

MEMO

DATE: April 2012
TO: Pastors and Staff
SUBJECT: Monthly Update

Michigan Baptist Leader,

This month's mailer includes information on the following:

Operation One-Day

This is a wonderful opportunity for your congregation to take part in a mission trip without ever leaving our state. Please join us as we use this opportunity to reach out to communities with the love of Christ. We are expanding this year to two location: one in Flint and one in Detroit!

Metamorphosis and Quest Camps

Metamorphosis combines relevant Bible study, inspiring music, creative learning, strong preaching, and high energy activities to help your students encounter the Lord and set themselves on a course of personal spiritual growth. The camp is for youth who have completed grades 6-12. Come join us at Bambi Lake Retreat and Conference Center from June 18-22, 2012.


Quest camp is an adventure camp for students who have completed grades 4-6. Children will be challenged to learn more about the Lord and become more like Him.

Church Equipping Conference

STRENGTHEN YOUR CHURCH LEADERSHIP: Load up the bus/van and head to Roseville, MI on September 15, 2012 for this great training event.

In addition to hearing from keynote speaker, **Ed Stetzer**, there will be more than 50 workshops for almost every leader in your church. The initial list of workshops is posted at www.ChurchEquippingConference.com.

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 here in Michigan, but all across the world.



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In only a few weeks, we will celebrate the day we know as Easter. Although every day is a resurrection day for the disciple of Jesus, Easter holds special opportunity for believers and the church. In support of the God's Plan for Sharing emphasis (<http://GPS2020.net>), I would like to share with you a simple A-G acrostic that I have used for at least 15 years to give intentional evangelistic focus to any event. Apply this evangelistic strategy to any special event including a block party, a VBS, a Revival, an Evangelistic concert, a dinner theater, and more. To see my complete video training on this strategy, go to <http://BSCM.equip.net/series/show/147>. (I first heard this outline used by Oklahoma Evangelist Tim Knopps. Thanks Tim for a great tool!)

Attract Attention – If people don't know about your event, they won't attend. How will you get their attention? This principle builds on the fact that people are more engaged the more of their senses they use. Regardless of the event, try to use all five

senses to attract attention for the greatest impact. Ask yourself "How can we help people to See? Hear? Feel? Taste? and Smell?"

Build a Bridge – The critical question here is to ask yourself "How can we



BOBBY'S BITS

Bobby Gilstrap

connect with people?" What will you do to get face-to-face with those you are trying to reach through your special event? Be intentional in designing your event in a way to help your church people interact with guests attending your event.

Communicate Christ – For your special evangelistic event to actually be evangelistic, you must be intentional in communicating Christ to those in attendance. Over the years, I have used everything from testimonies, evangelistic game booths, IQ cards, tracts, drama, puppets and the list could go on. Find

ways to intentionally present Christ to those attending your event.

Determine a Decision – On the day of your evangelistic event, be sure to see if people are ready to receive Christ. The Holy Spirit will have prepared the hearts of some to receive Jesus on that day. When you communicate Christ, never fail to invite people to join God as He calls them to Himself. How? Just ASK! There is no substitute for intentionally asking if a person is ready to receive Christ.

Evaluate the Event – Take time to evaluate all aspects of your event. You will want to evaluate your preparation, publicity, follow-up, and so on. Next time, you'll know what to do better to be more effective.

Follow-Up Faithfully – "The event is the means to the end . . . it isn't over when the event is over . . . it's really only the beginning." The event helps to put you in contact with people who need to have a relationship with Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. We must faithfully follow-up on each person that attends our event. In my personal

experience, we would often have as many professions of faith in Jesus during follow up activities as we did at the actual event. Be sure that you have a plan for follow up and that you work your plan.

Idea: The most effective tool I discovered for follow up was a "gift delivery." The gift was often small, but it was always appreciated. The gift was usually related to the theme of our event. We have delivered kites, coins, balls, and more along with an evangelistic tract and church brochure. After delivering the gift, we would ask for their impression of our event and ask several questions including one or two about their spiritual belief.

G – Glorify God – Finally, we must ask "Is what we're doing top rate?" Glorify God by doing it first class.

May God richly use this simple acrostic to help "Every believer share the Hope of the Good News . . . that Jesus Saves!"



2012 Michigan Children's Bible Drill & Youth Speakers' Tournament

Saturday, May 19, 2012
9:00 a.m.—noon

Hosted by Memorial Baptist Church
12651 Clinton River Rd
Sterling Heights

Your local church drills and associational drills should take place in April.

Churches with students who qualify for the state drill or speakers' tournament should register their students with BSCM Church Strengthening Ministries by Monday, May 7.

