

A Nice Break

I've been around visiting and preaching at some of our CB Churches this summer. It's been a nice break from 39 years of preaching to be able to enjoy other worship services and see what is happening in our CB Circle.

Our churches are alive and ministering in marvelous ways. Vacation Bible Schools, services at fairs grounds, innovative ministry ideas, Bible camps, and missions trips make for vibrant fellowships. One of the refreshing elements that indicate LIFE, is lingering fellowship after the service. Last Sunday I filled in at First Baptist of Whitehall, WI where Rob & Robyn Buhl minister. The Pastor's family was on vacation and it was a delight to fill in the pulpit. The church just finished a week of DVBS and the excitement still lingered. The church had ministered to over 60 children the past week, with a majority from the community. The folks spoke glowingly of Pastor Rob & Robyn's energy and contribution to the effort. I visited with numerous folks before and after the service—with quite a number saying they had started attending in the last couple of years. You can tell a lot about the church at how long people linger after the service. On this beautiful summer Sunday noon, folks visited for an hour after the worship service. This tells me church is a delight for those folks. Community, Biblical instruction, and relationships are important. God is at work in Whitehall, Wisconsin.

Our pastor cluster groups provide meaningful times of encouragement for pastors. They become times of encouragement and inspiration for ministry. I praise God for our CB North Central Churches making a difference.

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