

Introducing Dale Thiele

Candidate for Senior Pastor of
Oak Hills Presbyterian Church

Dale's Family

Dale and his wife, Erin, have five sons, Micah (9 ½ yrs.), Josiah (8 yrs.), Noah (6 yrs.), Jonathan (3 ½ yrs.), and Isaiah (18 months). Dale and Erin met in 1999 in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, where Erin grew up and Dale came to serve as a youth pastor.

Dale's Education

Dale graduated from Moody Bible Institute in 1998 with a B.A. in Pastoral Studies. He then studied for two years under John Piper at Bethlehem Baptist Church from 2001–2003. This unconventional seminary program focused on the study of biblical languages, preaching and discipleship. Dale then went on to complete a Masters in Theological Studies at Covenant Theological Seminary.

Dale's Pastoral Experience

For 14 years, Dale has served on the staff of four churches in a variety of positions, ranging from a ministry intern to youth pastor to assistant pastor. The most recent church was Valley Springs Presbyterian Church in Roseville, California, where Dale served for seven years. Dale was ordained in the PCA by the Northern California Presbytery in October 2009.

Over the years, Dale has had a broad scope of experience in the local church and has been mentored extensively in senior pastor ministry by Don Sweeting (President of Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, FL), David George (Senior Pastor of Valley Springs Presbyterian Church), and John Piper and his leadership team.

For this last academic year, Dale, with his family, has been serving as the interim professor of New Testament and Theology at the Cameroon Baptist Theological Seminary, in Cameroon, West Africa.

Dale's Journey of Faith and Theological Conviction

By God's grace, Dale grew up in a God-fearing, Christian home, where he learned at a young age that his only hope of salvation was found in Christ alone. As God placed on his heart a deeper and deeper hunger for His Word, Dale came across the rich writings of R.C. Sproul, John Piper, Jonathan Edwards, and John Murray (among many others). Through careful study of Scripture and reading great theologians, Dale has grown to appreciate and celebrate the theological richness and biblical faithfulness of Reformed theology.

Dale's Passion for and Calling to the Local Church

Since his days in Bible college, God has been laying a passion for the Word and for the local church on Dale's heart. Using his God-given gifts, Dale has a passion to communicate the fullness of the glory of the gospel of Christ from Scriptures so that people will be passionate in living for Christ in their local community and throughout the world, drawing others to the beauty of the gospel. He desires to be used by God to build up and equip His saints for the work of ministry and to mentor and train future leaders of His church. Among his ministry strengths are discipleship, passion for the Church, and teaching and preaching the Word of God in an honest and authentic way that highlights how the truth of God's Word is made applicable to our lives.

Learn More About Dale

You can learn more about Dale by reading the blog he and his wife have been writing about their ministry in Cameroon at www.cameroonthieles.blogspot.com. You can also listen to some of Dale's sermons preached at Valley Springs Presbyterian Church at www.valleysprings.org/sermons. You will find his sermons dating July 2010 and earlier.



The Thiele Family, Christmas 2010, dressed in traditional Cameroonian formal clothing.