

# CB North Central E-Central E-mail



Great Commandment Passion, Great Commission Focus

February 2013

Don't miss this chance to  
***Relax, Refresh, and Refuel***  
April 25-27 at [The Abbey Resort](#)  
on Lake Geneva (Fontana) Wisconsin  
ALL CHURCH STAFF INVITED  
[Register Online](#)

## **PASTOR'S SEMINAR:** includes lodging Wednesday, April 24

Begins at 8:30 AM on Thursday, April 25th and ends at 3:30 PM.

### **Seminar Speaker**

Bert Downs, Retired CB Southwest Regional Director  
Former President of Western Seminary in Portland,  
Oregon For more about Bert, [click here](#)



*"The Missional Church - Penetrating a  
Christ-less Culture"*

## **PASTORS & WIVES RETREAT**

The Retreat starts with dinner at 5:30 PM, Thursday, April 25, and ends with checkout Saturday morning, April 27. Two delicious dinners, lodging and the Ladies Brunch are included.

"Running the Race to Win" is the retreat session topic, with speaker, Art Cotant, Senior Pastor at Discovery Church, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota.

**\$20 DISCOUNT**

if registered by March 15 or if you are a first-time attender. **Best value when you register for BOTH the Seminar & Retreat.** Use the coupon code on our [registration page](#)

CBNC Annual Meeting, April 26, 2013, at 8:15 AM

Questions? Call Jean at 715-538-2298 (MWF) or email [nccba@triwest.net](mailto:nccba@triwest.net) or contact Regional Director, Pat Phinney, at 952-322-7173, email: [patnccba@triwest.net](mailto:patnccba@triwest.net)

**FINAL DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS April 1st.**

Snail Mail Invitation & Registration coming to your home or church next week

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**From our Regional Director:**

**It's Time to Rest, Relax and Renew**

**Retreat.** *"It is the act or process of withdrawing especially from what is difficult, dangerous, or disagreeable."*

**Retreat.** *It is a transitive verb meaning "to draw or lead back". (Merriam Webster's Dictionary)*

I read this definition from the Webster's Dictionary and had to smile. Ministry can be rather tough and hard at times. I see it nearly every week as I connect with pastors and wives within our CB North Central region. Let's face it. There are times when we just need to withdraw from difficult or disagreeable situations in order to rest, relax and renew. I have just the place for you. It is the **2013 Annual Pastors and Wives Retreat at the Abbey Resort in Fontana, WI on April 25-27.** It sounds like a commercial, right? Yes it is! :)

Now, I know that you might be tempted to say, "I am too busy!" How about, "I can't afford it!" Maybe it is, "I am new and don't know anyone!" Those are all good objections, but don't let those stop you from taking a well-earned break. Pastor, there are many

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NCD will help you identify the eight qualities and six growth factors for

good reasons for "withdrawing" to the Annual Retreat, so allow me to share a couple.

**Thursday Seminar Sessions with Dr. Bert Downs** - Bert is both a personal friend and newly retired as the CB South West Regional Director. The Seminar topic, "*The Missional Church - Penetrating a Christ-less Culture*", clearly meets a need where each pastor is serving within their church. Two thousand years ago, Jesus walked up to a handful of men and said, "Follow me." (Matthew 4:19) Later after Jesus rose from the grave, He left His followers with a simple command: "Go into all the world and make disciples." (Matthew 28:19)

Herein lies the problem. Most Christians and churches today are not known for making disciples. For some reason, we now live in a culture where a pastor ministers and many others just sit back and enjoy "church" from a comfortable distance. Somehow the church has come to believe that a person can be a "Christian" without being a follower. Being a missional church means that we penetrate this Christ-less culture in which we live and return to the basics of making committed followers of Jesus Christ. Bert Downs will talk about these cultural strains and much more during his seminar.

**Thursday and Friday Retreat Sessions with Art Cotant** - Today I received a call from a pastor who has been out of the ministry for over a year. He said to me that he is missing his call to preach and lead the church towards good health. "I'm only 52 years old and I have nearly 20 more years of service in me. I have something more to offer." he said. He prayed to the Lord, "Please send me to a church where there is finally a good match!"

