



CENTURY
BAPTIST CHURCH

Transition Team

DAVE AXT

Briefly tell us about yourself (job, family, etc.):

Hi, I'm Dave Axt. I'm married to my wife of 20 years, Carrie, and we have three children; a daughter in college, a son in high school, and a daughter in middle school. We have lived in the Bismarck area for over 20 years and have attended Century for as long as we have been together (2005). I teach Horticulture at the Bismarck Career Academy to area high school students in both the public and private school systems. I also coach middle school cross country at Simle. I enjoy the outdoors, especially camping, hiking, and running.



What do you love most about Century Baptist?

The people made me fall in love with the church family, and the people we have developed relationships with over the years make it truly a family. It has been great to grow alongside other families and couples to watch life play out.

I love seeing people grow in their faith, especially watching students ask those deep questions that show they are really thinking about their faith.

And Donuts and coffee. That's pretty great, too.

How long have you been connected to Century?

I started attending Century as a guest when my grandparents, LaVern and Mary Axt, moved off the farm by McClusky in 1985, and made Century their church home. We would attend with them several times with them when we would visit or there was an event. When I moved to the area in 2004, I decided to try other churches, but found myself loving Century because of the people, who welcomed me like one of their own coming home. After meeting Carrie, we started attending together and became members shortly after getting married.

What ministry areas have you served in or currently serve in?

I spent 14 years in the Wednesday night kid ministry, serving as a Host/large group leader, a small group leader, game coordinator, and finally in the 4th/5th grade classes. During this time, I also served as the host for many years in VBS.

I also served on the leadership board for 3 years, and served on the constitution committee 3 separate terms.

We also are part of a small group that meets monthly, studying a book of the bible and sharing a meal and fellowship.

Brent Bogar

Briefly tell us about yourself (job, family, etc.):

I am married to Kris (28 years in June) and dad to Hope (15), both whom I love and am grateful for God blessing my life with them. We are also helping to care for Kris's mom (who lives north of Mandan) since her father passed away last summer.

I have an eclectic career background and am presently leading government affairs with a regional engineering firm. The job is challenging and rewarding at the same time.



What do you love most about Century Baptist?

The Biblical foundation of the church and its emphasis of building up believers as disciples. Growing up in the church (my dad was a pastor for 31 years) having a place that is true to the Word, offers programs for everyone to learn God's saving grace, and provides opportunities to serve has always been important and we found that at Century Baptist.

How long have you been connected to Century?

We have been attending Century since October of 2013, shortly after moving to Bismarck from Williston.

What ministry areas have you served in or currently serve in?

I have been part of various men's Bible studies and small groups. Currently Kris and I enjoy serving at the pre-school check-in desk every Sunday to greet families and welcome new ones. I lead a small group at our home on Sunday evenings. I have served on the property committee and currently chair the policy committee.

Lindsey Brew

Briefly tell us about yourself (job, family, etc.):

Hi, I'm Lindsey. I have been married to Tyler Erhardt for 10 years, and we have one 7.5-year-old son named Atlas. I am a Chiropractor and have been serving the Bismarck-Mandan community for 14 years.



What do you love most about Century Baptist?

What I love most about Century Baptist is the people and their love for God and His Word.

How long have you been connected to Century?

We have been attending Century Baptist for around six years, and I have been a member for one year. I would love to bring the perspective of a newer member and share the experience of joining Century Baptist.

What ministry areas have you served in or currently serve in?

I have served on the worship team at CBC for several years. I lead a table for the Tuesday morning Bible study, and we meet with our small group on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. I am also a member of MomCo (formerly MOPS), where I prepare and lead devotionals.

Additionally, I help with special events for children's ministry, such as VBS and special performances, and I serve on the policy committee.

Andrew Hershey

Briefly tell us about yourself (job, family, etc.):

Hello, my name is Andrew and my primary job is to steward an ice cream & coffee shop called FOMO 10/40 Creamery & Coffee. My wife Emily and I have been called to missions both locally and globally and have been using our gifts in our current context to develop leaders and cultivate a heart to follow Jesus and play a part in His missional purpose.



What do you love most about Century Baptist?

What I love about Century is (1) the people, (2) the commitment to teaching the word of God and preaching of the gospel, and (3) the foundation it has had for missions.

Along with many other aspects.

How long have you been connected to Century?

We have been connected for 3 years.

What ministry areas have you served in or currently serve in?

I lead missions prayer on Sunday mornings at 9:35am. I serve as a non-voting committee member on the missions team.

PAUL EWING

Briefly tell us about yourself (job, family, etc.):

Hello my name is Paul Ewing. My wife Melissa and I have been married for 32 years and we have three grown sons, two daughters-in-law, and one very precious granddaughter, all of which live in the Buffalo, NY, area. I love anything that has a story including books, movies, music, et cetera, especially science fiction and jazz.



What do you love most about Century Baptist?

What I love most about Century Baptist Church is its historical mandate to multiply and develop disciples starting right here in the Bismarck-Mandan area and reaching all the way around the world. Many folks here at Century Baptist poured into my life, developing me in my youth and now I have the opportunity to do the same for those connected to our church. Throughout our almost 50-year history, a multitude of lay and vocational leaders have been matured and sent out under this mandate, which to me is a testament to our dedication to this calling over the years.