For the 2011-2012 church year we will use **Red Cycle** materials.
For more information call 810-714-1907 or go to
www.michiganbaptists/church-strengthening/kids-ministry



BSCM Church Strengthening Team
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OPERATION



1-DAY

WHAT: A Day of Hands-On Ministry Projects for Individuals & Families

WHEN: Saturday, June 2, 2012

WHERE: TWO LOCATIONS: Metro Detroit & Flint



MINISTRY TEAMS POSSIBILITIES:

1. Painting a School
2. Kid's Clubs
3. School Spruce-Up
5. Vacant Lot Clean-Up
6. Outside Home Repair
7. Prayerwalking/Evangelism

AGE GUIDELINES: We recommend that children ages 12 and under be accompanied by their parent/guardian and work on the same team as their parent. Youth ages 13-17 must have one adult sponsor per 4 youth. At least one adult must serve with each team of youth. When you sign up, think through transportation needs. Your church/group will be responsible for getting each team member to their job site.

SCHEDULE: Orientation at 9:15 a.m. Work Time is 10 or 10:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.
Dinner at 4:45 p.m. Celebration from 5:15 — 6:00 p.m.

COST: \$20 per person (includes T-shirt, dinner meal and some supplies)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Please register by mail by **May 15, 2012.**

Complete the Registration Form with T-shirt sizes and mail with check made payable to BSCM.

Call Cindy Bradley at (810) 714-1907 for more information or email cindy@bscm.org.

It is possible that registrations received after May 15 may not receive T-shirts.

Go to <http://bscm.org/#/mission-action/community-ministries> to download a promotional flyer & registration form.

It is your choice to drive over Friday evening (motel at your cost), but we will ALL meet together Saturday morning at 9:15 a.m. You might want to consider staying over Saturday night and visiting in an local church. A map, what to bring, list of local churches and hotel possibilities will be sent to you after registration closes.

What can you + God do in one day?

This Ministry Project Day is sponsored by your gifts to the Cooperative Program, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering & the Frances Brown State Missions Offering & in partnership with LifeChangers, Greater Detroit & Genesee Associations.



Metamorphosis Youth Camp

When: June 18-22, 2012

Where: Bambi Lake Retreat & Conference Center

Who: For students who have completed grades 6-12

Cost: \$145.00



The camp combines relevant Bible study, inspiring music, creative learning, strong preaching, and high energy activities to help your students encounter the Lord and set themselves on a course of personal spiritual growth.

Want to know more? Contact Justin Miller (517-402-1095) or Dave Bauer (517-699-LIFE), or go to www.michiganbaptists.org/church-strengthening/youth-ministry.

Your giving to the Cooperative Program makes this event possible.

The Quest Kid's Camp

July 23—27, 2012

The Quest is a thrilling camp adventure for kids who have finished grades 4-6.
Helping our children come to know Jesus and grow to be more like Him.

Children will . . .

Worship the King

Study God's Word

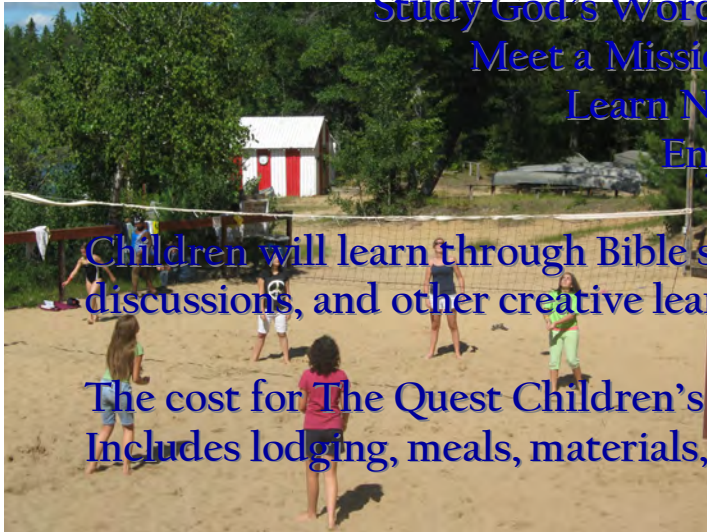
Meet a Missionary

Learn New Life Skills

Enjoy the Time of their Life!

Children will learn through Bible study, role-playing, group discussions, and other creative learning experiences.

The cost for The Quest Children's Camp is \$145.00 per camper.
Includes lodging, meals, materials, and a t-shirt.



For more information:

[www.michiganbaptists.org/
church-strengthening/
kids-ministry](http://www.michiganbaptists.org/church-strengthening/kids-ministry)

Or contact:
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Ministries
810-714-1907
bob@bscm.org

Sign up now for

Michigan Baptists

Church Equipping Conference

Sat., Sept. 15, 2012

8:30 AM-4:10 PM

Cornerstone Baptist Church, Roseville, MI

Information at www.ChurchEquippingConference.com

Registration Information:

Early registration (by May 31)	\$10
On-time registration (Jun 1- Aug 20)	\$15
Late registration (Aug 21 - Sept 15)	\$20

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

See enclosed registration form.

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September 15, 2012
Registration Form

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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.)

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Total Registered: _____

Amount Due: \$ _____

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