

## ***CBNC Pastor's Fellowship-Wisconsin Cluster***

So what does it take to stay on task as a pastor? There are so many distractions and frustrations that one can easily become disillusioned. In the closing verses of 2 Timothy we come across some touching words by Paul to his young protégé Timothy. Paul asks for team members, once alienated, to join him. He talks of pain inflicted upon him by others. He closes the postcard to Timothy with a request that Timothy, himself, come before the cold of winter. Paul craved pastoral fellowship.

The CB's of Wisconsin have taken verses like those to be a catalyst for Pastor's Cluster Fellowships. For over 40 years I have had the privilege of joining together with like-minded leaders. These times have been refreshing for my wife and me. I have noted that the pastors that sought out fellowship were able to cope and thrive, as I see it, in their ministries. Reflecting over the years the guys "too busy" to join usually did join the pastor's cluster when they were on the ropes.

So what is a cluster good for? Laughs! Stories! Prayer! Encouragement! Ministry Ideas! You get the picture.

On March 2, 2017 I was given the responsibility to organize the West Wisconsin Cluster meeting. I decided to invite all the present and retired CB pastors in the area. What a great time of fellowship we had in the northern town of Solon Springs. By the way you can get a great burger at the KD Family restaurant there for a good price.



Members from left to right: Eldon Carlson, Bloomer; Nat Perry, retired from Chippewa Falls; Wade Duroe (*leaning in front*), Chippewa Falls; Rob Buhl, Whitehall; Bruce Peterson, retired; Pris & Jim Hinsin, Silver Bay; Joan & Dave Sommerfeld, retired Greenwood & Whitehall; Ralph Miller, retired, Eau Claire; Phil Terrill, retired Chippewa Falls.

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