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

Dear Michigan Baptist Leader,

This month's mailer includes information on:

- **Youth Retreat** in January 18-20, 2013 at Bambi Lake Retreat and Conference Center.
- **Men's Retreats** in January, February, and March of 2013.
- **Women's Retreat** in February 2013.

As we enter this season celebrating the birth of our Savior, your Convention staff wishes each of you a very, Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

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

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2013 Baptist Men's Winter Retreats



January 11-13, 2013

Featured Speaker

Dr. Joe Dan Fowler
Bartlesville, Oklahoma
Pastor 18 years in Texas
Pastor 22 years in Oklahoma

Retreat Pastor

Chris Thompson, Pastor
New Day House of Praise
Pontiac

Special Music

Stronghold Quartette

Sports Personality

George South
Wrestling Champion

IMB Missionary

Dwight Wymer



February 8-10, 2013

Featured Speaker

Dr. James Palmer
Pastor, Miles Road
Baptist Church
Summerville, SC

Retreat Pastor

Jason Livvix, Pastor
Huron Baptist Church
Oscoda

Special Music

Mike Speck
Gospel Singer &
Hymn Writer

IMB Missionary

Dwight Wymer



March 8-9, 2013

Featured Speaker

Dr. Kevin Smith
Professor, Preaching
Southern Baptist
Theological Seminary

Retreat Pastor

Jim Augustine, Pastor
Faith Baptist Church
Battle Creek

Special Music

Worship and Praise Band
Cedar St. Baptist Church

IMB Missionary

Dwight Wymer

Cost for three day retreat*

LODGE /CABINS

One per room	\$154.00
Two per room	\$134.00
Three per room	\$118.00
Four per room	\$110.00
Chalets/Dorm	\$100.00
(Bring own linens)	
Living off campus	\$ 80.00
(Includes all meals and registration)	

Cost for two day retreat*

LODGE/CABINS

One per room	\$91.00
Two per room	\$81.00
Three per room	\$73.00
Four per room	\$69.00
Chalets/Dorm	\$64.00
(Bring own linens)	
Living off campus	\$54.00
(Includes all meals and registration)	

*Cost includes \$20.00 registration fee to be sent with reservations to **Bambi Lake Baptist Retreat and Conference Center, P.O. Box 487, Roscommon, MI 48653, phone 989-275-5844**. Registrations can be made by credit card. Registration fee will be deducted from total cost.

MEET THE LEADERS FOR OUR RETREATS THIS YEAR

JANUARY 11-13, 2013

Dr. Joe Dan Fowler, Retired Pastor, Conference Speaker.

A pastor for 32 years, and serving the last 17 years as Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Dr. Fowler is now being used across our denomination as an inspirational speaker for pastors and church leaders. Through the years he has sought to sharpen his skills in areas such as leadership, communication, vision-casting, staff relationships, conflict resolution, and pastoral ministry. He continues to have a pastor's heart with a passion to serve the local church. He is currently devoting his time to learning how to more effectively communicate the gospel of Christ to today's generations both personally, and in his own preaching and teaching ministry.

Pastor Chris Thompson, Pastor.

He serves the New Day House of Praise Church in Pontiac. This dynamic young African-American pastor is proving that the leadership and power of the Holy Spirit can equip and lead you to bring change to a city that has been struggling with financial and criminal problems for years. In the midst of numerous challenges, the Lord is using him to build a church that is seeking to change the lives of people through the power of the Gospel.

Stronghold Quartet is the most requested music group by those who come to our Men's Retreats. Their dedication to the Lord and love for His people has been so apparent when they have ministered at our Retreats. With humility they have drawn us into the presence of the Lord as they lead us in worship and praise.

George South, a Champion Professional Wrestler, who has John 3:16 painted on his trunks.

He will cause you to laugh and cry as he shares how someone in this profession can make a difference through his powerful testimony for Christ. He also has a school for boys teaching wrestling. His testimony has been used by the Lord to reach hardened men with the life changing message of the Cross. He has written a wonderful book, "Dad you Don't Work, You Wrestle."

FEBRUARY 8-10, 2013

Dr. Jim Palmer is pastor of Miles Road Baptist Church in Summerville, SC.

This Church has been recognized by Lifeway Christian Resources as one of the outstanding churches in America. Jim is a prince of preachers. His sermons are expositions of Bible truth that grips and challenges those who have the joy of hearing him. He has a special love for men, having been a very successful football coach before being called into ministry. His church gives over \$100,000.00 to special mission ministries each year, including gifts to Bambi Lake. Evangelism and missions are at the heart of this man of God. He has been involved in evangelism and ministry in both India and Haiti.

Jason Livvix, Pastor of Huron Baptist Church in Oscoda.

He is proving that it is possible to build a great church in the Northern part of our state. Huron Baptist Church was started by men serving in the Air Force during the “cold war days.” When the base closed, many of the members were moved to other assignments. Some thought it would be the end of the church. But there is an excitement about reaching Oscoda for Christ. Under Jason’s leadership the Lord continues to grow Huron Baptist Church.

Mike Speck is a Gospel Singer and Ordained Minister.

Together with his wife, Faye, and daughter, Melody VanNus, they toured around the world as the *Mike Speck Trio*. Over 2,000 churches, large and small, have personally experienced their compelling presentation of the gospel. Mike has served on the staff of six different churches throughout Michigan, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Virginia; most recently serving as Minister of Music for the late Jerry Falwell at Thomas Road Baptist Church. He has also ministered with Dr. Charles Stanley, Dr. Bailey Smith, Freddie Gage and David Ring. Mike made his decision to surrender to ministry at Bambi Lake. He grew up in Battle Creek and married the daughter of B.J. Ferguson, who pastored three churches in Michigan between the 50’s and the 70’s.

