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## BSCM Annual Meeting set for Nov. 8-9 in Monroe

Everything you want to know about the 55th annual gathering of messengers to the Baptist State Convention of Michigan is inside this issue: Program, Pastors Conference info, hotels and more!

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# CEC Gives Tools to Michigan Churches

BY KAREN L. WILLOUGHBY  
*Managing Editor*

ROSEVILLE – More than 700 Michigan Baptists participated in the recent Church Equipping Conference, which took place on a mid-September Saturday at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Roseville.

The eight-hour instructional event was designed to provide (or sharpen) tools for pastors and other church leaders as well as those sensing God might be calling them to more in-

volvement in His kingdom work.

“The Church Equipping Conference was one of the best conferences I’ve seen in SBC life – well-organized, passionate leaders and good focus,” said keynote speaker Ed Stetzer, president of LifeWay Research in Nashville, Tenn. “I’m thrilled to have been a small part.”

The eight-hour event started with an hour of worship. Sixty-one unique workshops followed; they covered the three priority resourcing areas of Michigan Baptist life: church strengthening, church mobilization,

and church starting.

“I was so encouraged and inspired by attending,” said Kyla Gurganus of Crossroads Community Baptist Church in Ann Arbor, where she is a kindergarten Sunday School teacher and Operation Christmas Child coordinator. “I learned so much. It was amazing to be around so many people who shared my same beliefs and were there to reach people from Michigan for Christ.”

Tony Lynn is pastor of Raisinville

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Ed Stetzer, president of LifeWay Research, stresses a point during the recent Church Equipping Conference.



Potter’s Wheel Church in Fenton (left) hosted its event on Sunday before Halloween. The church had a chili cook off followed by Trunk or Treat while First Baptist Swartz Creek had TGIF (Treats Given in Faith) in which they handed out candy and tracts in the church parking lot.



# Churches Reach Out with Seasonal Events

BY BOB WOOD

*State Missionary, Church Growth*

FENTON/BURTON/SWARTZ CREEK – Halloween brings many ideas to mind; both positive and negative. Many of our Michigan Baptist churches use this time of year as an opportunity to develop relationships with people in their communities.

The following three churches are examples of what can be done to get outside the doors of the church and into the minds – if not yet the hearts – of their neighbors.

The Potter’s Wheel Church in Fenton hosted their event last year on Sunday night before Halloween. The church had a chili cook off followed by Trunk and Treat.

According to Pastor Marc Burnett, the chili supper was a time to



Eastgate Baptist Church in Burton last year hosted Trunk or Treat on Halloween evening.

have to fellowship with one another, eat chili and laugh at the ridiculous costumes. Then Trunk and Treat was a time to connect with children and parents from the community and pass out tracts and information about the church.

As a new church, The Potters’ Wheel felt this was an excellent

event to build good relationships both in their congregation and in their community, Burnett said.

Eastgate Baptist Church in Burton held Trunk or Treat on Halloween evening. They set up their cars in front of the church with trunks open and decorated. Hot cider and mini-donuts also were available. Most of the people handing out candy were in costume.

Their goal was to offer a safe environment for people to bring their kids to trick or treat. At the same time, it gave the church an opportunity to reach out to the community and speak to people face to face, members said.

They have had persons visit their church after coming to this event, a member added.

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# Bambi Gets a New Manager

BY STAFF

*Baptist Beacon*

ROSCOMMON – Bambi Lake Baptist Retreat and Conference Center’s former assistant manager and former interim manager has been named its manager.

In action taken by the Executive Board of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan at its August gathering, Daniel E. “Dan” Kucharczyk was named manager of BSCM’s Bambi Lake camp.

“In working with Dan over the last year, and during the hiring process, I was inspired not only by

Dan’s work ethic and servant’s heart, but also by his vision for Bambi Lake,” said Jon Hix, chairman of the Bambi Lake Committee, BSCM Executive Committee, and pastor of Orchard Hills Baptist Church in Novi.

“More than a campground or conference center, Dan sees Bambi as strategic in advancing God’s Kingdom through winning the lost, training the saved, and impacting the community around Bambi,” Hix said. “With Dan as its manager, Bambi has a bright future.”

Kucharczyk, a member with his wife Angela and a deacon at Roscommon Baptist Church, is a 2005 Bachelor of Fine Arts graduate



COLOR-CHANGE TIME AT BAMBI LAKE CENTER

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of the Kendall College of Art and design in Grand Rapids. His emphasis then was photography. At Kirtland Community College in Roscommon from 2000-02, his emphasis was graphics design.

He worked for about three years in maintenance at Arnie's Arts and Crafts in Houghton Lake, before becoming assistant manager of Bambi Lake in May 2010. He was named interim manager of the camp in October 2011.

"I have personally seen and experienced the effect this camp can have on people's lives, and I continue to see it used as an effective tool for reaching Michigan

and beyond for Christ," Kucharczyk said.

"I want to assure that this valuable resource remains available for Michigan Baptists for generations to come," he continued, by being a good steward of what God has already blessed us with, maintaining top-notch guest relations, and first and foremost remaining focused on God and how we can serve Him both as individuals and as a retreat and conference facility."

His responsibilities are to oversee the total operations of the camp facility including – but not limited to – lodging facilities, food services, housekeeping, registration, bookkeeping, maintenance



Dan and Angela Kucharczyk ran over to the Lodge to take this photo for the *Baptist Beacon*. It shows the changing colors of the leaves at Bambi Lake, as well as their two youngsters: Thomas, 6 years; and Annalise, 5 months.

## Annual Meeting Set for Nov. 8-9

MONROE – The 55th annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan is set for Nov. 8-9 at Monroe Missionary Baptist Church in Monroe, where Roy Southerland is pastor.

"This year's annual meeting of our convention of churches will be a celebration of our cooperative mission work," says Bobby Gilstrap, the BSCM's lead state missionary. "From the beginning of our gathering we will celebrate our diversity as Michigan Baptists. All three sessions will celebrate churches of all sizes, styles and ethnicities."

As to business, officers are to be elected, a budget and the new proposed constitution will be voted on, in addition to reports given on various aspects of Michigan Baptist ministries.

The opening session starts at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, with pre-session worship led by a 100-voice combined choir and orchestra, under the direction of Tim Taylor, music and media minister at Monroe. To participate in the combined choir, contact Taylor at [ttaylor@MMBCOnline.org](mailto:ttaylor@MMBCOnline.org) or 734.241.6860.

Even earlier in the day – from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 8 – the 2012 Pastors and Leaders Conference will take place at Monroe Missionary Baptist Church, 124260 Dixie Hwy. in Monroe. See MEETING on page 11

and public relations.

In addition, Kucharczyk is to serve as the camp's primary financial manager – planning and managing an annual budget – as well as recruiting, employing and managing all personnel, overseeing the scheduling, anticipating

and strategizing to meet maintenance, upkeep and improvements of the camp, and to promote the camp in person and via social, print and broadcast media.

"Bambi Lake is hallowed ground for Michigan Southern Baptists," Hix said.

"It is the place we call our own, the place we hold in common, where we come together for recreation, training, inspiration and most importantly, worship. God has blessed Bambi, and churches who patronize Bambi experience that blessing."

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fact that Trunk or Treat gives people in the community an opportunity to see church members as "normal people."

First Baptist Church in Swartz Creek had TGIF (Treats Given in Faith) on Halloween evening.

This was an outreach to the community in which they handed out candy and tracts in the church parking lot.

They also provided cof-

fee, donuts, cookies, hot chocolate and cider, to minister to chaffering parents.

Their goal was to provide an environment for persons in the community to meet the church folks and receive information about the church," said Pastor Jim Nelson.

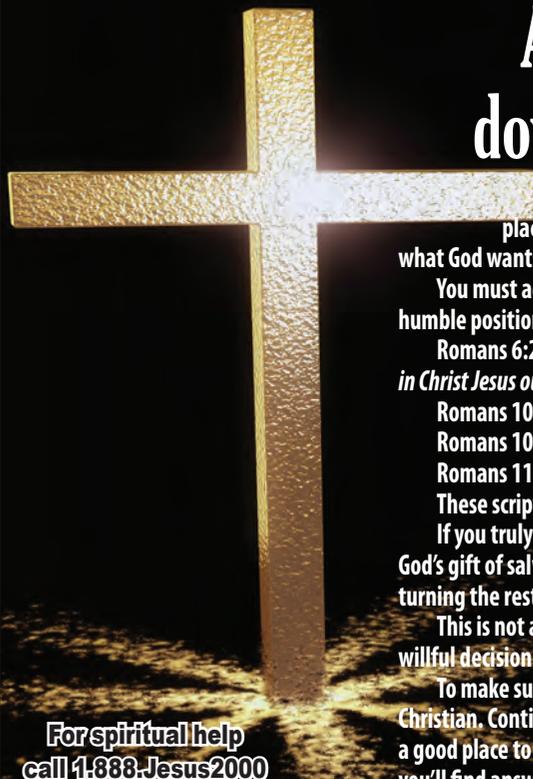
This year they had about 30 church members serving at the event and connected with more than 500 people.

"God has blessed this because we've had folks visit and join our church as a result; and even led some to Christ," Nelson said.

There is still time to plan a community outreach for the end of the month, with some churches choosing to host "Harvest Festivals" to avoid using the name of a non-Christian event.

The idea is simply to let your neighbors see the church members smiling, having fun, and being the kind of people others want to know.

Suggest the concept of a harvest or Halloween event to one of the creative people in your church, and watch the excitement begin!



