



## E-Central E-Mail

From the Regional Director

### "Historic Storms Hit the CB North Central Region"



After one of the quietest U.S. tornado season in forty years, historic tornadoes devastate the North Central region. We all woke up on Monday morning to terrible news. Eighty one tornadoes ravaged through the Midwest on Sunday

evening, November 17, 2013. Illinois was the hardest hit with forty-three. According to the National Weather Service preliminary ratings, an EF4 tornado with winds from 170 to 190 mph hit Washington, IL. We have many CB churches within a hundred mile radius of Washington. They are all fine. After contacting Bethany Community Church in Washington, we were informed that the church itself did not sustain damage. We thank God for the good news. However, several families within the church experienced moderate to complete destruction of their homes. CNN reported late Monday that over four hundred homes were completely destroyed in Washington. What can we do? Bethany Community Church is asking for Work Teams to assist in the clean-up of these homes and other residents in this devastated community.

If you are able to assemble Teams to assist in this effort, please contact Diane at (309)508-1755. Basic tools like shovels, rakes, gloves, boxes, tubs, bags, among other things are required. Please consider helping our brothers and sisters at Bethany Community Church and the many others in Washington that need help. If you are able to do something, contact Diane for specifics because a 6:00 pm curfew by the city is in place and strict coordination efforts are required.

Thanks for your help and don't hesitate to contact our office at (763)205-9330 with any questions. Let's pray for those who are impacted by this disaster. It is certainly a time to show the love of Christ through our actions. The world is watching!

*Pat Phinney, Regional Director*

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## A note from the office at CB North Central

**...NOW LOCATED IN BLAINE, MN**



The office of CB North Central is up and running in its new location in Blaine, MN. Please make note of the new contact information and don't hesitate to get in touch with us. I'll do my best to help you in any way I can.

*Wendy Jonasen  
Administrative Assistant*

## CB North Central

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### NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS:

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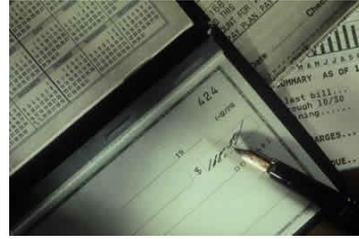


**Join with us in praying for** the people of the Philippines impacted by Typhoon Haiyan. Pray for the church in the Philippines, and in particular our sister churches which are part of CB of the Philippines, as they seek to be the hands and heart of Jesus to those suffering loss and displacement.

CBAmerica, in partnership with CBGlobal, wants to offer assistance in this time of great need. If you or your church would like to help the relief efforts in the Philippines, please click [here](#) for more information.

## God At Work, A Note of Thanks From a CB Pastor

It's funny how God works things, not two minutes before the mail came my wife and I were discussing our car tag situation. We did not have the money to pay the tags and did not know what we were going to do, and the the mail brought the love gift. The financial hardship has been extreme but God has been faithful. Living by faith is sometimes scary but at the same time is fascinating to see how God provides. Please let the churches know they met a great need in our lives and we are thankful. It was certainly unexpected. I praise God how He met our needs through the care of the saints of the association!



With deep gratitude

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## "Nothing to Give Thanks For"

A blogger entitled an October 20, 2013 post, "Nothing to give thanks for." What had him in such an unthankful mood was a Muppet Thanksgiving Day TV special with a problematic co-star. ([click here to read more](#))

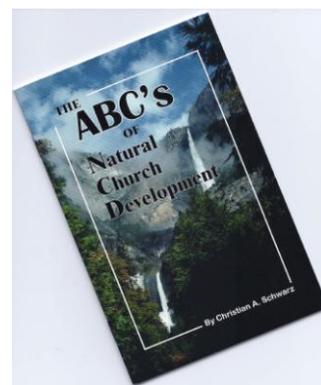
*By Wade Duroe  
Crossroads Church, Chippewa Falls, WI*

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## Natural Church Development

Most pastors and leaders want to lead their churches to be healthy and vibrant. They want to have a great impact on their communities, but do not know where to begin. How does a leader make the best choice to advance the health of his church? Consider Natural Church Development.

NCD equips church leaders to accurately assess church health; refine vision, goals and strategies; revisit essential values; focus resources appropriately; and produce lasting health and growth in their churches. The NCD resource for



a church has been \$250 for many years. Because of increased expenses from NCD, the cost of this valuable resource from our office will now be \$300 as of January 1, 2014. Desired coaching from a trained NCD consultant is additional.

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## YOUTH PASTOR to YOUTH PASTOR

### "Imagine a Church"

Imagine a church with no "emergency" board meetings, no arguments over carpet color and no parents or students complaining about the choice of game at youth group last week. There seems to be a trend currently in the church of America that focuses our time more on "doing" church damage control rather than "being" a person of God, living a life of ministry. ([click here to read more](#))

*By Adam Zappetta  
Assistant Pastor/Director of Youth Ministries  
First Baptist Church, New Richmond, WI*

