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## Pastor celebrates 20 years

### Church of the Nazarene clergyman defies trend by staying with the same congregation over long term

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In a small church in Silverton, Pastor Dominic Carlow is part of a greater trend among pastors throughout the United States.

He's stayed.

Carlow, 54, has stayed at one church longer than his Nazarene predecessors, longer than most other pastors in Silverton, and much longer than even he expected.

This year, he celebrated 20 years of service at Silverton Church of the Nazarene. Others like him,

who've served one congregation long-term, include pastors Rob Barnes at Silver Creek Fellowship, Steve Knox at First Christian Church and Breck Wilson, of Oak Street Church, who just retired after 30 years of service.

However, new research shows that Carlow is among a growing group of church leaders serving longer in a single location. The California-based polling company Barna Group reported last year that pastors are staying an average of 11 years at a church before moving on. That's more than double the average four-year stay last reported by Christian pollsters in 1992.

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**Pastor Dominic Carlow at a recent baby dedication at Silverton Church of the Nazarene.**  
SILVERTON CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

## Women making an impact by winning



**City Council-elects Paige Hook (left) and Jordan Ohrt will join the city council.**

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### Roots in community run deep for victorious candidates

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STAYTON – Paige Hook and Jordan Ohrt didn't know each other a year ago, and they were virtually unknown to voters.

They became acquainted at city council and community meetings and discovered they had a lot in common – they are women who have roots in the community, are parents of young children and about the same age.

Their opinions differ on some subjects, but Ohrt

and Hook decided to run for city council in Stayton in the same election and formed a bond, often canvassing homes together.

Ohrt and Hook are leading in votes for three Stayton city council positions in the Nov. 6 election and are among nine women in Marion County – many of them first-time candidates – defeating men or winning elections to replace a man on a city council or as mayor in the mid-term election.

“Why should leadership only be held by men?” said Jacqueline Leung, who is winning election for Salem

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## Oregon strike teams help battle deadly Camp Fire in California



**As the Camp Fire burns nearby, a scorched car rests by gas pumps near Pulga, Calif..** NOAH BERGER/AP

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The Oregon Department of Forestry deployed two strike teams Nov. 11 to help battle wildfires in California that have claimed more than 30 lives.

While on route, the Oregon teams received orders to help suppress the 111,000-acre Camp Fire near Chico in northern California. California officials originally requested the Oregonians come to the southern portion of the state.

Both strike teams arrived at the Camp Incident Command Post Nov. 11 and were on the front line Nov. 12.

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## Gates man goes from write-in to mayor in 3 weeks

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GATES – Daniel Tucker was in the moment.

In front of the largest meeting of the Gates City Council in years and testifying about proposed zoning for shipping containers on personal property, Tucker noted no one was on the ballot for mayor in the Nov. 6 election. He turned to the passionate crowd and said, “I’ll take your votes.”

That quickly, Tucker declared himself as a mayor-al candidate.

Running a successful write-in campaign is difficult, but to do it three weeks before the election – after the ballots were mailed and some people already voted – is something that could only work in a city like Gates.

Tucker holds a commanding lead in the race for mayor of Gates and his compatriots Carol Anne Boniface, Tom Smith and James Hensell lead the race to fill the three available city council positions.

No one filed for the Nov. 6 election to run for mayor or the three open city council positions in Gates, a quirky city of 500 about 30 miles east of Salem.

Current Mayor Jerry Marr said he intended to run for office again, but missed the Aug. 28 filing deadline. Marr said he would serve again if he was elected as a write-in candidate.

Instead, it appears the city will have a new mayor in Tucker, who has never run for or held a public office.

“I’m interested in learning the job, learning what it entails,” Tucker said. “I kind of get the feeling myself that the present council and mayor don’t really listen to the things that the citizens want or don’t want.”

“They do it regardless of what people think. I’m more interested in trying to work with people who live here in the city.”

In Marion County returns through Thursday, Tucker was leading the race for mayor with 75 votes; Marr had 45 votes. Super Man had one vote.

For city council, Carol Anne Boniface had 55 votes Tom Smith had 49 and James Hensell had 40. Current councilors who declined to run for re-election Sandy Cutsforth, Sandy Cooper and Ruth Higgs had between 15 and 13 votes each. Captain America, Snow White and Bat Man each had one vote.

Those votes don’t include the seven write-in votes for mayor from Linn County, which hasn’t published its write-in votes individually, or its 14 votes for city council.

Gates city recorder Traci Archer said she won’t get official results until the elections are certified, which likely will take place Nov. 26, though it could take longer as Gates is in Marion and Linn counties and votes from both counties will be combined.

And Archer must verify those with the most votes are eligible to hold the office and are willing to take the unpaid positions.

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**The leading vote getter for mayor, Daniel Tucker, stands by his shipping container in front of his house on Nov. 15 in Gates. The city council of Gates considered bringing an ordinance to ban shipping containers which inspired Tucker to run.**

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