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WELCOME to NCCBA's newest member: Delavan Baptist Church in Delavan, Illinois.

WELCOME to NCCBA's newest Board members: Mike Wetzig, Rollie Whitcomb, and Adam Zappetta.

The NCCBA Board as approved at the 2009 Annual Meeting:

Rev. Leo Cumings, *Board Chairman*
Senior Pastor - Bethel Baptist Church, Jackson, MI

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Rev. Michael Wetzig, Senior Pastor-Ravenna Baptist Church, Ravenna, MI

Rev. Roland Whitcomb, Senior Pastor-Morrison Baptist Church, Minneapolis, MN

Pastor Adam Zappetta, Youth Pastor-First Baptist Church, New Richmond, WI

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The following article was submitted as the Regional Director's Report at the NCCBA Annual meeting April 24

In the past my report has centered on what has been happening both with CBA and the Region. This year I am doing something

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different. Rather than look back I want look forward. This does not mean what has happened is not important. We are seeing progress with CBA and the Regions as we seek to become involved with resourcing, networking and interdependence.

For awhile the NCCBA Board and I have been discussing the question as whether the role of the Board is administrative or missiological. The conclusion is that the Board is administrative rather than missiological. As a result, we are in the process of developing Ministry Teams for the purpose of equipping churches in the Region to grow evangelistically and to plant churches. (By way of clarification, evangelistic growth involves not only new converts but growing disciples.)
At present we are developing three Ministry Teams.

1. **Cluster Group Team** - We believe that if we are going to become more relational and interdependent that we need to create an environment of trust, encouragement, learning and dreaming. Also since this Region is a geographic behemoth, meeting in cluster groups that are within a reasonable distance makes sense.

In order for these to become effective we believe that it would be of benefit for those individuals who are truly interested in this form of ministry to come together for training, networking and resourcing. At this time we have identified six men to begin this team. On March 23-24 Dave Cetti from CBNW met with this group. CBNW has been involved in cluster groups for a while and has done significant ground work laying out the theological foundation for such a ministry. In November CBA will be bringing Bill Hoyt (NexStep Coaching) into the Region where more training will be presented. Several other Regions will also be participating in the event.

It is our desire that we see an expansion of cluster groups throughout the Region. We could easily have another 6 to 8 groups. We are not ruling out the possibility of developing clusters that are based on affinity as well as geography.

2. **Assessment Team** - In addition to the Cluster Group Team we are in the process of developing an Assessment Team. We believe that an important factor in churches growing both by conversions and in maturity is there needs to be spiritual health/maturity.

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As we mature both chronologically and hopefully in character, we come to realize the value of good health. We also know that good health does not happen by chance and that good health requires periodic checkups. I do not think it is a stretch for us to see this also applies to a church which Paul refers to as "a body."

We have identified four men who will be receiving Natural Church Development training. NCD over the years has developed a plan for not only evaluating the current health of a church but also ways to address the specific area of unhealthiness.

In addition to NCD, there are two men who are involved in receiving training from Bill Hoyt (NexStep Coaching). This began last summer at the National Leadership Summit and will continue this summer. CBA is the one responsible for bringing in the resource.

We believe that having two assessment tools is important. NCD is like a general physical, whereas the Bill Hoyt tool is like an MRI. It also needs to be pointed out that churches who go through the assessment process will be expected to pay for this service. The cost, however, will be far less than if a church hired an independent consultant.

3. Coaching / Mentoring Team - This team has not yet been identified. The expectation is that we find pastors within the Region who have and are succeeding and would be willing to come alongside those who desire a coach/mentor.

The desired outcome is that from the giftedness, talents and experiences of those that God has used in ministry can be of significant benefit to others. As a result, rather than seeking to learn from just a seminar format, one could learn from the personal experience of others in a personal manner.

Additionally, we would like to see the next generation of pastors identified within this ministry. CBNW has developed its own model for not just identifying the next generation of pastors but has created a three training program. At the present time we are not in a position to create our own but we do have access to a tool that could accomplish the same thing.

