

## **Dave Banfield**

I was raised on the east side of Cleveland, Ohio and lived there until I entered Wheaton College.

I have a BS in Biology from Wheaton College and a MDiv and DMin from Bethel Theological Seminary. I served for five years as an Associate Pastor in Fergus Falls , MN and as the Lead Pastor for 31 years in Mankato, MN. Both of these churches were Converge Churches. I retired from my church in Mankato in 2018. Since then I have served in two interim pastor positions: Cavalier Baptist Church in Cavalier, ND and Berean Baptist Church in Grand Rapids. MI. My wife, Suanne and I currently live in Whitehall, MI. We have three married children and three grandchildren, with one on the way.

My doctorate was focused on Church Leadership and Evangelism. I did my doctoral thesis on evangelism among ethnic Chinese students on the secular university campus. My wife and I were actively involved with international student ministry for 30 years.

I have been actively involved with Converge at all levels, serving on the Board of Stewards for Converge Northwest and on the Board of Overseers for Converge national.

I enjoy woodworking, running, hiking, and backpacking. My favorite place to go to be in the wilderness is the North Shore of Lake Superior in upper Minnesota. I also have dabbled in writing devotional materials and a little fiction. I like to read mystery novels and historical fiction for pleasure. Two of my favorite Christian authors are C.S. Lewis and Tim Keller.