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Date: July 2012
To: Pastors and Staff
Subject: Monthly Update

Dear Michigan Baptist Leader,

This month's mailer includes information on:

- **Reaching Michigan Workshops** on July 23 -27 at various locations across our state,
- **Boys' Adventure Camp** on August 6- 9 at Bambi Lake Retreat and Conference Center,
- **Eyeglass Clinic** on August 25 at Victory Baptist Church in Detroit,
- **Church Equipping Conference** on September 15 at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Roseville,
- **Annual State Convention** on November 8-9 at Monroe Missionary Baptist Church in Monroe, and
- An opportunity to nominate someone who you believe deserves the **Outstanding Volunteer of the Year** award.

As always, we thank you for your faithful support through the Cooperative Program. Because of your faithful giving, lives are being transformed by the Gospel, not only in Michigan, but across the world.

Partners in Advancing God's Kingdom!

DOING WHATEVER IT TAKES TO SEE LIVES TRANSFORMED FOR CHRIST THROUGH STARTING, STRENGTHENING AND MOBILIZING CHURCHES
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Load the Bus

IN THE MIDST of the conversation he said, "Our association is chartering a bus to bring people to the Church Equipping Conference on September 15 in Roseville."

What a great idea, I thought. I have been saying for months that this is a "Load the Bus"



BOBBY'S BITS

Bobby Gilstrap
Lead State Missionary

kind of conference. Why? Simply because there will be training conferences provided on that one day for virtually every key leader that is serving in your church.

Now, I realize that not every church or association might charter one or more buses ... but loading up in car pools or vans from most every church in Michigan is very possible. Early registration is well underway with over 200 already registered toward our training goal of 1,001 in attendance. If every Michigan Baptist church were to bring four or more leaders, we would more than surpass our training attendance goal.

In addition to enjoying a wonderful plenary session with Ed Stetzer

and great worship, there will be more than 50 workshops for church leaders. If you have leaders that wear more than one hat around the church, they will find several workshops to help resource them to be more effective. For a complete list of workshops and leaders, go to www.ChurchEquippingConference.com.

Again, register now for the September 15 Michigan Church Equipping Conference. Get details and register at www.ChurchEquippingConference.com.

"Reaching Michigan" Workshops

In partnership with the Intercultural Institute for Contextual Ministry

(www.iicm.net), our convention will be hosting FIVE identical "Reaching Michigan" workshops during the week of July 23-27, one in every area of our state. This workshop will help church leaders identify the pockets of lostness in their communities for outreach ministries or for starting new churches.

Topics will include: Developing a prayer movement, casting missional vision, creating missional strategies, recruiting church planting participants, developing missional outreach and much more.

Host locations, dates and areas for this great workshop are as follows:

- Monday, July 23 - First Baptist Church (60820 Marjorie Ann Street, South Lyon, MI 48178)
- Tuesday, July 24 - First Baptist Church (1133 East Centre Avenue, Portage, MI 49002)
- Wednesday, July 25 - Forest Park Baptist Church (26805 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334)
- Thursday, July 26 - North End

Baptist Church (G-7360 North Clio Road, Mt. Morris, MI 48458)

• Friday, July 27 - Alpine Village Baptist Church (158 North Townline Road, Gaylord, MI 49735)

The schedule will be from 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM each day. More information will be published soon on www.MichiganBaptists.org and through our e-mail announcements.

Michigan Estate Planning Workshops

Finally, our Michigan Baptist Foundation will be hosting Estate Planning workshops in each region of our state in September of this year. Mark the week of September 24-29, 2012 for attending one of these great workshops.

You will discover how to continue to invest in Kingdom ministries for decades to come beyond your life. More information is coming.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving Michigan Baptists as your "Partners in Advancing God's Kingdom!"

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Follow on www.TWITTER.com/bobby_gilstrap or on www.FACEBOOK.com/BobbyGilstrap

“Reaching Michigan” Workshops¹

July 23-27 • 9:00-4:30

“Reaching Michigan” workshops are designed to help pastors, church starters & laity identify pockets of lostness in their communities for outreach ministries or for starting new churches.

Learn How To...

- Develop a prayer movement
- Cast a missional vision
- Create missional strategies
- Recruit church planting participants
- Develop missional outreach
- And much more

¹Register @
MichiganBaptists.org
Or at 810.714.1907



Workshop Leader

Dr. Curt Watke
Founder & Executive
Director
Intercultural Institute for
Contextual Ministry
(www.IICM.net)

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* All Workshops are Identical • Lunch provided,
donation requested

A Cooperative Program ministry provided by the gifts of cooperating churches in partnership with the Intercultural Institute for Contextual Ministry, the Baptist State Convention of Michigan, the Alabama State Board of Missions and the North American Mission Board.