## Are you ready to go down the Roman Road?

Asking Christ into your heart is simple and guarantees your place in heaven. All you have to do is read the Roman Road to see what God wants you to do:

You must acknowledge God is the Creator of everything and accept your humble position in God's creation. Romans 1:20-21; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:8  
Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."  
Romans 10:9-10 "That if you confess with your mouth ...  
Romans 10:13 "For whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."  
Romans 11:36

These scriptures together are known as the Roman Road.  
If you truly believe the message of the Roman Road, and want to accept God's gift of salvation right now, it's a matter of repenting of your sins and turning the rest of your life over to Jesus Christ.

This is not a ritual based on any specific words or prayers, but rather, a willful decision on your part and a sincere step of faith.

To make sure, you should talk with God about this, and with a committed Christian. Continue reading the Bible – the New Testament book of John is a good place to start – and go to a Bible-believing church on Sunday, where you'll find answers to your questions, and good people to worship God with.

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Baptist Church in Monroe. The day went by quickly because he was busy absorbing a variety of new information in every area of ministry, he said.

"From discussions on social media to reaching unreached people groups around the world, I returned home with my mind whirling with new initiatives that I wanted to start," Lynn said.

That's exactly the response state missionaries were wanting, when the statewide need for training surfaced during a staff retreat in March 2011, said Bobby Gilstrap, BSCM lead state missionary.

State and associational missionaries agreed then to work together in developing an event that would draw people from throughout the state.

An 18-member steering committee was formed; it represented 14 of the 15 Baptist associations in Michigan.

"It is our vision as a convention of churches to be 'partners in advancing God's kingdom,'" Gilstrap said. "The CEC helped us fulfill that vision and our mission of 'doing whatever it takes to see lives transformed for Christ through starting, strengthening and mobilizing churches.'"

By fall of last year, after

talking with pastors and other church leaders across the state, to see what their needs were for training, suggestions surfaced for more than 100 workshops. Partners were enlisted – Christian Law Association, Alabama State Board of Missions, LifeWay Christian Resources, the SBC's North American Mission Board and others – and highly-regarded presenters were contacted.

"Eventually the workshops were winnowed down to 61, with training for virtually every key leader in the church," Gilstrap said. "More than 70 churches participated, in 14 of the state's 15 Baptist associations, and 702 people registered."

"This was the largest gathering of Michigan Baptists we're aware of in possibly the entire history of our convention, and certainly the last 25 years," Gilstrap continued. "It was a landmark event. It hopefully provided valuable training and resources for leaders in our churches to achieve their God-given leadership capacity, which will ultimately impact the church and community where they live and serve."

Some of those responding to an online survey of the CEC said the event was "awesome, great, life-



The 702 participants at the Church Equipping Conference, which took place Sept. 15 at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Roseville, chose which of 61 unique workshops they wanted to attend. Some chose their area of church ministry; others chose something new. All the workshops fell in one of three categories: church mobilization, church strengthening or church starting.

changing" and more.

"It lit a fire in my belly," said Teresa Thomas, a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Ida, where she is an assistant leader in women's ministries.

"The CEC provides an opportunity for members to increase their knowledge, gain understanding and become further inspired to share with others the mission before us," said Derrick McDonald, pastor of Prospect Baptist Church in Pontiac.

"It was the most effective meeting I have been to with our state convention," said Karen Villapando of Memorial Baptist Church in Sterling Heights, where she is a mission team leader, weekday childcare administrator and adult Sunday

School teacher. "It was like a big family reunion with the potential to make us collectively and individually better equipped to reach our state and serve in our own churches and communities."

As keynote speaker, Ed Stetzer hammered home the point that all members of a church – not just the pastor – should be representing Jesus as they go about their daily lives.

"Share your faith the way Jesus shared his," Stetzer said. "Be intentional about it. Jesus made a huge difference in your life, and He can make that same difference in the lives of your family, friends, neighbors and coworkers."

Kim McQuestion, women's ministry leader at Monroe Missionary Baptist

Church in Monroe, said she understood what Stetzer was saying.

"It was a refreshing conference, very helpful in shedding new light on ways to reach, teach and keep people," McQuestion said. "I felt very inspired and challenged to continue thinking big for our Savior and Lord."

Mark Zdawczyk, a member of Kingdom Life Church in Lansing, said the Church Equipping Conference gave participants "a lot of tools."

"The real key is that now we should go and make disciples," Zdawczyk said. "Now that we've got these tools in our hands, now we need to go and do something that Christ has called us to do with them."



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Retreat T-shirt (indicate t-shirt size when registering)

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Harvest Retreat, Bambi Lake Retreat & Conference Center, P.O. Box 487 Roscommon, MI 48653.  
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## BOBBY'S BITS

## "Celebrating Together"

September's Church Equipping Conference (C.E.C.) was a tremendous success as we saw more than 700 attending this premiere church enrichment event. Through the C.E.C., our churches were provided resources and training through more than 60 resourcing and training workshops. Here are a few of the affirming comments we have heard from participants:



**BOBBY GILSTRAP**  
Lead State Missionary  
Baptist State  
Convention of Michigan

- "It was the bomb!"
- "It was a great experience."
- "It was very helpful in getting our church back on track."
- "Refreshing, very helpful in shedding new light on ways to reach, teach and keep people."
- "Awesome conference, a lot of great information to help any church."

From those comments, it appears that we have much to celebrate as so many of our leaders attended the CEC to help them reach their God-given capacity for advancing the Kingdom of God.

We are so grateful to our churches who give faithfully each month through the Cooperative Program to provide the primary support for events like the CEC. It is also important to recognize our other supporting partners who supported this event. Specifically, the North American Mission Board, the Alabama State Board of Missions, LifeWay Christian Resources, and the Christian Law Association. Each provided top caliber workshop leaders and financial resources.

## ANNUAL MEETING

The 55th Annual Meeting of our convention is Thursday and Friday, Nov. 8-9. I am personally excited to see Michigan Baptists gather to celebrate mission ministries in our state. Here are some of the highlights of the meeting:

- 100+ voice choir on Thursday night
- More than 10 language churches leading in celebration of reaching people
- 20-year celebration of Disaster Relief ministry
- Outstanding Mission Volunteer presentation
- Diversity in worship leadership in each session
- Mission testimonies and reports of God at work in Michigan
- Challenging messages

As a family of believers, it will be affirming to us all as we celebrate what God is doing across our state through our convention of churches. For those not able to attend, we will also be streaming the main sessions online for the first time.

For more complete Annual Meeting information including the online streaming link, go to [www.AnnualMeeting.bscm.org](http://www.AnnualMeeting.bscm.org) or see pages 8-9 of this edition of the *Beacon*. In addition, you will find information on the great program planned for the pre-convention Pastor's Conference on Thursday.

## COOPERATIVE PROGRAM MONTH

October is designated as a special month to celebrate the Cooperative Program ministries in Michigan and around the world. Find information on Michigan Baptists' ministries at [www.MichiganBaptists.org](http://www.MichiganBaptists.org). There are also great resources about our worldwide mission ministries on the website: [www.CPmissions.org](http://www.CPmissions.org). Don't miss this great opportunity to promote our cooperative efforts to reach our world for Christ in your local congregation.

It is my joy to be a part of joining you in "Doing whatever it takes to see lives transformed for Christ through Starting, Strengthening and Mobilizing churches" in Michigan.



## Make Plans to Attend our State Convention

Oftentimes when there is a major event, two thoughts run through our minds. Should I or should I not attend said event. We ask ourselves: Is the event worth my time? Will it be beneficial to me? Do I really want to make the effort?



**ROSCOE BELTON**  
Pastor  
Middlebelt Baptist  
Church, Inkster

Well, our annual State Convention is coming up and it is a Major event. But for many of you, those previous questions are being asked.

There are several reasons that I believe you should make plans to attend our state convention and that it is a worthy investment of your time.

First is Discipleship. This year's convention will offer stirring messages from local pastors who know,

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## Tentmakers today: Prayer really does work

While attending a recent meeting, we were given a copy of the book, "A Passion for Prayer" written by Tom Eliff, president of the SBC's International Mission Board.

In the forward of the book, Stephen Olford writes, "No greater need exists in our churches and personal lives today than for a new call to prayer."

Indeed, I would venture to aver that prayerlessness is the most evident and endemic sin in our religious life. We cannot hope for a heaven-sent revival without prevailing prayer. God Himself declares: "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land" (2 Chron. 7:14, NIV).

In all the spiritual awakenings of biblical times and subsequent church history, there has never been a prayerless revival."

Olford continues: "Praying through – persevering in prayer – that is what prayer is all about. Jesus emphasized this when He told the parable of the man who came at midnight to ask his

friend for three loaves of bread (Luke 11: 5-8).



**GEORGE FOUNTAIN**  
Consultant  
Bivocational  
Ministries

The house holder in this situation could not get up without disturbing the whole family. But this friend was persistent. And where friendship could not prevail, his importunity – literally, shamelessness – won through! The lesson is clear. We must not play at prayer. We must pray through until the answer comes. This does not mean that God is unwilling to answer prayer.

On the contrary, the whole context teaches the very opposite! The need for persistence is designed to effect such a change in us that we conform to the character and will of the God who eagerly waits to hear our cry. Jesus

said, "Ask ... seek ... knock." (Luke 11:9)."

I anticipate hearing God's voice as I read through His servant's book and I anticipate Him once again, fanning the flames of fervent prayer in me for the work of His Kingdom in Michigan and around the world.

While the commandment to pray goes without question, the passion and discipline to pray may be found wanting in far too many of our lives. "It is not too much to say that all real growth

*"We must not play at prayer. We must pray through until the answer comes."*

in the spiritual life – all victory over temptation, all confidence and peace in the presence of difficulties and dangers, all repose of spirit in times of great disappointment of loss, all habitual communion with God – depend upon the practice of secret prayer." (Author Unknown)

May the One who said, "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." find every one of us being faithful to His commandment anticipating Him being faithful to His promises.

