rapid City. On the Feast of Trumpets, September 17, 1974, Mr. Hoops ordained Mr. Wolcott to the office of local church elder. His was the first ordination into the ministry in Rapid City.

During the Spring Holy Days in 1973, at the 4-H building in Rapid City, Dr. Vernon Rockey, Bob Fergen, Ray Fertig, and Joe Brandt, were ordained as deacons. Milo Wilcox performed the ordinations. This was the largest number of ordinations conducted in the Rapid City church on any one day.

On the Feast of Trumpets in 1973 in Gillette, Wyoming, Mr. Hoops ordained Naomi Stiver as a deaconess, and Mr. Jack Cameron as a deacon.

In the February 4, 1974 Worldwide News it was reported that a small group from Rapid City had gathered at the home of Lute and Naomi Stiver on the evening of December 31, 1973 for a truck warming party. Mr. Leo Backhaus had just purchased a brand new conventional Peterbuilt tractor (truck) and it was deemed appropriate to celebrate the occasion. Rex Norman had his right leg in a cast, the result of a torn achilles tendon suffered a few weeks earlier during a church basketball practice.

The April 1, 1974 Worldwide News carried a story about Mr. Hoops and David Maas (an English teacher at National College, later to become Dr. Maas, English professor at Ambassador College in Big Sandy) producing a classical music show on local radio KOTA. They volunteered their talents in production and announcing to produce the weekly 1 3/4 hour program entitled "World Classics". In late 1974 and 1975, Doug and Betty Johannsen also assisted in program production.

During the time Mr. Hoops was in the area, the MDU (Montana Dakota Utilities) building was occasionally used for bible studies.

On June 1, 1974 it was announced that Mrs. Snell was not in good health and requested prayers. As of July 1991, she is still living, but is unable to recognize and respond to others so she is confined to a care facility in Colorado.

Doug Johannsen broke his left arm in a motorcycle accident May 31, 1974. It failed to mend properly and had to be reset 6 weeks later. It did heal properly then.

During the summer of 1974 the CHADRON RECORD newspaper reported that Dr. Vernon C. Rockey was honored by the Nebraska Panhandle Resource Council. Nebraska Governor J.J. Exon presented Dr. Rockey with a plaque commemorating the award. Dr. Rockey is a deacon in the church and an optometrist in Chadron, Nebraska.

June 22, 1974 Randy Stiver was in Rapid City and spoke to the congregation. Randy grew up on his parent's farm near Oral, SD. He was one of the first Rapid City youth to attend Ambassador College.

On July 6, 1974 there was a carry in picnic at Roosevelt Park.

Mr. Gerald Waterhouse made a tour thru the area, being in Rapid City on August 28th at the 4-H building, and in Billings, Montana on August 29th.

August 17, 1974 it was announced that a Mrs. E. Smith, a prospective member, requested prayers for her health so she could attend services. She did recover and in a few years she and her husband Ernest were able to attend and become members of the church.

Atonement services were held in Gillette, Wyoming on September 26, 1974. Remember, the church circuit was Billings, Rapid City, and Chadron.

That year the Rapid City church was assigned to the Feast in Squaw Valley. I attended in Big Sandy where I became better acquainted with my future wife, Betty Hohertz. We had been writing to each other and conversing on the phone for about a year, but didn't actually meet until a few days before the Feast. We had been introduced by Dick and Judy Daum via the US mail. Dick Daum and I both grew up in Murdo, SD (not knowing each other then). Dick taught school in Texas where

he and his wife became friends with Betty's parents. The Daums had visited SD the summer of 1973 where we met at church. Betty and I were married on December 7, 1974 in Grand Prairie, Texas at her parent's home. Several South Dakota and Wyoming Ambassador College students were able to attend our wedding. Included were Mark Fergen, Barbara Pawlowski, and Beth McVey.

On September 14th, 1974 the Rapid City church helped Mr/Mrs Harry Sheaman celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on September 24, 1924 near Mule Creek Junction, Wyoming.

On October 26, 1974 Doug Johannsen gave his first sermonette. His bride to be, Betty, was visiting the Rapid City area at that time to acquaint herself with the area before the wedding. She stayed at the Fergen's home during her visit.

November 23, 1974 it was announced that Mrs. Rayburne was ill and that both Gust Marks and Cliff West were having some serious back trouble.

On January 24, 1975 we were asked to pray for Mrs. Larry Roberts and family as they were suffering thru the measles.

On March 1, 1975 a belated wedding reception was held for Mr/Mrs. Jake Chaffin (married Aug 8, 1974), and Mr/Mrs Leo Backhaus (married Jan 4, 1975).

Services were being conducted every other week due to the size of the territory. Bob Hoops would be in Billings and Sheridan one week, and Rapid City and Chadron the other. On June 7, 1975 services were once again held on a weekly basis. The Feb 17, 1975 WN carried an article about this. I remember how long it seemed between services on the every other week basis and what a joy it was to be able to have services weekly again.

On March 1, 1975 Mrs. Dorothee Lyman presented a slide show of a trip she and her husband Lyn had taken to Columbia, South America.

The April 12, 1975 RAPID CITY JOURNAL contained an article about Mr. Hoops and the unusually large territory he covered in his ministry. A photo of Mr & Mrs Hoops was published in the paper.

The July 19, 1975 RAPID CITY JOURNAL had a short article about the business ventures of the children of Mr & Mrs Bob Fergen. These teens were successfully operating two gas stations in Rapid City. Peggy was 18, Dave 15, and Ken 13.

Mr. Randy Scriber from the Denver church spoke to the Rapid City congregation on the Last Day of Unleavened Bread, April 2, 1975.

June 7, 1975 it was announced that a new magazine entitled "Human Potential" was to be published. This eventually became the "Quest" magazine.

On July 5, 1975 Myrl Pawlowski gave his first sermonette.

On July 26, 1975 services were held at the Bob Marshall camp near Custer, SD. Art Dyer was in the area and gave the sermon.

August 2, 1975 it was announced that Mrs. Petras from Kadoka was sick with gall stones. Also on that day it was announced that Jack Cameron was suffering with a broken ankle. Jack Cameron, a deacon in the Rapid City area had recently been transferred to Denver, Colorado from Sundance, Wyoming by the US Forest Service. A farewell dinner had been held in his honor in Rapid city on June 21st.

On August 23, 1975 a ministerial trainee from Kansas City, Missouri, Larry Moluf, spoke to the Rapid City church. He was in the area for his wedding. He and Barbara Pawlowski were married in a beautiful outdoor ceremony in the Black Hills west of Rapid City at the new home of Mr & Mrs Hoops on Sunday, August 24.

