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PROFILE

I am committed to coming alongside others (Phil 1:5), training (Eph. 4:12) and sharpening them (Prov. 27:2), for their Kingdom purposes.

HONORS & AFFILIATIONS

Former Sioux Falls Seminary Board of Trustees Vice President.

Served as a delegate for the North American Baptist Conference General Council.

Served on the Executive Team of the North Central Association of the NAB.

First ever Sioux Falls Seminary Expository Preaching Award Winner.

Ordained with the NAB since 2011.

Trained in Thom Rainer Church Consulting.

NAB Blue Ocean Program Participant.

Highly active in local ministerial associations.

INTERESTS

Reading, travel, sports, camping, spending time with my wife, Katie and our two children.

EXPERIENCE

Aplington Baptist Church (NAB), Aplington, IA

Senior Pastor | 2012-Present

- Strategically focused on church health, through strong biblical teaching and a concerted effort on unity. This has been key in helping a formerly divided, hurting congregation transition into a robust and growing fellowship.
- Worked to expand the preaching/teaching ministry by utilizing social media platforms and have experienced positive feedback from the community.
- Witnessed an increase in average weekly attendance of 30%.
- Created a vision and a strategic plan to fulfill that vision in prayerful conjunction with the church's leadership.
- Empowered current staff to restructure their ministries in accordance with their giftings and callings. This has resulted in a more effective church ministry, including, but not limited to, a revitalized women's ministry.
- Led in the creation of a new church constitution and team handbook. This balanced decision-making power and empowered ministry teams to accomplish their goals more effectively.
- Introduced and led two different intensive Journey discipleship groups. These groups are some of the highest level of church discipleship programs within the NAB.
- Developed a K-12 grade youth curriculum called G.R.A.D., based on Gospel, Relationships, Apologetics, and Discipleship. This led to more focus in our children and youth ministries.
- With a focus on outreach and children's ministries witnessed the creation of a new part-time staff position and many community people willing to attend our events on the church property.
- With our family's hearts for ministry couples and families we consistently encourage area ministry couples. We are privileged to be sought out for counsel from some of these families.

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EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

First Baptist Church (NAB), Wishek, ND

Senior Pastor | 2006-2012

- Spearheaded mission involvement with periodic trips to a Native American reservation, which resulted in a long-term partnership between a ministry on the reservation and First Baptist Church.
- Started a Sunday morning worship service for the local National Guard unit in conjunction with the Wishek Ministerial Association. For many of the National Guard members, this was one of the few exposures to the Gospel that they regularly received.
- Pioneered a community-wide weekly after school children's program.
- Orchestrated a weekly newspaper column written by different area clergy, including myself.
- Preached weekly, organized Sunday morning and Sunday evening services, provided oversight to all areas of the church as needed.

Good News Reformed Church, Sioux Falls, SD

Youth Pastor | 2004-2005

Mentored and taught junior and senior high students, organized all youth activities, assisted in weekly worship services, preached regularly to 350-400 people.

First Church of the Nazarene, Valley City, ND

Associate Pastor | 2000-2002

Directly led and taught middle school and high school ministries. Initiated and co-taught college Sunday School, preached regularly.

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Former high school and elementary school teacher, boys basketball coach, at-risk youth ranch chaplain, Crystal Springs Baptist Camp staff member, Sylvan Learning Center tutor, substitute teacher.

EDUCATION

2006 Master of Divinity

Sioux Falls Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD
2006 Expository Preaching Award
Winner

1997 Bachelor of Science

Valley City State University, Valley City, ND
Majors: Business Education and
Physical Education

* I am currently in the process of applying to DMin programs with an anticipated start date of Fall 2019.