The gates of hell will not prevail against us; the enemy will cower as we advance in battle with victory after victory, proclaiming the good news, seeing the captive set free, and our savior being glorified.

Let's persevere in prayer. Let's continue banging on the door, "Asking ... seeking ... knocking ..." and let's not faint. May God grant it and may we celebrate it – repeatedly!

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

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# Rules for Intersections: A Thought About this Coming Election Season

When I was a little boy learning to cross the street, I received some timeless guidance: Stop. Look both ways. Proceed with caution.

Later, when I was learning to drive, we applied those same three simple rules to intersections: Stop. Look both ways. Proceed with caution.

Today, three extraordinarily busy intersections on the American socio-political map require the same sage advice. How can we safely traverse the intersections of Republican Road and Democratic Drive, Wall Street and Main Street, and Church Street and State Street? Stop. Look both ways. Proceed with caution.

Over the years, I have learned that safe passage through busy intersections often requires aids and guides.

Children learn to cross the street at the corner under the direction of a monitor or, even better, with their hands in Mommy or Daddy's hands. Traffic flows more safely and freely when facilitated by volume-appropriate directors: Yield or Stop signs, stoplights, or a police officer directing traffic. I propose another word of counsel to our simple rules for safe crossings: Stop. Look both ways. Look for a signal. Then, proceed with caution.

Where do we find these signals? I believe God has set up some traffic signals at those treacherous intersections we noted above.

Stump speeches, party platforms, and analysis from all the experts abound with obscenely large numbers, gratuitous claims of impressive accomplishments, nearly messianic

claims to resolve our challenges, and obligatory accusations of the other side's incompetence at least and malevolence at worst. Frankly, from the conventions to the political ads to the media coverage – whether “fair and balanced” or not – I struggle to

discern the truth, and we have not yet been treated to the clarity the presidential debates will most assuredly obscure. Republican Road and Democratic Drive is a perilous intersection, to say the least.

Of course, God is neither a Democrat nor a Republican, though we are quietly confident He votes like us. Here are a couple of signals I look for at Republican Road and Democratic Drive.



**ROB FRESHOUR**  
Pastor  
First Baptist,  
South Lyon

God values human life from the womb to the tomb, so I cast my vote for candidates and measures that protect life, and I encourage my family and friends to do the same.

The first institution God ordained to help us be fruitful, multiply, and manage His creation for His glory is that of marriage between one man and one woman. So, I vote for candidates and measures that support a biblical view of marriage and family, and I encourage my family and friends to do the same.

The financial record of the past several years exposes the dangers resident at the corner of Wall Street and Main Street. Seems the “greed” light has been on for all roads leading to this junction. The resulting collision has been particularly disastrous for folks who failed to wear their seatbelts even while they “pushed the pedal to the metal.” Hyperbole aside, we all know that more Americans face real and hurtful economic woes

## CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



“I’m Brother Eli, and I approve this message!”

today than at any other time in our history since the Great Depression. Most prognosticators warn that we have not seen the full measure of the pileup on our financial highways yet.

Our conduct at Wall Street and Main Street reveals and reflects our true treasure and our hearts. To be in debt is to be enslaved. That's true for families and nations. We do not need everything we want. Simplify. The quickest way to get a raise is to control our appetite.

The dollar is not almighty, God is. We do business at Wall Street and Main Street, but we do not depend upon those markets. *We trust in the name of the Lord our God* – Psalm 20:7. Commerce is a neighborhood where we model that trust.

One of the most confusing intersections is where Church Street meets State Street. Most of the time, these roads appear to be on paral-

lel courses, widely separated, and we assume they never meet. In fact, societal engineers have been working for decades to redirect one or both of these roads as if they could somehow eliminate any connection between the two.

What if Church and State Streets are actually partners, corridors that may even share the same pavement from time to time? What if our failure to navigate and direct our people with better sense and cooperation along these foundational paths is the culprit that has produced the violent congestion at these other intersections?

Here's the best direction I can find for crossing Church and State Streets, indeed, all of the intersections we face today: *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.* – Psalm 33:12. This election season, stop, look both ways, look for a signal, and proceed with caution.

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love and care about Michigan. You will be encouraged and challenged in the Word.

Second is our Partnership. We as Michigan Southern Baptists are all in this together. As partners, you have a say in the direction of our convention. You will hear about the vision and how we can work together to make it

happen.

Third, there is Fellowship. Our state convention's annual meeting is a wonderful time to meet new people and renew old acquaintances. There will be plenty of opportunities to share stories, compare ministry notes, and hear testimonies, so we better know how to pray for one another.

Fourth, there is Stewardship. It is a worthy investment of your time and resources. As Ephesians 5:16 states, we are to be “redeeming the time, because the days are evil.” That is to say, we are to be making the most of our time on this evil earth. This year's annual meeting will help you to do that.

I believe that this year's annual convention is a Must-Attend Event. Save the date, mark it on your calendar and plan to be there. You will be glad you did. I look forward to seeing you there. By the way, be sure to come up and say hello.

*Roscoe Belton is president of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan.*

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Kristen Stetzer sings during the opening worship service.



Above: Sharon Greer and her granddaughter, Annalise Kucharczyk. Below right, Cynthia White, Alabama WMU leader.



Scott Zaborowski, manager of the Toledo, Ohio, LifeWay Christian Store, with Annie Kiger.



Above: Justin Miller (left) and Mike Durbin chat between sessions; Below: Jason Wing leads a workshop.



The Church Equipping Conference was sponsored in part by your gifts through your church to the Cooperative Program. Other partners: Christian Law Association, Alabama State Board of Missions, LifeWay Christian Resources, North American Mission Board and others. Jim Glidewell in center photo, leading a workshop; Scott Armstrong and a friend at left, at lunch; the CLC's opening worship service above.



## Surveys Show Strong Satisfaction With Church Equipping Conference

BY STAFF

*Baptist Beacon*

STATEWIDE – The benefit of the months of planning that went into the success of the recent Church Equipping Conference was reflected in an online survey taken in the first few days after the Sept. 15 event at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Rosehill.

Nearly 10 percent – 69 – of the 702 participants in the CEC registered their opinion of the event and the training they'd experienced.

"It was very helpful in getting our church back on track," wrote one anonymous respondent. "We're implementing the *Transformational Church* video and book in our church and ... we need to get in contact with the state office to get it started."

Respondents lauded the organization, information and practicality of the conference and its 61 unique workshops. The highest scores, however, were for the keynote speaker – Ed Stetzer, president of LifeWay Research. He received a 88.9 percent "very much so" ranking for being encouraging and inspirational.

"Very helpful and inspirational" garnered 79.1 percent of the votes in response to the question, "How would you rate the opening session?"

The workshop presenters were very experienced, very skilled, and very prepared, the respondents determined. A bit more than 67 percent said there was "about the right amount" of time given to discussion.

In all, 42 percent said the CEC event was "much better" than expected; 20.3 percent said it was "somewhat better" than expected, and 1.4 percent (one person) said it was "much worse" than expected.

Overall, 62.3 percent were "extremely satisfied with the event; 24.6 percent were "moderately satisfied;" 1.4 percent were "moderately dissatisfied;" but no one was "extremely dissatisfied."

Following are some of the replies to the last question: "If you were telling someone else about the Church Equipping Conference, what would you tell them?"

*It was a great experience. A group from the church went so we were able to cover more of the sessions that way. We walked away with a lot of valuable information. If you have a chance to go to the training it can be a great tool and it doesn't matter if you are new or have been doing for a long time. There is plenty for all to walk away with. Sharing thoughts and ideas are always a helpful thing.*

*It is life-changing. I mean changing for the better. There's so much in God's words. ... It has changed me. I'm so thankful for our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Refreshing, very helpful in shedding new light on ways to reach, teach and keep people. I felt very inspired and challenged to continue thinking big for our Savior and Lord. I hope we have a state-wide event every year as it was so encouraging to worship and praise our Lord with so many of our brothers and sisters. My heart was flooded with joy.*

*I would encourage them to attend. I am hoping there will be more in the future. Our group received a lot of useful information. We are planning on implementing ideas we received from the conference. There was a good variety of classes to choose from and also a class for not only any position in the church, but also for those who are not in any leadership position.*

*I thoroughly enjoyed each class I attended. I learned new things and new ways to help enrich my leadership qualities in my church.*

*Please if you have an opportunity you should attend. You really do not know what you missed. These are God's ideals that can also be carried on into our everyday lives. It may even help you in the church to grow. Volunteering is more rewarding than sitting.*

*If you are trying to re energize, organize or just get new ideas, it's a great place to start!*

*Went back to church and shared with church members regarding conference. Hope to have more members participate in future conferences.*



CEC's opening session, above. Lead State Missionary Bobby Gilstrap at left. Nathan Platt and the Cornerstone Worship Team below. Bob Wood, state missionary, with green bag. Michigan Disaster Relief volunteers in yellow shirts serving lunch.



Life Way always has sales – on books, Bibles, DVDs, CDs and more!



Tom Tengler and a friend.

The following document is the proposed constitution that was presented to the annual session of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan in October 2011. According to our current guidelines, it will be presented for approval by the convention of churches in the 2012 annual session of the convention meeting in Monroe on November 8-9, 2012. The vote on the new constitution is scheduled for the Friday afternoon session on November 9, 2012.

## PROPOSED Constitution of the BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF MICHIGAN Fenton, Michigan

### PREAMBLE

We declare and establish this Constitution and Bylaws to preserve and secure the principles of our faith and to govern this body in an orderly manner (1 Corinthians 14:40), while striving to resource the unique God-given vision of every cooperating congregation in fulfilling the Great Commission both locally and globally. This Constitution and Bylaws supersedes any or all other Constitution and Bylaws previously adopted by Baptist State Convention of Michigan, Fenton, Michigan.