Do you feel the heart of this pastor? He wants to finish well and sees the best years of ministry still in front of him. We all know that we cannot finish well when we are going backwards. You know the drill, right? Seminaries and Bible Colleges are attempting to prepare men for life-long ministry in the church. A pastor begins his journey with his family and discovers that the church is not perfect and things are not as they seem. After facing ongoing conflict, disillusionment, and frustration, the pastor and his family experience burnout. They drop out of the race. Some of the questions that will be addressed at the retreat will be, "How can we better prepare pastors and their families for this journey? What does it look like for a pastor and his wife to finish well in the

a healthy church.

**Healthy NCD is seeing a steady growth through conversions and the ongoing discipleship of those who are part of the church.**

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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

race?" My thought is probably like yours as I look back on nearly 30 years of ministry, "It is never too late or too early to begin finishing well." Art Cotant, senior pastor from Discovery Church, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota, is an experienced pastor, and he will address the many issues regarding this important topic.

I am certain there is a lot of ministry and family related things pulling against your schedule all of the time. You have to choose and prioritize almost everything that comes across your desk these days. Look no further. I invite you to come to the **2013 Annual Pastors and Wives Retreat** for a time to rest, relax and renew. Come and enjoy a time of worship, fellowship, and testimonies of God's Grace at the Abbey Resort in Fontana, WI on April 25-27. You won't regret it.

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## From a Cluster Leader: Resisting the Surf Mentality

I've recently been reading a book by Joshua Harris called Why Church Matters: Discovering Your Place in the Family of God. In passing, I should mention that this is a great tool for pastors seeking to build commitment in their people, or motivate people to commit to faithful accountability and membership in a local church. One of his main points is that we live in a "surfing" culture, where everybody goes around sampling ideas, relationships, goods, services, internet sites, and more. The dating scene is just part of this surfing culture, as men and women move from relationship to relationship, seeking the "perfect" soul-mate, but never finding just the right one. He sagely notes that many individuals today are "dating" the church, hopping from place to place looking for just the right one.

He uses the example of one of his friends who timed his Sunday morning schedule so that he could get to one church in time for the worship (musical) experience and then cut out for the second church, where he was just in time to catch a preacher he really

churches. Call the office, 715-538-2298.

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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](mailto:nccba@trivest.net)

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liked. Harris' point is that people who "date" the church are never quite ready to "get married" or make a real commitment that would expose them to the love, accountability, discipline and nurture of a single comprehensive healthy church. Of course, he notes that not all churches are healthy, just as not all potential mates are worthy candidates for marriage. It's up to God's people to prayerfully evaluate either a potential mate or a church; but at some point we need to trust God and make a commitment. Christ's Kingdom is about us, not me.

It strikes me that the "surfing mentality" of our world has an effect on pastors as well. I find it increasingly difficult in my personal life to focus: to sort through all the alternative clubs, relationships, websites, seminars, Bible studies, reading and study options to zero in on how God would have me spend the time He gives me each day. What "surfing" tends to cut out of my life is a commitment to community, and for me as a pastor, that community must provide what the church provides for its members: prayer and support, accountability, spiritual nurture and challenge, the rough-and-tumble iron sharpening iron relationships that only come in Community (or marriage).

So my challenge to you, my fellow pastors is probably familiar: are you committed to exposing yourself consistently to a mature group of ministry peers who share a similar doctrinal foundation? For prayer support, for accountability, for spiritual and professional nurture? If not, figure out a way to connect with one of our clusters, or build one of your own. Otherwise, as you surf through ministry, you will be facing the next giant wave alone.

