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E-Central E-Mail

CBNC Office Moving in October to Minnesota

From the Regional Director

CB North Central is on the Move

We are on the move! This is not some cute metaphor to show we are moving forward with healthy change within the region. Seriously! On October 7 we are moving the Regional office from its current location in Whitehall, Wisconsin, 145 miles west to a CB church in Blaine, Minnesota. There are two primary reasons for the decision to move. One, the Whitehall Government Office building that houses our office location is in a plan for demolition. That is not going to work. Two, Don Shaw established the Regional office in Whitehall because that was his home and was conveniently central to his work as Director. Since I live in Bloomington, MN (Twin Cities) it makes my 2 ½ hour commute to the current office somewhat of a challenge. The new office location at Oak Park Community Church in Blaine is a quick 30 minutes just north of our home.

With this decision to move, it brings a sad and difficult change for me as the Director. Jean Wright will no longer be the region's Admin Assistant and Accountant. Don Shaw moved the Regional office from the Fridley area of the Twin Cities in July of 2004 and hired Jean as the part-time bookkeeper in October. The journey began for Jean and the region, but it gets better! Lisa Lackey from Whitehall became Don's Admin Assistant at the same time until she left in May of 2005. Don began looking again for a replacement and by God's perfect design, Jean became the new Admin Assistant in September of 2005. Now he had the best of all worlds. He had the same person doing the accounting as well as performing the responsibilities of an Admin Assistant. Perfect! Don Shaw told me that you will not find a more loyal and harder worker in Jean, and he was right!



Jean has faithfully served the region and two Directors for eight years now. I have had the blessing to work side-by-side with her for over two years and what a blessing. Jean's hard work and amazing knowledge of our region allowed my transition as a new Director to go seamlessly. On behalf of the region and every church that has had the blessing of interacting with Jean over these past years, we say thanks. She has instituted many prominent changes to our region in her tenure, and I am confident that she will equally impact others so wonderfully in her next work place.

I will miss her deeply as a co-worker and good friend. Thanks for putting up with me, Jean, and know that you are loved by us all. We pray that our great Savior will continue to bless you and David as you look to the future. Keep trusting Him for impossibilities.

Next month, we will give you the new address, phone numbers and introductions to our next Admin Assistant and Accountant. Please pray for our October 7 office move.

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FAMILY NEWS from across the Region

Calvary Church in Muscatine, Iowa, was hit by a tornado on June 24. Here is a July 18 email from Dan Schoepf, Teaching Pastor at Calvary:



"We are being reminded the church is more than just a building. Damage could not have been at a worse spot, humanly speaking. Timing could not have been better, humanly speaking. We have been in a "master plan" process for the entire facility and were already talking about walls and roofs and parking lot. The timetable got shifted up a bit. Weather for the tent in the parking lot (strange mix between a circus and a revival) has been great so far. There is beginning to be some "tent fatigue." Attendance generally has been greater than usual.



Negotiations are going on with the insurance company. I can only speak on behalf of a good insurer and plan-- including replacement cost and loss of business provisions (though we have not experienced that so far.) And work is starting on the long-term temporary facility--which is in the big box store on the E of our property. Hope to be in that in September.

We have weathered some spiritual disasters during the last 36 years, but this natural disaster is a first. Ty Thomas, our lead pastor, and our board have provided great leadership.

Staff-wise we feel like aliens as our offices are helter skelter right now.

We are praying this will bring new unity, passion, commitment, and perspective to the work we are doing for Christ in this community.

You can see some pics on our web and Facebook pages. We are experiencing the effects that the instant communication of socialmedia can bring.



Your partner,
Dan Schoepf

Faith Community Church in West Concord, Minnesota,
held its 150th anniversary July 21.



Celebrating 150 years!

Three former pastors were in attendance:



Kanangeiter (1950's), Phinney (1990's), Phelps (1970's), Breederland, current, Paulson (missionary)

Calvary Baptist Church in Eau Claire, Wisconsin celebrated the dedication of its new ministry center on Saturday and Sunday, August 3-4, 2013. An all day Vacation Bible School was held on Saturday followed by a youth-oriented concert with Lightswitch, a Christian band that got its start at Calvary 14 years ago.



On Sunday nearly 400 people came together for worship in the morning service, with most of them staying for lunch. The afternoon dedication service featured words from several of the Christian contractors who built the facility, and Pat Phinney, Regional Executive Director of

CBNC. The dedication ceremony was taken from Solomon's dedication prayer in 2 Chronicles 6 and was led by the Elders of Calvary who came before the Lord on their knees before the congregation.

May the Lord fulfill the commitments that were made by His people to "Be Fruitful and Multiply."

