

March 2023

COACHING and ENCOURAGING

I was honored to be the speaker at NEW CANAAN SOCIETY on March 15, 2023. The title of my message was COACHING and ENCOURAGING. I had a great time sharing the story of PastorCare West Michigan with the men who gathered at Kent Country Club at 7:15AM. I brought my rod and my staff with me as visual reminders of my calling from God to be a shepherd to shepherds and sheep.



NEW CANAAN SOCIETY

LIVE PURE, SPEAK TRUTH, RIGHT
WRONG, FOLLOW THE KING



I love coaching and encouraging pastors, missionaries, Christian leaders and their families. I listen deeply for as long as it takes. With permission, I will share thoughts, ideas, and insights that may be helpful. I am safe and confidential. I trust the Holy Spirit to guide and direct our conversation. I love to network and connect people with others who can be helpful in their journey. I am an idea generator who thinks outside the box. I become friends with the people I coach and our relationships become long lasting. I frequently initiate contact with people who are going through tough times and are hesitant and reluctant to reach out for help. God has called me to shepherd the shepherds and sheep. He gave me the vision and passion to help pastors, missionaries, and Christian leaders become strong and healthy so they can lead churches to become strong and healthy for the Kingdom of God.

Speaking at NEW CANAAN SOCIETY, has led to several follow up conversations and a few Confidential Coaching opportunities with men who heard me share three stories of coaching and encouraging a pastor, a seminary professor, and a business owner.

My calling to the ministry of PastorCare West Michigan remains strong and unwavering. The Board of Directors passionately confirmed my leadership of PastorCare West Michigan on Saturday, March 25, 2023. I relentlessly pursue God's calling on my life for coaching and encouraging, pastors, missionaries, non-profit ministry leaders, Christian business owners, and sheep who need a shepherd.

The PastorCare West Michigan Board of Directors is celebrating and thanking God for the addition of Orsika Fejer, our newest Board member.



Hi, I'm Orsika! (pronounced Orshika). My Hungarian name was given to me by my refugee parents. They came to America in the late 1960's with my sister and brother. I am eternally grateful for the sacrifices my family made for our freedom. I am a single mother of three beautiful humans, two dogs, two cats, three lizards, a snake and a chicken (she cracks me up all the time!!!) The "zoo," as I affectionately refer to my household, keeps my plate full and my soul happy. Two of my children are adults and happily married. One beautiful human is still at home with me and the zoo. In all honesty, he's a major reason for all the fun critters & lots of fluff! We truly enjoy all the floop! Our critters entertain us daily.

My childhood was filled with fond memories of figure skating, dancing, horseback riding, school activities, and friends. My adulthood had its fair share of trauma. I am a survivor of domestic violence. Now, on the other side of the pain, shame, and guilt, my mission is to create a safe space for those who have experience their own trauma and are willing to reclaim passion and joy in their personal and business lives. It took years of dedication to myself to be where I am today. Honestly, I didn't think I was worth any level of dedication. What kept me going were my children. I knew, deep down inside, they were worth my healing. I wanted to live a fun-filled and healthy life with them. I chose, each day, to be better than the previous day – for them. Eventually, that motivation started turning slowly to be better for myself minute by minute. Healing from any sort of anguish is not easy. It takes motivation, authenticity, and vulnerability.

On my journey, I overcame PTSD (after admitting I had it for five years), learned from a number of personal development coaches, became certified as a Certified Canfield Trainer with Jack Canfield, and started my own business.

As I cried in the abusive relationship, feeling empty and worthless, I wouldn't have ever thought my life was going to be the way it is today. The dedication to my family is what motivated me to get out of my own quicksand. Day by day, I changed the trajectory of my family. The road was rough, but I now live in daily gratitude for my journey.