September 19, 1975 the Rapid City congregation kept the Feast in Salt Lake City, Utah. This was the only time the Feast was kept there.

On November 29, 1975 the blessing of little children was done. I don't know why it was so late in the year! Artee Rockey, Carolyn Fox, and Robert Fox were blessed on that day. Joanie Fergen was ordained a deaconess, Doug Johannsen was ordained a deacon. The Johannsens moved to Chadron, Nebraska after that to work for Dr. Vernon Rockey as an optician. He had been previously employed by the SD Health Department. This Sabbath was also the last in the area for the Hoops'. They are being transferred to Minneapolis. Mr. & Mrs. William Swanson and family were transferred in.

January 3, 1976 it was announced that Garner Ted Armstrong would appear on HEE HAW on January 31st.

January 12, 1976 Dominic Quartullo Sr. died. This was most likely the first funeral in the Rapid City church. He was only 2 months short of being 43 years old. He had an aneurism in his brain that ruptured. He and his wife had 7 children. He is buried in the Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis, SD.

February 14, 1976 Mr. Swanson announced that the fair booth in Pierre, SD was a success. 381 Plain Truth magazines had been distributed.

March 27, 1976 Tim Burleson, brother of Doug and Mike Burleson was killed in a truck accident. Tim was not a member but had attended some church socials.

On April 15, 1976 Mr. Swanson ordained Myrl and Bev Pawlowski as deacon and deaconess. They were the second couple in the Rapid City area to be ordained together, the Wolcott's were the first in 1972.

The Last Day of Unleavened Bread average offering was \$17.80 per man, woman, and child (April 21, 1976).

May 29, 1976 Charles and Linda Holladay, recent Ambassador College graduates moved to Rapid City. He gave his first sermonette here. Mr. Swanson gave a report of the ministerial conference he recently attended. Also on this day Mr. Swanson performed the wedding of John Ramsay and Marge Bailey. Marge Bailey had been postmistress at Ambassador College for a number of years.

July 19, 1976 Mr. Raymond McNair was in Rapid City and gave a special bible study.

June 25, 1976 was a Friday evening when campers began to arrive at the home of Norm and Vonda Westers near Buffalo, SD. Open air services were conducted Sabbath afternoon by Charles Holladay. Songs were lead (without piano) by Allen Olson, president of the Rapid City teen club.

August 7, Dick Daum gave what was probably his first sermonette in Rapid City. The Daums had recently moved to Murdo, SD (where he had grown up, location of the family farm) from the Dallas, Texas area where he had taught school.

September 18, 1976 it was announced that Malinda Olson was born. She is one of the daughters of Odean and Ardis Olson, Pierre, SD. The Olsons have a long trip each Sabbath to attend services, nearly 180 miles one way! Also announced was the wedding of Tim Morgan and Peggy Fergen to be held on October 2, 1976.

On September 25, 1976 it was announced that former Rapid City member (now in Alaska), David Larsen, was to be married on October 10, 1976 in Anchorage, Alaska. He is the eldest son of Mrs. Jean Lyman.

The 1976 assigned Feast Site for Rapid City was the Lake of the Ozarks. It was announced that this was Mr. Herbert Armstrong's 50th feast.

October 30, 1976 Mr. Don Hooser from the Grand Island, North Platte, Nebraska churches spoke to us.

December 18, 1976 basketball practice at the New Underwood, SD gym. Most likely arranged by Lon Lyman (Jean's husband) who used to coach at New Underwood.

January 29, 1977 Rapid City was snowed out. Some of the brethren from Chadron drove to Scottsbluff, Nebraska this Sabbath. It is the same distance for them as Rapid City.

March 5, 1977 it was announced that the broadcast was to be heard on radio KCCR in Pierre and also on KOBH in Hot Springs on a daily basis. I think these were 15 minute broadcasts.

March 13, 1977 Lara Leta Johannsen was born 7 weeks premature in Chadron, Nebraska. Weighing 4 lbs, 4 oz, she was flown to Children's Hospital in Denver with her dad. She spent two weeks there and was then transferred back to Chadron. She suffered no long term effects from her premature birth.

March 19, 1977. While in Denver with our new daughter we attended services there. Heard Mr. Mike Blackwell, YOU coordinator speak to the Denver church. He later moved to North Dakota and became a good friend to many of us in Rapid City. His daughter Becky and Lara Johannsen became good friends later during their teen years.

April 11, 1977 edition of the Worldwide News carried a short story about the Rapid City YOU basketball team that had been the sentimental favorite of the tournament, even though they finished 7th (Denver was 8th). Rapid City won the sportsmanship award, Mark Larsen was judged most valuable player. Allen Olson was selected for the all tournament team. Other members of the team included Mat Morgan, Wes Pawlowski, Tom Morgan, Dave Fergen, Mike Olson, Mark Olson, Ken Fergen, and coach Rex Norman. Rex Norman's brother Gil is a coach and teacher at Ambassador College.

On April 17, 1977 it was announced that Herbert Armstrong married Ramona Martin.

On May 7, 1977 special music was sung by Jeannie Backhaus, Bev Pawlowski, Bert Awana, and Edythe Morgan.

A bible study was held in Chadron by Mr. Swanson at the home of Mr & Mrs

Doug Elwess. Mr. Swanson used the Elwess home on a routine basis for these bible studies.

On the day of Pentecost, May 22, 1977, Mr. Bob Fergen was ordained as a Local Church Elder by Mr. Swanson.

July 20, 1977 Mr. Herbert Armstrong was ill following his recent South African campaign.

September 24, 1977 it was announced that Mr & Mrs Sheaman have been married 53 years today! Mr. Jim Jenkins was visiting in the area and gave the sermon.

September 26, 1977. The Wisconsin Dells was the assigned feast site for the Rapid City church area.

October 8, 1977, Mr. Swanson conducted the blessing of little children ceremony for Lara Johannsen

October 22, 1977 begins another year of Spokesmans Club. Due to the long distances involved for many of the men, Spokesmans Club was never held on a regular basis.

December 10, 1977 it was announced that Don and Lilly Norman's home and business in Whiteclay, Nebraska had been burned to the ground. They escaped unharmed. Also announced was that Mrs. Schriver (from Nemo, SD) suffered a stroke. She improved slightly, only to have another stroke and pass away in April 1978. She is remembered as a very bright and quick minded lady.

During the month of January 1978, Mr. Swanson conducted home bible studies in Midland, SD, Chadron, Ne, Rapid City, SD, and Spearfish, SD.

April 20, 1978 Passover was held at the Anne Tallent school gym. The Night to be Much Observed was held at the AFL-CIO building. In those years we kept the NTBO in a large group.

