

MEMO

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

Michigan Baptist Leader,

This month's mailer includes information on:

Eye Glass Clinic

This is a wonderful opportunity for those less fortunate to receive the gift of a pair of glasses, but more importantly to receive the gift of salvation. The primary goal of the clinic is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with every participant. Volunteers are needed to help with this event on **August 25, 2012 at Victory Fellowship Baptist Church in Detroit.**

Paris Mission Trip

Cindy Bradley is leading a group to come along side our IMB missionaries in **Paris, France** to help with their outreach efforts in sharing the Gospel with immigrant groups from Northern Africa and the Middle East. The dates are **November 9-19, 2012.**


Family Camp

Bring the whole family to a camp designed with "family" in mind. There will be all types of recreational activities as well as devotional and fellowship times. Come and join us **July 1-5, 2012 at Bambi Lake Retreat and Conference Center.**

You will also find information on Boys Adventure Camp, Girls and Teen Girls Missions Camp, the Hispanic Family Retreat, and the Pastor/Staff and Spouse Retreat.

There is also information about the Church Equipping Conference on September 15, 2012 at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Roseville. You can find more information about this event 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 in Michigan, but across the world.



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Doing the Hard Work

God had called me to another pastorate and I found myself in my old office packing books to move. It was after hours on a Monday night so the church building was empty. Oddly enough, I heard one of the entry doors rattle. A key unlocked it and in walked several of the church's deacons. After warmly greeting each other, I asked the obvious question, "*What are you guys doing here tonight?*" The response stunned and thrilled me at the same time. One of the men said, "*Well, you have been leading us to go out visiting every week to reach our community and we just decided that with or without a pastor we need to keep it up.*" In his hand was the index card box of prospects for the church I had given the men earlier.

Almost every week, I took one of those deacons with me to make evangelistic or follow up visits. I never really knew that my efforts had made a difference until that moment. I was blessed they decided that the hard work of follow up and evangelistic visitation was worth the effort. God blessed their efforts. In the years after I left as their pastor, those men led that congregation to almost double in size.

Reaching people for Christ and His church is hard work. None of us can be lazy when it comes to reaching people with the eternal and lifesaving message of salvation in Jesus Christ. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we must be faithful to our task.

One of our pastors tweeted the week after Easter that it would be one of the busiest weeks of the year. You do know why, don't you? Busy because he was leading their congregation to follow up on their guests and decisions after their big weekend. He realized that the hard work had begun.

Let me challenge you and your congregation to always do the hard work of reaching people for Christ. When God opens a door of relationship ... follow up. It may be a relationship you have intentionally developed with a lost person that you need to continue to cultivate. It may be a relationship started after a person has attended a church event. Regardless, follow up.

Did You Know That...

Let me briefly call your attention to a new feature in this month's **Baptist Beacon**. It is a church news column called "*Did You Know That...*" Each month check this

section of the paper to read about what God is doing among our churches. This month is particularly exciting, as we have highlighted church reports from last month's Easter Sunday activities. Read and rejoice at what God is doing across our state. Send your news for future issues to beacon@bscm.org.

Also, mark your calendar for the September 15, 2012 Michigan Baptist's **Church Equipping Conference**. Get details at www.ChurchEquippingConference.com.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you and our churches as your "*Partners in Advancing God's Kingdom.*"



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www.FACEBOOK.com/BobbyGilstrap

Did You Know That ...

- ... **Westside Baptist** (Flushing) had over 350 in Easter worship service with 29 students from Kettering University in attendance. Several of their church families took students home with them for Easter dinner. Many of the students were here from Germany. Ed Emmerling is pastor.
- ... **The Connection Church** (Gaylord) and **Pigeon River Baptist** (Gaylord) had a combined Easter worship service with standing room only attendance. They anticipate 10 more baptisms as soon as the water warms up. Allen Ballard is the church starter/pastor for The Connection and pastor of Pigeon River Baptist.
- ... **First Spanish Baptist** (Detroit) had great Easter attendance with one person expressing a desire for baptism and great fellowship for their Easter morning breakfast. It was their best attendance in 6 years. Eli Garza is pastor.
- ... **Oakwood Church** (Saline) had a record-breaking Easter weekend with 449 in attendance in three worship services. They also report 12 people were saved. Frank Radcliff is pastor.
- ... **First Baptist** (DeWitt) had great Easter attendance. They began a message series on Forgiveness. They are also proceeding through the Transformational Church process, a church refocusing process facilitated by Bob Wood of BSCM. Dan Wilkinson is pastor.
- ... **Page Avenue Baptist** (Lansing) had good attendance for their Easter sunrise service, breakfast and worship. They have 4 people committed to be baptized. Dennis Taylor is pastor.
- ... **Kingdom Life Church** (Lansing) had twenty-two people finish their new member's class and were presented as members on Easter Sunday. They report an Easter worship attendance of 152 and 3 more professions of faith. Coye Bouyer is the church starter/pastor.
- ... **LakePointe Church** (Macomb) saw 300 in attendance on Easter Sunday with several making decisions for Christ! Scott Blanchard is the church starter/pastor.
- ... **Fellowship Baptist** (Saline) held an area wide youth Disciple Now in March with over 80 students from 8 different churches in attendance. In addition to worship, Bible study and fun activities, the group also participated in numerous community service projects. The weekend closed with students and adults committing their lives to participate in helping the nations come to Christ. There were also 2 salvation decisions.
- ... **Bethlehem Baptist** (Detroit) had 2 people saved on Easter Sunday with great attendance. Aaron Tanap is pastor.
- ... **Abundant Life Church** (Iron Mountain) had 100 in attendance on Easter Sunday and 2 additional baptisms.
- ... **Discover Life Church** (Lansing) hosted a spaghetti dinner in April for their community to connect with more people and to tell them about Jesus. Scott Hanson is pastor.
- ... **Calvary Baptist** (Southgate) had excellent attendance on Easter Sunday with 6 professions of faith in Christ. They also report and rejoice in 20 baptisms and new members in the last three months. Billy Walker is pastor.
- ... **Outreach Baptist** (Flint) had to set out chairs Easter Sunday with an attendance of 148. They baptized 1 person and had another person accept Christ as Savior. Jim Reid is pastor.