### ARTICLE I - NAME AND LOCATION

This body will be known as the Baptist State Convention of Michigan, hereinafter referred to as the Convention. This Convention was incorporated as a non-profit organization, located in Michigan, on December 3, 1957 in accordance with the laws of the state of Michigan.

### ARTICLE II - RELATIONSHIPS

While autonomous in its own affairs, the Baptist State Convention of Michigan recognizes the autonomy of other Baptist bodies and claims no authority over any church, association, or convention. However, the Convention may rescind the affiliation of any church, which will, in the judgment of the Convention, depart in doctrine or practice from the affiliation qualifications set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws. The Convention is open to cooperation with other Christian bodies insofar as the Convention determines that such cooperation does not compromise the doctrinal integrity of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan.

### ARTICLE III - VISION AND MISSION

#### Section 1. Vision

The convention of churches known as the Baptist State Convention of Michigan exists to be *"Partners in Advancing God's Kingdom!"*

#### Section 2. Mission

Our Convention of churches will accomplish its vision by *"Doing whatever it takes to see lives transformed for Christ through starting, strengthening and mobilizing churches."*

### ARTICLE IV - AUTHORITY

#### Section 1. Authority

The Convention has full authority for carrying on its work to fulfill the provisions of this Constitution and Bylaws, including the right to receive and disburse funds, own property, and carry on any other activities necessary for implementation of its mission.

#### Section 2. Autonomy

The Convention has no authority over any church or the right to interfere with the rights and autonomy of the churches, recognizing that each church is sovereign and independent in all its matters. Therefore, the Convention is not responsible for individual decisions of its affiliated churches. The basis for operation in the Convention is in the spirit of voluntary cooperation in work and fellowship.

#### Section 3. Doctrine

The Bible is the sole authority upon which all doctrinal issues are settled. The Baptist Faith and Message 2000 is a broad description of historic Baptist doctrines and serves as the general statement of faith for the Convention. Churches affiliating with the Convention will be in agreement with this statement of faith.

#### Section 4. Consultation

The Convention is at liberty to consult with any of the churches on matters related to the work of ministry.

#### Section 5. Jurisdiction

The Convention has jurisdiction over the seating of all messengers and may refuse to seat messengers from any church that it deems to be unsound in faith, practice, or conduct based on a recommendation from the Executive Council.

#### Section 6. Dismissal

Churches who fail to fulfill the requirements of a cooperating church will be dismissed according to Article III, Section 4 of the Bylaws.

### ARTICLE V - AMENDMENTS

#### Section 1. Proposing an Amendment

A proposed amendment will be submitted to the Leadership Team not less than ninety (90) days prior to the annual session.

1. With the approval of the Leadership Team, the amendment is submitted to the Executive Council prior to the annual session.
2. With the approval of the Executive Council, the amendment will be presented and voted on at the annual session.
3. If the proposed amendment is rejected by the Leadership Team or the Executive Council the person proposing the amendment will be notified in writing.

#### Section 2. Appeal Process for Rejected Amendment

A proposed amendment rejected by the Leadership Team and/or the Executive Council may be presented by the original author of the amendment to the Convention in annual session. Once submitted, the proposed amendment will be voted on at the next annual session of the Convention.

#### Section 3. Approval of Amendment

A two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the messengers present and voting will be required for approval.

#### Section 4. Amendment Approval

The proposed amendment will become effective at the close of the annual Session of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan in which it is properly considered and approved.



## THURSDAY EVENING<sup>1</sup>

Presiding: Roscoe Belton, President

Worship Leader: Tim Taylor

5:45	Pre-Session Worship	100-Voice Combined Choir and Orchestra
6:00	Call to Order Prayer & Welcome	Roscoe Belton Roy Southerland, Pastor Monroe Missionary Baptist Church
	Seating of the Messengers	Roscoe Belton
	Welcome of Special Guests (agencies, furloughing missionaries)	
	President's Appointment of Annual Meeting Committees & Parliamentarian	
	Adoption of the Program	Scott Blanchard, Pastor LakePointe Church
	Opening Business Session	
	Video Messages	Dr. Frank Page, CEO Executive Committee of the SBC Dr. Fred Luter, President Southern Baptist Convention
7:00	☞THEME INTERPRETATION	Michigan Baptist Language Congregations
	<b>"People Need the Lord"</b>	
	☞Congregational Song	
	☞Volunteer Recognitions	
	• Lighthouse Outstanding Mission Volunteer	
	• Acts 1:8 Mission Volunteers	
	• Celebration of 20 Years of Disaster Relief Ministries	
	☞Testimonies of God's Work	Kayre Stanley, Pastor Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Pontiac Chad Holmgren, Church Starter Redemption Church, Eastpointe
	☞Worship in Song	Choir and Orchestra Monroe Missionary Baptist Church
	☞Challenge Message	Bobby Gilstrap, Lead Missionary Baptist State Convention of Michigan
	☞Closing Prayer	

## RECEPTION in Honor of Volunteers

<sup>1</sup> The ☞symbol signifies sessions that will be streamed on the internet from [www.Annual-Meeting.bscm.org](http://www.Annual-Meeting.bscm.org)

## FRIDAY MORNING

Presiding: Larry Allen, First Vice-President  
 Worship Leader: Rogelito Natividad  
 Philippine International Baptist Church, Warren

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| 8:15 | Pre-Session Music  | J.O.Y. Senior Adult Choir<br>Monroe Missionary Baptist Church  |
| 8:30 | Opening Prayer<br>Congregational Song<br>Reading of Motions<br>Report of the Executive Committee/Board<br>Business Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of Officers</li> <li>• Presentation and Adoption of the 2012 Budget</li> <li>• Motions</li> </ul> | Rogelito Natividad   |
| 9:45 | ☞ Congregational Song<br>☞ Testimonies of God's Work:<br>☞ Lead State Missionary/Executive Director's Report:<br>☞ Baptist Foundation of Michigan Report<br>☞ Worship in Music<br>☞ President's Message<br><br>☞ Closing Prayer  | Chris Partain, Pastor to the Deaf<br>Memorial Baptist Church, Sterling Heights<br><br>Bobby Gilstrap<br>Church Starting – Carlos Liese<br>Church Strengthening – Bob Wood<br>Church Mobilization – Cindy Bradley<br>Bambi Lake Retreat & Conference Center – Dan Kucharczyk<br><br>Allegra Baker, Trustee Chairperson<br>Grace Church, Jackson<br><br>Rogelito Natividad<br>Roscoe Belton, Pastor<br>Middlebelt Baptist Church<br>BSCM President |

### LUNCH & NETWORKING until 1:45 PM

(Pre-register for luncheons at [www.AnnualMeeting.bscm.org](http://www.AnnualMeeting.bscm.org))

1. Minister's Wives Luncheon
2. Church Starter's Luncheon
3. Writer's Workshop and Luncheon (Special Guest: Karen Willoughby, Managing Editor of the *Louisiana Baptist Message* and national correspondent for *Baptist Press*)

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding: Roscoe Belton, President  
 Worship Leader: Darin Patterson, Canton Christian Fellowship

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| 1:45 | Pre-Session Music  | Darin Patterson<br>Canton Christian Fellowship  |
| 2:00 | Opening Prayer<br>Congregational Singing<br>IMB Testimony<br>NAMB Video Testimony<br>Send Detroit Update<br><br>Business Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominating Committee Report</li> <li>• Time, Place, and Preacher Report</li> <li>• Resolutions Report</li> <li>• Vote on new Constitution</li> </ul> | Darin Patterson<br>International Mission Board missionaries<br>Kevin Ezell, President, North American Mission Board<br>David Washington, Send Detroit Coordinator, NAMB and pastor, Canton Christian Fellowship |
|      | Recognitions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Pastors/Church Staff</li> <li>• Pastors and Staff Years of Service</li> <li>• Past Presidents</li> <li>• Church Recognitions</li> </ul>  | Bobby Gilstrap, BSCM Lead State Missionary  |
| 3:40 | ☞ Worship in Music<br><br>☞ Annual Meeting Message<br><br>☞ Adjourn<br>☞ Closing Prayer  | Darin Patterson<br>Canton Christian Fellowship<br><br>Larry Allen, Pastor<br>Warren Woods Baptist Church, Warren<br><br>Roscoe Belton   |

**Convention Hotel Options**  
*Annual State Convention, November 8-9, 2012*  
 Monroe Missionary Baptist Church, Monroe

**Hampton Inn Monroe**  
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 Call before October 18 and ask for a Baptist State Convention rate:  
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## 3 Special Luncheons

Friday, Nov. 9

- Minister's Wives Luncheon
- Church Starters Luncheon
- Writer's Workshop and Luncheon

*Special Guest:*  
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- (1) Breakout Session
- Special Breakout for Wives
- Tremendous Fellowship






# Prayer, Planning, Potluck Picnic Set Record Attendance

BY JAMES R. ELLSWORTH  
*Special to the Beacon*

TECUMSEH – Tecumseh Missionary Baptist Church celebrated National Back to Church Sunday Sept. 16 with a special emphasis.

Preparations for the special Sunday started as an idea about three months out as three people sat in a Sunday School room having an informal meeting and asking themselves, “How do we get people who used to attend the church, back to church for at least one more time?”

Pastor Brian Jones noticed that Sept. 16 was National Back to Church Sunday, which is a movement to get people on board to come back to church.

It was decided that we should call it a church homecoming to give it an old-fashioned, down-home, church family reunion atmosphere.

The people of the church were asked to fill out a form on who they remember who used to attend the church and who had not been in church lately, including shut ins and those who had left the church over the years.

Most people have an excuse why they should not attend church. We wanted to give them every excuse to attend church by making it a special Sunday.

As the names came in, a list was made of those we could visit; those who lived a little farther away received a personal invitation in the mail.

