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Date: April 2013  
To: Pastors and Staff  
Subject: Monthly Update

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*Dear Michigan Baptist Leader,*

This month's mailer includes information on:

- Ever wonder how to proclaim God's word to someone who may be an oral learner? On **May 20-23**, Annette Hall, a retired IMB missionary and expert in **Bible Storying**, will be leading a workshop to teach others how to communicate the Bible through storying so that those oral learners can understand His word and respond to the Good News.
- Our camps for children and youth: **Metamorphosis, Girls' Camp, Mom and Me**, and **Quest**.
- Operation One Day will be in **THREE** locations this year! We will have mission opportunities in **Detroit, Flint**, and **Saginaw**.

Be sure and mark your calendars on **Saturday, September 14, 2013** for the premier training event in our state, **THE CHURCH EQUIPPING CONFERENCE**. This will be one-stop training for every leader in your church. Further details can be found on our website [www.churchequippingconference.com](http://www.churchequippingconference.com). **Early registration began April 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

We have also enclosed a "**Are We Looking for You?**" poster. The BSCM is looking for applicants for three positions: Regional Church Starter Strategist, Regional Church Strengthener/Mobilizer and a Ministry Assistant/Bookkeeper. Would you please post this flyer in your church or even use it as a bulletin insert to help us get the word out about these opportunities?

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 around the world.

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BOBBY'S BITS

# Our Ministry 'Farm System'

**Go Tigers!** Spring training is over and the season has begun. Excitement is in the air as baseball fans across Michigan are excited to see the Detroit Tigers make another run for the World Series.



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

World-class baseball teams don't just happen. They take many years of investment in developing players who can literally "step up to the plate" when they are needed on the ball field.

Baseball is well known for its player farm system: a system of ball clubs, where players of

varying levels of talent, are developed into professional caliber competitors. When needed, players are called up from the minor leagues to play at the major-league level. Without the minor league ball clubs, and the farm system, it would be impossible for baseball to keep such a high level of talent.

Through our Cooperative Program, Michigan Baptists help fund a "farm system" for missionaries, ministers, and ministries throughout Michigan and around the world.

We oftentimes get very excited about supporting our missionaries in other countries, as we should. How-

ever, our missionaries didn't just appear on the mission field. They grew up in our churches and participated in camps, retreats, training events, and more that were supported through Michigan Cooperative Program ministries.

As important as it is to support the work of international missions (IMB) and North American missions (NAMB), we must never forget the importance of supporting cooperative ministry here in Michigan. Many of those ministries supported through your Cooperative Program gifts are the ministry "farm system" that develops leaders who will impact Kingdom work.

Michigan Baptists can be proud of those now serving who have come through our ministry "farm system."

For instance, Mike Durbin is now one of Michigan's church starter strategists. He was saved in a Michigan Baptist church, has since been trained and equipped to serve as a church planter, pastor, international and associational missionary, and now a church starter strategist. Much of his preparation for ministry occurred right here in Michigan.

There are many others ministering around the world because of God using the "farm system" which you support as a Michigan Baptist.

Let me highlight only a few that have Michigan roots. Larry and Sally Pepper now serve in Kigoma, Tanzania, and Van and Jackie Ingram serve in Essex, Germany, each appointed as IMB missionaries. "AS" serves in a high security area for IMB. "AS" grew up in one of our Michigan Baptists churches. Each one partially trained

and equipped right here through Michigan Baptists ministries.

Each month, as your church gives through the Cooperative Program, some of what you give supports our ministry and missions "farm system" in Michigan. You are developing leaders

for missions and ministry that will Advance God's Kingdom in Michigan and all over the globe.

Thank you Michigan Baptists for "stepping up to the plate" by supporting our ministry "farm system" through the Cooperative Program. You are the reason future leaders are being developed for Kingdom service.

*"Michigan Baptists help fund a "farm system" for missionaries, ministers, and ministries..."*



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## TALKING POINTS

@jmarcus54:

*Stop confusing your lack of faith with God's lack of power.*

Jeff Iorg

@thatJeffJohnson

*If a marriage relationship is seen as a place of GETTING and not GIVING it is dysfunctional.*

@ChHolmgren

*Our resolve in serving Christ is only as great as our belief that serving Christ is worth more than anything this world has to offer.*

@bewleycito:

*"By the cross we, too, are crucified with Christ; but alive in Christ. We are no more rebels, but servants; no more servants, but sons!"*



**ARE WE  
LOOKING  
FOR  
YOU  
?**

## **Serve the Lord & Our Convention of Churches as:**

- A Regional Church Starter Strategist (Region 4)
- A Regional Church Strengthener/Mobilizer (All 5 Regions)
- A Ministry Assistant/Financial & General (Fenton, MI)

**For Further Information and  
to Apply, go to  
[www..Applications.bscom.org](http://www.Applications.bscom.org)**



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CONVENTION *of*  
MICHIGAN**

*Supported by the Mission Gifts of our Churches Through the Cooperative Program*

# Bible Storying Workshop

May 20-23, 2013

9:00 am — 5:00 pm each day

Warren Woods Baptist Church, 14251 Twelve Mile Road, Warren, MI

**Cost: \$50 per person** (includes lunch, snacks & materials for each day)

## Did you know...

- Two-thirds of the world population are oral communicators?  
*(That's 4.6 billion people who can't, don't or won't read or communicate by literate means!)*
- Half of the US population are considered oral communicators?
- Proclaiming God's word in a culturally relevant way so that oral learners can understand and respond to it is a useful evangelism tool for missionaries, preachers and lay persons?

In this intensive 4-day\* workshop participants will learn how to select and craft stories that convey biblical messages. By the end of the workshop, participants will also be able to teach others how to craft stories.