May 20, 1978 we listened to a tape sermon from Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong. He updated us on his travels and pointed us towards the goal of preparing ourselves for the Kingdom and doing the work of God.

June 3, 1978 Don Hilmer gave a sermonette. Probably his first.

June 17, 1978 former Rapid City Pastor Bob Hoops visited Rapid City and led songs. It was announced that Garner Ted Armstrong was now on a 6 months leave of absence.

July 1, 1978 it was announced that Garner Ted Armstrong had been disfellowshipped.

July 15, 1978 Mr. Herbert Armstrong threw out the STP (Systematic Theology Project). He said it contained too many errors. It was announced that Beth McVey from the Wheatland area is to be married on August 6th to John Stryker. At the time of this writing (1991) they are serving full time in the ministry in Canada.

October 15, 1978 the Rapid City brethren attended the Feast in Tucson this year. The opening film was from Mr. Herbert Armstrong. The offering on the first day of the feast was \$108,100 with 6030 attending.

November 9, 1978 a 6 lb 3/4 oz baby girl named Crystal was born in to the Frank and Ruth Hof family.

November 18, 1978 the blessing of little children was held.

December 16, 1978 a square dance was held at the AFL-CIO hall. Usually the square dance caller would be Jarvis Windom from Wheatland, Wyoming. My notes do not indicate if he called this one.

On February 17, 1979 the Rapid City YOU basketball team won the regional tournament. The cheeleaders took third. The team also received the sportsmanship award.

February 24, 1979 it was announced that Bob Hoops resigned from the Worldwide Church of God. All indications were that he was to move to Chicago to work for Garner Ted Armstrong's church.

Passover, the First and Last Day of Unleavened Bread were to be held at the Rights of Columbus hall in Rapid City. The Night to be Much Observed was held as a group at the Robbinsdale school.

April 14, 1979 Waldo Armstrong gave a sermonette. This was most likely his first sermonette.

Policy change from HQ announced on June 2, 1979. A minister will no longer be allowed to go non-career status in the ministry. When a minister resigns, he becomes a lay member, no longer authorized to baptize, anoint, etc. This must have been reversed at a later date as it is not being done this way in 1991.

July 7, 1979 Dennis Luker stopped in to visit the Swanson family. He gave the sermon here that Sabbath. The Luker's and the Swanson's had served together

previously in another area.

On August 4, 1979 we were informed that the Swanson family will be transferred to Salt Lake City. Replacing them will be Mr & Mrs Steve Buchanan from Austin, Texas. The Buchanan's were just re-hired (they were part of the big ministerial trainee layoff that occurred a few years earlier) and this is their first solo assignment. They have a young baby boy named Steven.

August 25, 1979 Mr. Buchanan gave his first sermon in Rapid City. He was here looking for housing. Also on this day Mr. Swanson ordained Charles Holladay as a local church elder. Waldo Armstrong was ordained a deacon at that time.

August 27, 1979 Mr. Gerald Waterhouse visited the area.

In 1979 the Rapid City brethren were assigned to the Tucson festival site. Rapid City was a long way from any festival site so we were assigned there because the majority of brethren wanted to go there.

October 10, 1979 Bob Fergen spoke about his trip to Jerusalem during the fall holy day season. Blessing of little children this year included Heath Splitt and Kari Holladay.

November 28, 1979 visitors Dave Fentress and Randy Stiver gave split sermons.

December 15, 1979 we were asked to pray for Ben Bode's heart condition.

January 19, 1980 Mr. Lee Stolley, Terri Buchanan's father, gave a sermonette while visiting here. He was working for the Texas State Park Service, later becoming the Chief of Security at Ambassador College in Big Sandy. Mr. Stolley is a deacon.

An article appeared in the December 1979 edition of the Worldwide News featuring Jeremy Daum (age 10) and a 208 year old bible he found on the family farm near Murdo, SD. Jeremy would attend and graduate from Ambassador College a few years later.

February 17, 1980 the Chadron area members hosted a 25th wedding anniversary for Doug and Tiney (Thelma) Elwess.

March 22, 1980 Rapid city won the sportsmanship award again in a recent basketball tournament.

April 17, 1980 a baby girl, Rebecca Rachel, was born to Randy and Donna Schafer of Merriman, Nebraska.

April 18, 1980 a baby girl, Romona Jean, was born to Dave and Maria Larsen of Rapid City. They had recently moved here from Alaska.

May 4, 1980 a baby girl, Dana Lynn, was born to Doug and Betty Johannsen of Chadron, Nebraska.

August 9, 1980 Mr. Ellis LaRavia, an evangelist and assistant to Mr. Herbert Armstrong gave the sermon in Rapid City.

September 24, 1980, 17 years after the first bible study, and 10 years after the first Sabbath service, Rapid City had the honor of becoming a site for the Feast of Tabernacles. The RAPID CITY JOURNAL wrote about the convention and printed a photo of the co-ordinator, Steve Buchanan. The article said more than 3000 people were expected. Dr. Zimmerman opened the evening service. It was fitting as he is an evangelist and was born in South Dakota. Speakers included, Dr. Zimmerman, Steve Buchanan, Dr. Hoeh, Henry Peterson, George Affeldt, Gene Watkins, Robert Berg, Fill Freeland, Joe Stoebner, Don Hooser, Art Docken, Hugh Wilson, and Ronald Kelly.

October 11, 1980 blessing of little children included Rebecca Schafer, Dana Johannsen, and Romona Larsen.

January 3, 1981, a belated 10th anniversary celebration of the beginning of the Rapid City church was held. Mr. Victor Kubik and Mr. Bill Swanson returned to their old assignments and gave split sermons. They were the only two ministers who had previously served here that were able to attend. Mr. Steve Buchanan, local Pastor, organized the event.

February 7, 1981 Steve Buchanan briefed us on the ministerial refresher program that he and his wife had just attended. The refresher programs were about 3 weeks long then, and that was really too long for those who had little children.

February 28, 1981 we had a tape sermon from a relatively unfamiliar name at the time, Joseph W. Tkach.

March 14, 1981 many area brethren attended special Sabbath services in Denver where Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong spoke in person. For many of us, this was the last time we saw him in person. We were able to see him on TV and the satellite transmissions at the Feast for a few more years.

March 21, 1981 a Council of Elders was announced by HQ. Some of the names on the council were: Dibar Apartian, Leroy Neff, Dean Blackwell, Bob Fahey, and Ralph Helge.

April 4, 1981 Rhonda West of Alliance, Nebraska won a talent show sponsored by the Kiwanis club. Her parents are Floyd and Mary West of Alliance. On September 17, 1988 she would marry Mr. Neil Swisher and move to Big Sandy.

