

New Church Planter Loves Planting and Watching Things Grow

Planting and watching things grow is in the basic nature of new Church Planter, Daniel Carpenter. Originally from North Carolina, Daniel attended North Carolina State University where he majored in Forestry, as did his wife, Jennifer. Daniel and Jennifer met when they were placed on the same lumberjack team in school. They married in 1999 and worked in forestry in South Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Georgia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. They returned to the North Carolina area where Daniel worked several years at a company then felt the impact of an industry crash in 2008. At that time, Daniel was hearing the call of God to mission work.

Daniel and Jennifer served as missionaries to Zambia, Africa for 4 years. While there they developed 20 goals they believed God wanted and saw 19 of them completed. Their focus was on church planting. Daniel said in Zambia they could go door-to-door and the people would welcome them in to listen plus invite others to come and listen, too. This did not always develop into a commitment to Christ but some did become believers. Bible studies were started in homes and some developed into churches. When they left, there were still many places to go to



New Church Planter, Daniel Carpenter and his wife, Jennifer with their children, Taylor, Isaac, Eli, and James.

plant churches, but it was time to let the Zambians do what they had learned to do with the Holy Spirit empowering them to do it.

Daniel's attitude is one of apprenticeship. He enjoys finding peoples skills and strengths and

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Disaster Relief Training Scheduled

Would you like to help others in need and share Christ with them? You can do this through our Disaster Relief program. The following training opportunities are scheduled for this year. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. and Orientation starts at 8:30 a.m.

The March 30th training is in our ECBA Association at Old Town Hill Baptist Church in Muncie. More details will be provided later but if you have questions, you can contact Joe Fox at josephfox1960@yahoo.com or 765-729-1366.

March 02, 2019 at Turning Point Church, Scottsburg IN. Contact George Fox gfox@aol.com

March 16, 2019 at Oak Creek Community Church, Mishawaka IN. Contact Rodney Ebright rodney@ebrightcorp.com

March 30, 2019 at Old Town Hill Baptist Church, Muncie IN. Contact Joe Fox josephfox1960@yahoo.com

April 20, 2019 at First Baptist Church, Rockville, IN. Contact Rick Hillard rhillard@scbi.org

August 17, 2019 at Highland Lakes Camp, Martinsville IN. Contact George Fox gfox@aol.com or Rodney Ebright rodney@ebrightcorp.com.

VBS TRAINING
VBS directors, teachers and leaders will have the opportunity to learn about the Lifeway VBS material. There will be training for directors, children teachers, preschool teachers, youth teachers, pastors, crafts, decorating and Spanish VBS.

VBS TRAINING
APRIL 6, 2019
HIGHLAND LAKES BAPTIST CAMP

We are still in need of volunteers to be trained at the SCBI VBS Training and, in turn, train local teachers at our ECBA VBS Training. Please contact Brenda Brooks for more information or to volunteer at 765-393-1458.

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Educational Matters

For most of this writer's ministerial life, he has wrestled with some terms used by others in ministry. He, himself, started using the terms because they certainly sounded good. After all, when you hear something used repeatedly by those you admire and trust — why not. The terms in question are “the perfect will of God” and “the permissive will of God.” Whether we possess a seminary degree or not, it is generally known that the fields of “theology” and “philosophy” are closely akin; therefore, it is possible to move from the “theological realm” into the “philosophical realm” without noticing we have done so (as we would cross from one State into that of another, unless we actually saw the sign denoting such).

Many years ago, this writer and his wife were guests of a Florida church, close to the missile-launch site where America sent space explorers. That local body of believers were so different from those to which we were accustomed back in our ministerial circle. They were so caring. They served the needs of their community, and so on. Once inside their congregational meeting area, the reason, perhaps, for their uniqueness was posted visibly on the front wall...it read:

“The only alternative to obedience is to disobey!”

Though having read that sign in all its' glory, it made very little or no difference in this writer's lifestyle. It did; however, continue to linger, convict, and eventually convince that the two very common terms needed attention in his life. Certainly, the “perfect will of God” was just that — God's perfect will is displayed in God's Word. God's Word does not contain suggestions, it contains God's will in many aspects of life. In those areas of life, not specifically mentioned in the Word, the believers must use the principles of Scripture to gain guidance in life choices. Such an approach eliminates guesswork in discovering God's perfect will for our lives.