*Steve Daggett  
Cavalier Baptist Church, Cavalier, North Dakota*

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## **YOUTH PASTOR to YOUTH PASTOR**

**"Conducting age segregated programs (like youth groups) goes against scripture and is simply ineffective." [1]**

That's what filmmaker Philip Leclerc believes along with many other pastors, theologians, and experts. After being in youth ministry for

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over 20 years, it is hard to hear statements like that and not take them personally. However, it's hard to ignore statistics which say that 40-50% of students drift from the Lord within 18 months of high school graduation. According to George Barna, 61% of today's young adults in their twenties had been churched at one point during their teen years but they are now disengaged (i.e., not actively attending church, reading the Bible, or praying). I want to briefly address one of the major contributors to these alarming percentages and share what you can do to prevent these trends from happening at home.

Youth ministries generally exist and operate in (figurative) farm silos. Seemingly, silos are the place to be for teenagers! They have lots of fun and why wouldn't they? Like a "kids table" at Thanksgiving, teenagers have their own space where there are no parents or adults to bother them or tell them what to do. Plus, the silos include loud music, plenty of sugar, caffeine, air hockey, foosball, ping pong, and broken down couches. For a teenager, what's not to love?

The question is, if the teenagers are secluded in silos, where are all the other adults, church members and parents? The answer: they are all in the barn! The barn is apparently where the mature conversations take place. That's where you'll find togetherness, bonding and real spiritual growth happening. Unfortunately, with everyone else in the barn, that generally leaves one youth pastor and possibly a volunteer (if lucky) to challenge and encourage students in their walk with Jesus. This is especially difficult when some of those students would rather live in town and don't want to be in a silo or even "on the farm" in the first place! According to in-depth research, youth ministry silos and the exclusion from the rest of the church is a #1 contributor to college students disengaging after high school. Without shared experiences with older adults or accountability with anyone other than their peers, students often find themselves in the 61% mentioned earlier.

In order to prevent this from happening, we need to begin tearing down the silo mentality and start building multigenerational relationships. In other words, we need to be doing more things TOGETHER as a church body. One of the most effective ways to improving your youth ministry will be to get rid of the "kids table" and tear down the silos. We all know that just because something worked ten years ago does not mean it will work today. As a matter

of fact, just because something worked 10 weeks ago doesn't mean it will work today. In 2013, let's commit to doing more things TOGETHER by sharing our lives and experiences across many generations.

Go bless,  
*(Youth) Pastor Craig Sanborn*  
*Long Prairie MN*

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*[1] The quote, "Conducting age segregated programs (like youth groups) goes against scripture and is ineffective," is from a movie documentary called "Divided." It is an hour long movie that I think everyone should see. It can be viewed for free at [www.dividedthemovie.com](http://www.dividedthemovie.com) and I'd love to know what you think after watching it.*

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## **HENRY SPICER SCHOLARSHIP for High School Seniors**

The Henry 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 attendee of a CBNC affiliated church. The amount and number of scholarships varies from year to year. For more information and an application go to our [website](#) or call the office at 715-538-2298. Applications must be postmarked by APRIL 1st.

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## **NEW OFFICE HOURS**

The CBNC office is now open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 AM to 4 PM. The number for Jean at the office is 715-538-2298. To talk to our Regional Director, Pat Phinney, Tuesday through Friday, call his home office, 952-322-7173.

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## **CHAPLAINCY**

*This is the story of a CBAmerica Chaplain and his family that made national news recently. (From MailOnline)*

## "Touching photo of 3-year-old girl saluting her father goodbye before his 9-month deployment to Afghanistan"

By Leslie Larson

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The photo of an adorable toddler saluting her father as he prepared to leave on his nine-month deployment to Afghanistan has touched the hearts of people across the country.

Daniella Moen, 3, wanted to be like all the other soldiers who joined her dad, U.S. Army Chaplain Captain Dan Moen, when the national anthem played at his farewell ceremony at Fort Drum, NY on January 11.



*Yes sir: Daniella, daughter of Capt. Dan Moen, salutes just like her father as the national anthem is played at his deployment ceremony on January 11 at Fort Drum, NY*

The girl's mother, Sasha, was on hand to capture the tender photograph, which has gone viral and become an inspiration to the thousands of military families waiting for their loved ones to come home.