April 18, 1981 Dean Blackwell spoke in Rapid City. He raised Mr. Buchanan in rank to Preaching Elder and ordained Waldo Armstrong as a local church elder.

May 9, 1981 Chadron would now again have services on a weekly basis.

May 30, 1981 Spokesmans club ladies night was held at the Sacora Station restaurant in Piedmont, SD (north of Rapid City). Dr. Vernon C. Rockey graduated from the club, being the first one in the history of the Rapid City club to graduate.

July 7, 1981 Steve Buchanan covered gnosticism, docetism, antinomianism, and aceticism in a bible study. Those aren't chemicals, they are ancient philosophies.

July 21, 1981 James Buchanan was born. Steve and Terri Buchanan now have two sons. A daughter, Lindsey, would be born later.

October 1, 1981 Gerald Waterhouse conducted a bible study at the Rapid City Hilton hotel.

Second Feast of Tabernacles in Rapid City. This was the first year I served as a festival photographer. Speakers at the feast included, Don Hooser, Harold Rhoades, Dennis Wheatcroft, Doug Horschak, Gene Watkins, Hugh Wilson, Dennis Luker, Chuck Zimmerman, George Affeldt, Dan Creed, and Bill Freeland.

October 31, 1981 the blessing of little children included Justin Gill, son of Russyl and Robyn Gill, Chadron church.

January 2, 1982 Mr. Buchanan read a very positive letter sent to him by a Rapid City restaurant owner concerning our brethren at the feast. By the way, the Feast of Tabernacles has probably done more to promote a positive image of the Worldwide Church of God in Rapid City than anything else. The church enjoys a fine reputation and rapport with the Civic Center, Convention Visitors Bureau, Hotels, Motels, and Restaurant owners. The light shines brightly.

January 3, 1982 Steve Buchanan conducted a sermonette class in Rapid City for the men on the speaking schedule.

February 27, 1982 we were instructed to meet in small family groups for the Night to be Much Observed rather than as an entire church as we have been doing here in the past.

April 3, 1982 Charles and Linda Holladay will be leaving the area for Oklahoma City. They have been hired into the work full time.

May 15, 1982 Mr. John Halford and film crew are here today to film a "typical" small church and have been filming Marshall Stiver's sheep ranch. Some of the ranch footage was later used in the World Tomorrow telecast and in portions of the ministerial refresher program. We also heard that Allen Olson was hired full time and will serve in the Santa Rosa, California church.

July 3, 1982 Randy Stiver visited here and gave the sermon.

July 17, 1982 services were held in Chadron State Park. The Chadron and Scottsbluff, Nebraska brethren enjoyed the opportunity to become better acquainted.

September 18, 1982 Feast of Trumpets, 148 attended, \$26.17 average offering.

October 1, 1982 opening evening of the third Feast of Tabernacles in Rapid City. Speakers include, Dean Wilson, Jim Reyer, Dennis Wheatcroft, George Affeldt, Mike Feazel, Doug Horschak, Dan Creed, Dr. Hoeh, Chuck Zimmerman, Ron Miller, Dr. Clint Zimmerman, Hugh Wilson, Don Hooser, and Mr. Harold Jackson.

October 30, 1982 in a taped sermon, Mr. Herbert Armstrong discussed how God is using aversion therapy on humans. Hopefully man will become so sick of sin he won't ever want to practice it.

November 13, 1982 Mr. Buchanan discussed Mr. Ben Bode's death and funeral.

An article in the November 15, 1982 WN profiled pioneer Rapid City members Harry and Marie Sheaman.

November 14, 1982 Mr. Wesley Scholfield of Midland, SD and Marina Leask of Clousta, Shetland Islands, were married in Rapid City with Mr. Buchanan officiating. (Mr. Buchanan's mother was born in Scotland).

January 1, 1983 Mrs. Alta Krebs is recovering from a stroke. She remained confined to a wheel chair until her death in October 1990. Waldo and Clarice

Armstrong were able to bring her to services many times during her later years. They had a special ramp built so they could wheel her, chair and all, into their van.

Gustav Marks died January 19, 1983 after a long and happy life. He was born in Pozen, Germany on April 24, 1888. The rumor in his native land was that if you moved to America, your skin would turn black. And sure enough, when they reached New York City, they saw a lot of black people unloading the ships. Wonder how many of his countrymen decided to stay in Europe because of that rumor. Mr. Marks is the father of Edythe Morgan, grandfather of Tim, Tom, Mat, and Mark Morgan.

April 30, 1983 Lon Lyman graduated from Spokesmans club. Only the second to graduate from the Rapid City club. the long distance and infrequent club meetings slow down the normal progress. The ladies night/graduation was held at the Windmill restaurant in Rapid City.

May 22, 1983 Mr. Steve Buchanan ordained Dick Daum as a deacon.

July 31, 1983 Mark and Amy Larsen were married in Rapid City in a beautiful outdoor setting in Sioux Park. Steve Buchanan performed the ceremony.

June 11, 1983 Lee Stolley, Terri Buchanan's father, spoke to us in Rapid City about the lessons you learn from your job. Mr. Stolley will head security at the Rapid City feast this fall. He will have Mat Morgan assisting him. Also it was announced that there would be picnics this summer in Pierre and Spearfish.

July 9, 1983 we were asked to pray for Noel Dupont's father, he is ill.

August 30, 1983 Gerald Bieritz, instructor in voice and music appreciation at Ambassador College in Pasadena, performed special music at the Chadron church. He was accompanied by Lori West of Alliance. Mr. Bieritz's wife has family in the Chadron area.

August 31, 1983, the AFL-CIO hall held a familiar face once again, Mr. Gerald Waterhouse was here on one of his tours.

This is the fourth year for the Feast of Tabernacles in Rapid City. Rapid City area brethren had security duty this year.

October 29, 1983 we were asked to pray for Barney Meland, he has ruptured a blood vessel in his leg.

November 5, 1983 Waldo Armstrong spoke about his trip to Europe and the Middle East.

December 10, 1983 we heard that Mrs. Jim Reyer of Denver has cancer. Also, Marshall Stiver is suffering from a lot of back pain.

February 25, 1984 Steve Buchanan spoke to us about festival meetings he attended in Pasadena.

April 14, 1984 Passover services were conducted by Steve Buchanan and Waldo Armstrong.

May 27, 1984 the Johannsen family narrowly escaped serious injury when their 1978 GMC 4x4 pickup struck a dead Angus bull on highway 385 about 10 miles north of Chadron just minutes before midnight. They were returning from a Spokesmans Club graduation/ladies night in Rapid City where he had just graduated. The pickup was totally demolished.

