

Profile

Over the last nineteen years I have served in lay and full-time Pastoral ministry situations. From 1999-2002 I served alongside Pastor Wynne Kimbrough at Grace Baptist Church as the Lay Assistant Pastor. July of 2002, I became the Senior Pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church of Tama-Toledo, IA, serving there until 2014. After developing capable leadership from within the Church Body, my family and I moved to Cedar Rapids where I became the Elder for Preaching and Vision at Northbrook Baptist Church. Prior to my current position with Northbrook, I served in various administrative roles and was a member of the Bible faculty at Northland International University.

My wife Terri and I have been married for 35 years. We have five children, three of whom are adopted.

Employment History

Northbrook Baptist Church – Cedar Rapids, IA *Elder for Preaching and Vision, 2014 to present*

Fellowship Baptist Church of Tama/Toledo – Tama, IA *Senior Pastor, 2002- 2014*

Northland International University– Dunbar, WI

<i>Director of External Studies</i>	<i>1998-2002</i>
<i>Bible Faculty</i>	<i>1996-2002</i>
<i>Operational Department Director</i>	<i>1987-1998</i>
<i>Campus Safety & Security</i>	
<i>Library</i>	
<i>Campus Stores</i>	
<i>Campus Post Office</i>	
<i>Science Department Faculty</i>	<i>1989-1996</i>

Education

Post Graduate Work	Years Attended: 2014-2015
<i>Northland International University</i>	<i>Dunbar, WI</i>

M.A. Biblical Studies	Year Graduated: 1999; GPA 3.86
<i>Northland International University</i>	<i>Dunbar, WI</i>

Classes were taken from the following two institutions for the completion of the above degree:

<i>Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary</i>	<i>Lansdale, PA</i>
<i>Bob Jones University</i>	<i>Greenville, SC</i>

B.S. Physical Education/Bible	Year Graduated: 1989; GPA 3.99
<i>Northland International University</i>	<i>Dunbar, WI</i>
<i>Additional Major: Life Science</i>	

Classes were taken from the following two institutions for the completion of the above degree:

<i>University of Colorado at Denver</i>	<i>Denver, CO</i>
<i>Bob Jones University</i>	<i>Greenville, SC</i>

Ordination

I was ordained to the ministry in February of 2002 by Grace Baptist Church of Iron Mountain, MI.

Skills

- Experienced Counselor
- Preaching/Teaching/Mentoring
- Spiritual Care of the Sick & Dying
- Conference Speaking
- Administrative Leadership
- Budget Management
- Project Management

Other Ministry Experience

Grace Baptist Church Iron mountain, MI Years Attended: 1996-2002
Lay Assistant Pastor
Jr. High Youth Coordinator
Deacon

Faith Baptist Church Beecher, WI Years Attended: 1986-1996
Deacon
School Board Member
Director of Children's Ministries
Director of Missions

Additionally, I have extensive experience traveling nationally and internationally as a speaker for the University, as well as conducting marriage enrichment seminars with my wife, Terri. My travels have taken me to 47 of the 50 states, and four continents.

Community Involvement

Kiwanis Club of Toledo-Tama Member since 2003
Board of Directors Member
Club President 2010-2012

Iowa Juvenile Home Foundation Board Member 2004-11
Vice President 2009-2011

John and Terri Janke

Our Background

I was raised Christian home, spent most of my childhood in Denver, Colorado and came to know Christ as a young child. After high school, I attended a Christian liberal arts college, majoring in Physical Education. After my junior year (and Terri's graduation), I married Terri Pickering and moved with her back to Denver. I continued my education (University of Colorado at Denver) while working in retail management. God moved us to Northland Baptist Bible College in 1986, where I finished an undergraduate degree with majors in Physical Education, Bible, and Life Science. In 1989 I joined the staff of Northland full-time, overseeing numerous campus operational departments. After completing a MA in Biblical Studies, I joined the Bible faculty, and assumed responsibility for the new Department of External Studies until leaving Northland for Pastoral ministry in 2002.

Terri was born and raised in lower Wisconsin in a Christian home and came to know Christ as a teenager. After high school, she attended the same college as John, where they met. After graduating with a degree in Home Economics education (and marrying John) she began teaching Home Economics at Silver State Christian High School in Denver. After our move to Northland, she developed and directed the Department of Home and Family Ministries.

As a part of our ministry experiences, I have traveled extensively, both nationally and globally, speaking for Men's retreats, Family Conferences, teaching in various Colleges, and partnering with Terri for Couple's Conferences. Terri has spoken for Ladies' Retreats and has written several Christmas and Easter programs as well as Bible studies on 1 Peter and Christian Women in History.

How were you called to the pastoral ministry?

We have both been active in local church ministries since high school. I began teaching a 6th grade Sunday School class as a senior in high school and Terri was involved in backyard bible clubs with Child Evangelism Fellowship. After we were married, we served as the Junior Department Sunday School coordinators and later as lay members of the youth staff in a church of over 2,000. After moving to Northland, we joined Faith Baptist Church of Pembine, WI. There we served in the Children's and music ministries. I also served as a Deacon, Mission's Director, and a member of the School Board. In 1996, we joined Grace Baptist Church of Iron Mountain, MI (a new church planting effort) where we both were heavily involved in the ministry. At Grace, I served as a Deacon and later as a lay assistant Pastor. It was during our time at Grace that God increased our burden for the local church and our desire for full-time vocational ministry. It was through Grace Baptist that I was ordained to the Pastoral ministry.

What is your vision?

Overall, our desire is to be a part of God's work of increasing the number of individuals who know Him, praise Him, and serve Him. Specifically, by God's grace, we have sought to accomplish this burden in three ways:

1. We desire to encourage individuals in the local church to know God through a correct understanding of His Word and how to integrate its truth into their day to day life experiences.
2. We desire to help build strong, healthy families that reflect Christ's relationship with His bride, the Church.
3. We desire to see individuals who are completely surrendered in their lives to the will of God-- passionately pursuing Him, sharing the Gospel with others, and living in a way that properly represents His Person and Perfections.

Tell us about your family

Our oldest daughter, Rachel (27), completed a Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling from Master's College (Santa Clarita, CA) and was married to Andrew Davis of Edmonton, Canada in October of 2013. They now live just outside of Calgary, CA, where Andrew is completing a degree in Bible at Canadian Southern Baptist College and Seminary.

Our second daughter, Alicia (23), graduated from college and is employed with RSM in Cedar Rapids, IA as a Senior Administrative Assistant and consultant. She currently serves as the Church Clerk for Northbrook Baptist Church and is part of our Music Team.

God further expanded our family through the ministry of adoption in August of 2011. Jon (19), Tiana (10), and Lea (8) are now part of our family.

Our desire is for our children to have a passion for God and to pursue His will for their lives.