

CB North Central E-Central E-mail



Great Commandment Passion, Great Commission Focus

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From our Regional Director:

CB North Central GPS is ON

The other day I was on the way to an appointment in the northern Twin Cities. Before I departed, I punched in the address of my destination. That is normal. I headed north and turned on my GPS. So far so good, until I could not get a connection with the satellite. Sometimes I wonder where that satellite is? Still no connection. Now what? I kept driving north and for the first time ever, I could not connect to that billion dollar technology orbiting in outer space. I turned off the GPS and said to myself, "We are on our own Pat, so let's go and hope for the best."

I got to my northern destination. Who needs a GPS anyway? Though such technology can fail us at times, the CBNC GPS is on and giving us direction for the future. All of our churches received a Mapping Ministry Regional Survey on April 2, 2013, from CBAmerica. I want to thank you in advance for taking the time to complete each question. "Is it that important?" you ask. Yes, the GPS is on and your participation is vital to the evaluation we have initiated with CBAmerica. The Ministry Mapping process in which you are participating is a pilot program

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Natural Church Development

How Healthy is Your Church?

This is a proven tool that can help your church with growth, not just in terms of quality but in terms of evangelism.

Give us a call at 715-538-2298.

NCD will help you identify the eight qualities and six growth factors for a healthy church.

Healthy NCD is seeing a steady growth through conversions

for Regional Ministry Mapping that other CBA regions will submit to in the coming years. The objective of this Ministry Mapping process will help in the overall assessment of the health of all our regional ministries throughout the country. Will it directly benefit you as a church? Yes!

CBAmerica, a church-based, Gospel-centered network of regional associations of churches, values ministry health. You already know this, but healthy regions are composed of healthy churches and healthy churches are measured by three key values. First, healthy CB regions help CB churches achieve God's purpose for them of reproducing followers of Jesus Christ by becoming like Him in their passions, pursuits, pleasure and person. Second, healthy CB regions help CB churches develop processes for the reproduction of mission-focused leaders at all levels of church ministry. Lastly, healthy CB regions help CB churches increase kingdom impact through multiplication of new churches.

How do we as the North Central region know with certainty that we being successful in this mission? It begins by gathering historical documents, statistical data and then a survey to our constituency. We have already submitted the historical documents and statistical data. Now comes the survey and you have that in your possession. The first part of the survey will give us an idea of the scope and demographic make-up of those responding. Next will come three major sections that will measure the general perception of the church towards CB North Central, the leaderships' perception of our region and then ten open questions that will measure a more detailed personal response.

Again, will it directly benefit you as a church? Yes! All of the Regional Executive Directors will review the collected information at a May 7-8 meeting in Pennsylvania and then report back to the CB North Central Board. They will share the findings and include an important prescription that will help our region effectively carry out our ministry objectives. CBNC exists to serve churches in the region and your participation in the survey will help us to accomplish this task.

The GPS is on! Our regional mission "to nurture and network

and the ongoing discipleship of those who are part of the church.

Valuable Information About Your Church's Area

Customized demographic information available about your church location. This is a free service for all CBNC churches. Call Pat at 952-322-7173 at his home office.

Ministry Quick Links [CBAmerica](#)

NCCBA

www.nccba-gc2.com

WEBSITE

CHILD ABUSE REPORTING laws by State on our website under RESOURCES

Your Church and the Sex Offender

Free website links to National Sex Offenders website

Call Pat at 952-322-7173 for a power point presentation.

New Staff Background Checks

CBNC is now able to perform background checks for member churches. Call the office, 715-538-2298.

Antioch School of

churches who passionately love God and are committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ" is also on. Thanks for participating. Your responses are vital.

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From a Cluster Leader:

What do you do when it seems like God lets you down?

I received an email last week that stated, "What do you do when all hope seems lost?" Basically the email was about what do you do when it seems as if God has let you down. Last week I had a week in which it seemed (notice I said *seemed*) as if God let people down. There were several families that I either met with or heard from who were going through extreme trials and pain. Some were concerning financial difficulties, some were concerning relationship issues, some were going through the grief of the unexpected loss of a baby, and some were in the middle of a marriage crisis.

What do we do when it seems as if God has let us down? This is no easy question to answer and maybe it's not even the right question to ask. I think part of the issue in America with God is that we have made Him to be a fairy. He is our wish commander. We expect God to do what we ask whenever we ask it. We expect God to be that person that gets us out of every bind we put ourselves in. We see God as that person that is supposed to prevent us from every hurt and pain. I believe this is faulty theology.

I think far too many Americans think God's purpose is to make

Evangelism & Church Planting

Go to College at Your Home Church

(Accreditation by [DETC](#))

Would you be interested in being able to offer college level material in your local church? Would you be interested in being able to facilitate in providing a bachelors degree from your local church? Are you interested in being able to develop your current and next generation leadership?

If you answered yes to any or all of these we encourage you to look into this resource. **Antioch School of Evangelism and Church Planting** is a resource that will help equip your church for all of the above. We have three churches in the region that have become certified--Forest City Baptist, Rockford, IL; FBC Jackson, MN; and FBC Whitehall, WI. For further information contact the NCCBA office at 715-538-2298 or by email nccba@trivest.net

Software Discounts

BIG savings on software!