June 16, 1984 Mr. Bill Swanson gave the sermon here today. He is on his way to a new assignment in New Jersey.

July 28, 1984 we were asked to pray for Mr. Stewart. His cancer has spread and he is in a lot of pain. He died a few months later. He is buried in the Black Hills National Cemetery, grave F-1615. It reads, JAMES BENJAMIN STEWART, M SGT, US ARMY, WORLD WAR II KOREA FEB 11, 1912 NOV 3, 1984.

August 5, 1984 Rex and Brenda (Peyton) Norman to be married in Grand Island, Nebraska.

August 11, 1984 Richard Rice from Mail Processing (MPC) in HQ spoke to members in Chadron and Rapid City.

August 12, 1984 Mark and Angie (Graus) Morgan were married. Angie is the daughter of Mr & Mrs Norris Graus, local church elder from the Grand Island area, Mark is the son of Dick and Edythe Morgan of Buffalo Gap, SD.

September 27, 1984 at the Feast of Trumpets, Mr & Mrs Sheaman were honored on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Fifth Feast of Tabernacles in Rapid City. Speakers included David Hulme, Randy Stiver, Mr. Sutcliffe, Terry Swaggerty, Doug Horchak, Hugh Wilson, Mr. Orchard, George Affeldt, Dan Creed, Jim Reyer, Don Hooser, and Dennis Wheatcroft. Kay Barnette from Alliance, Nebraska was helping Mrs. Rayburne at the feast this year. Mrs. Rayburne's health is poor, she lived in declining health until her

death in June 1986.

October 27, 1984 Mr. Buchanan performed the blessing of little children. Rachel Stiver (daughter of Marshall & Joyce), Zane Volmer (son of Randy & Denise [Hilmer]), and Lindsey Buchanan (daughter of Steve and Terri) were the "class of 84" being blessed.

November 24, 1984 Arnold Claussen from Oklahoma City gave the sermon here. He is in SD visiting relatives as he is a native of Brookings, SD.

March 9, 1985 it was announced that Sally Pawlowski will marry Mr. Jesse Allen in Big Sandy on June 30th.

More things happened about this time. A cow stepped on Don Hilmer's foot and broke it. Danny Dunlap was released from the hospital where he had undergone a lung operation after suffering severe pneumonia.

April 12, 1985 on the Last Day of Unleavened Bread, the offering was \$4946.01 with 147 attending. Mr. Gil Norman, Rex Norman's brother, gave a sermonette in the afternoon. He is with the athletic department of Ambassador College and also a speech instructor. He also spoke to the Chadron church on April 13.

June 29, 1985 Brittany Dupont was born to Noel and Crystal Dupont of Hill City.

July 27, 1985 a YOU activity was held after services with some of the Wyoming brethren. Mr. Wheatcroft and Mr. Buchanan gave split sermons.

September 18, 1985 Mr. Gerald Waterhouse gave a bible study. He reported that Mr. Herbert Armstrong was ill, lack of energy.

The sixth Feast of Tabernacles in Rapid City. Speakers include Mr. Art Sucking, Steve Buchanan, Jeff Barness, Dennis Luker, Fred Davis, Dennis Wheatcroft, Hugh Wilson, Terry Swaggerty, Glen Doig, Earle Williams. It concluded with the last ever Feast of Tabernacles message from Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

A few days after the 1985 Feast, Mrs. Mae Lemmon passed away. She had been able to attend the feast and had commented to several on how much she enjoyed it. Doug and Debbie Burleson were very close to her, but missed her funeral because Debbie's father had just passed away. Mrs. Lemmon was an exceptionally fine, kind and gentle woman.

October 19, 1985 blessing of little children in Chadron included Zachary West, and Kimberly Gill.

October 26, 1985 the entire church was asked to pray and fast for Mr. Herbert Armstrong from sundown today until sundown tomorrow. Looking back on this, it is now obvious that God was preparing us mentally for Mr. Armstrong's death. It was assumed for years that Christ would return while Mr. Armstrong was alive.

November 2, 1985 was the last Sabbath service in Chadron for the Johannsen family as residents there. We moved to Rapid City to start a wholesale optical laboratory. The Chadron church had a farewell party for us. The following Sabbath there was over 14 inches of snow on the ground in Rapid and each week for several weeks another foot of snow would fall. We did a lot of shovelling that winter.

During this time Mike and Delta Cody, their two sons Shaun and Shamus, moved to Spearfish, SD. Mike is a deacon and works for the US Forest Service.

November 16, 1985 Dean May and Jim Peoples spoke in Rapid City. They were here to hunt deer at Waldo Armstrong's ranch.

November 28, 1985 special music was played on the piano by Joe Bellefeuille. He also played hymns for the Chadron church. Joe worked on the Pine Ridge reservation as a librarian in a school.

December 28, 1985 Charlotte James (Ed Anderson's sister) is very ill with pneumonia and leukemia. She died a short time later. I believe she attended one of the Wyoming or Colorado churches.

December 29, 1985 it was announced that we were to have a pancake feed fund raiser on February 2nd. That's during the annual stock show held in Rapid City.

January 4, 1986 both Mrs. Reyer and Mr. Herbert Armstrong are very ill. Mrs. Reyer has had a turn for the worse.

January 18, 1986 the news we already knew was officially announced in services today. Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong had died on January 16, 1986.

January 25, 1986 we listened to a 20 minute tape from the new Pastor General, Mr. Joseph W. Tkach.

January 29, 1986 at the Rapid City bible study Mr. Buchanan announced that

the last broadcast generated 81,000 calls on the watts line. David Hulme will do the next 3 telecasts.

February 8, 1986 Bev Pawlowski had foot surgery. Mrs. Doris West was admitted to the hospital in Scottsbluff. She has been suffering severe headaches.

April 24, 1986 Doug Johannsen was ordained as a local church elder by Mr. Steve Buchanan. Visiting in the area at the time were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stolley. Dan Stolley is Terri Buchanan's brother, Carolyn Stolley is Betty Johannsen's sister. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stolley were also in the area visiting the Buchanan family.

June 28, 1986 Mrs. Rayburne died Monday evening after a long illness. The funeral was performed by Steve Buchanan. She is buried in a small cemetery near I-90 by Beulah, Wyoming.

July 5, 1986. Many of us went to Denver, Colorado to hear Mr. Tkach speak. As his custom is, he made it a point to shake hands with all of the brethren afterwards. He also met with the ministry to give us a great sense of urgency in accomplishing the work.

September 6, 1986 we received word that Big Sandy Ambassador College student Jessica Daum had been injured in an auto accident in Big Sandy on Friday. She did eventually recover.