*\*Participants will need to make a commitment to attend all day each of the four days.*



**Workshop Leader:**  
**Annette Hall,**  
**Chronological Bible Storying**  
**Expert & Retired IMB Worker**

Workshop sponsored by Blue Water Association Women's Missions & Ministry in partnership with Woman's Missionary Union of Michigan.

Contact Sue Hodnett @  
shodnett@bluewatersbc.org for more  
information and to register.

**Registration Deadline: Monday, May 6th**

# OPERATION 1-Day

**A Day of Hands-On Missions Projects  
for Individuals & Families**

**Saturday, June 1, 2013**

**Metro Detroit, Flint & Saginaw**

#### **Detroit Projects will include:**

- Working in the Brightmoor Neighborhood  
Community Garden  
Vacant Lot Clean-up  
Abandoned Home Board-up  
Prayerwalking/Evangelism
- Working in the Eber Memorial BC Neighborhood  
Vacant Lot Clean-up  
Church repairs  
Painting  
Prayerwalking/Evangelism

#### **Flint Projects will include:**

- Working in the Mt. Carmel BC Neighborhood  
Vacant Lot Clean-up  
Abandoned Home Board-up  
Church Repairs  
Prayerwalking/Evangelism
- Working in the Galilean BC Neighborhood  
Vacant Lot Clean-up  
Church repairs  
Painting  
Prayerwalking/Evangelism

#### **Saginaw Projects will include:**

- Working in the 1st Ward Community Center Neighborhood  
Repair roof of BBQ Pit  
Paint BBQ pit  
Repairs  
Prayerwalking/Evangelism
- Working with the Jesse Rouse Elementary School Neighborhood  
Clean-up  
Repairs  
Prayerwalking/Evangelism
- Working with the Saginaw Rescue Mission  
Clean-up  
Repairs  
Prayerwalking/Evangelism

Online registration & detailed project descriptions will be ready by April 30. Contact [cindy@bscm.org](mailto:cindy@bscm.org) for more information.

**What can you & God do in one day?**

# Disaster Relief Training

*(DR Training must be renewed every three years)*

## Basic – Cost - \$15.00

- May 17, 2013 – 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Bambi Lake
- Online anytime at ***michiganbaptists.org***  
(click on ***web training*** and then on ***courses***)

## Specialized –Cost - \$20.00

- May 18, 2013 - 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Bambi Lake

## 2<sup>ND</sup> Annual Disaster Relief DAY OF PRAYER

Sunday, June 2, 2013

**JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THE FOLLOWING**

- ❖ Spiritual Strength for Volunteers
- ❖ Physical Strength for Volunteers
- ❖ Safety for Volunteers on Call Outs
- ❖ Travel for Volunteers As They Drive Thousands of Miles On Your Behalf
- ❖ Families of Volunteers While They Are Away
- ❖ Churches of Volunteers While They Are Away
- ❖ DR Needs Being Met (Vehicle Upkeep, Fuel, etc.)
- ❖ New Volunteers and Their New Adventures
- ❖ Churches As They Pray Concerning Their Involvement in Disaster Relief

***For further info call Win Williams (810) 810.923.2666***



## **Metamorphosis Youth Camp**

**Where:** *Bambi Lake Conference Center*

**Who:** *Students who have completed grades 6-12*

**When:** *June 17-21, 2013*

**Cost:** *\$155.00*

Online registration at [www.register.bscm.org](http://www.register.bscm.org). More information at [www.michiganbaptists.org/church-strengthening/youth-ministry](http://www.michiganbaptists.org/church-strengthening/youth-ministry) or contact Dave Bauer, 517-699-LIFE, [dave@cedarstreetchurch.org](mailto:dave@cedarstreetchurch.org).

Your gifts through the Cooperative Program make this event possible.

# FEARLESS

Girls' & Teen Girls' Missions Camps

July 8-12, 2013

Bambi Lake

A missions camp for  
girls in grades 4-12.

Cost: \$155

Registration Deadline:  
June 24, 2013

Contact  
[cindy@bscm.org](mailto:cindy@bscm.org)  
for more information.

Girls must have completed third grade to attend camp.



# Mom & Me Retreat



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

## July 12-13, 2013

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

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

**Age:** 4 to ???

**Registration Deadline:** June 24th

(We will need to have received at least 20 registrations by June 24th or we will have to cancel.)

**For More Information Contact:** [cindy@bscm.org](mailto:cindy@bscm.org)

# The Quest Kids Camp

## July 22—26, 2013



The Quest is a thrilling camp adventure for kids who have finished grades 4-6. We want to help our children come to know Jesus and begin to make Him known.

Children will . . .

Worship the King

Study God's Word

Meet a Missionary

Learn New Life Skills

Enjoy the Time of their Life!

The cost for The Quest Kids Camp is \$155.00 per camper.

This includes lodging, meals, materials, and T-shirt.

To register online go to [www.register.bscm.org](http://www.register.bscm.org).

For more information or to download a mail-in registration form, go to

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

Questions? Contact Bob Wood, [bob@bscm.org](mailto:bob@bscm.org), 810-714-1907.

*Your giving through the Cooperative Program makes this event possible.*



# Church Equipping Conference



**September 14, 2013**

**Cornerstone Baptist Church  
Roseville, Michigan**

**\$18 if registered by June 5, \$30 after June 5**

**Equipping every leader to  
advance God's kingdom**

**Come immerse yourself in Godly teaching,  
fellowship and encouragement for your  
church at the 2013 Church Equipping  
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**DR JEFF IORG  
GOLDEN GATE BAPTIST  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**



**For more information and to register, go to  
[www.churchequippingconference.com](http://www.churchequippingconference.com)**

