



**THE
CENTRAL CONNECTION**
January 2020

"We are an organization of churches that is committed to the mission of Christ to multiply disciple-making churches through evangelism, leadership training, and connection with other like-minded churches."

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FROM THE CBNC BOARD CHAIRMAN

"God's Purpose of the Church"

"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name

of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'" – Matthew 28:18-20

" . . . if different members of your (leadership or ministry) team have different ideas of what *the* purpose of the church is, it will rupture spiritual progress as certainly as the iceberg sank the titanic." [Read More](#)



*Pastor Brad Little, CBNC Board Chairman
Lead Pastor - Oak Grove Church*

CLUSTER GROUP DIRECTOR

Good News!

"Recently I have had the opportunity to contact quite a number of CBNC Pastors. As I dialogued with them I began to find myself being encouraged by those pastors." [Read More](#)



*Pastor Eldon Carlson
CBNC Regional Cluster Group Director*

AROUND THE REGION

Position of CB North Central Director in Transition

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." -Romans 8:28

"No matter how confusing our current circumstances, how agonizing our choices, no matter what disappointments we face, God will ultimately work in us through even the most overwhelming odds, for our good – for those who love Him. We are dealing with such a challenge as a Board and as a CBNC Region."

[Click Here](#) to read the announcement that was sent out last week.

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Lead Pastor of Oak Grove Church*

Karen Phinney Update

Please continue to support Karen with your prayers. She is still very much engaged with her battle against this cancer that has been attacking her for the last couple of years. The latest results from a persistent barrage of chemo treatments have not provided the encouragement that the Phinneys were hoping for and most recently Karen has begun a new series of treatment with a different chemo medication. Please continue to pray for God's merciful provision and grace for healing and transformative grace even in a context of suffering.



NEW CHURCH PLANT-

Gerad Hall is a pastor in the Quad Cities area (Iowa cities Davenport & Bettendorf; Illinois cities Rock Island, Moline & East Moline) who is planning a new church plant. For more information [click here](#). If you would like to contact Pastor Hall you can email him at Gerad.hall@gmail.com.

"The LORD Determines His Steps"

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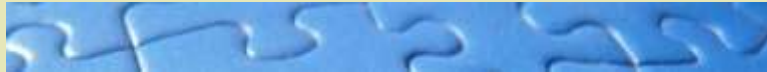


*"A man's heart plans his way, but
the Lord determines
his steps."
(Proverbs 16:9 HCSB)*

"This is a verse I think about often in regard to church planting and even more with recent events. None of us have a crystal ball and even if we did we shouldn't use it, even though many of us would like to be able to control the outcome of things."

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*Pastor Gerad Hall
Quad Cities*



CBAmerica Chaplaincy "A Season of Change!"



"On 19 September, the CBAmerica Board called Chaplain Randy Brandt to be our new Director of Chaplaincy. In early 2017, my wife, Myra (RN), noticed some facial tremors and encouraged me to have it checked out. After a series of neurological exams and several MRIs, I was diagnosed with probable Parkinson's disease. I informed the board and together we planned and executed a successful replacement process." [Read More](#)

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PLEASE PRAY for the Following Churches in Transition



First Baptist Church - Colfax, IA
Oak Park Community Church - Blaine, MN
First Baptist Church - Detroit Lakes, MN
Faithbridge Church - Park Rapids, MN
Cavalier Baptist Church - Cavalier, ND
Faith Fellowship Church - Cincinnati, OH
First Baptist Church - Shelby, OH

10 Things You Should Know About the Lifting of Hands in Worship

"Lifting of hands is part of worship in many churches. Worship involves our bodies as well as our hearts and minds. Our posture tells a story. It makes a statement to God and to others about the state of our souls and the affections and passions of our heart."

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-by Sam Storms, *Churchleaders.com*



IRS Lowers Standard Business Mileage Rate for 2020

"In a New Year's Eve announcement, the IRS lowered the standard business mileage rate for 2020. For 2019, the rate was 58 cents per mile." [Read More](#)

-ECFA.org (Evangelical Council For Financial Accountability)

Conducting a Funeral for a Newborn or a Still-Born Baby

"Our hope and prayer is for you to never need this podcast but our goal is to help leaders and prepare them for a variety of difficult situations. Today's episode is sobering but helpful in giving guidance when faced with an extreme tragedy for families." [Click Here](#) to listen to podcast.

-by Thom Rainer, ThomRainer.com



CB North Central Cluster Groups

Central Minnesota

Monday, February 17, 10am to Noon

Reading "Evangelism in a Skeptical World" by Sam Chan

Meeting at River of Live Church, Hastings, MN

Steve Schoenwald, River of Life Church, Hastings, MN

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Wisconsin

Thursday, February 20, Noon

Location to be Decided

Eldon Carlson, Bloomer, WI

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Wade Duroe, Crossroads Church, Chippewa Falls, WI

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Iowa

To Be Decided

Meeting at Calvary Baptist Church, Cedar Rapids, IA

Church Assessment Tool
How Healthy is Your
Church?

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for Associated Churches

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