September 13, 1986 Mr. Lloyd Pyles is in the VA hospital for kidney and gall bladder problems. The sermon today was given by a visiting minister from the Ontario, Canada church, Gary King.

October 4, 1986 Feast of Trumpets, 175 there with a \$5207.75 offering.

October 17, 1986. This Friday evening marks the beginning of the 7th Feast of Tabernacles in Rapid City. Speakers include Dr. Don Ward, John Elliot, Terry Swaggerty, Mike Blackwell, Jeff Barness, Glen Doig, Tom Tullis, Gerald Aust, Marty Yale, and Steve Buchanan.

On November 8, 1986 Dean May spoke to us again. Mr. May is in charge of Fleet Administration in Pasadena. He and Mr. Doug Horchak are here to hunt deer again on Waldo and Clarice Armstrong's ranch north of Midland, SD.

December 27, 1986 the District 62 Talent show is taking place at the Dahl Fine Arts Center in Rapid City. That facility was to be used a number of times over the years for this activity.

Mr. Jake Chaffin is in the VA hospital with several serious ailments.

January 1, 1987 Amber Nicolle Stiver was born to Joyce and Marshall Stiver.

March 28, 1987 the first DELS (Deacon & Elders Lecture Series) was held here. It is to be a 2 or 3 year program. Steve Buchanan gave the lecture.

April 11, 1987 a near disaster! During the announcements I remembered that the Passover supplies were stored at the U-Haul Storage facility. Not being sure of their hours of business I quickly left services to pick up the supplies. A good thing too, as they closed at 5:00 PM and would not re-open until Monday morning. Passover was Sunday evening!! From now on we are storing those particular supplies at the AFL-CIO where we have 24 hour a day access!

April 20, 1987 on the Last Day of Unleavened Bread, special music was sung by Mara Hof, accompanied by Vicki Dunlap.

May 2, 1987 last service in Chadron, Nebraska. It is being cancelled. It was resumed on September 5th of the same year. Chadron has an attendance of 20 to 30 people.

June 27, 1987 Mat Morgan visited the area and gave a sermonette. A picnic is to be in Pierre on August 2, Spearfish on August 30.

July 25, 1987 Gil Norman visited and gave a sermon about joy and happiness.

August 29, 1987 YES graduation was held. Waldo Armstrong gave a sermon mentioning the 18 truths restored by Mr. Herbert Armstrong.

September 9, 1987 Gerald Waterhouse was at the Civic Center for bible study. He said the last time Mr. Herbert Armstrong preached was on the Feast of Trumpets. (1985 I assume, the 1985 Feast message from him was pre-recorded).

October 3, 1987 Atonement services. The sermon time was split between Steve Buchanan and a visiting minister, John Comino.

The 8th Feast in Rapid City was begun with a video presentation by Mr. Tkach. Speakers included Jeff Barness, Don Mason, Dean May, John Elliot, Mike Blackwell, Steve Buchanan, Glen Doig, Mark Mickelson, Fred Davis, Richard Rice, and Terry Swaggerty.

October 24, 1987 Steve Buchanan's fleet vehicle, a Ford Aerostar, blew out a radiator hose on the way back from Chadron. He got word to us via Jill Splitt

from Hermosa that he would be delayed. Waldo Armstrong and Doug Johannsen performed the blessing of little children for Brett Burleson and Amber Stiver. A few months later he received a recall notice from Ford on defective radiator hoses on certain Aerostars!

November 14, 1987 Lute Stiver had injured his foot in a logging accident but is much improved. Dean May was here to give the sermon and hunt deer.

On November 14, 1987 Mr. Harry Sheaman passed away. He and his wife had been married 63 years. One of the pioneer members of this area and a real delightful human being. Certainly we look forward to his resurrection. He is buried in the Edgemont, SD cemetery.

November 28, 1987 Randy Stiver was here to visit his parents, giving the sermon as well.

During 1987 we received and listened to 7 special audio tapes from Headquarters. They were as follows:

1. 3/7/87 Dr. Hoeh - History of God's Government
2. 3/28/87 Mr. Salyer - New Understanding about Passover
3. 5/23/87 Mr. Kelly - about Marriage
4. 6/6/87 Mr. Tkach - (on videotape) We are Family
5. 7/18/87 Mr. Robin Webber - Philemon
6. 9/5/87 Dr. Hoeh - Depth Perception of Future
7. 11/21/87 Mr. Carn Catherwood - Parents/Children Bonding

January 30, 1988 Mr. Robin Webber, Auditorium PM Pastor, spoke to us in person about the Christian Journey. It was announced that former Rapid City resident Jerry Awana is to be married June 26.

February 13, 1988 Mike Cody, a deacon from Spearfish, gave his first sermonette in the Rapid City church.

April 2, 1988 it was announced that Ruth Hof and Max Bartholomew were to be married May 8th.

May 21, 1988 Sam and Mindy Hilmer have another son now, Lance William Hilmer.

May 28, 1988 Dan Bierer from Sarasota, Florida is here on his house hunting trip. He is replacing Steve Buchanan who is being transferred to Tucson, Arizona.

June 18, 1988 the Buchanan's last Sabbath in Rapid City. He spoke about the strengths of this area. Frank Monnens is in the hospital with a flu like illness.

July 9, 1988 is the first official Sabbath in Rapid City for the Bierer family, Daniel, Alice, Steve, Jacki, and Philip. the three children are all musically talented, especially with the violin. They are to win numerous YOU talent contests and play special music for the Rapid City brethren.

July 16, 1988 is the first Sabbath in Chadron for Mr. Bierer. Jake Chaffin is in the intensive care area of the VA hospital at Ft. Meade. Ernest Smith is seriously ill in the Sundance, Wyoming hospital. His health has been deteriorating steadily for quite some time.

August 17, 1988 at the Rapid City bible study we were informed that Mr. Bierer's father had died in Pennsylvania. Also, Ernest Smith of Hulett, Wyoming had died. So that Mr. Bierer could attend his father's funeral, Doug Johannsen performed Mr. Smith's funeral at Hulett, Wyoming. Tim Moore remarked that this was the first time in history that any part of the gospel had been preached live in Hulett by a minister of God's church. Tim, his wife Joy Belle, and their daughters Jennifer, Ginger, Lanette, and Tiffany are ranchers in the Hulett area and attend the Rapid City church.

September 12, 1988 Trumpets were held at the Alpine room in the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center. Local church elder Joel King, recently moved here from Edmunton, Canada, gave his first sermonette in Rapid City.

September 17, 1988 it was announced that Big Sandy will become a four year college.

