

THE CENTRAL CONNECTION

September 2022

"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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Making Disciples Who Make Disciples



Disciple-making is about investing in people. The fact that Jesus took twelve men and called them to himself and invested three years of his life into them gives us a great model for discipleship. If you think about it, Jesus could have built anything. He could have started a business; he could have created a network; he could have restored the kingdom to Israel. There are so many different things Jesus could have done to leave his legacy but there is only one thing that he did do – he recruited people to become his disciples (learners) so they would, in turn, invest and teach others too. [Read More](#)

DISCIPLE MAKING IN STUDENT MINISTRY



Sanctification and Disciple Making Cannot Be Separated

When the topic of disciple making comes up, strategies and diagrams are some of the first things to be brought up. These are great, but often miss the most important element. I am not saying having a clear and purposeful strategy for discipling students is wrong, in fact I would say just the opposite. In youth ministry we need to have a clear focus for reaching students and walking with them to make a disciple who then goes and makes disciples. [Read More](#)

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

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP INVESTING IN ETERNITY



Faithful, Wise, and Waiting

In Matthew 24 Jesus directs His comments to “the end of the age” (Matthew 24:3). After giving reasons why no one (yes, no one) should try to guess when Jesus will return, He teaches what His disciples should do until then. To be precise, the very fact that we don’t know when He will return (a point he repeats) acts as the hinge for His teaching. Jesus gives His followers practical perspective as they wait for “the end of the age” (Matthew 25:1). [Read More](#)

*Pastor Rob Buhl
First Baptist Church, Whitehall, WI*



Tuesday, September 27 , 9:00am (CT)

There will not be a Wednesday repeat session this month.

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, September 27, 12:00
(CT)

Location - theStone Church,
Manchester

*Jay Jentink, Calvary Baptist
Church, Cedar Rapids, IA*

319-396-3233

office@calvarycr.org

Michigan/Ohio

Thursday, September 15, 2:00
(EST)

Meeting by Zoom

*Allen Grover, Ganson Street
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517-740-8961

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Southern Minnesota

Tuesday, September 13, 11:30 (CT)

Location - Pizza Ranch, Jackson

Wisconsin

Thursday, September 15, 11:00 (CT)

Location - Season's Cafe, Barron
*Wade Duroe, Crossroads Church,
Chippewa Falls, WI*

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VCNMidwest Youth Pastor

Collaboration

Thursday, September 22, 10:00
(CT)

Meeting by Zoom

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To Be Decided

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