Now, back to the concept of God's permissive will. Is this not another way of saying “we failed to obey Him, and because I am still alive; thus it was His permissive will”? In such a place, we have moved from the theological realm into the philosophical realm as we have rationalized our actions. It sounds so much better than confessing, “I sinned.” Wow, what a realization, and how has life changed as the result.

As God's Word makes clear — His peace is only experienced in the believer whose life is lived in obedience to His will. It is for that reason that pastors must experientially live such a life, as well as exegetically proclaim the message of holiness, conviction and love.

The next time we consider “the perfect will of God” and “the permissive will of God” — perhaps, we should merely respond: “The only alternative to obedience is to disobey” — that's it!

Upcoming Events In March

- March 7**—10:00 a.m., Leader Lab and Pastors Luncheon at New Day Baptist Church, 202 W Tyler Street, Alexandria IN 46001
- March 14**—6:00 p.m., ECBA Mexican themed Pitch-in Dinner, North Delaware Baptist Church, 809 E Royerton Road #500 N, Muncie IN 47303
- March 14**—7:00 p.m., ECBA Semi-Annual Meeting, North Delaware Baptist Church, 809 E Royerton Road #500 N, Muncie IN 47303

SBC Emphasis for March

- March 3 - 9** —*NAMB Week of Prayer & Mission Study & Annie Armstrong Offering*
- March 3 - 10** — *Youth Week*
- March 17** —*Church Planting Emphasis & Substance Abuse Prevention*



Please pray for our pastors and their wives on these special occasions.

Birthdays

March 28—Kim James (The Cross, Anderson)

The Cross Christmas Program Packs the House



The Christmas Program, "True Meaning of Christmas" presented by 14 children at The Cross Church in Anderson.

Pastor Troy James said, "The kids glorified Christ in the Christmas Program to a packed church."

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bringing them together, then watching the church grow on its own as disciples are developed. It's kind of like forestry: planting, nurturing, growing; and kind of like apprenticeship: teaching, demonstrating, helping them do it, then letting them do it on their own.

Out of the whole world, why Daleville? A while back God began moving in the hearts of Daniel and Jennifer. They knew something was changing and they began looking at locations around the world. They happened to stumbled upon information about NAMB and the Send Cities program, which including the Indianapolis area. Jennifer was originally from Anderson, graduating from Highland High School. When they visited the area while on furlough, they met up with some friends at the Daleville Splash Park and they began feeling drawn to the area. The area reminded Daniel of communities he had been around; ones who relied upon a major employer who left. Daniel described it as people losing their identify in this history and how he wanted to help them find their identity in Christ.

True North is the name of their church plant. Unlike Zambia, it is more difficult to get into people's home and

share the gospel with them. They are working to engage the community in a low key manner, looking forward to developing small groups and then seeing a church planted.

Daniel and Jennifer have been in the area for a little over a month now. Jennifer is a work-at-home mom, handling the administration of their 501(c) 3. They have 4 children: Taylor, 15; James, 13; Eli, 10 and Isaac, 2. Daniel describes himself as a practical, hands-on person. He never expected to go to college or seminary (missions certificate from

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary). He never expected to even leave Shelby, NC. But God had other plans.



CHURCH SAFETY WORKSHOP

when
March 26, 2019
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

where
Castleview Church
8601 Hague Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46256

for who
Vocational Ministry Professionals
Risk Managers
Pastors
Children's Ministers
Safety & Security Personnel
Elders and Deacons
Ministry Volunteers

registration or more info
scbi.org/churchsafetyworkshop

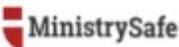
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JOIN US IN WORKING PROACTIVELY TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

ABOUT THE CHURCH SAFETY WORKSHOP:
A comprehensive training that describes an effective Safety System protecting children from sexual abuse in church and ministry environments. MinistrySafe offers a complete Safety System, including Awareness Training, Skillful Screening forms and training, criminal background checks, sample policies, screening forms and systems for monitoring and oversight.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Common misconceptions
- Abuser characteristics
- The 'grooming process' utilized by offenders
- Common 'grooming behaviors'
- Peer-to-peer sexual abuse
- Reporting responsibilities
- Changes in current legislation
- Description of an effective Safety System
- Description of an effective Screening Process
- Tools and resources for reducing the risk



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Hope to see you there!

Semi-Annual ECBA Associational Meeting

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Pitch-in (Mexican theme) - 6:00 p.m.

Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

North Delaware Baptist Church

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Speaker, Jim Marlow