September 24, 1988 the Sabbath before the feast, John Prohs was here and gave the sermon. He helped tune up the sound system in Rapid City then went on his way to attend the feast at another site.

September 25, 1988 the ninth feast in Rapid City began a bit differently with a welcome from the Mayor of Rapid City, Keith Carlyle. No Mayor had ever welcomed the Church to the Feast here before. Speakers included Joe Locke, Jeff Barness, Mark Mickelson, Tom Tullis, David Gray, Terry Swaggerty, John Elliot, Mike Blackwell, Bob Dick, and Fred Davis.

October 15, 1988. Again this year we sold the \$1.00 chocolate bars as a fund raiser. Not a favorite activity.

November 12, 1988 Steve Buchanan and Dean May were back in the area to do some deer hunting. They gave split sermons.

December 31, 1988 a visitor from Minneapolis, Jennifer Smiley, played special music on the piano. About a year later she married Trent Pulis and they moved to Rapid City where he attended the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology to study engineering. During the YOU seasons in the late 80's and early 90's we routinely used the Black Hills workshop or the National College of Business gymnasium for basketball and volleyball practice. We also had many more girls than boys in YOU during those years.

January 14, 1989 it was announced that Mrs. Laura Kincaid was ill and in deteriorating health. She died on January 18th in the Newcastle, Wyoming hospital. Her family members did not request a church funeral, so there was none. I think we all wanted the opportunity to pay our last respects.

February 4, 1989 the Bierer's were in Pasadena for the refresher. While they were gone we had an extremely cold week, followed by a warming trend Saturday night. Sunday a frozen water pipe burst in their home flooding the carpet in the den.

February 25, 1989 Waldo Armstrong returned from the refresher in Pasadena. Also announced was that the PT is now the 12th largest circulation magazine and that the World Tomorrow is now #1 on the Arbitron ratings.

March 11, 1989 Mr. Bierer will now have a 3 church circuit with Scottsbluff being added to his territory.

April 1, 1989 Joel King was named as local YES coordinator. We are going to distribute telephone books on May 4th as a local fund raiser. The phone book distribution was not as lucrative as we had hoped it would be. The routes we did were time consuming.

April 15, 1989 Mr. Bierer baptized Mr. & Mrs. Faye Short Bull and John Olivas in Chadron. Hank Knowlen is to marry Patty in Minot, ND on the 6th of May. They later move to Rapid City with Mrs. Muriel Brasher, Patty's mother.

April 18, 1989 twenty four people took the Passover in Chadron. The service was conducted by Doug Johannsen.

April 20, 1989 First Day of Unleavened Bread, 187 attended, \$4862 was given.

April 22, 1989 Dick Daum is to be the local festival advisor for the Feast of Tabernacles, and Mr. Waldo Armstrong will be the festival housing officer.

April 26, 1989 The Last Day of Unleavened Bread, 165 attended with an offering of \$5446.45. It is the fourth largest offering ever in Rapid City according to Mr. Bierer's research. Special music was performed by Wes and Kathy Pawlowski. Wes and Kathy had moved back to Rapid City briefly from the St. Joseph, Missouri area.

April 29, 1989 we were treated by a visit from the treasurer of the work, evangelist Mr. Leroy Neff.

May 3, 1989 Mr. Bierer covered the 5th book of Psalms in his bible study series.

July 8, 1989 a hardy group of campers had services at the Short Pines area near Norm and Vonda Westers ranch by Buffalo, SD. This area has been used several times by the Rapid City church for camping activities. It is accessible only by foot, motorcycle, horseback, or 4 wheel drive, and hardly used!

July 23, 1989 on this fine Sunday morning, Mr. Bierer led a group up a trail to Harney Peak, the tallest point in the USA east of the Rocky Mountains. Mrs. Odean Olson made it to the top also, quite a feat since she is suffering from a debilitating hereditary condition that has caused her to lose considerable muscle control.

August 5, 1989 it was announced that Mat and Pam Morgan of Pasadena now have their first child, Matthew Richard Morgan.

August 18, 1989 Mr. Bierer baptized Denise (Hilmer) Volmer.

August 20, 1989 a small work party helped former Sioux Falls residents Jim and Doris Snow move into an apartment in Rapid City.

September 30, 1989 the Feast of Trumpets was held at the beautiful Sylvan Lake Lodge with 176 in attendance. The offering was \$4690.42. Mrs. Gladys Woods and Linda Swim were baptized in the lake. Mrs. Woods is from Sturgis, SD, and Mrs. Swim is from Scottsbluff.

October 13, 1989 is the 10th Feast of Tabernacles in the Rapid City area.

Our family transferred to Tucson that year so I have no notes on the Rapid City site.

October 28, 1989 Mr. Steve Brown stayed in the Rapid City area a short time after the feast to see the sights. He spoke to us about the civil laws given in the Old Testament and how they should work.

November 1, 1989 prayers were requested for Mary Ford. She is in the Sioux San Hospital in Rapid City.

November 15, 1989 Mr. Bierer continued with his series on family and parent oriented bible studies.

November 25, 1989 we learned that Mara, Immunah, and Vania Hof were in an auto accident. Mara's husband, Keven Steward was driving them back to Rapid City from a Thanksgiving dinner. Mara was in critical condition with neck and spinal cord injuries. Mara eventually regained partial use of her upper body. All others in the accident have recovered fully.

December 2, 1989 a new fund raising project was announced. On December 12 we were to usher a Thriller's basketball game at the civic center. This proved to be a lucrative and enjoyable fund raiser. A formula devised by Mr. Bierer enabled participating YOU members to use from this fund in order to enjoy other YOU activities.

January 27, 1990 Mr. Bierer held the 20th DELS lecture pertaining to our relationship with God.

February 24, 1990 Mr. Bierer spoke a little about his son Steve's trip to Washington DC.

April 1, 1990 YOU groups from SD met at the Mitchell, SD Corn Palace. It was a tough day for Rapid City as we lost an hour due to time zone difference and another hour due to the beginning of daylight savings time!

April 14, 1990 Paul Vinson, husband of Lori (West) Vinson, led songs for the first time in Chadron. He was accompanied by Lori on the piano. Lori has played piano for church hymns in Chadron since she was very young. For a time, while Lori was at Ambassador College, Chadron had to rely on taped songs for services.

April 16, 1990 we had 189 people attend the Last Day of Unleavened Bread in the Alpine room of the civic center. The offering was \$4938.51.

April 28, 1990 Clarice Armstrong is now home following surgery and is steadily improving.

May 26, 1990 Mr. Victor Kubik spoke to us on his way to Pasadena. He has been transferred there to assist Mr. Joe Tkach Jr. in Church Administration.