BOYS ADVENTURE MISSIONS CAMP

August 6-9, 2012

Bambi Lake Baptist Retreat & Conference Center

Cost: \$89 per camper

(\$20 Deposit + \$69 Paid at Registration)



Camp begins with registration at 1pm on Monday & concludes at 11am on Thursday.

Adventure Camp includes participation in various camping learning experiences including: Cooking, Fire Preparation Safety, Tent Pitching, Swimming Safety, First Aid, Wilderness Survival, Tool Craft, Rope Craft, Compass Craft and Other Outdoor Skills.

Go to <http://bscm.org/#/mission-education> to download a camper information form and a registration form.

Contact Jimmy Jones @ 248-343-6284 or email jimmy@bscm.org for more information.

Glasses & Volunteers

Needed for

FREE



Eye Glass Clinic

Saturday, August 25

Victory Fellowship Baptist Church

14225 Frankfort, Detroit

Used eye glasses can be collected and brought to BSCM, Greater Detroit Baptist Association or Victory Fellowship Baptist Church.



Eye Glass Clinic is sponsored through partnerships with the BSCM, Greater Detroit Baptist Association, Victory Fellowship Baptist Church and Focus on Missions. ***The primary goal of every clinic is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with every participant.*** At every clinic an evangelism station is part of the clinic. Once a participant receives their screening and glasses they then are brought into the evangelism station where the gospel is shared in a one-on-one setting. Go to www.focusonmissions.org to learn more about the ministry of Focus on Missions.

Contact cindy@bscm.org for additional information.

PARTNERS IN ADVANCING GOD'S KINGDOM

Frances Brown State Missions Offering

Allocations for 2013

Church Starting

\$ 65,000

Church Starting Support

Church Strengthening

\$4,500

Pastor/Staff & Spouse Retreat

\$2,012

Leadership Development

Church Mobilization

\$5,000

Disaster Relief

\$4,500

Bambi Summer Missionaries

\$1,000

Community Outreach Ministries

Begin praying now for
how God would lead you
to give this September.



Strengthening Michigan Baptist Churches

FENTON – The Michigan Baptists **Church Equipping Conference** is rapidly approaching on September 15, 2012. More than fifty unique workshops will be presented to support most every leadership area of local churches. For a nominal cost, churches can bring every church leader to receive resources and training in the areas of starting, strengthening and mobilizing the churches of Michigan.

The day will begin with a worship and plenary session featuring Ed Stetzer, Vice President of Research and Ministry Development for LifeWay Christian Resources. He will be speaking on the Subversive Kingdom. In addition to resources provided in each workshop, there will also be thousands of resources available for purchase at a special **Lifeway Christian bookstore**.

Specifically, some of the areas of training include workshops in ...

CHURCH MOBILIZATION

- Engaging All God's People in Mission: How churches can involve more people in ministry and mission. Led by special guest and keynote speaker, Ed Stetzer.
- Additional workshops will be led on Evangelism, Missions, and Prayer

CHURCH STRENGTHENING

Workshops will include:

- Childhood Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Adult Ministry
- Discipleship, Women's & Men's Ministry
- Church Health / Strengthening
- Church Administration, Communication & Media
- Music & Worship
- Pastoral Ministry & Leadership

CHURCH STARTING

Workshops will include:

- Partnership
- Urban and collegiate Church Starting
- Mentoring Church Starters

On time registration is open through August 20, 2012 for only \$15.00 per person. For every church that **brings six or more** participants, *their pastor can attend for free*. Registration is now open at www.ChurchEquippingConference.com or by completing a printed registration form in this Monthly **Church Information Packet** (or accessible through www.MichiganBaptists.org).

Updated information on this conference is available online at www.ChurchEquippingConference.com or by contacting Bob Wood at 810.417.1907 or bob@bscm.org.

Church Equipping Conference

September 15, 2012
Registration Form

Registration Deadlines:

Early Registration by May 31 \$10 each
On-time Registration June 1 – Aug 20 \$15 each
Late Registration Aug 21 – Sep 15 \$20 each

(Lunch is provided, so advance registration is greatly appreciated.)

Special offer: Free registration for your pastor if six others from your church sign up.

Church name: _____ City: _____

Contact person: _____

Contact email: _____ Contact phone: _____

Name

Ministry Area

(Pastor, Worship, Deacon, Women's Ministry,
Adult, Youth, Children, Preschool, etc.)

1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
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5.	_____	_____
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8.	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____
11.	_____	_____
12.	_____	_____

Total Registered: _____

Amount Due: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Baptist State Convention of Michigan
8420 Runyan Lake Road
Fenton, MI 48430

www.ChurchEquippingConference.com.