Once these are in place there is also a possibility of developing a fourth team that would deal with conflict. Peacemakers is an organization that provides training in the area of conflict resolution. At this time we have one pastor in the Region who has completed

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the training. He is willing to be available to churches in the Region but I believe if we could have several spread out, accessibility would be easier.

As for the role of the Director in this model, he would spend time developing the teams. This would be accomplished by meeting with the teams as a unit several times a year. It would be the task of the Director to be fully familiar with the tools that are being used. He would also be responsible for connecting the teams with additional resources that would be beneficial for the development of the teams.

To develop and maintain these teams will require an out lay of funds. The Region will underwrite the cost of the initial and ongoing training for the teams. The Board has determined that whatever funds are available, we are going to invest them in things we believe will benefit churches.

Respectfully submitted,
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YOUTH SECTION:

Consider Hosting a Pure Freedom Event

www.purefreedom.org

What do 10,000 ping pong balls, duct tape, loud music, and lots of testosterone have in common? PURE FUN! What do a tea party, fashion show, and a slumber party have in common? GIRLS ENJOYING LIFE! To top all these activities off, a Pure Freedom Co-ed Event for Jr. High and High School students provides awesome worship, straight talk about sex and purity as the speakers teach God's Word, small group application time, and an atmosphere of openness and genuineness. It's a 1 ½ day retreat that brings healing, encourages accountability, and changes lives for HIS name's sake. We plan a Pure Freedom event every 3 years in our

youth ministry schedule because the value is incredible! I look at it like this: if the message of sexual purity penetrates the heart of one student, then comes God's blessings on that student, that student's future spouse, that student's future family as well as their parents. The impact is huge! It changes lives, families, communities and churches for God's Glory!

What is Pure Freedom? Pure Freedom is a ministry that speaks the message of sexual purity and living in intimacy with Jesus Christ, because the founders' hearts long that young girls and teenagers would know God's heart and plan for them regarding intimacy and purity. Their events include Pure Freedom Co-ed Retreats for teens (or you could do a retreat for just one sex), Secret Keeper Girl (SKG) events for 8 - 12 year old girls and their mothers, Mother-Daughter Summits, and Father-Son Summits. Bob and Dannah Gresh, authors of *And the Bride Wore White* and *Who Moved the Goalpost?*, are the founders of this ministry. They have other books and materials as well that one may want to preview. They travel to your location with a team of speakers and possibly musicians depending on your retreat selection. As described previously, the retreats are highly interactive for most effective communication. In my opinion, the retreats are mentor-dependant. Mentors learn right alongside the students and then provide a time of small group interaction for personal application and possibly accountability after the retreat.

We hosted a Pure Freedom Co-ed retreat March 6 - 7, 2009, in Canton, IL. A few of the hundreds of students gave their lives to Christ Friday night. A high school guy in my small group started off our small group time by just "getting something off his chest"- his sin sexually. He couldn't go any further without letting us know he was sorry for what he had done. In a society where one hides his sin and acts as though we have everything under control, especially in the church, the atmosphere of honesty and genuineness is freeing and helpful to these young men. Oh, please understand that a co-ed event means we intro and conclude together, but a majority of the retreat is done guys with guys and girls with girls. One of our youth girls began her steps of healing and accountability that weekend, I hear. Dannah ended the retreat with a message to the whole group regarding femininity and masculinity as God created mankind; He created them man and woman. We are different and we are to strive to live as he created us. It was a message that semi-subtly spoke against the homosexual movement, yet focused primarily on every person simply living as a man of God or a woman of God.