On Sunday afternoons a group from the church went out on visitation, starting in prayer; others who could not visit on other days as well.

It was the relationships that have been established in the past that we wanted to re-establish.

We wanted those who were shut-in to have an excuse to make a special effort to come to a special day, even though they might not be able to make it on a regular basis.

In August the Tecumseh Missionary Baptist Church gave away nearly 140 backpacks to needy children. With every invitation for a backpack there was the invitation for our homecoming, to include a free pot luck dinner and inflatables for the kids to jump on.

The day of the backpack giveaway was an all-church spruce-up

day so that people coming to the church for a backpack would see an active church.

One of the unexpected results of the work day was that a number of the people coming for backpacks could smell the Pine-sol being used.

Several commented on how fresh and clean the church smelled.

The bushes and trees were trimmed that day as well by some of the men of the church.

In-church announcements were made to bring extra friends and family on Sept. 16, which was going to be a different Sunday in several respects.

Additional parking would be necessary and extra food would be needed, even though the church would be providing the hot dogs and hamburgers for a potluck all church picnic.

Our goal was to go from an average attendance of a regular Sunday of 98 to a record-breaking Sunday of 200. The highest Easter Sunday in recent history was 186, so 200 was our goal.

God provided a picture-perfect day: a nice blue sky, 75 degrees, and very little wind.

As the goal was to give everyone, every excuse to attend, the plan was to eliminate every excuse and thus compel people to come in.

While falling short of 200 in attendance, (the count was done twice) a record was set at 199. Many new faces, and many faces that we have not seen for awhile were present.

Three people came in wheel chairs because of the fliers that the church sent out in the backpacks that were posted in the assisted living home that they live in, and their aides had to come with them by law.

Another family pulled up seeing the inflatables and the tents and asked one of the teens parking cars what was going on. After explaining what the church was doing they declined to come to church but came back for the potluck and to play on the inflatables and other games that were set out.

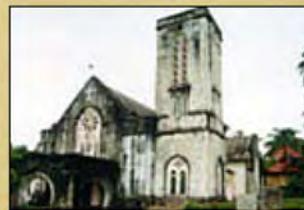
While the church realizes that God blessed us with a wonderful day, our work is not complete and that there is more work to do.

There are people out there who just need an excuse to attend church.

## JOIN OUR JUDSON JOURNEY



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*A Partnership Missions Opportunity*

# SBC World Hunger Funds Help Thousands in US, Abroad

DELHI, India (BP) – Poverty is extreme in the slums of Delhi, India – the eighth-largest city in the world – but Southern Baptists are making a life-changing difference for 90 children and their families through the World Hunger Fund.

More than half of Delhi's 22 million people live in areas with severely inadequate housing, electricity, sanitation and water, according to a government study.

Slum dwellers find little reason for hope.

"Poverty is extreme in large areas surrounding the city of

Delhi," said Josie Gabdon, a Baptist Global Response partner who directs the Bread of Life program in Delhi. "Children are starving, and disease is rampant. With a

## WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY

**EDITOR'S NOTE: On Oct. 14, Southern Baptists will observe World Hunger Sunday and congregations across the United States will receive offerings for the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund. Since its inception in 1974, Southern Baptists have given more than \$235 million through the fund.**

little food and education, we can improve the lives of these innocent children."

Bread of Life is improving the health of 90 children and their families with

monthly food supplements, multivitamins and medicine provided in part through the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund.

National partners identified two slums, each with populations of at least 40,000, to be the focus of the project.

As families come to receive food, they are provided

with basic health and nutrition lessons as well.

"The national partners are working with families in the community in several areas, and this project will assist them to show love and gain greater access to the community," said Francis Horton, who with his wife Angie directs Baptist Global Response work in South Asia.

When people struggle with dire poverty and feel no one cares about their plight, they are deeply moved when someone offers to help, Gabdon said.

It doesn't take a lot of money to make a difference for hungry people in North America.

For example:

- \$20 provides five children food for a week at the GUM Drop backpack ministry in southern Illinois.

- \$50 will feed 250 homeless people in New York City at soup kitchens and sack lunch distributions.

- \$60 will provide food for a family for two weeks in the coal mining communities of Kentucky.

- \$75 will feed 400 migrant workers.

- \$100 will feed 500 meals to the homeless in Las Vegas.

According to statistics collected by NAMB, hunger is a reality for more than 49 million Americans. That's one of every six Americans and one in every four American children.

Only the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund uses 100 percent of all contributions to feed hungry people. Personnel already are in place, supported by the Cooperative Program, so administrative and promotional costs are covered.

Twenty cents of every dollar given to the hunger fund is sent to the North American Mission Board to support hunger projects in the United States and Canada.

Eighty cents of every dollar is sent to the International Mission Board for direct hunger ministry as well as water well drilling, agricultural education and water purification.

When Southern Baptists give food, they are there for the long haul, desiring to plant churches and make disciples for Jesus Christ. The goal is to build relationships with people and eventually lead them to a relationship with Christ.

# Bambi Lake Offers a Matthew 11:28 Rest

BY STAFF

*Bambi Lake Baptist Retreat & Conference Center*

ROSCOMMON – Bambi Lake Baptist Retreat and Conference Center is 240 acres of one of the most gorgeous spaces God has created. It's a touch of Heaven on earth and guess what? Michigan Baptists own it – you, me, your pew partner.

Bambi Lake has activities for you year-round. There is the lake – spring, summer, and fall you can take out one of the canoes or paddle boats for exercise, fishing, or just sitting in the middle of the lake and soaking up God's presence. You may even see an eagle; they like to fish too.

As Matthew 11:28 says, Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

Bambi Lake has nature trails for you to walk, and a prayer chapel on a hill with an absolutely beautiful view.

God put thought into His creation for our enjoyment. On the nature walk you will see a variety of trees, ferns and animals. Do you like wildlife? Have you ever seen an 18-inch-long woodpecker? Hear a whippoorwill? Enjoy the beautiful plant life?

Bambi Lake has an abundance of wildlife: deer, turkey, bear, coyotes, fox, pileated woodpeckers and many more.

The fall color change is gorgeous at Bambi Lake: the reds of the maples, yellows of the poplars, browns of the oaks. God's creation.

Are you a camper? We have a campground you can either "rough-it" in a tent or bring up your RV or trailer. We have rustic sites for you to set up your tent, and im-



The fall colors were just beginning to emerge when this photo was taken at Bambi Lake.

proved sites with water and electric for your convenience.

There is a playground for the kids, a dock to fish from, a covered pavilion with picnic tables and a barbeque pit for when it's rainy.

Each site has a picnic table and fire pit for your use. Wood and ice are available.

There is also a bath house for showers after a great day of rest and relaxation.

For those who don't care for camping, Bambi Lake has other accommodations. There are cabins, chalets, bunkhouse, and the Lodge. All the facilities have full bathrooms.

The Lodge rooms sleep up to five, and there is a game room for the kid in all of us. The coffee is always on.

You can check out JB's Place. Here you will find a snack shop serving shakes, malts, fresh popcorn and much more that's on the ever-ready menu. Go into the gift shop and pick up a Bambi Lake hoodie or a T-shirt as a reminder of your

stay at Bambi Lake.

Winter activities are just as varied. Bambi Lake is surrounded by state land with snowmobile trails to explore, and do you enjoy tubing? Come try Bambi's tubing hill this winter: tons of fun! Ice fishing is also an option for the diehard fisher persons.

Bambi Lake has so much to offer. If you have a retreat or conference planned, Bambi Lake is the perfect spot to hold it.

There are conference rooms in the Lodge and in the Wilson building. This is also the building where you can have meals cafeteria-style with fresh cooked food for your retreat or conference.

Need something for the kids? Bambi Lake has summer camps for the kids: Girl's Mission Camp; Quest Older Children's Camp; Boys Adventure Camp; Metamorphosis.

These are just a few of the camps for youngsters. Ask your pastor about these camps.

Also, teens can ask their

pastor about summer missions. Bambi Lake uses summer missionaries too. It's a good way to learn about missions, hands on.

Men and women retreats also take place at Bambi Lake Retreat and Conference Center. Save these dates for retreats coming up for men: Jan 11-13, Feb 8-10, and March 8-9. Women, save this date: Feb. 15-17. Pastors: July 15-18.

The Multi-Associational Youth winter camp is Jan 18-20; Genesee Youth: Jan 25-27; Blue Water Youth: Feb 22-24.

Bambi Lake Baptist Retreat and Conference Center offers a great time of fellowship, fun, and learning. So, surround yourself with the majesty of God. You will not leave the same person.

Come, relax in God's arms and soak up His creation.

Contact info: Bambi Lake Baptist Retreat and Conference Center, 989.275.5844, www.bambi-lake.org; Email: bambi@bscm.org; facebook.com/bambilake and Twitter: @bambilake.

# State's Disaster Relief Builds Steam with its Online Training

BY KAREN L. WILLOUGHBY  
Managing Editor

STATEWIDE – The Baptist State Convention of Michigan may be the first in the nation to provide online basic training for those interested in becoming part of the state's Disaster Relief team.

See it on the BSCM's e-quip website: [www.MichiganBaptists.org](http://www.MichiganBaptists.org). Click on "Web Training;" then "Courses."

No other statewide unit across the Southern Baptist Convention has reported offering online training, and each of the 42 state directors has been asked about it. In addition, the North American Mission Board does not indicate online training is offered either at NAMB or at any state convention.

"It's probably safe to say we are one of the first to offer Disaster Relief Basic Training online," said Win Williams, Michigan's State Disaster Relief Director since 2007. "It allows someone to get the basic training on their own time instead of Friday night, and then train on Saturday for the unit they want to be a part of."