How long have you been connected to Century?

Having first arrived at Century Baptist Church on March 1, 1981, I spent my youth through college years as a member. While serving as an NAB Missionary to Japan from 1999 to 2023, Melissa and I were supported by Century Baptist Church and upon ending our service as international missionaries, we relocated to Bismarck so I could begin serving as the Care Pastor in May, 2024.

What ministry areas have you served in or currently serve in?

In the forty five years I have been connected with Century Baptist Church I have served in the areas of special music, choir, sound technician, groundskeeper, vacation bible school, youth group, supported missionary, Care Pastor, preaching, Senior Adult Bible Study leader, overseeing and officiating weddings and funerals, elder board, missions committee, personnel committee, visitation ministry, pastoral counseling, prayer ministry, worship orchestra, doughnut cart repositioning specialist, and other duties as necessary.

Derek Kost

Briefly tell us about yourself (job, family, etc.):

I am married to my wife Shawna for nearly 21 years and we have three children: Mason (14), Nora (12) & Marlee (almost 4). I work as a structural engineer on many building projects in western North Dakota.



What do you love most about Century Baptist?

What I love most about Century Baptist is the people, who are this church, and the shared mission of growing and making disciples for Jesus Christ for the glory of God. Jesus knew what his disciples were capable of before they knew it themselves and I love to see Century Baptist view and encourage each other the same way that Jesus does.

How long have you been connected to Century?

I have been personally connected to Century Baptist nearly my whole life, since the early 1980's. During this time, I have seen the many ups and downs our church has experienced and how God has been faithful, using it all for his glory to accomplish his unstoppable plan. There is great hope going forward when you realize where you have been before and how God has always been there with you.

What ministry areas have you served in or currently serve in?

Since around 2003, I have served with the high school youth ministry as a volunteer small group leader here at Century. Witnessing students grow in their faith and love for the Lord as they go on to lead their own families and serve others is a testament to how God is and has been working.

Zach Kost

Briefly tell us about yourself (job, family, etc.):

My name is Zach Kost and I have been married to my wife, Miranda, for almost 8 years. We have two children; Matthias (4) and Selah (2). I currently work as the Instructional Coach at Bismarck High School, within Bismarck Public Schools.



What do you love most about Century Baptist?

What I love about Century Baptist is the Biblical foundation that creates its mission. As followers of Christ, we are called to GO, make disciples of all nations, and grow (both in our own faith, but also help grow other disciples). Century Baptist is a place where we get to live in community with other amazing people/believers, empower the next generation, and work together to spread the Gospel to our city and world.

How long have you been connected to Century?

I have been connected to Century Baptist for my entire life. I have been raised up and found God's calling in my life through the ministries and disciple-makers here at Century.

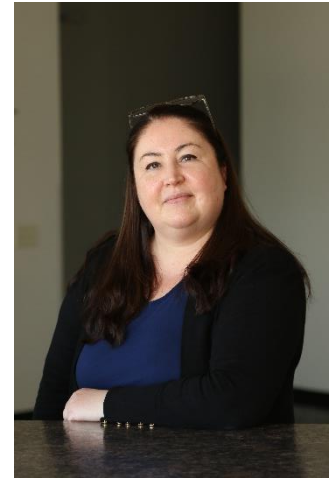
What ministry areas have you served in or currently serve in?

I currently serve as a small group leader within the MSM, where I have been able to serve in many different capacities for the last eleven years. I have also recently re-connected with the worship ministry team, playing bass guitar. Also, throughout my many years at Century, I have been able to connect with many different ministry opportunities in different arenas as they arise.

Mandy Maxon

Briefly tell us about yourself (job, family, etc.):

I married my husband, Aaron Ness, nearly 22 years ago and we moved from Fargo to Bismarck. We have two boys - Jacob (an adult living on his own) and Will, a Sophomore at BHS. I am an attorney by education, training, and licensing, but I left private practice when Will was 3 to be more available to him. I worked for a few years with the Department of Transportation as an administrative hearing officer until COVID hit. I also taught Criminal Justice and Sociology courses at Bismarck State College for 15 years but now I work as a substitute teacher for Bismarck Public Schools - mainly middle school. I love working with (most of) that delightfully weird age group.



What do you love most about Century Baptist?

Without a doubt, it's the people. We visited 7 or 8 other churches in town when we moved here, some more than once. But, when we visited Century, we knew these were our people. Other than Melanie, all of the pastors and staff are new since we started attending in 2004 so we've been through a lot here. A lot of change and a lot of heartbreak over the years to say goodbye to people we love.

How long have you been connected to Century?

Over 21 years. Our first visit to Century Baptist was in December 2004. We've been regular attenders, and then members, since that time.

What ministry areas have you served in or currently serve in?

