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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

Hospitality, 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 which has proven successful. With a concerted effort on unity, outreach, and biblical teaching, ABC went from extremely divided to what is now a robust fellowship. We have added new members, new regular attenders, raised up leaders, and revitalized the mission of the Church.

Led in the creation of a new church constitution and team handbook which were unanimously passed by the congregation. This included a complete overhaul of the organizational structure of the church to balance decision-making power and allow more teamwork and collaboration.

Provided leadership through the facilitation of a new mission statement which has shaped our outreach and ministry strategic plans. This resulted in the creation of a new staff position. Additionally, there is increased focus, involvement and joy within the church and community due to this mission.

Introduced and led two different intensive Journey discipleship groups. As a result, I witnessed confidence built in the participants. Many are now serving in their areas of giftedness, including leadership positions.

Recruited a professional counselor to set up a satellite office in Aplington, offering much needed services to the community and free sessions for area pastors.

Transformed the relationship between the pastoral office and the church as a whole. Trust and relational health between the two has increased dramatically over the past six years.

Created a focus on outreach. As a result, not only has church attendance increased, but one recent outreach effort resulted in over one third of our community participating in the event.

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.

Created a missions partnership with the NAB mission: Roots in Romania.

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E X P E R I E N C E C O N T I N U E D

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.

O T H E R R E L E V A N T E X P E R I E N C E

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.

E D U C A T I O N

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