MARCH 8-9, 2013

Dr. Kevin L. Smith, Assistant Professor of Christian Preaching, Southern Seminary.

Before being appointed to the faculty in 2006, Professor Smith served Southern Seminary as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellow since 2002. He has been a church planter in Tennessee and a pastor in Tennessee and Kentucky, currently serving Watson Memorial Baptist Church. He is a conference preacher and has taken short-term missions trips to the Caribbean and Africa. He has been a Visiting Professor at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and an Instructor at Lee University. He is a member of the Organization of American Historians and the American Society of Church History.

Jim Augustine, Pastor of Faith Baptist Church, Battle Creek.

He is being used by the Lord to grow a great church in an area where Southern Baptists have been very weak. Under his leadership, the church has experienced transformation into a church committed to reaching this generation with the timeless message of the Gospel. With innovated worship and preaching, many younger adults have been brought into a personal relationship with Christ.

The Worship and Praise Band of Cedar Street Church will inspire you to want to worship the Lord with all your being. Contemporary and talented, these musicians desire to lift up praise to the Lord from people who truly want to bless the Lord through music.

Dwight Wymer, IMB Missionary.

He and his missionary wife, **Vivian**, are natives of Michigan, having been raised in the Clio area. They have served in the Far East for a decade. Working as English teachers, they labored as witnesses to hundreds of people who have been under a government that persecutes Christians. Yet, they were used of the Lord to help establish His Church in a hostile land. Dwight will be sharing in each of our retreats.

Dear Youth Leaders and Pastors,

Youth retreats are a great way for youth to connect with students from other churches to build lasting friendships and memories. More important, they are a great way to get students away from the business of life and help them to focus in on something that is very important, the Gospel and Jesus in their life. This year's Winter Youth Retreat is, January 18-20, at Bambi Lake Retreat and Conference Center. The theme for the retreat is, Red Letter Rebellion. We will be focusing in on Jesus and how, looking at His life and death, we can stand strong in our faith and proclaim it to others.

Tim Chappell has agreed to come to be our camp speakers again this year. Tim has a great way of combining humor and bible truths together to share a clear message that is relatable to our lives today. Brandon Watkins will be leading out in worship. This will be Brandon's second year leading worship and he has put together a great worship team.

The cost for the retreat this year is \$80.00 per person (\$60.00 Bambi Lake cost, \$20.00 program cost). This will include a shirt, lodging, and three meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday morning. There will be no meal on Friday night or lunch served on Sunday afternoon. Everyone does need to bring their own blankets and linen.

You will need to send in a deposit of \$40.00 per person no later than January 8th. The remainder of the cost will be due when you come to camp on Jan. 18. There will be a \$5.00 late charge for all reservations after the deadline. Please make all checks payable to the BSCM.

Please encourage your students to come. Please do not stay home if you only have a couple who are interested in coming to camp. Bring them! Who knows what God will do? Pray for those who are leading out this year and for our planning team. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me at: 734-355-7720 or randyweeks@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

Randy Weeks

2013 Winter Youth Retreat Sign-up Sheet

Send this completed form to Bambi Lake Retreat & Conference Center, P.O. Box 487, Roscommon, MI 48653.
A \$40.00 deposit per camper is due with campers' names no later than January 8, 2013. (There will be a \$5.00 per person late fee for registrations after Jan. 8.)

A \$ 40.00 balance will be due per camper at registration, Friday, January 18, 2013.

The total cost for the Winter Retreat is \$80.00 per camper. (\$85.00 for late registrations.)

Indicate 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice of housing: Lodge _____ Cabin _____ Chalet _____

Church Name _____ Address: _____

Contact person _____ Phone _____

E-mail address _____

<u>Camper Name</u>	<u>Age/Grade</u>	<u>Male/Female</u>	<u>T-shirt Size</u>
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Save the Dates!

The Story Lives On

**A Winter Missions Retreat for Women
February 15-17, 2013**

Bambi Lake Retreat & Conference Center

MI Kids Missions & Ministry Day

March 16, 2013

**Sunrise Baptist Church, Midland &
Oakland Woods Baptist Church, Clarkston**

**Details and Registration information
coming soon. Contact cindy@bscm.org
after December 5th for more information.**

2013 EVENT CALENDAR

January, February, and March

JANUARY

- 2-6 January Bible Study (SBC)
- 11-13 Men's Retreat
- 20 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SBC)

FEBRUARY

- 5 Executive Committee/Board Meetings
- 7 African American Ministries Fellowship
- 8-9 Multiplier Retreat
- 8-10 Men's Retreat
- 10 Race Reconciliation Sunday (SBC)
- 11-17 Focus on WMU (SBC)
- 15-17 Women's Retreat
- 18-20 Winter Pastors' Retreat
- 21 Language Ministries Fellowship

MARCH

- 3-10 Week of Prayer and Mission Study for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 8-9 Men's Retreat (SBC)
- 16 Michigan Children's Ministry Day
- 16 Sunday School Directors' Seminar
- 17 Church Planting Emphasis Sunday (SBC)
- 17 Substance Abuse Sunday (SBC)
- 29 Good Friday
- 31 Easter Sunday