"Progress" is happening at



Because a "church" is really the people and not the building, below are some of the personal testimonies of local business owners who have also been a part of Mountainview Baptist Church



Dakota Greens of Custer

The Nursery & Greenhouses at Dakota Greens of Custer (owned and operated by the Prior and May families) are located 2 miles east of Custer on Hwy 16A. We have been in business since 1999 and by God's grace we've come a long way from the roadside flower and vegetable stand we started out as. Today, we specialize in flowers, shrubs and trees well suited for the Black Hills of South Dakota. Dakota Greens carries a variety of perennials, vegetables, flowering annuals, and unique potted con

tainers and hanging gardens. We also own and operate Top Pin Archery. We have steadily grown and made progress as a business and as a family. It's been fun to belong to such a great community as Custer. We'd like to share with you our path to happiness, joy and purpose. Learning how to define happiness and success in this life are hard lessons, that, unfortunately, many people never figure out. The broken families, substance abuse, and the multitude of earthly problems that come with living in a fallen world, creep into our lives and rob us of a fruitful life. A few years ago, we gave our lives to Jesus and begged His forgiveness for our sins. With sincere hearts, each and every one of us asked for salvation realizing we couldn't make it through this life on our own. Soon after, we were baptized and became members of this church. Mountainview Baptist Church has become our family, and living for Christ is what we do. Living for God and giving Him the glory provides the meaningful and purpose-filled life that far too many people have never experienced.

The gospel of Mark compels each and every Christian to "Go and preach the gospel to every creature...," and this is what we're doing right here and now. Custer is our mission field and we want YOU to know the love, joy and happiness that we so graciously experience every day. Stop by the greenhouse and nursery for all your landscaping and gardening plants... and, if your heart is heavy, and you'd like to know more about the love of Jesus and what salvation can do for you and your family, we always have the time to listen.

In addition to the nursery and greenhouses, Robin Prior operates the Lo-Ru West Dance Studio as well as the RJP Beauty Salon on the premises. The dance studio currently has an enrollment of 52 children and 10 adults. The salon is brand new construction and features a comfortable, quiet, inviting atmosphere. Robin is currently taking on new clients and can be reached at 673-6992.

www.dakotagreensofcuster.com • www.lo-ruwestdance.com



Traditional Wood Arrows

My wife and I have been members of Mountainview Baptist church since retiring from the Forest Service and moving back to Custer in 2000. It has been a blessing to be a part of a church that is active in reaching out and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people in so many ways. It has been a blessing to see the progress!

I've had a lifelong interest in archery, and have realized for "Bob the Builder" overseeing the some time that there are some parallels relating to archery, ar- church construction rows, and God's spiritual principles. In making arrows for tra-

ditional archers around the country, as well as in some foreign countries, I take the opportunity to include written literature that makes reference to God's "polished shaft", God's "arrow of judgment", God, the "Master arrowsmith", how God "straightens" us, like an arrow, for better use by Him, and how an arrow must be sharp, just as God wants us to be "sharp" spiritually.

I thank God for the progress that He has made in me. I enjoy making arrows, and by using arrow-making in a small way, I have an opportunity to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people who may not have ever heard.

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My husband and I have been members of Mountainview Baptist Church in Custer for about a year and a half. We have made progress and grown so much in our walk with Jesus in that time! The people are wonderful and the services are challenging and inspirational. We have had the opportunity to meet and support many missionaries who are taking the saving news of Jesus' love to many areas of the world. I own a "specialty cake" decorating business, "Cakes by Charita," and I have had the opportunity to create the last two specialty cakes for the Lo-Ru West Dance Studio's winter recitals. Some of my cake decorations can be seen at www.raja-photography.com.



Three and half years ago, while working for the school district, my husband Matt and I felt the Lord calling me to do something different. It was a big decision but we took that step of faith. I quit my job, opened a business, started taking classes and became a stay at home mom. Giving up the steady paycheck that I once earned was difficult, but today, we at Raja Photography feel blessed beyond compare. We gave this business to the Lord and He has provided all our needs. We thank the

Lord God for the progress and growth that he has given to us, since we took that step of faith We also thank our church family at Mountainview Baptist for their prayers and the support that they give us. We feel blessed beyond words!

Matt and Vanessa Brunner Raja Photography 605-673-2670 • www.raja-photography.com



Moose's Landscaping & Tree Service has been doing business in Custer since 1982. We can handle most any landscaping project that you may have, including boulder walls and rip-rap installation. Other services include forestry, excavating, septic system installations, top soil, and gravel.

In the year 2004, I was involved in an alcohol related incident, which resulted in a gun-shot wound that left me paralyzed from the middle of my chest down. The devil just about ruined me, my marriage, and our business. However, in spite of the fact that my legs no longer work, by God's grace, I am Ron Moos working on the crawl-

still able to continue to operate my business with the use of space entrance to the new church. hand-operated equipment and a "hired-hand" (or "hired-legs"). In spite of the odds, God has helped us to make progress. He has helped us to maintain

our business and our marriage. God continues to heal my wife and I in many ways, and the alcohol is no longer a part of our lives.

In January of 2011, my wife and I began to attend Mountainview Baptist Church. We had never been to a "Baptist" church before, and while it is different than what we were used to, we have found a church family that we can call "home." Now, we attend church almost every Sunday morning. I also have been able to donate some of my time to the dirt work and land-

scaping around the new building, as well. We hope and pray that our story will encourage someone who reads it, and to let them know that God is good and that His mercies do not fail. This is a good community to live in and Mountainview Baptist is a great place to call "home".