Steve Bierer graduated as Valedictorian from Stevens High School in Rapid City, class of 1990. He will attend Wharton School of Business with a combination of scholarships, loans, personal savings, and Dad's hard earned dollars. Vania Hof also graduated with honors from Stevens High this year.

June 2,3, 1990 we were extremely honored to have Mr. Harold Jackson, an evangelist from HQ speak to us on the Sabbath and Pentecost. Mr. Jackson is on the Council of Elders.

July 7, 1990 Dr. David Maas, English professor at Ambassador College played special music here and gave the sermon. When he lived in Rapid City in the mid 1970's he regularly played special music and church hymns.

July 22, 1990 Mr. Gerald Waterhouse conducted a special bible study in the Alpine room of the civic center.

July 23, 1990 Mrs. Dorothee Lyman died at the family ranch near Murdo, SD. Doug Johannsen, also a native of Murdo, SD, performed the funeral on Friday, July 27th. She died working on the ranch she and her husband Lyn had lived on most of their lives.

July 28, 1990 Mr. Bierer announced that he had baptized Mary Ann Ford and Steven Sweet in Rapid Creek. Also announced that Jake Chafin is in the intensive care unit at the VA hospital in Sturgis.

August 4, 1990 Trent Pulis gave his first YOU bible study. His topic was your personality development.

August 11, 1990 Mr. Lloyd Pyles is in the Denver VA hospital.

August 25, 1990 Mrs. Bernice Spiker is very ill. She has no appetite and has lost a lot of weight.

September 8, 1990 a special YOU campout at Stockade Lake in Custer State Park. A week later this area suffered a devastating forest fire.

September 20, 1990 the Feast of Trumpets was held in Hot Springs, SD civic center. 155 in attendance with an offering of \$4404.

October 3, 1990 the opening evening of the 11th feast in Rapid City. Speakers included Mr. Norman Smith, Herb Teitgen, Terry Johnson, Jim Reyer, Paul Luecke, Tom Blackwell, Mark Mickelson, George Affeldt, Melton McNeely, Mike Blackwell and Guy Englebart. This year Rapid City hosted the largest deaf group of any festival site. Mr. Dick Barnett (a deacon from Pasadena) gave an opening prayer by signing with an interpreter.

October 13, 1990 it was announced that YOU volleyball would be held in Murdo, SD on November 4th.

November 3, 1990 long time member from Wheatland, Wyoming, was reported to have had a heart attack. He recovered fairly well. Tonight we will usher the ALABAMA concert in the civic center for a fund raiser. No problem getting enough volunteers!

On Friday, November 23, 1990, Mr. Bierer performed another funeral in Murdo, SD. Lyn Lyman had died on the family ranch November 11th (estimated). He had been at services in Rapid City on November 10th. Speculation was that he was preparing to go on a trip and had stopped to check a gate on the ranch when he had a heart attack. The gate was not visible from any travelled roads so his body was not found for several days. Both Lyn and Dorothee were very well known all over the world by many church members as they travelled quite extensively to various feast sites and at other times during the year. Both were pioneer members of the Rapid City congregation. They also had attended Sioux Falls, SD before there was a church in Rapid City.

December 8, 1990 Mr. Ralph Schlup from Newcastle, Wyoming is in the VA Hospital in Hot Springs, SD. He died December 19th. The funeral was performed in Newcastle by Doug Johannsen. Afterwards, the funeral party drove to the Inyan Kara Cemetery in Crook County for the burial. It was very cold, the ground was covered with snow and it was snowing. Mr. Schlup had been unable to attend regularly for a number of years due to poor health. He was one of the pioneer members of the Rapid City congregation. His work was, as he had put it, "Chasin them killowatts".

Up to this point we have had 17 people, members of the Rapid City congregation, die in the faith. They are in random order, Ralph Schlup, Lyn Lyman, Dorothee Lyman, Alta Krebs, Mollie Kincaid, Ernest Smith, Anna Rayburne, Jake Chaffin, Ben Bode, Harry Sheaman, Mrs. Schriver, Mae Lemmon, Bob Satree, Dominic Quartullo Sr., Jay Stewart, Gus Marks, and Miss Huckfeldt.

January 12, 1991 Mr. Bierer held another parents class at the School of Mines, room 252 in the Engineering/Physics building.

January 26, 1991 it was announced that Mara (Hof) Steward had successfully given birth to a baby boy. We are requested to pray for Ethan King, son of Joel and Betty King. He has a cystic hygroma on his shoulder. It was successfully removed a few weeks later at the Mayo clinic.

February 16, 1991 a group of YOU teens kept the Sabbath at a place called Ranch A, south of Beulah, Wyoming. The rustic log structure was built by the wealthy Annenburg family. Much of their wealth had been acquired in the publishing business. I believe that TV Guide is owned by the Annenburg family. At one time he had the largest personal income of anyone in the USA. Al Capone was a personal friend of his and had stayed at Ranch A. The following day the group went skiing at Terry Peak. It conveniently began snowing heavily that morning.

April 5, 1991, on the Last Day of Unleavened Bread, there were 153 present with an apparent record offering of \$6048.16, averaging \$39.53 per person.

May 4, 1991 it was announced that the Johannsen family will be moving to Omaha, Nebraska. They have been hired into the work full time and will assist Terry and Liz Johnson in the Omaha, Lincoln, Nebraska, and Sioux City, Iowa churches. That night we had a costume dance at the civic center.

May 25, 1991 the YOU prom and sports weekend was held in Denver. The weather was beautiful.

Also in May, Jeremy Daum received a 4 year degree from Ambassador College in Big Sandy, Texas.

June 8, 1991 Paul Vinson gave a sermonette in Chadron.

The week of June 24th, Dan and Alice Bierer, Doug and Betty Johannsen, attended the Regional Ministerial Conference in Chicago.

A small work party from Chadron and Rapid City went to the farm home of Cliff and Doris West near Alliance, Nebraska, on June 30, 1991 to help clean up damage from several tornados that had gone thru Thursday night.

July 6, 1991 we were privileged to hear from Randy Stiver again. They are on their way to Roseburg and Coos Bay, Oregon for their new assignment.

On July 9, 1991, Mr & Mrs Bierer, Phil, Doug Johannsen, Doug Elwess, and Dick Morgan were at the Rapid City Regional Airport to greet Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Rockey. They had been injured in an automobile accident in Ohio the week before and had just been released from the hospital.

July 20, 1991 Doug Burleson gave his first sermonette in the Rapid City church.

July 27, 1991 a farewell dinner was held to send Doug, Betty, Lara, and Dana Johannsen on their way to their new assignment in Omaha, Nebraska.