*(Submit your church news to
beacon@bscm.org)*

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:



FLINT:

1. Community Garden
2. Kid's Clubs
3. Prayerwalking/Evangelism
4. Vacant Lot Clean-up
5. Outside Home Repair

DETROIT:

1. Community Garden
2. Vacant Lot Clean-up
3. Abandoned Home Board-up
4. Prayerwalking/Evangelism
5. Block Party

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.

FAMILY CAMP REGISTRATION INFORMATION
Guest Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Church: _____ Association: _____

Names of attendees (include ages of children):

Housing Requested: Lodge Cabin
 Chalet Cottage
 Rustic Camp Site Improved Camp Site
 Tent Trailer (Length _____)

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____ Total Nights: _____

Calculate Event Fees (Due along with this Registration Form)

Adults (9 and over) _____ x \$20 per person \$ _____

Children (3-8) _____ x \$10 per person \$ _____

Total Event Fee \$ _____


Payment Information


Amount Enclosed (Total Event Fee) \$ _____


- Check (payable to BSCM)
 Visa MasterCard Discover

*Housing fees + \$4 Event Fee balance (\$2 for children 3-8) are due upon arrival.
Please see the Fee Reference Guide to calculate housing.*

4 Ways to Register

 Mail the completed registration form along with check to: Bambi Lake, PO Box 487, Roscommon, MI 48653

 E-Mail the registration information and credit card information to: bambi@bscm.org

 Phone in registration information along with a credit card to (989) 275-5844.

 At the Bambi Lake website www.bambi-lake.org

To the Finish Line!

Girls' & Teen Girls' Missions Camps

July 9-13, 2012

Bambi Lake

A missions camp for
girls in grades 4-12.

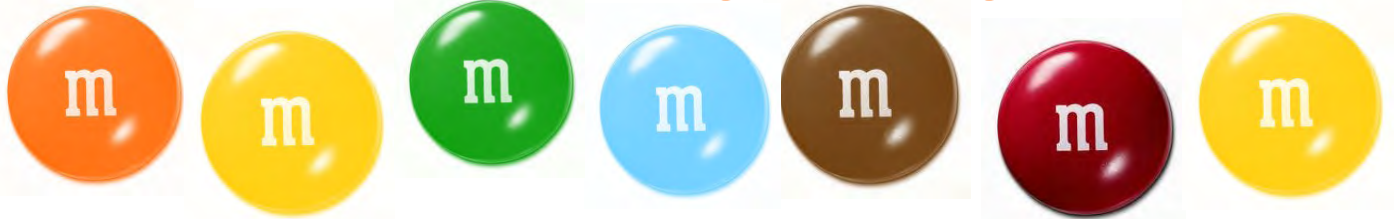
Cost: \$145

Registration Deadline: June 22, 2012

Girls must have completed third grade to attend camp.

Camper information and a
registration form may be downloaded at
<http://bscm.org/#/missions/mission-education>.
Contact cindy@bscm.org for
more information.

Mom & Me Retreat



**an overnight missions retreat for
girls and their moms
at Bambi Lake**

July 13-14, 2012

Mom and Me is a special time for mothers and daughters to share together at Bambi Lake Retreat & Conference Center. Participants will have an opportunity to meet and spend time with missionaries as well as participate in a variety of activities including worship, crafts, swimming and more.

Registration begins at 4:00 pm on Friday, July 13 with dinner being served at 6:00 pm. The overnight retreat will conclude by 4:00 pm on Saturday, July 14.

Cost: \$50 per person (\$55 after the Registration Deadline)

Age: 4 to ???

Registration Deadline: June 22nd

A \$20 per person deposit should be received at Bambi Lake by the Registration Deadline.

(We will need to have received at least 20 registrations by June 22nd or we will have to cancel this retreat.)

Pastor/Staff & Spouse Retreat July 16-19, 2012

This is a great time to get away with your spouse for encouragement, inspiration, and refreshing.

Cost is \$10 per person / \$20 per couple.
(There are no provisions for childcare.)