Microsoft Office Pro Plus 2013, Windows 8 Professional, Photoshop, Dreamweaver, Acrobat and other Microsoft and Adobe products are available for lease to member churches. [Click here](#) for an order form.

Bibles

CBAmerica is again offering Bibles at greatly reduced rates when ordered by the case.

Available by filling out the order form on the CBAmerica website www.cbamerica.org or toll-free 888-366-3010 in CASE LOTS ONLY

their lives easy, great and comfortable. If that is you, you are missing the boat. The opposite is true. God is not to make us great but rather we are to make Him great. A constant prayer I pray for myself and family is, **"God do whatever you need to, whatever it takes, God, to keep us dependent and relying on You. God, do whatever is necessary for us to have complete reliance on you."**

What do we do when it seems as if God has let us down? Well, we make Him great in those times. John Piper often says, "God is most glorified in me when I am most satisfied in Him." That's part of the answer to the question of what do we do when it seems as if God has let us down; we keep finding our satisfaction in Him and not our circumstances. See, when that email came and when all these people went through this hurt and pain all at once, it was a great reminder to me. God is not a puppet. God is not obligated to answer selfish prayers. God is not obligated to take away pain from our lives. God is not obligated to make a believer's life a bed of roses. We are obligated, though, to make Him and His name glorious. We are obligated to truly rely on Him and Him alone. We are obligated to walk in faith, that all things do work together for the good for those who believe and Love Him.

All those families that I had the great privilege to minister to last week were a great reminder to me because I found myself for a minute asking, "Hey God what's going on here, these families love you and these families are serving you?" It was personal for me. Some of these families Les and I have been on a monthly basis fasting and praying specifically for them. So you think, "God we did what you told us to do, and they are doing what you told them to do, yet look right now, their hearts are getting ripped right out of their chest and they are hurting and struggling so bad."

The reality is God doesn't let us down. There is nothing that has come into our lives that hasn't come into it for the purpose of making God great and glorifying His name in it. Remember that everything in your life is in it for a God purpose. When we begin to see everything, good and bad, in our life as opportunities to glorify God we will be most satisfied in Him. Please join me in praying that as believers we make it our goal not to be safe but rather to say, "Whatever it takes, God, make me to make you great!" This can be done. A family just miscarried their baby boy at 20 weeks and in the midst of it they have said over and over, "God is enough, God is

Health Insurance Option

We have found a good option for pastors looking for health insurance. Call or email Pat to find out more, 952-322-7173 or patnccba@trivest.net A link is included on [our website](#) to this insurance broker's website.

great, God is our peace." They have said over and over, "It is well. It is well." This glorying God and making Him great. It can be done. Whatever comes your way this week or month, join me in making God great in it.

Doug Noonkester
First Baptist Church
Sibley IA

RESOURCES from your CB North Central Office: Child Abuse Reporting Background Checks

Pat Phinney and Jean Wright have recently attended webinars giving up-to-date information regarding Child Abuse Reporting and the significance of Background Checks for staff AND volunteers in your church. Did you know that background checks are not the only nor best way to find out about an applicant's past?

Call or email Pat, 952-322-7173, patnccba@trivest.net or Jean 715-538-2298 nccba@trivest.net to access our most recent materials.

Do You Have Permission for People Photos and Other Material On Your Church Website?

Richard Hammar of Church Law & Tax outlines in what areas church websites frequently open themselves to legal challenges. [Click here](#) for the full article.

Upcoming Events

PASTORS & WIVES RETREAT, April 25-27

PASTORS SEMINAR, April 24

CBNC Annual Meeting, April 26

All at the Abbey Resort on Lake Geneva, Fontana, Wisconsin

AREA CLUSTER MEETINGS:

SW MN

2nd Tuesday of each month, 11 am

Contact Doug Noonkester, 712-754-3310

Northern MN/ND

Skype meeting, third Thursday of the month

Next meeting, April 18, 10 am

Contact Steve Daggett, 701-520-5399

or Andrew Brown, 320-732-2179

for information on how to attend

Illinois

June 7 Family Meeting, 11 am

Call Mark for details, 309-347-5635

Sept. 10, regular cluster meeting, 10:30 am

Bethany Baptist, Edwards IL

Contact Mark Friday, 309-347-5635

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

Moody Bible Institute has a burden and passion for pastors. This year, May 20-23, the Chicago campus is host to one of the premiere events for pastors from a variety of denominations and from all over the globe. Click on [conference](#) for more information.

CBNC Churches In Need of a Pastor

Please pray for the following churches and Search Committees:

- Mason Township Baptist Church--Cassopolis MI SENIOR PASTOR
- First Baptist Church-Bradford IL SENIOR PASTOR
- New Providence Baptist Church--Greencastle IN SENIOR PASTOR
- First Baptist Church--Streator IL SENIOR PASTOR
- Delavan Baptist Church--Delavan IL SENIOR PASTOR
- First Baptist Church--Elmhurst IL SENIOR PASTOR

- Faith Fellowship Church--Cincinnati OH WORSHIP LEADER
- Bethel Baptist Church--Jackson MI DIRECTOR of FAMILY MINISTRIES
- Calvary Baptist Church--Eau Claire WI DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Contact Our Office

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