'Our sweet girl saluting like 'Daddy and his Soldiers' during the National Anthem,' Sasha Moen wrote in a Facebook posting for the picture. Sasha had brought her two daughters, Daniella and Hannah, to say goodbye to their father.

The Army chaplain is assigned to 1st Squadron, 89th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, that will assist Afghan security forces.

Chaplain Moen will minister to the spiritual needs of the combat team during their stay.

At the deployment ceremony, division commander Maj. Gen. Stephen J. Townsend told the soldiers that a tough road lay ahead of them.

'I'm not going to sugarcoat it ... the mission you have is going to be challenging,' Maj. Gen. Townsend said.

'I know you're up to the challenge,' he added.



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*Family: Sasha and her two daughters, Daniella (front left) and Hannah (front right), are waiting for Chaplain Captain Dan Moen to return home from his deployment to Afghanistan*

After her husband departed to begin his military service, Mrs. Moen sent a message to her husband via CNN.

'We love you so much and we want to give our salute to you. We are so proud of you,' she told her husband as part of the Salute to Troops segment that aired on January 30.

'We want you to know we are praying for you and all the soldiers with you every single day, several times a day,' she said in the audio clip.

'We pray that you guys come home soon and safely, that you're protected and we just love you so much.'

Daniella even chimed in and sent her own message, 'Hi Daddy, love you,' she said.

*Submitted by Al Russell, Director of Chaplaincy*

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*Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, they are plans for good and not for disaster to give you a future and a hope!"*

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## **Dr. Bob MacKay Enters Heaven**

*(We were made aware of Dr. MacKay's passing on January 27 and asked Charlie Dean for his memories of Bob)*

Too often in our fast-paced world, the measure of a pastor is the congregation size or the expanse of the church campus. I was privileged to be shaped by a man who understood that in the end those things don't equate to a legacy. Dr. Bob MacKay came to **First Baptist Church in Pekin, IL** when I was a freshman in high school. He spoke passionately in Canadian colloquialisms, loved to laugh (especially at himself) and beat the drum of "returning to original sources." His sermons were full of long recitations of Scripture and quotations from Vance Havner, A.W. Tozer and even Soren

Kierkegaard. I sat under his dynamic teaching into my college years, until he steered me to Denver Seminary and then, upon completion, offered me my first job as a youth pastor in my home church.

In short, he was my spiritual father and shaped me as a pastor more than anyone else. I've since moved on, worked at a mega-church and now pastor my own congregation, but I think about him and how he lead us all the time. As I've reconnected with friends and former colleagues all over the United States and Canada in the last couple of weeks, it's been confirmed that I wasn't the only one. For all of us who worked for him or sat under his teaching, we knew that he believed in us. He believed that great men and women of God could come out of a small town in Central Illinois. Dr. Bob doesn't leave behind a mega-church or best-seller. Instead he leaves behind all of us who knew him, loved him and were shaped by him. We are his legacy.

Grace & Peace,

*Charlie Dean*

*Lead Pastor, Imago Dei Church*

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*Dr. Bob MacKay's [obituary](#)*

## Upcoming Events

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.

## AREA CLUSTER MEETINGS:

### Wisconsin/NE MN

Contact Wade Duroe, 715-723-1054

Lay leaders retreat: February 16, 10 AM-3 PM

Bloomer Baptist Church, Bloomer WI

## **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, February 21, 10 am  
Contact Steve Daggett, 701-520-5399  
or Andrew Brown, 320-732-2179  
for information on how to attend

## **Twin Cities**

February 18, River of Life, Hastings MN  
Contact Steve Schoenwald, 651-437-3965

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

## **CBNC Churches In Need of a Pastor**

Please pray for the following churches and Search Committees:

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- 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
- First Baptist Church--Whitehall WI YOUTH PASTOR

THANK YOU for your prayers. **Shawn Barr** will be the new Senior Pastor, beginning March 31, at Noelridge Baptist Church in Cedar Rapids Iowa.

## **Contact Our Office**

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