Now it's your turn to heal, forgive, and live in peace out of your own quicksand. You are worthy of living a life you never thought possible. www.outofthequicksand.com

You may watch the **KINGDOM REEL Podcast Episode** featuring Orsika's story by using this link:
<https://www.kingdomreel.com/videos/this-happened-to-me-but-it-doesnt-define-me-with-guest-orsika-fejer/>

Friends, I served for twenty-three years as a pastor in the trenches on the frontlines of ministry on Long Island, New York. I have served for over twenty years behind the scenes coaching and encouraging pastors, missionaries, and Christian leaders who are in the trenches on the frontlines of ministry in the church, on the mission field, and in the business community. I have often wondered, if, when, and how, God would call me back into pastoral ministry in a local church.

During my forty-four years of pastoral ministry, being a church planter was always something God called other pastors to do. I never believed I would do well as a church planter. Bishop John Williams tried everything he could to convince me to plant a church in Grand Rapids before he ordained me for the second time on April 19, 2015. With tears in his eyes and joy in his heart, Bishop Williams said to me, "I have been praying for you for twenty years. I didn't know your name, but now I know it was you. I want you to take over this ministry as President and continue the legacy of Central Bible Ministries International." Later, Bishop said, "I want you to start a church in Grand Rapids." I told Bishop I wasn't ready and it wouldn't be healthy for me to plant a church. Thankfully, Bishop ordained me anyway.



Bishop John Williams planted Central Bible Ministries as a church in Muskegon, MI, in 1980

President & CEO, Bishop John Williams passed on to glory, September 17, 2017

President & CEO, Rev. Dr. Aba Mpesha passed on to glory, June 22, 2020

President & CEO, Rev. Dr. John Smith, November 26, 2022 —

Now, at age seventy, God called me to become a church planter!

I am incredibly thankful for the opportunity I have enjoyed for the past year and a half, serving, ministering, and working at Our Daily Bread Ministries. However, I know in my heart, I am not the best person to grow, expand, and scale ODB Ministries nationally and globally. I am a pastor through and through. I think and act relationally and interpersonally, much more than organizationally and strategically. Therefore, I resigned on Tuesday, February 7, 2023. My last day on staff at Our Daily Bread Ministries was Friday, March 31, 2023.

God used two scriptures to move me to obedient action:

Matthew 25:31-36 ESV “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’

Hebrews 13:3 ESV Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.



Central Bible Ministries is God's church being built by Jesus Christ through the presence, power, gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. We hold the Holy Scriptures in the Old and New Testaments, as our authority for faith and practice. We believe the solution to social, moral and spiritual problems lies within the contents of the Bible.

OUR VISION is to create a Christ centered community church focused on ministering to and serving those who have been incarcerated and their families. The Holy Spirit leads us into jails, prisons, and reentry programs, showing love and respect for all, because the Holy Spirit knows our joy is giving glory to God by serving men, women, and children, as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ!



The Fellowship

at Buck Creek Community Church
3746 Byron Center Ave. SW
Wyoming, MI 49519

Monday Evenings: Started March 13, 2023

6:15pm Potluck Dinner Food Setup

6:30pm Opening Prayer, Food & Table Talk

7:00pm Worship in Songs, Testimonies, Message from the Word, Offering Baskets

8:10pm Closing Prayer (Free to go or stay and connect with people)

Monday Mornings: Started April, 3, 2023

9:15am Potluck Breakfast Food Setup

9:30am Opening Prayer, Food & Table Talk

10:00am Worship in Songs, Testimonies, Message from the Word, Offering Baskets

11:10am Closing Prayer (Free to go or stay and connect with people)