I challenge you to consider hosting a Pure Freedom event. Our society is sick; our students deal with temptation everyday; they need the tools and encouragement to say "yes" to purity! I believe a

Pure Freedom event can communicate the message in a more exciting, more memorable, more effective way than a Youth Group talk/series. Is it hard to pull together?-yes. Did it stretch my faith?-yes. Does it take more than just one church?-yes. Is it worth it?-Oh yes! For whatever reason, there are only 3 being hosted in the United States thus far in 2009. I believe there needs to be more if not this year, then next. Check out www.purefreedom.org, read one of the books listed previously, or give me a call if you want to investigate or ask questions (309) 647-4278. I am a Youth Pastor at Evangelical Free Church in Canton, IL and I care deeply about PURITY! In ending you may want to dwell on God's word, which follows:

1 Thessalonians 4:3 - 8 "It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit." (NIV)

Ephesians 5:3 - 4 "But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place but rather thanksgiving."

Titus 2:11 - 12 "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,"

Titus 2:1 - 8 teaches us as spiritual leaders to teach love, purity, and self-control to young men and women. Let's be intentional about doing so.

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Looking For A Job?

We are living in a day of high unemployment. Jobs are hard to find. But God has been blessing our chaplaincy ministry by bringing many new candidates to us for service in a variety of ministries. We are thankful that God is stirring the hearts of people like he did with Samson in the Old Testament in Judges 13:25 "and the Spirit of the Lord began to stir him while he was in Mahaneh Dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol." It was in this location the armies did their training and while Samson watched as a young boy God began a work in his heart to stir him to think about serving Him.

In the past few months God has added to our chaplaincy family Doug Knepp from Pennsylvania, Yacob Makonnen from North Dakota, Scott Noyes, Brian Kiefat and Michael DeBoer from Minnesota. These men are entering the Army National Guard Chaplaincy Candidate program while they finish seminary. Efrain Avila of Texas is in the Army Reserve Chaplain Candidate program.

Craig Debinski is looking to serve in a VA Medical Center as a chaplain and Paul Rickert of New York is serving as a hospice chaplain with Aids patients.

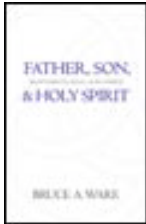
Terry and Lisa Richards are new to the active Army and are stationed at Fort. Riley, KS. Greg Uvila has just been accepted for active duty with the Navy and is waiting for orders to find out where he will be stationed.

Pray for each of these new chaplain/chaplain candidates as they serve where God has placed them. If God is stirring your heart towards chaplaincy don't hesitate to call Al Russell at 218-776-2813 or e-mail at chapruss@earthlink.net.

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nccba@trivest.net .



Scheduled for July 7 - 8 in Loveland, Colorado, this year's CBA Summer Summit will continue the leadership training process begun in 2008 where the focus was on church assessment. Building on that focus, the 2009 Summit will provide regional directors and pastors with training in helping churches envision their future and how to coach them toward that future. The goal of the Summit is to assist each region in raising a team of leaders who are fully capable of providing churches with effective leadership in implementing assessment recommendations, clarifying their vision, establishing measurable annual ministry goals and planning action steps to accomplish those goals. Last year several leaders from NCCBA attended the initial summit on assessment. Dr. Bill Hoyt will be the trainer for these leadership sessions. The cost of the training is \$60 which includes two lunches and \$90 per night for the hotel (two nights necessary) plus food and travel. Go to the CBAmerica website www.cbamerica.org to register or call toll-free 1-888-366-3010.

Upcoming Events

Michigan Pastors Cluster June 15, 10 AM to 1 PM Call Mike Wetzig, 231-853-6021
Ravenna Baptist Church, Ravenna MI

CBA Summer Summit July 6-8 [Register at the CBAmerica website](http://www.cbamerica.org)
Loveland, Colorado

NCCBA Churches In Need of a Pastor

Please pray for the following churches and Search Committees:

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- Ganson Street Baptist Church--Jackson MI YOUTH PASTOR
- First Baptist Church--Colfax IA YOUTH PASTOR
- First Baptist Church--Streator IL
- First Baptist Church--Sibley IA

Thank you for your prayers! **Brad Little** will be Senior Pastor at Oak Grove Church in Golden Valley MN starting August 1.

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