Having grown up Catholic, I had no basis of knowledge for how to serve in a church like this. I was certain I did not have enough biblical knowledge to be of any assistance. But, Melanie had faith in me. My first foray into serving at the church was during Inside Out on Wednesday nights with the elementary students while she still oversaw that ministry. Aaron and I did that for a couple years and then I moved to the nursery for a short time before joining the middle school and high school ministry in the cafe for about 9 years before stepping away from that last fall. Now, I serve on the tech team for 3rd service.

Danelle Schlichenmayer

Briefly tell us about yourself (job, family, etc.):

My husband, Luke, and I are close to celebrating 15 years of marriage. We love exploring and hiking together. We have two children, Eden and Jasper. I serve as the Communications and Marketing Specialist for the International Network of Children's Ministry for nearly a year now. I previously served as the Director of Elementary Ministry at Century for 12 years.



What do you love most about Century Baptist?

Overall, it's the people and the mission. Especially love kids 😊. I love the multiple generations that gather together and I enjoy being able to interact with all ages and stages of life at church who are taking steps to grow in their faith. I believe deeply in the mission of making disciples for the glory of God and have a great passion for teaching and encouraging children and adults to pursue their relationship with Jesus.

How long have you been connected to Century?

I grew up in Turtle Lake and attended Century many times from 2006-2011. My husband grew up in this church. I officially started attending in December 2011 after getting married and became a member shortly after that.

What ministry areas have you served in or currently serve in?

I have served on the Worship team, in Youth ministry, directed Children's ministry, and often captured photography / video for special events.

Josh Schlichenmayer

Briefly tell us about yourself (job, family, etc.):

Hi, I'm Josh. I have been married to my wife, Katie, for 20 years, and together we have five children. About six years ago, we felt God calling us to open our home to a young man in need, and he has since become part of our family. Our kids keep us busy with activities like sporting events, choir concerts, and art shows. Professionally, my work has centered on walking with people through seasons of change and challenge. It has been a humble privilege to meet with people, hear their stories, and walk alongside them as they navigate life's journeys, striving to care for others with compassion and humility, and to encourage and build them up.



What do you love most about Century Baptist?

What I love most about Century Baptist Church is its clear mission: to grow and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the glory of God. To me, this is at the heart of what it means to follow Christ, and it corresponds well to the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20. We are called to live missionally—not only growing in our own faith, but also investing in others, mentoring one another, and shining God's light in our church, our city, and the world.

How long have you been connected to Century?

I have been connected to Century Baptist Church my entire life. I was baptized here at the age of 12 and became a voting member when I turned 18, committing to the life and body of the church.

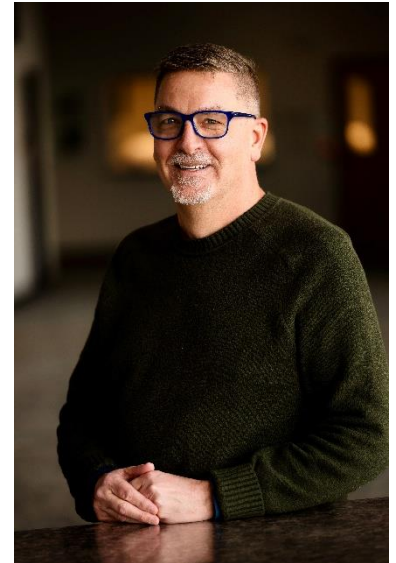
What ministry areas have you served in or currently serve in?

I have served as a small group leader in the high school ministry for over 20 years. I often joke that I never really left the youth group after graduating high school. I am grateful to have been able to walk alongside young men as they enter high school as freshmen, watching them grow and mature in their faith, and then sending them off as seniors equipped and eager to continue growing and shining God's light in the world.

DAVE YOUNG

Briefly tell us about yourself (job, family, etc.):

Maryanne and I are blessed with two adult daughters. Hannah lives in Boston, working as a barista while completing her master's in creative writing. Karis lives in Bluffton, SC—newly married and working in administration for a small business. Our son-in-law, Taylor, serves on staff at a large church. Maryanne and I have moved often in response to the Lord's calling, though we spent our longest season—fourteen years—in Houston. She currently works at Rice University as a systems administrator.



What do you love most about Century Baptist?

I love the adventure of discovering who Century really is—its strengths and weaknesses, its quirks and convictions, its beauty and its mess. In many ways, it reminds me of my own spiritual journey—learning to shed parts of a religious past in order to live more authentically with Jesus. Century feels like a church that is ready—leaning into the transforming work the Lord has for us.

How long have you been connected to Century?

I first became aware of Century's need in December, when I heard about Carl stepping back to care for his wife. Around that time, I began to sense this might be where God was leading me next. I've been actively connected since early January.

What ministry areas have you served in or currently serve in?

I've served in church leadership for nearly thirty years—as a lead pastor in C&MA churches, in international churches in Thailand and France, and over the past six years as an intentional interim lead pastor with VitalChurch Ministries. Across these settings, a consistent thread has been serving as a catalyst for change—helping churches navigate both organizational clarity and spiritual renewal. In this season of ministry, I'm especially drawn to bringing those together—pairing needed structural change with a slowed-down spirituality that leads to deep, lasting transformation from the inside out.