With the 526 trained volunteers in Michigan, and about 82,000 across the nation, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief along with American Red Cross and The Salvation Army are the three largest emergency responders in the United States. "More trained volunteers are needed," Williams said.

"If by offering this [online] way of providing

exposure to the need and the opportunity to serve others in Jesus' name, more people will become part of Michigan's Disaster Relief, then I'm all for it," Williams said. "I thoroughly enjoy seeing people joining Disaster Relief and going out the first time. They see lives changed. It just really makes me feel good about the ministry we're offering people to be a part of."

Bobby Gilstrap, lead state missionary for the Michigan Baptist Convention, said he fully supports the concept of online basic training for Disaster Relief volunteers.

"Although I am fully aware that Michigan is a mission field, I am convinced that Michigan Baptists are a mission force," Gilstrap said. "While working together as an assessment team after the April 2011 Alabama tornadoes, I watched Win Williams, our state Disaster Relief Director, respond to numerous phone calls from individuals who wanted to respond to the crisis.

"Repeatedly, he turned Michigan Baptists away from their ability to immediately respond with our DR team since they were not trained. It affirmed my thinking that the training should be online," Gilstrap continued. "In many industries, online training and certification is common. Universities provide degrees through online classes. It just seemed logical that we should be providing our training in a way that it is accessible to our people when it is convenient – day



In a "first in the nation," the Baptist State Convention of Michigan is now providing online basic training for anyone interested in becoming a part of the state's Disaster Relief team.

or night – regardless of the day of the week.

"We already have more than 600 training workshops on our web-training site, so adding the disaster relief certification training was just a matter of logistics and timing to make it happen," Gilstrap said. "Now, when there is a disaster that tugs at the compassionate heartstrings of our Michigan Baptist people, and our DR team has been activated, a new volunteer can go online and receive basic training in less than two hours. To me, it is exciting to know that our people can now be so easily mobilized to respond to God's call on their lives in a time of disaster."

The purpose of Disaster Relief is "to bring help, healing and hope to

individuals and communities affected by disaster ... demonstrating the love of Christ by providing a physical and spiritual help ...," Williams reports in the first of the three-part, 30-minute session each, online training involved in SBDR Basic Training.

While anyone can watch the videos, only those who are at least 18, a member in good standing at a Baptist church in Michigan, and who pay the nominal fee and pass the test at the end, can be considered for certification, Williams said. Certification in DR Basic Training is a pre-requisite for training in one of SBDR/Michigan's specialized units:

- Food preparation/Feeding
- Chainsaw

- Mudout/recovery
- Water purification
- Shower/laundry

"I got started in Disaster Relief because I wanted to do something when I retired," said Williams, whose career was in working with youth at a Michigan juvenile correction facility. "I went when [Hurricane] Katrina hit; that's when the Lord called me to this ministry."

Williams tries to lead three training workshops a year, spread out in different parts of the state to make it as easy as possible for people in Michigan to take part in the training.

"I try to get everybody to understand they're important, and what they're doing in Disaster Relief is important," Williams said.

## Detroit Church Reaps 19 Decisions at Clinic

DETROIT – Victory Fellowship Community Church, in partnership with the Baptist State Convention of Michigan and Focus on Missions, hosted a Free Eye Glass Clinic Aug. 25.

The clinic offered on-site eye testing and gave free eyeglasses to those in need.

The Eye Glass Clinic volunteers administered 103 eye exams and gave away 88 pairs of prescription glasses. At this clinic 19 people prayed to receive Christ as Savior!

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.

The Eye Glass Clinic was held in conjunction with Victory Fellowship's 6th Annual Community Fair. The no-cost community fair provided local families with resources and support, such as health



The Focus on Missions Volunteer Team with Pastor and Mrs. Darryl Gaddy and BSCM State Staff handed out 88 pair of glasses at a Free Eye Glass Clinic on Aug 25.

screenings; blood pressure testing, BMI (Body Mass Indexing), Diabetes Screening, HIV/Aids Testing &

Awareness, distribution of community awareness materials, school registration and enrollment oppor-

tunities, and resources for senior citizens.

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# Partnership provides local access to training opportunity

BY STAFF  
Baptist Beacon

STATEWIDE – It's cutting-edge technology coupled with the power of Scripture. The Baptist State Convention of Michigan has partnered with RightNow Media Ministries of Dallas to make available the highest level of streaming video training for every pastor and teacher/facilitator in Michigan's Baptist churches.

A two-year partnership was approved by the BSCM Executive Committee at their September meeting at the Baptist Ministries Building in Fenton.

"Each of our state and field missionaries will have administrative privileges to the RightNow service, and will be able to develop online training opportunities for pastors, church starters, youth leaders, deacons and others, in local churches and in associations," said BSCM Lead State Missionary Bobby Gilstrap. "This will help us fulfill our mission and meet our core value of developing servant leaders to their God-given capacity."

Discipleship-based Bible studies from a variety of Christian leaders – Max Lucado, Frances Chan, David Nasser and many oth-

ers – from several Christian publishing companies – LifeWay, David C. Cook, Zondervan and others, are available through RightNow Media. Some series were filmed on location in Jordan and Israel; others, in front of live audiences; all are dynamic and well-crafted.

Here's how RightNow Media works: The BSCM leader chooses from more than 1,000 web-streamed video studies led by among the nation's most influential Christian teachers – film-like "trailers" help clarify what the study is to be about – and streams his/her choice of sessions for the small leadership group he is training.

Here's why the opportunity exists: "For those who follow Jesus, we have a mission to love God and love others," says Brian Mosley, founder and president of RightNow Media Ministries of Dallas, Texas. "That mission takes us into our homes, our neighborhood streets, the halls of our schools, the offices at our work, and to the nations.

"Yet as we live, so much competes for our time and attention," Mosley continues on the [rightnowmedia.org](http://rightnowmedia.org) website. "That's why I love challenging people to become 'traders' – trading



in the energy we spend on ourselves in order to serve others for the sake of the Gospel. Others before self; Christ above all. If that simple statement permeated our minds and hearts each day, the world would be changed."

Web-streamed Bible studies can help develop people into fully-devoted and committed followers – disciples – of Jesus, Mosley explains.

"The goal of Right Now is to help people step up and serve right now – whatever their job, wherever they're living," Mosley says. "We are on a mission to help people trade in the pursuit of the American dream for a world that desperately needs Christ."

RightNow Media Ministries has developed three strategies to help fulfill its goal:

- Inspire church leaders to intentionally help people become 'traders' with their time, skills and money.
- Transform small groups from simply focusing on education and care, to actively launching 'traders' into the community.
- Coaching individuals through the discovery process of living as a 'trader' in their home, neighborhood and business.

"By making RightNow Media's well-crafted and dynamic videos available via web-streaming through the state convention, pastors and teachers across Michigan can be encouraged and inspired," Lead State Missionary Gilstrap said.

"This opportunity comes at a perfect time for us," Gilstrap said. "We've just come out of the Church Equipping Conference, where 702 of

our leaders experienced more than 60 training workshops. It was 'something for everyone' and that's the same thing we have with RightNow Media.

"Are finances pressing on your congregation? With RightNow, we'll be able to web-stream Dave Ramsey," Gilstrap continued. "Relationship issues a big thing at your church? Leslie Parrott and several others can help with that. What about something theological? David Nasser's on location in Jordan and Israel as he leads in four-session studies on Paul the Apostle, and another four-session series on Jesus."

Another plus for RightNow Media: Since the training is done online, participants can watch on their own time and engage the lesson online through email, chat and other formats.

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The primary goal of every clinic is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with every participant, said Darryl Gaddy, pastor of Victory Fellowship Detroit.

In addition, the community fair provided free food and entertainment, clothing give-a-ways, moon bouncers, games and prize and closed out the day they by distributing book bags to youth for their back to school preparation.

Focus on Missions has helped sponsor Free Eye Glass Clinics in Mexico and throughout the Midwest section of the USA, targeting migrant workers, those who live in the inner city and those who have little or no resources to receive eye glasses. Clinics have been held in inner city St. Louis, Chicago, Kansas City as well as rural locations in Southeast Missouri, Southern



The Eye Glass Clinic administered 103 eye exams and gave away 88 pairs of prescription glasses.

Illinois and Louisiana. This was Focus on Missions first trip to Michigan. Thank you Victory Fellowship and Focus on Missions for a great day of ministry!