*Craig Morris  
Former Youth Pastor  
Westside Church, Aitkin, MN*



### "A Thanksgiving Life"

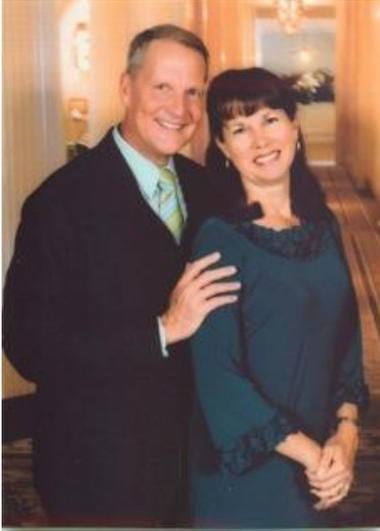
As soon as November starts, many people take it upon themselves to post on social media a reason for being thankful for each day as they count down to Thanksgiving. It's called the Thankfulness Challenge. I have done it in the past and I believe it to be a great exercise. It allows us the opportunity to really think about a reason to be thankful and allows us to look around in our lives for reasons to give thanks. ([click here to read more](#))

*By Christian Constante - Student Ministries Pastor at Bensenville Bible Church  
C2L (formerly State Youth Fellowship)  
Bensenville, IL*

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## CBAmerica CHAPLAINCY:

### "Open Doors of Ministry"



Chaplain Daniel & Linda Stephens "retired" after serving our country for 38 years as a chaplain in the United States Navy. Their four children, decided to bring together (in Nashville) some of their closest friends, and SURPRISE them by honoring them with a beautiful retirement ceremony on September 28. People came in from all different states, letters from all over, formal reception, open house...you can only imagine how this was an incredible memory to be cherished always!

Dan and Linda have started a new chapter after Navy retirement. Samaritan's Purse hired them to work with wounded warriors at a resort in a program called Heal Our Patriots. They spent some 5 months at Samaritan Lodge Alaska in Port Alsworth, AK. Wounded warriors were flown in for a week of

healing and were loved on and ministered to by Dan and Linda and the other staff there.

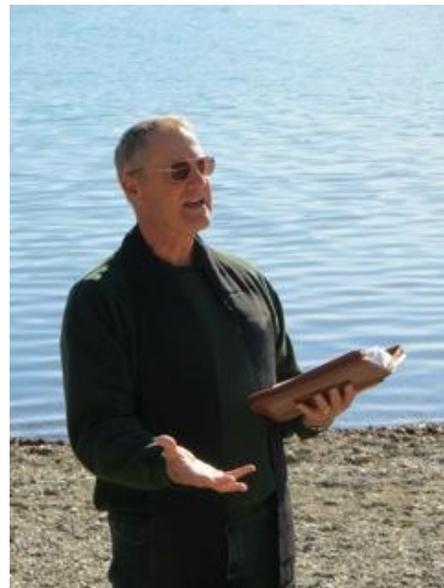
Dan shared the Word, counseled and baptized some and together they had a great time ministering to our wounded heroes. Someone once said "Old preachers never die, they just go out to pastor." Pray for the Stephens as they return home to Florida after some training and teaching at a retreat in Hawaii. Their son Jonathan is also a CBA Navy Chaplain and their daughter Amy has ministered around the world on many military installations.

Johnny Cometa, Navy Chaplain just returned from three years in Japan with the Marines, several years as a hospital chaplain in Okinawa and is now in the San Diego, CA area serving as a Command Chaplain with a Submarine Squadron.

Dan Klender, also a Navy chaplain was enrolled as a student in Clinical Pastoral Education in San Diego and is now on board a ship out in the Atlantic.

It is exciting to see how God moves us around to different places to minister. Pray for all our chaplains as they faithfully serve the Lord.

Add Randy Brandt to your prayer list. He is the senior chaplain in the military prison at Fort Leavenworth as he ministers to those on death row and has the opportunity to lead chapel services and do one on one Bible studies with those incarcerated.



*If you want to know more about CBAmerica Chaplaincy please contact Al Russell at [chapruss@cbamerica.org](mailto:chapruss@cbamerica.org) or by phone at 320-492-8619.*

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## From Church Law & Tax

- 'How Long Should We Keep Consent Forms and Screening Records?' Read [Richard Hammar's article](#) for more information.
  - Watch [Frank Sommerville's](#) video, 'What Concealed Carry Weapons Laws Mean for Churches'.
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## Folding Chairs Available . . .

Faith Community Church in West Concord, MN is replacing their all-metal folding chairs with padded chairs. If you know of a church that is in need of the all-metal chairs please call Faith Community Church at 507-527-2245 for more information.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PASTOR CLUSTER MEETING

#### Illinois

Tuesday January 14 9:30am - 3:30pm

Wildwood in East Moline

Contact Mark Friday, First Baptist Church, Pekin IL at 309-347-5965

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

## Please pray for the following churches in transition:

### SENIOR PASTOR

- Mason Township Baptist Church--Cassopolis MI
- First Baptist Church--Plainwell MI
- First Baptist Church-Bradford IL
- First Baptist Church--Streator IL
- Delavan Baptist Church--Delavan IL
- First Baptist Church--Elmhurst IL
- Calvary Church at Village Green--Moorhead MN
- First Baptist Church--Whitehall WI

### STAFF POSITIONS

- Bethel Baptist Church--Jackson MI DIRECTOR of FAMILY MINISTRIES
- First Baptist Church--Spring Lake MI ASSOCIATE PASTOR
- Oak Grove Church-Golden Valley MN ASSOCIATE PASTOR



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