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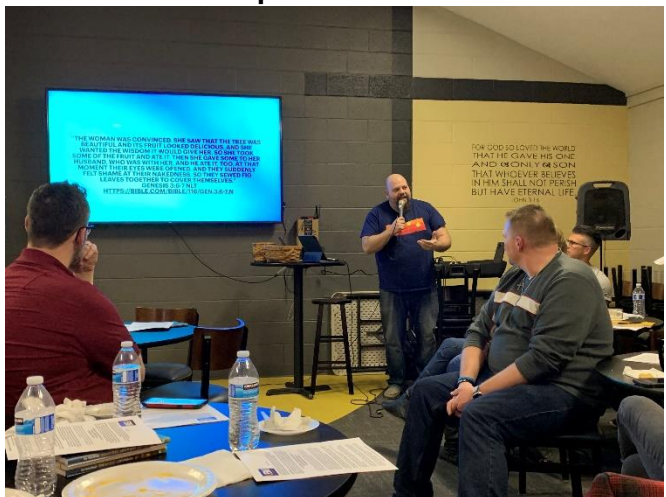
The Fellowship Monday Evening March 13, 2023 in Buck Creek Community Church, Wyoming, MI



The Fellowship Begins with a Potluck Meal and Conversation



The Fellowship Continues with Worship



**The Fellowship Celebrates Testimonies & Messages from the Word of God
There is room for you in the Central Bible Ministries Family**

Endorsement/Testimony for Pastor John Smith, Confidential Coach, PastorCare West Michigan

"The therapeutic value of one addict helping another is without parallel." That is part of a reading that is shared at every meeting of Narcotics Anonymous, a fellowship and a program for those who have a drug problem, or who think they might have a drug problem.

As I muse over those words, I realize how the same sentiment can be applied to almost anything. That is most clear when it comes to those in vocational ministry. "The therapeutic value of one minister/pastor/worker helping another is without parallel." Enter John Smith. John has labored on the front lines of ministry his entire adult life. He knows the ins and outs, the ups and downs, and most importantly, he knows the fatigue and frustration that so often accompanies ministry. That's a good start.

Now couple that with incredible wisdom, compassion, and the ability to articulate real-life solutions and recommendations, and you have John. That he genuinely loves those who often feel as if their labor is in vain, is immediately apparent. John has that rare ability to make you feel as if all he cares about is you, while at the same time he probes and questions in such a way as to ferret out the real issues, the real problems, and then offer wise and strategic solutions. Talk about "value!"

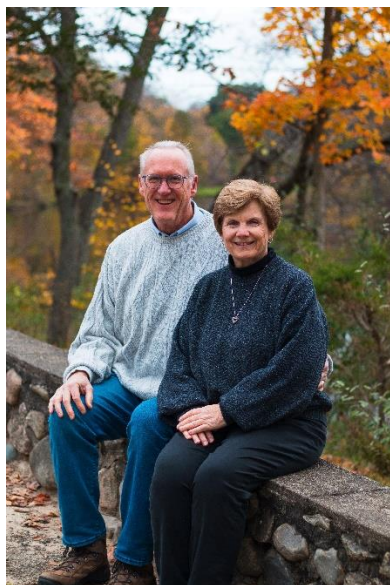
As if that were not enough, John also brings a "joie de vivre" to relationships that is compelling and contagious. Far from a "grave and serious" counselor, John overflows with the joy of the Lord. He is just fun to be around! While my own experience with John is far too great to summarize here, suffice it to say that John has been a true friend, a wise counselor, and an incredible warrior in the fight for The Kingdom and its servant-leaders. Without reservation, I would recommend John to anyone who is struggling in ministry, anyone who is looking for practical solutions, and anyone who needs a warm shoulder to cry on and strong arms to help bear them up. The Kingdom of God is advancing and the glory of Jesus Christ is triumphing through his faithful efforts.

~~~Pastor Dave 3-29-2023

I believe everything God teaches me through becoming a church planter, will increase the effectiveness of my Confidential Coaching and Encouraging with Pastors, Missionaries, Non-Profit Leaders, Business Owners, and Sheep without a Shepherd. To God be the Glory!

Sue and I are in this together!!

Love and Blessings to you!!



**Thank you for partnering with PastorCare West Michigan to advance the Kingdom of God through your prayers and financial donations.**

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