**Bambi Lake Retreat
& Conference Center**

For more information go to
[www.michiganbaptists.com/
leadership/pastor-staff](http://www.michiganbaptists.com/leadership/pastor-staff)

RESERVATION REQUEST
Pastor/Staff & Spouse Retreat, July 16-19, 2012



NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

CITY _____ MI ZIP _____

CHURCH _____

- () Because of a handicap, we will need first floor in the lodge.
- () We will bring our camper or recreational vehicle.
- () We will be willing to stay in a chalet or cottage.

*Please send registration form & \$10 per person to:
Bambi Lake
PO Box 487
Roscommon, MI 48653

We're looking for a few good men!



Volunteer men are needed to serve as
camp staff for our

Boys Adventure Missions Camp

July 30-August 2, 2012 at Bambi Lake.

If you are available to serve or would like more information please call
Jimmy Jones at 248-343-6284 or email jimmy@bscm.org.

You may also contact Yolanda at 810-714-1907
or email Yolanda@bscm.org for more information or to request a
Camp Staff Application.

BOYS ADVENTURE MISSIONS CAMP

July 30—August 2, 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.

RETIRO DE IGLESIAS BAUTISTAS HISPANAS

**Centro de Retiros y Conferencias Bambi Lake
2 - 4 de Agosto, 2012**

UNA IGLESIA SALUDABLE



Este evento ha sido auspiciado por el Departamento de Language Ministries de la Baptist State Convention of Michigan y hecho posible a través de las donaciones de nuestras iglesias al Programa Cooperativo

Glasses & Volunteers

Needed for

FREE



Eye Glass Clinic

Saturday, August 25

Victory Fellowship Baptist Church

17401 E. Warren, 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.

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.)

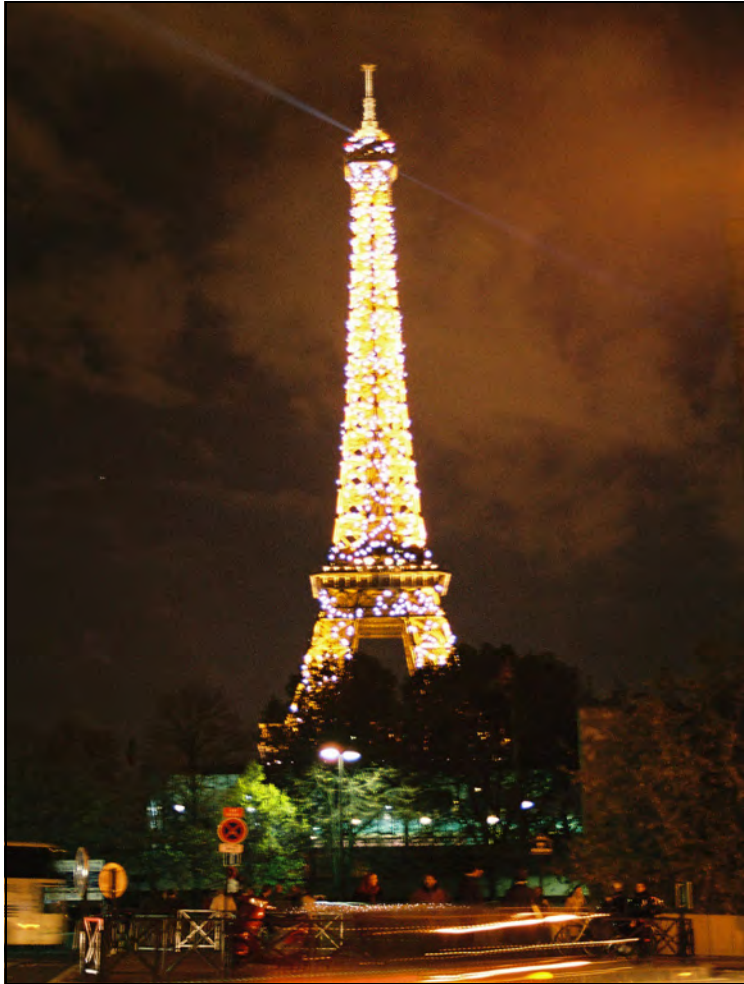
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Total Registered: _____

Amount Due: \$ _____

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

www.ChurchEquippingConference.com.



PARIS MISSION TRIP NOVEMBER 9 - 19, 2012

Team members will work with our IMB missionaries & partners who are working and living among North African & Middle Eastern immigrants living in the greater Paris area. We will also spend a small part of our time working with our IMB missionary who is living & working among the arts community of Paris. Activities will include:

- Prayerwalking
- Literature Distribution
- Women's French Literacy Classes
(we will lead a fun activity during one or more of the classes)
- Teaching Children's Ministries Skills
- Teaching Youth Ministries Skills
- and More

Total Cost is approximately \$2,500

(includes airfare, lodging, transportation and meals)

You will need to be in good physical condition and be able to do a LOT of walking (8-15 miles per day) and stair-climbing. It is not necessary to speak French.

Application deadline: May 25, 2012

Contact Cindy Bradley at 810-714-1907 or cindy@bscm.org for more information and/or an application.