2012 LIGHTHOUSE OUTSTANDING MISSION VOLUNTEER

The **Baptist State Convention of Michigan** will be presenting several **LIGHTHOUSE LEADERSHIP AWARDS** at this fall's Annual meeting. One of those awards will honor an **OUTSTANDING MISSION VOLUNTEER**. Your help is needed!

Please think about lay people you know that you feel are worthy of such recognition and let us hear from you. We realize that there are many who could fit this requirement; however, for this purpose only one individual (or couple) will be selected.

Any member of a cooperating Michigan Baptist church can make a recommendation that will make a difference! The following information is required if a person (or couple) is to be considered (please submit in this order):

1. The name, address, and phone number of the person (or couple) being nominated.
2. The name of the pastor, church and association with address and phone number to which he/she/they belong.
3. A list of volunteer mission service: their (1) Jerusalem, (2) Judea; (3) Samaria and (4) Uttermost, he/she/they have participated in during the past five (5) years - including locations and dates. *(If the nominee(s) has not served **in at least 3** of the Acts 1:8 areas, please do not nominate that person.)*
4. Supporting statements supporting your nomination for "**MISSION VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**". Why you feel he/she/they should be recognized in this manner. Please limit to 500 words.
5. Your signature with your address, phone, church, and association.

E-MAIL or mail your completed recommendation to:

Anne@bscm.org

Or

Baptist State Convention of Michigan

ATTN: Anne Glissman
8420 Runyan Lake Road
Fenton, MI 48430

**NO PHONE CALL RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR ENDORSEMENTS CAN BE ACCEPTED!
NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED, NOT POSTMARKED,
NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2012.**

55th Annual Meeting

Thursday & Friday, November 8-9, 2012

at

Monroe Missionary Baptist Church
14260 S. Dixie Hwy • Monroe, MI 48161



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EXCITING DETAILS IN THE AUGUST BAPTIST BEACON (www.BaptistBeacon.net)



READ THE FULL STORY AT www.BaptistBeacon.net



Baptist BEACON

Q&A with lead missionary

A discussion with Bobby Gilstrap on several topics of interest to the convention of churches in Michigan

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Questions for our lead Michigan missionary

The following is a discussion with Bobby Gilstrap, Michigan Baptist's Lead State Missionary / Executive Director, on several topics of interest to the convention of churches in Michigan. The questions are not in any priority order.

Evangelism

BEACON: Some are concerned that there is no longer going to be a strong enough emphasis on Evangelism. Do you see that to be true?

GILSTRAP: The short answer is absolutely not. We have been very intentional to keep evangelism at the forefront of much of what we are doing. A primary part of mobilizing our churches is evangelism. That takes the form of many opportunities for us to encourage and train our members to reach out into their communities with the message of Christ. I honestly see that the future holds more evangelistic opportunity

than in the last few decades.

Regions

BEACON: The new refocused strategy that was approved by the convention last fall includes five regions, referred to as associational clusters in the plan. Does that mean that we are eliminating the current associations?

GILSTRAP: This kind of question has arisen several times across the state. The regional map used in the refocusing presentation clustered two or more associations together to form what were called an associational cluster. Basically, it created five regions in the state, which included all fifteen associations. There was never any mention publicly or privately by the Future Focus Team of eliminating associations. It was not even discussed.

BEACON: If that is the case, why break up the state into regions?

GILSTRAP: That is simple to answer. The primary purpose was to identify regions strategically where we could best assign our missionaries for meeting the needs of our churches. After much prayer and study, it became obvious that clustering the associations geographically was a great approach to provide specialized missionaries for every area of our state.

BEACON: How do you see the regions or associational clusters affect the current associational structure?

GILSTRAP: Very little for the most part. The clustering is to help us to assign our Church Starting Strategists and Church Strengtheners/Mobilizers to the five areas of our state. It isn't a plan to create a new struc-

ture of the associations emerging. All of our associations are encouraged to continue to serve their area churches. In fact, the intent was to honor the historic place of the associations among Michigan Baptists.

I commonly refer to the regions as "resourcing regions." That really describes the intent of the regional structure to provide boundaries for assigning our specialized missionaries to assist churches in each region. Ideally and eventually, we envision having one Church Starting Strategist in a region for every 750,000 to 900,000 people. We further envision having one field Church Strengtheners/Mobilizer for every 40 to 75 churches in a region. These specialized missionaries will work beside our local churches and associations to help them in strategic ways to fulfill their vision and mission in their field of ministry.

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Mapping Center for Evangelism & Church Growth

FREE to all Michigan Baptists churches for outreach and evangelism. The **NEW** Mapping Center for Evangelism program is now available for numerous uses through your state convention.

Choose the area you want to target and get the names and addresses for every house in that area.

Access mailing lists and maps from your own computer through the internet.

For a 60 second demo video:
<http://bit.ly/bscmmappingcenter>

For more information:
MappingCenter@bscm.org or
(586) 872-8215

