CB North Central

Connecting Churches Who Love God and the Gospel

THE
CENTRAL CONNECTION

April 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."

Visit Our Website

ENGAGE

CONNECTING CHURCHES TO FULFILL THE MISSION OF CHRIST

We're excited to announce

ENGAGE

Tuesday, April 28 at 9:00am CST

with an alternative repeat session

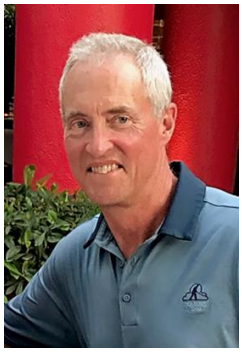
Wednesday, April 29, at 3:00pm CST

ENGAGE is a new regional forum we are creating through Zoom technology to address *vision and mission critical issues* to help us explore Christ's call to be His church. Our desire is to provide a forum for pastors to explore and evaluate fresh ideas to be gospel-centered, grace-filled, biblically guided churches. We will challenge ourselves to explore our next step in our continued effort to engage the gospel and the mission of Christ.

- **Every pastor, associate, youth pastor and interim pastor** in our Region is ***invited*** and encouraged to join us in one of these sessions.
- Come and go as you please.
- **Format:** 15 -20 minute recasting of gospel and mission.
- **Question and Exploration**: we will have time for questions and discussion to explore implication for our own context.
- **Our Key Goals**: We are not here to debate concepts as much as glean what truth or principles the Spirit of God resonates in your heart to take your next step forward.

A Zoom invite will be sent out early next week to all our pastors.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CLICK HERE



Dr. Brad Little,
CB North Central Interim Regional Director

"NONESSENTIAL"

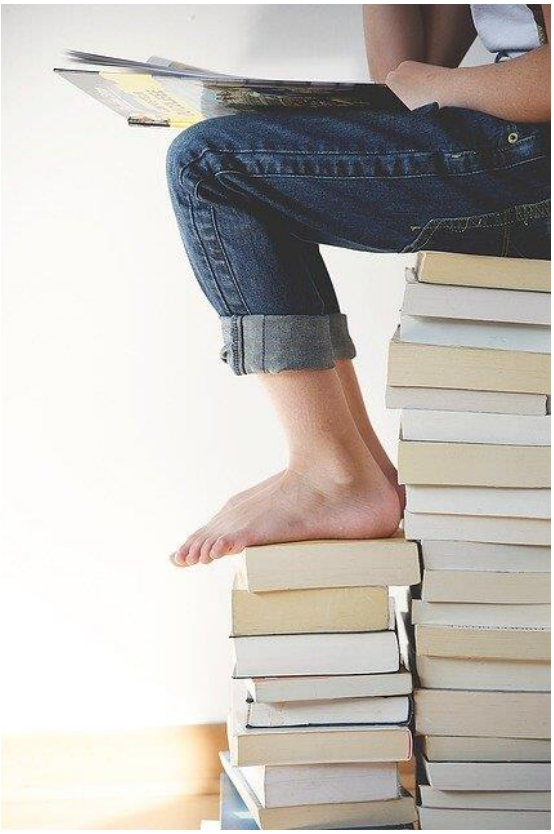
"During our present crisis, church services are labeled nonessential. I agree for the sake of the well-being of church members—"Sheltering at Home" is a very good idea, but I take offense at church services being called 'nonessential'." *Read More*

Pastor Eldon Carlson
CBNC Networking Director

HENRY C. SPICER SCHOLARSHIP

DEADLINE EXTENDED!

Deadline June 1st



Do you know a high school senior graduating this spring?

The **HENRY C. SPICER SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded each year to high school seniors planning to attend college in the Fall. To qualify, an applicant must be a committed Christian and a regular attender of a CBNC affiliated church. Pass this information on to someone you know.

For more information and an application, visit our *website*.

More questions? Contact the CB North Central office by phone 763-205-9330 or email *wendyj@cbnorthcentral.org*.

Applications must be postmarked ON or BEFORE June 1st.

AROUND THE REGION

Karen Phinney Update

On April 1st Karen had a CT scan that revealed an inoperable intestinal blockage. All treatment has been stopped and Karen is at home under the care of Hospice and her family. Please continue to keep her and the family in your prayers.

Plaid Ponderings: Waiting on the Lord **No. 8**

"Love the Lord, all you his saints! The Lord preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride. Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!"
Psalms 23-24 ESV

"There are a lot of passages in the Bible that talk about "waiting for the Lord". Waiting for the Lord is a major theme in Scripture. The Psalms in particular are filled with references to waiting on the Lord. Here we read of David expressing his faith and trust in God. The Psalmist expresses that his hope is in God, that he trusts God, that he will wait for the Lord. "Be strong, and let your heart take courage". This is now the fourth week (at least) that we in Kenmare, ND have been home, trying to do our part to slow down the Corona Virus. Yet despite all that waiting, the virus hasn't really hit us. Most of those weeks have just been waiting." *Read More*

Sincerely,

A Plaid Pastor
-by Pastor Josh Emmel, Faith Baptist Church, Kenmare, ND

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.

No. 9

Will You Settle For Normal?

"I don't recall ever hearing of the Spanish flu of 1918. I had no idea that 25+ million people died all across the globe from it. However, I've read about it quite a bit recently, because it was very prevalent in my home region of the Quad Cities.