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*Psalm 23:2*

*He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.*

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	CP August	Designated August	YTD CP 2012
<b>BAY ASSOCIATION</b>			
BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH	127.15	0.00	926.79
BIRCH RUN BAPTIST CHURCH	150.00	0.00	450.00
COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH	545.00	0.00	2,834.00
CROSSWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH	836.20	400.00	5,500.93
EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH	1,491.2	80.00	7,016.48
HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH	103.88	0.00	888.70
LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	1,027.73
LIFEGATE BAPTIST CHURCH	20.00	10.00	155.00
RIVERBEND BAPTIST CHURCH	34.00	178.00	225.00
RIVERWALK BAPTIST CHURCH	161.77	227.10	1,781.13
SAGINAW VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH	321.65	0.00	2,200.18
SANFORD FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	91.15	0.00	688.36
SUNRISE BAPTIST CHURCH	3,750.00	0.00	33,337.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,632.08</b>	<b>815.10</b>	<b>57,031.30</b>

	CP August	Designated August	YTD CP 2012
<b>BLUE WATER ASSOCIATION</b>			
ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH	55.5	30.00	384.60
BEACONSFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	500.00
BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH	605.0	50.00	7,964.60
CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH	103.34	0.00	807.34
CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	1,080.00
FIRST BAPTIST - NEW BALTIMORE	2,819.68	56.00	19,600.67
FIRST HMONG BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	304.00
GOLGOTHA ROMANIAN BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	200.00
GRACE BIBLE CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
GRACEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
HARRISON METRO CHURCH	222.60	0.00	3,665.50
HARVEST BAPTIST - SHELBY TOWNSHIP	276.80	0.00	2,867.15
HMONG AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	530.60
LAKEPOINTE BAPTIST CHURCH	2,350.00	0.00	9,648.00
LAKE SIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH	1,617.33	0.00	13,357.56
LAPEER COMMUNITY CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
LIFE OF PURPOSE CHRISTIAN CHURCH	0.00	0.00	3,015.89
LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	900.00
MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH	1,518.10	301.99	16,071.14
NEW LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	250.00
PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH	0.00	0.00	675.50
THE CHURCH CONNECTION	578.078	0.00	3,269.15
WARREN WOODS BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	15,985.98
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,146.50</b>	<b>437.99</b>	<b>101,077.68</b>

	CP August	Designated August	YTD CP 2012
<b>CENTRAL ASSOCIATION</b>			
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
CAMPUS CORNERSTONE	23.60	0.00	120.68
CAMPUS TOWN CHURCH LANSING	0.00	0.00	105.51
CEDAR STREET CHURCH	6,191.00	4,148.59	70,023.00
CHARLOTTE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH	31.85	0.00	31.85
CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH	0.00	0.00	323.81
DISCOVER LIFE CHURCH	531.96	0.00	4,245.08
FAITH FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH	61.30	0.00	374.30
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - DEWITT	100.00	0.00	550.00



	CP August	Designated August	YTD CP 2012
<b>FIRST SPANISH AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH</b>			
FIRST SPANISH AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
GETSEMANI BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
GOOD SHEPHERD BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	680.00
GRACE CHURCH	3,785.05	1,892.49	26,261.81
HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH - JACKSON	740.65	0.00	4,878.43
IGLESIA BAUTISTA GETSEMANI	0.00	0.00	0.00
IGLESIA BAUTISTA HISPANIC de ST. JOHNS	30.00	0.00	130.00
KALEO CHURCH OF LANSING	159.62	0.00	1,353.39
KINGDOM LIFE MISSION	1,294.91	100.00	7,986.23
NEW COVENANT BAPTIST CHURCH	58.60	0.00	344.94
NEW LIFE CHAPEL	131.82	0.00	793.81
PAGE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	506.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,140.36</b>	<b>6,141.08</b>	<b>118,709.09</b>

	CP August	Designated August	YTD CP 2012
<b>GENESEE ASSOCIATION</b>			
AINSWORTH BAPTIST CHURCH	934.32	0.00	5,864.56
BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH	97.00	0.00	749.00
BRAY ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH	519.00	366.00	2,334.76
CHRIST COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
CORUNNA ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH	535.00	0.00	2,056.00
DAVISON MEADOWS BAPTIST CHURCH	50.00	0.00	400.00
EAGLE'S NEST BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	250.00
EASTGATE BAPTIST CHURCH	1,449.06	505.80	13,209.90
FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH - DURAND	0.00	0.00	0.00
FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH	432.53	0.00	1,922.68
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CLIO	0.00	0.00	230.00
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FLUSHING	0.00	0.00	420.00
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SWARTZ CREEK	0.00	0.00	11,574.22
GALILEAN BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
HANMAUM INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST CHURCH	100.00	0.00	800.00
HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH	277.00	0.00	2,355.00
HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH	2,089.00	340.00	16,629.00
LaFAMILIA MULTI-CULTURAL COMMUNITY CHURCH	101.00	60.00	863.00
LIGHTHOUSE CHAPEL OF THE DEAF	55.00	0.00	411.00
LINCOLN PARK BAPTIST CHURCH	48.26	0.00	347.86
MOUNT CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00

	CP August	Designated August	YTD CP 2012
<b>NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH</b>			
NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	500.00
NEW HAVEN FIELD HOUSE	0.00	0.00	500.00
NORTH END BAPTIST CHURCH	1,296.15	0.00	8,336.18
OPEN DOOR BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	150.00
OUTREACH BAPTIST CHURCH	85.00	0.00	650.00
SHAWN BAPTIST CHURCH	300.00	0.00	2,700.00
THE POTTER'S WHEEL	291.41	0.00	1,787.98
THIRD AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	70.00
VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH	200.00	0.00	314.21
WESTSIDE CHURCH	1,154.00	342.00	10,918.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,013.73</b>	<b>1,613.80</b>	<b>86,343.35</b>

	CP August	Designated August	YTD CP 2012
<b>GREATER DETROIT ASSOCIATION</b>			
ANN ARBOR CHINESE CHRISTIAN	400.00	0.00	1,200.00
BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	200.00
BREAHA MISSIONARY BAPTIST	0.00	0.00	0.00
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	500.00
CANTON CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP	0.00	0.00	3,900.00
CASS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
COMPASSION BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH	359.31	0.00	3,175.64
DEARBORN HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH	420.22	200.00	3,215.05
DETROIT BAPTIST TEMPLE	150.00	0.00	1,050.00
EASTSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH	0.00	0.00	1,076.11
EBER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	98.00
EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	500.00
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF RIVERVIEW	93.13	0.00	745.50
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF TRENTON	0.00	0.00	1,984.34
FIRST SPANISH BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	1,168.00
FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH	292.81	0.00	2,209.59
INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP	0.00	0.00	260.00
JEFFRIES BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH	35.00	0.00	506.00
LIVONIA BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
MERRIMAN ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH	6,595.32	0.00	56,547.68
MIDDLEBELT BAPTIST CHURCH	2,000.00	0.00	10,200.00
MT. VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH	946.00	200.00	6,169.09
OAK PARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
OPEN DOOR GOSPEL TABERNACLE	50.00	0.00	160.00
PALMER ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST CHURCH	100.00	0.00	800.00
PHILIPPINE INT'L BAPTIST CHURCH-	0.00	0.00	400.00
PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH	0.00	0.00	135.00
PRAISE BAPTIST CHURCH	735.00	0.00	5,367.00
SECOND LAOTIAN BAPTIST CHAPEL	0.00	0.00	120.00
SOUTHFIELD ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH	145.67	208.34	491.83
STRAIGHT STREET MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
TEMPLE OF FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	1,050.00
TRENTON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	355.96	0.00	3,985.44
TRINITY CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
VICTORY FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH	300.00	0.00	1,250.00
WOODHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH	500.00	0.00	4,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,478.42</b>	<b>608.34</b>	<b>112,464.27</b>

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**COOPERATIVE PROGRAM**

**HURON ASSOCIATION**

CAMPUS TOWN CHURCH ANN ARBOR	49.26	0.00	232.42
CONNECTIONS COMMUNITY CHURCH	67.98	0.00	637.24
CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
CROSSROADS COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH	2,583.88	100.00	24,571.52
FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH OF SALINE	1,575.24	0.00	12,723.83
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BRIGHTON	88.00	131.00	696.00
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON	2,765.70	0.00	23,568.02
GRACEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	3,322.65
IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH	141.00	0.00	1,258.00
LIVING WATER COMMUNITY CHURCH	400.00	0.00	3,200.00
NORTH PROSPECT BAPTIST CHURCH	401.00	0.00	3,947.38
OAKWOOD CHURCH	1,095.00	0.00	4,770.00
PLEASANT VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
VISION COMMUNITY CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
YPSILANTI MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	420.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,167.06</b>	<b>231.00</b>	<b>79,347.06</b>

**LENDALE ASSOCIATION**

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH - ADRIAN	0.00	0.00	0.00
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH - ADRIAN	124.00	0.00	1,282.00
CLINTON BAPTIST CHURCH	390.78	15.00	1,750.34
FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH	225.00	0.00	450.00
FRONTIER BAPTIST CHURCH	252.49	5.00	1,222.85
HILLSDALE BAPTIST CHURCH	4,414.88	1,100.00	19,551.82
TECUMSEH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	806.23	0.00	2,432.03
THORNHILL BAPTIST CHURCH	58.56	0.00	380.57
TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH - ADRIAN	600.00	0.00	1,800.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,871.94</b>	<b>1,120.00</b>	<b>28,869.61</b>

**NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION**

AGAPE BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	175.00
CRYSTAL LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	2,156.76
EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	251.07	0.00
GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH - PELLSTON	100.00	0.00	900.00
LAKE CITY BAPTIST CHURCH	28.64	0.00	155.88
LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	486.00	0.00
NORTHSHORE COMMUNITY CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
OUR FATHERS HOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH, SBC	0.00	0.00	0.00
SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	431.59
THE ORCHARD CHURCH	407.10	0.00	3,438.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>535.74</b>	<b>737.07</b>	<b>7,257.43</b>

**OAKLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

COLUMBIA AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH	650.10	0.00	8,164.42
CROSSINGS CHURCH	63.00	0.00	161.00
FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH, SBC	0.00	0.00	0.00
FIRST ROMANIAN BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
FIRST SPANISH-AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH	300.00	0.00	2,557.19
FOREST PARK BAPTIST CHURCH	2,873.98	37.07	10,507.84
HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	600.00
HIGHLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH	967.68	0.00	7,691.08
HILTON OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	432.08
HMONG PONTIAC BAPTIST MISSION	0.00	0.00	0.00
KOREAN FIRST BAPTIST	0.00	0.00	2,400.00
KOREAN IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	65.00
KOREAN NEW LIFE CHURCH	507.00	0.00	3,368.00
MADISON HEIGHTS FELLOWSHIP	0.00	0.00	0.00
MT. ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	25.00
NEW BEGINNINGS BAPTIST CHURCH	422.00	0.00	2,779.92
NEW COVENANT CHURCH	287.64	0.00	1,847.39
NEW DAY HOUSE OF PRAISE - SBC	0.00	0.00	439.56
NEW LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH	24.50	0.00	933.40
NORTHFIELD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH	25.00	1,947.00	25.00
OAKLAND WOODS BAPTIST CHURCH	3,185.00	0.00	21,624.00
ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH	1,572.84	175.00	8,194.32
PATHWAY BAPTIST CHURCH	345.36	334.50	2,354.70



