

Meet the CB North Central Board of Directors



Pat Phinney

Pat is from a family of six children where he is the third oldest and a twin. His father was in the military and lived in many different places both in the USA and overseas. Pat joined the USAF during the Viet Nam war and following his time in the service, he met and married his wife, Karen in 1976. Together they moved to Portland, OR where Pat graduated from Multnomah School of the Bible and Western Seminary. They have two grown children, Andrea and Scott, and four beautiful grandchildren.

Since 1984, Pat has served in four churches – one in Oregon and three in Minnesota. Some of his ministry highlights include planting a church in the rural community of Wanamingo, MN in 1998 and serving as a volunteer prison chaplain for two years in Rochester, MN.

Pat enjoys running and exercising daily as well as other hobbies such as woodworking, gardening, fishing, traveling and spending as much time as possible with his children and grandchildren. Pat and Karen live in Bloomington, MN, where he has been serving as the CB North Central Regional Executive Director since July 1, 2011.



Eldon Carlson

Eldon Carlson is church planter, pastor, husband, dad and granddad. In 1978 with the support of what is now Mission's Door Eldon and Sue planted Bloomer Baptist Church. By the grace of God, they have ministered in Bloomer these years. Also the 39 years have seen Eldon and Sue raise 3 children all in ministry today. Those kids have given the Carlson's 8 grandchildren that live in far reaches of the globe.



Brad Little

Brad Little is the Lead Pastor at Oak Grove Church in Golden Valley, MN. Brad is married to Barb and they have two kids. Ryan lives in Portland Oregon and their daughter, Colleen lives in Langley, British Columbia. Brad has been at Oak Grove for 8 years this August and functions as the primary teaching Elder. In addition to preaching and teaching, Brad also facilitates the church vision casting, leadership training, and strategic planning. His spiritual gifts include teaching, leadership, counseling, helps, and mentoring. Brad has a passion for empowering others to embrace relationship with Christ, therefore helping them fulfill their responsibility of pursuing Christ's mission to make disciples. Brad loves playing various sports but especially enjoys playing golf in his free time.



Art Georges

Art Georges is the Senior Pastor of Living Hope Community Church in Bartonville, Illinois. With the support of Bethany Baptist Church in Peoria, IL, and CBNC, Art planted Living Hope in 2003. Art and his wife Maribeth have been blessed with five children, several who share Art's passion for running.



Steve Daggett

Steve and his wife Sue have been serving in Cavalier, ND for 6 ½ years now and it's been a wild ride: in a **good** way! The church dove into a building program about a month after their arrival, and it's been non-stop ever since. They've seen numerical and spiritual growth—and the struggles associated with it. In many ways Steve's background really prepared him for ministry here. He grew up in Windom, a mostly agricultural county seat in SW Minnesota, and his church was populated by solid, Midwestern town and country folks who he is reminded of so often in Cavalier. Steve came to Cavalier with a mix of senior pastor and youth ministry experience, having done youth work in his home church after Bible College (Crown College), and in several other churches after graduating from Denver Seminary in 1980. Recently the church has asked Steve to put on his youth pastor hat again, working with Senior High teens at their home each week.

Steve feels that he is now an "elder statesman", closing in on 40 years in ministry, and nearing my his 65th birthday. He has immediate plans for retirement, though.

Steve is pushing toward the tape, hoping and praying for a strong finish. One of the greatest joys in these last months has been an opportunity to do discipleship, his first love, with a growing cadre of young adults in the church here. God is good!



Jay Jentink

Jay Jentink has been on the pastoral staff at Calvary Baptist Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for 27 years, 6 of those as Youth Pastor and 21 as Senior Pastor. Interestingly, the Worship Pastor and Youth Pastor at Calvary have also been on staff for over 20 years. Jay has developed a 2 year Systematic Theology curriculum that has been used in Adult Ministry. Jay met his wife, Donna, on the 3rd day at Moody Bible Institute, where they enjoyed a wonderful courtship. They have 2 married daughters who are in ministry beside their pastor husbands. Jay and Donna count it a privilege to serve alongside their brothers and sisters in such a healthy church.



Brandon Cooper

Brandon Cooper is Senior Pastor at Cityview Community Church in Elmhurst, IL, and lives nearby with his wife and four daughters. He is the author of *'A Word to the Wise: Lessons from Proverbs for Young Adults'*, the founder of Follow After Ministries (an equipping ministry for disciple-makers) and served on the mission field in Colombia previously. He is an avid soccer enthusiast (Arsenal FC), a lifelong Cubs fan, and a music aficionado.



Walt Moser

After serving in the US Army, Walt attended North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, SD. Upon graduation, he served a rural church in the southern South Dakota town of Avon. From there He moved to Madison, SD and served West Center Baptist Church. Walt's in-laws joined their household at that time. After serving at West Center God gave them the privilege to work with church planting in the Dakotas, NE and KS. Currently Walt and his wife Beryl are serving at First Baptist Church, Luverne, MN since mid-October 2016.

Outside of ministry Walt and Beryl enjoy camping, backpacking and bicycle touring. In 2015 they spent three months riding their bicycles from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean and would love to do it again. The next major bicycle trip they want to accomplish is riding from Montana to Alaska.



James Perry

James received his Bachelor's Degree in Christian Ministries from Trinity International University in Deerfield, Illinois. He later earned his Master of Arts in Theological Studies from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary. He has spent the last 22 years in vocational Christian ministry and has been married to Gina for 18 years. They have two daughters, Faith and Lydia, and enjoy the chaotic schedule that comes along with bright, active kids. Above all, James has a passion for the Word of God and its Author, our Savior and King.



Steve Thomas

Steve married Debbie in 1974, and is the poster child for “Marry Over Your Head...” They have three grown daughters, 3 sons-in-law and 4 awesome grand kids, scattered from Las Vegas, to Omaha, to Rural Southeast Kansas.

Steve has been in Full-Time Ministry since 1974. For 17 years, he was in Youth Ministry; for 11 years, in Family Ministry; 13 years in Care Ministry, Couples & Family Ministry at Canyon Ridge Christian Church, in Las Vegas, NV. Steve and Debbie moved to Manchester in December of 2015 to serve as Family and Administrative Pastor at the Cornerstone Community Church.

Steve has a Bachelor’s Degree in Sacred Music from Midwest Christian College and a Master’s Degree in Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma.

He authored the book, *‘Your Church Can Be FAMILY FRIENDLY’*, published by College Press.

Steve has cross-cultural experience, teaching in the Dominican Republic, Mexico, the Philippines, Germany, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Poland and Arkansas. Arkansas provided the greatest challenges...

He is an enthusiastic golfer, though only a hacker; and avid reader and writer; a skilled and compassionate counselor; a world-class Papa to 4 grands; and a proud American.