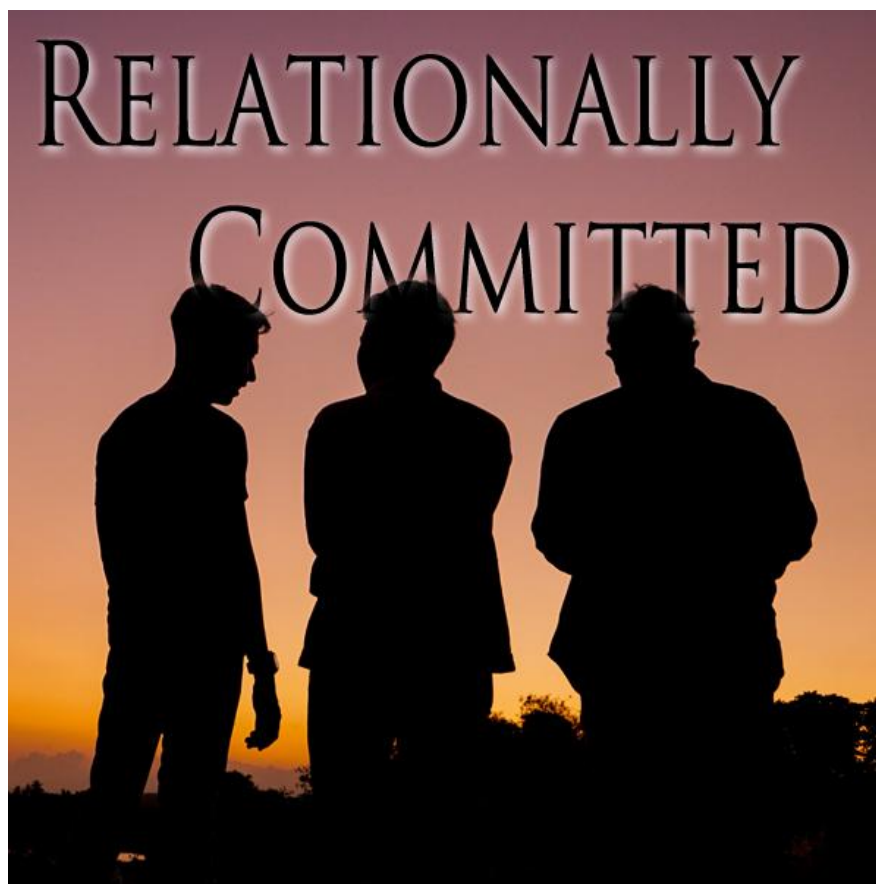


THE CENTRAL CONNECTION

October 2022

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Spirit-Energized Relational Commitment

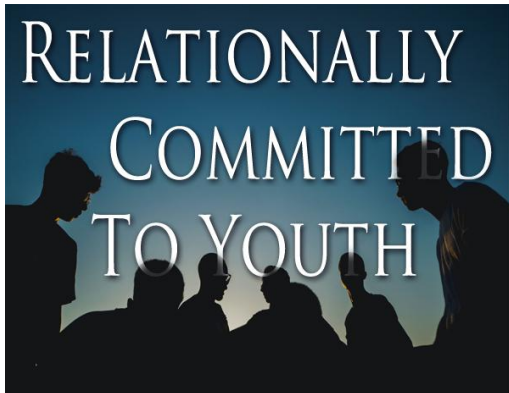
But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law (Galatians 5:16-18).



The Spirit of God is indispensable for the Christian life

The only way that we will not continue to gratify the desires of the Flesh is to walk by the Spirit. Overcoming the desires of the flesh is not an issue of being intuitively aware of my circumstances. Certainly, being aware of my circumstances keeps us alert of danger but only to keep on walking by the Spirit. Overcoming the flesh is not about mental common sense. We cannot be successful on our own. [Read More](#)

*Pastor Brad Little, Regional Executive Director
Venture Church Network Midwest*



The 3 Aspects of Christian Relationships

What makes a good conversation good? Is it the length of time, topic of the conversation, or what got accomplished from the meeting? When talking with Youth Pastors, Senior Pastors, and youth volunteers that are part of the VCNMidwest, I tend to judge the quality of the conversation by the level of connection I had with the other person. [Read More](#)



The Pastor, His Relationships, and His Money

“Well, if they are called to ministry, won’t they just come, and not worry about the pay”? A church leader conveyed this idea during a discussion about hiring a new ministry staff member at their church. My response caught him off guard, I told him that there are financial considerations that would lead me to decline an invitation to vocational ministry at a church. He was puzzled,

Chuck Babbitt, Youth Pastor
Bloomer Baptist Church
VCN Midwest Youth Ministries Director

why? [Read More](#)

Pastor Rob Buhl
First Baptist Church, Whitehall, WI



Tuesday, October 25, 9:00am (CT)
with an alternative repeat session
Wednesday, October 26, 3:00pm (CT)

WATCH FOR YOUR ZOOM INVITE COMING SOON!

The Purpose of ENGAGE is to address gospel and missional critical issues and challenge our thinking related to pastoral ministry, leadership and the purpose of our churches.

The Goal of ENGAGE is to continue to become gospel-centered, grace driven, biblically anchored churches passionately committed to fulfill the mission of Christ.

Venture Church Network Midwest
CLUSTER GROUPS



Iowa

Tuesday, October 18, 12:00 (CT)
Location - Hillcrest Baptist Church,
Muscatine
Jay Jentink, Calvary Baptist Church,
Cedar Rapids, IA
319-396-3233
office@calvarycr.org

Michigan/Ohio

Thursday, October 20, 2:00 (EST)
Meeting by Zoom
Allen Grover, Ganson Street Baptist
Church, Jackson, MI
517-740-8961

Southern Minnesota

Tuesday, October 11, 11:30 (CT)
Location - Pizza Ranch, Jackson
Walt Moser, First Baptist Church,
Luverne, MN
605-254-3092
PastorWalt.Moser@gmail.com

Wisconsin

Thursday, October 15, 11:00 (CT)
Location - To Be Decided
Wade Duroe, Crossroads Church,
Chippewa Falls, WI
715-723-1054

pastorallen@gansonstreet.org

wjlc12@hotmail.com

Central Minnesota

Monday, October 18, 10:00 (CT)
Location - River of Life Church,
Hastings, MN
Dan Vesta, River of Life Church
651-468-1045
dkvesta@sbcglobal.net

VCNMidwest Youth Pastor

Collaboration
Thursday, October 20, 10:00 (CT)
Meeting by Zoom
Chuck Babbitt, Bloomer Baptist
Church, Bloomer, WI
515-230-0774
youth@bloomerbaptistchurch.com

To Be Decided

Illinois
Northern Minnesota/North Dakota

JUST A LITTLE
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