A crisp fall day in Michigan

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH	50.00	0.00	400.00
SPRINGVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH	100.00	0.00	4,186.00
ST. STEPHEN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	50.00	0.00	350.00
THE HILL CHURCH	320.95	0.00	999.32
THE MASTERS BIBLE CHAPEL	0.00	0.00	100.00
THE SHEPHERD'S FOLD	0.00	0.00	804.00
TROY JAPANESE FELLOWSHIP	35.00	0.00	35.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,780.0</b>	<b>52,493.57</b>	<b>81,044.22</b>

**PINES ASSOCIATION**

ALPINE VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH	295.77	0.00	2,049.40
COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH	117.96	0.00	554.61
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - ATLANTA	0.00	0.00	220.75
GOODAR BIBLE CHURCH	178.40	0.00	1,181.86
GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH	80.40	0.00	2,705.11
GRAYLING BAPTIST CHURCH	93.68	0.00	826.45
HUBBARD LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH	225.00	0.00	984.79
HURON BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	294.33
LAKE ST. HELEN BAPTIST CHURCH	228.10	0.00	1,540.36
LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST MISSION OF WEST BRANCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH	35.04	0.00	324.03
ONAWAY BAPTIST CHURCH	105.58	0.00	605.67
PATHWAY SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH	38.00	0.00	250.00
PIGEON RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH	152.83	0.00	1,231.69
ROSCOMMON BAPTIST CHURCH	453.00	100.00	3,548.00
THE CONNECTION SBC	38.85	0.00	284.74
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,042.61</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>16,601.79</b>

**SOUTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION**

AMAZING GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	860.24
CANAAN CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH OF HASTINGS	324.66	0.00	2,697.78
EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH	622.46	0.00	4,713.07
FAITH BAPTIST - BATTLE CREEK	7,112.04	2,085.96	26,875.24
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - PORTAGE	482.39	0.00	4,575.00
HARPER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	1,616.36
LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
LEVEL PARK BAPTIST CHURCH	1,110.18	0.00	1,110.18
PRAISE BAPTIST CHURCH	188.46	0.00	756.98
TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	837.13
VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH	527.04	0.00	959.16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,367.23</b>	<b>2,085.96</b>	<b>45,001.14</b>

**SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION**

AMAZING GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH	384.00	96.00	2,764.60
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CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH	498.42	0.00	3,623.58
DUNDEE BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	1,003.00
EVERGREEN ACRES MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	1,180.96
FRENCHTOWN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	295.15	0.00	2,584.72
GRAPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	40.90	0.00	573.38
HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	616.84
KENTUCKY PARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	50.00
LAKESIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	350.00
LIBERTY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	620.13	0.00	3,599.01
MONROE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	11,127.01	0.00	84,642.79
PETERSBURG MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
RAISINVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH	1,660.76	311.40	12,921.35
ROCKWOOD MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	50.50	0.00	638.28
TRUE GOSPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
UNION STREET MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,676.87</b>	<b>407.40</b>	<b>114,548.51</b>

**SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION**

BANGOR BAPTIST CHURCH	117.00	0.00	1,017.00
BEACON BAPTIST CHURCH	192.00	0.00	1,332.00
BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH - NILES	1,052.29	0.00	4,450.80
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - BERRIEN SPRINGS	99.0	50.00	818.48
GLENDALE BAPTIST CHURCH	47.50	0.00	343.00
NILES AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
ONTWA BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	900.00
THE SANCTUARY CHURCH	0.00	0.00	120.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,507.84</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8,981.28</b>

**UPPER PENINSULA ASSOCIATION**

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH	117.00	0.00	1,208.00
BAY AREA COMMUNITY CHURCH	0.00	0.00	290.00
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP SBC	73.00	0.00	591.00
FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH - DAFTER	117.79	0.00	904.71
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GWINN	461.70	0.00	3,257.49
GRACE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP	30.00	0.00	80.00
HOUGHTON BAPTIST CHURCH	993.00	0.00	7,710.00
NORTHPOINT BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP	260.51	0.00	2,014.26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,053.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>16,055.46</b>

**WOODLAND ASSOCIATION**

ANCHOR BAPTIST	0.00	0.00	2,151.35
CHARITY BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	446.23
COMPASS POINT CHURCH	0.00	0.00	120.00
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LUDINGTON	0.00	0.00	0.00
FIRST KOREAN CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
GRACE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
HOLLAND SOUTHERN BAPTIST	356.65	80.00	2,738.12
IGLESIA BAUTISTA HISPANA	0.00	0.00	0.00
IGLESIA BAUTISTA HISPANA DE ALLENDALE	0.00	0.00	0.00
IGLESIA BAUTISTA RECONCILIACION - GRAND RAPIDS	0.00	0.00	0.00
LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
RIVERTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH	0.00	0.00	851.00
SONRISE BAPTIST CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH	30.00	0.00	240.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>386.65</b>	<b>80.00</b>	<b>6,546.70</b>

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CONTRIBUTIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00
FAITH BAPTIST CHAPEL	2,772.00	335.00	7,276.00
FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH - LINDEN	25.00	0.00	200.00
HARVEY BAPTIST CHURCH	82.12	0.00	124.92
HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH - MONROE	9,000.74	0.00	35,250.62
NORTHBROOK CHURCH	0.00	0.00	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,879.86</b>	<b>335.00</b>	<b>42,951.54</b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>125,679.94</b>	<b>17,206.31</b>	<b>922,830.43</b>
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## MEETING from page two

Guest speakers for the Pastors/Leaders Conference are David Hughes, pastor of Church by the Glades in Coral Springs, Fla., which is said to be the 35th fastest-growing church in the nation, and Tim Bailey, a pastor, church planter and now director of church and pastor relations at the SBC's North American Mission Board.

Worship will be led by Water Within, of Southgate, Mich.

There also will be a special breakout for wives, it will take place at the same time as the Pastors/Leaders Conference.

The 2012 annual meeting of the BSCM has "People Need the Lord" as its theme. "Living in a state where eight out of ten people you meet do not know Christ should challenge us to be passionate about communicating our faith in every way possible, with every relationship possible,"

Gilstrap said. "We must be a mission force for sharing the gospel in Michigan and the nations."

Michigan Baptist language congregations plan to interpret the "People Need the Lord" theme during the Thursday evening session of the annual meeting. Their participation will include a parade of flags from their countries of origin, and singing the theme song in their native language.

For the first time in Michigan Baptists' history, the main sessions of the convention's annual meeting will be broadcast on the internet.

"We are excited to be able to share the great mission stories and the proclamation of God's word with those beyond our meeting location," Gilstrap said.

"Because people need the Lord, we can all be challenged by the celebration at this year's gathering of Michigan Baptists," Gilstrap continued. "I know we can make an eternal difference here in Michigan and around the world."

Sessions being broadcast are noted in the published program with an icon - (•) - for identification.

## DID YOU KNOW ?

... **New Life Christian Church**, Frasier, has seen three people make professions of faith in the last month? Art Werry, pastor.

... **Alpine Baptist Church**, Comstock, have challenged the men and women in a contest to see which gender can make more Christian contacts? The men jumped ahead when one of them went to two store parking lots helping people unload carts and inviting them to church. Donn Broeker, pastor.

... **New Day House of Praise**, Pontiac, celebrated its second anniversary as a new church on September 23rd? Chris Thompson, pastor.

... **Grace Community Church**, Pellston, has started to host fellowships for fans and players of high school varsity football games? Jim Reynolds, pastor.

... **Houghton Baptist Church**, Houghton, has started an Adopt-a-College-Student ministry? David Whitaker, pastor.

... **First Baptist Church**, Clio, has lost their pastor? He has resigned and moved to Kentucky.

... The **Open Door Bible Baptist Church**, Owosso, is a new church that has done several outreach events to the community over the past few months? They have had several visitors join them and two baptisms. Rick Bishop, pastor.

... **Canton Christian Fellowship**, Canton, has outgrown its worship center and has moved to Salem High School? They are making their 300-seat worship center available for rent. David Washington, Jr., pastor.

... **First Spanish Baptist Church**, Detroit, partnered with other Latino churches in July and again August with evangelistic outreach events at Clark Park? Eli Garza, pastor.

... Grand Traverse Bible Institute, Traverse City, in **Northwest Baptist Association**, was launched in September with an enrollment of seven? The program is a Seminary Extension program for area leaders. Darren Greer, Associational Missionary.

... The **Orchard Church**, Traverse City, has moved to a new location at Chums Corner? Nathan Norman, pastor.

... **Agape Baptist Church**, Petoskey is leading out in Christian Women/Men's Job Corps? Karl Furstenberg, pastor.

### CHURCH STAFF UPDATES

... **Lighthouse Chapel of the Deaf**, Flint, has called Stan Coveyou as its pastor? The congregation soon will begin meeting Sunday mornings in the fellowship hall of LaFamilia Multi-cultural Community Church in Flint.

... **Lifegate Baptist Church**, Bay City, is losing their pastor, who has been unable to get visas renewed? Pastor Jun Taguinod and his family will be returning to the Philippines soon. Please pray for this family and Lifegate Church.

... **Philippine International Baptist Church**, Windsor, Canada lost their pastor who passed away in late July? Pastor Jun Duba was pastor and is survived by his wife, Fe Duba.

... **Second Laotian Baptist Chapel**, Warren, asks for prayer for their pastor, Sangthong Lithpraseuth? He had a stroke recently and was unresponsive at press time.

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