John VanGorkom, Pastor



Thoughts from a Cluster Leader

*By Andrew Brown, Senior Pastor
Long Prairie, MN*

I received unexpected news the other day. A person that I have known for the past 14 years was arrested (I will call him Joe). While Joe is not a close personal friend, he is more than an acquaintance and I was sure the news and nature of his arrest was exaggerated. A few days after I received the news, I did a Google search. The search brought me to a series of mug shots as well as an admission that Joe had become, from my perspective, the worst type of sexual predator. Sad, stunned and grieved would be a good description of my internal response, both for him and his victims.

If you asked me last week to tell you about Joe, I would have described a

vibrant and Jesus loving man who was committed to serving Jesus with his life. [click here to finish reading](#)

Do You Know Your Neighborhood?



Free customized demographic information is available about your church location and the people living nearby. This service is provided for all CBNC churches and can be customized by zip code or mile radius. Call Pat at 952-322-7173 at his home office for this free report.

YOUTH PASTOR to YOUTH PASTOR

What's Your Opinion?

*By Matthew Slippy, Associate Pastor of Youth Ministries
Cedar Rapids, Iowa*

Have you noticed that everyone these days has an opinion to share, and not just about personal preferences, but also about important matters of the heart? In fact, this article is my opinion about today's opinionated culture. Having an opinion is nothing new. What is new is the availability via social networking, blogs, etc. to share one's opinion about every facet of life with not only close friends, but with the world. It has become a cultural value, and dare I say, each individual's right & responsibility ... to express ones opinion about everything to as many people as possible regardless of how foolish the opinion might be.

I like vanilla, you like chocolate. Great. Having an opinion about the flavor of ice cream is one thing, having an opinion about truth, equality, evil, or authority is another. Yet the feeling one gets when logging into Facebook, surfing the net, or checking messages would suggest that we should be open to hearing all ideas uttered by every person, giving each thought equal weight & concern. Are all opinions equally valid and worth sharing regardless of their contradictions, inconsistencies, or absurdities? [click here to read Matt's article](#)

CHAPLAINCY:

Seeing is Believing

We recently were told that some forty percent of the military and even young people in society have no religious preference and are not interested in religion. Our chaplains would tell you that when they hold services, like the one pictured, many show up to worship to learn about God and have a hunger to know Him better. They are also seeking fellowship with other believers. We are able to preach the Gospel, give altar calls and lead people to Christ and we can encourage them to share their faith with others. There is opposition but we need to remember the words of Jesus, "I will build My church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it."





You may also hear that Chaplains can't pray publicly anymore. That is also false. Here is a picture of one of our chaplains praying at a change of command ceremony while their unit was deployed. There are always those who tell us we cannot pray as chaplains but when asked we are able to pray even using the name of Jesus. Not only military chaplains are asked to pray at special ceremonies. Recently one of

our prison chaplains in New York State was invited to give the benediction at a Memorial Service and Medals Ceremony for the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision. They were honoring those who gave their lives in the line of duty and awarding those whose selfless actions deserved recognition.

Here is a message given to his soldiers recently by one of our chaplains.

Keeping Your Cool when Dealing with Rudeness

By Chaplain (CPT) Brian T. Hargis

Have you ever dealt with a rude and inconsiderate person that "pushed you over the edge?"

Perhaps it was a platoon sergeant, a family member or someone you were attempting to help. I once counseled a woman that was so angry that she destroyed her husband's Harley-Davidson motorcycle with a baseball bat. [click here to finish reading](#)

If you want to know more about CBAmerica Chaplaincy please contact Al Russell at chapruss@cbamerica.org or by phone at 320-492-8619.

Do you record church services and then post online? Do you stream Christian music on your church website? Did

you obtain the necessary **permissions**?

What this [video](#) from Church Law & Tax concerning these and other issues where churches may fail when it comes to copyright law. Overlooking any of these-intentionally or not-can result in costly fines.

New Provider for Background Checks

CBNC is recommending the following organization for our churches to perform background checks for volunteers and potential staff members: Click on this link, [Shepherd's Watch](#), for information and inexpensive sign-up.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PASTOR CLUSTER MEETINGS

Illinois

September 10, 10:30 AM

Bethany Baptist, Edwards IL

Contact Mark Friday, 309-347-5965

Michigan

September 16, 10 AM

Rockford Baptist, Rockford MI

Contact Mike Wetzig, 231-853-6021

For a Pastor Cluster Leader in your area, [click here](#)

Please pray for the following churches and Search Committees:

- Mason Township Baptist Church--Cassopolis MI SENIOR PASTOR
 - First Baptist Church-Bradford IL SENIOR PASTOR
 - First Baptist Church--Streator IL SENIOR PASTOR
 - Delavan Baptist Church--Delavan IL SENIOR PASTOR
 - First Baptist Church--Elmhurst IL SENIOR PASTOR
 - Calvary Church at Village Green--Moorhead MN SENIOR PASTOR
 - First Baptist Church--Whitehall WI SENIOR PASTOR
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- Bethel Baptist Church--Jackson MI DIRECTOR of FAMILY MINISTRIES
 - First Baptist Church--Spring Lake MI ASSOCIATE PASTOR



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