

Garth Dietlin

I was born and lived in Chicago until I was 9. My family then made a major pivot by moving to Northern Michigan, the city to the country. That is where I grew to love the outdoors, hunting, landscaping, and many other things while immersed in the beautiful 4 seasons of Michigan. I loved playing golf and worked for a number of years on the grounds crew at a golf course. In my experience, the maintenance crews of golf courses are comprised of either younger college aged workers doing a summer job or retired aged folks looking for a job to keep them busy with the benefit of free golf. I hope someday to round out the other age bracket and still be able to swing a club!

I also grew up immersed in music. Both my parents were piano players and church music and worship team was the norm for most Sundays. I began serving during high school in the music ministries of my church. God began calling me into the ministry even in these early days, though it took a while to figure that out. I still am learning the shape of that call.

My years of schooling took me around a few midwest states. I received a BA in biblical studies from Moody Bible Institute and an MA in biblical exegesis from Wheaton College. I met Kim while I was a Wheaton student and we were married in 2013. A year later, we moved to Ohio and I worked at Riverwood Community Chapel and pursued an MDiv from Ashland Theological Seminary. After finishing our time there, we moved to Grand Rapids and began at Berean in 2016 with a baby on the way. We now have three kids, Elliot, Titus, and Sage.