This has caused me to realize something about the times that we're living in. " *Read More*

Pastor Gerad Hall
Quad Cities

OPPORTUNITIES - POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Pastor:

Position of Pastor for First Baptist Church, Shelby, OH
CLICK HERE for Details

Chaplaincy:

Interested in a chaplaincy position? Rev. Randy Brandt, Director of Chaplaincy for CBAmerica has offered to help facilitate the endorsement application process for you. Contact him through his email at chapbrandt@cbamerica.org.

GS-12 CHAPLAIN
Justice, Bureau of Prisons/Federal Prison System
Department of Justice
Location: Miami-Dade County, Florida
Location: Federal Detention Center Miami, FL
Starting at $81,723 (GS 12)
Permanent • Full-Time
This job is open to:
Open: 04/9/2020
Closes: 04/23/2020
Link: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/565235000

GS-12 CHAPLAIN
Justice, Bureau of Prisons/Federal Prison System
Department of Justice
Location: Florence, CO
Location: FCC Florence, CO
Starting at $77,931 (GS 12)

Permanent • Full-Time
This job is open to:
Open: 04/07/2020
Closes: 04/21/2020
Link: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/564968600

CBAmerica Chaplaincy
"Changing of the Stole"

Thank you Andy. . . .

Welcome Randy

On March 10th a 'Changing of the Stole' ceremony was held signifying the transfer of the position of 'Director of Chaplaincy' from Andrew Meverden to Randy Brandt. Due to health issues, Andy will continue as 'Associate' Director of Chaplaincy.

CBAmerica President, Dr. David Whitaker led the ceremony/prayer and Chaplains from all services joined on stage to illustrate, witness and pray for new Director of Chaplaincy, Chaplain Randy Brandt.

Andy says, "I look forward to assisting Randy as he has assumed the “pilot” position with me as “co-pilot/first officer.”

Enjoy pictures of the Changing of the Stole Ceremony

Rev. Andy Meverden
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PLEASE PRAY for the Following Churches in Transition

First Baptist Church - Colfax, IA
First Baptist Church - Detroit Lakes, MN
Faith Fellowship Church - Cincinnati, OH
First Baptist Church - Shelby, OH

CARES Act - Clarity For Christian Organizations on Separation Between Church & State

"Many leaders of Christian organizations have expressed fears around taking money from the Federal government. However, last night, the US Treasury clarified their policy around faith-based organizations saying 'nothing in (SBA nondiscrimination regulations) shall apply to a religious corporation.'" *Read More*
-by Sutton Turner, Vanderbloemen.com

A Blank Slate:

8 Steps for Churches to Prepare for the Post-COVID-19 World

Online Conference - Friday, April 17 at 1pm EST

Sign Up Here

-by Thom Rainer, Church Answers in partnership with Church Initiative

Pandemic Planning Resources

Church Mutual provides a website dedicated to resources for your organization.

More Information

CB North Central Cluster Groups

Central Minnesota

Monday, April 20, 10am

Virtual Meeting

Steve Schoenwald, River of Life Church, Hastings, MN

651-437-3965 sdschoenwald@gmail.com

Southern Minnesota

Monday, April 27, 9am

Virtual Meeting

Walt Moser, First Baptist Church, Luverne, MN

605-254-3092 PastorWalt.Moser@gmail.com

Northern Minnesota/North Dakota

Monday, May 11, 3pm

Virtual Meeting

Eldon Carlson, CBNC Networking Director

715-568-1979 ecarlson@bloomer.net

Wisconsin
Tuesday, May 12, 11am
Virtual Meeting
Eldon Carlson, Bloomer, WI
715-568-1979 ecarlson@bloomer.net
Wade Duroe, Crossroads Church, Chippewa Falls, WI
715-723-1054 wljc12@hotmail.com

Central Illinois
Tuesday, April 21, 9am
Virtual meeting
Eldon Carlson, CBNC Networking Director
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Chicago Land
Tuesday, May 12, 9am
Virtual meeting
Eldon Carlson, CBNC Networking Director
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Iowa
Tuesday, May 5, 9am
Virtual Meeting
Jay Jentink, Calvary Baptist Church, Cedar Rapids, IA
319-396-3233 office@calvarycr.org

Michigan
Wednesday, April 22, 11am
Virtual meeting
Eldon Carlson, CBNC Networking Director
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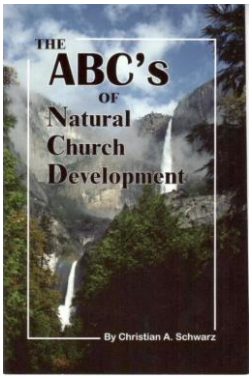
SERVICES & INFORMATION PROVIDED BY CB NORTH CENTRAL
Below you will find a partial list of the many services provided by CB North Central, click on any image for more information.

Placement Services for Pastors Seeking a Position

FREE Demographic Report for Your Church & Community

Listing of All CB North Central Churches



Church Assessment Tool How Healthy is Your Church?

501c3 Tax Exempt Status for Associated Churches

Placement Services for Churches Seeking a Pastor

Compensation Guidelines for Pastors & Staff

iPM INTERIM PASTOR MINISTRIES

Interim Pastor Services through IPM

Henry C. Spicer Scholarship Awards

Background Check Resources

Retirement Information

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