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

Dear Michigan Baptist Leader,

This month's mailer includes information on:

- **Women's Retreat** on February 15-17 at Bambi Lake Retreat and Conference Center.
- **Winter Pastors' Retreat** on February 18-20 at Bambi Lake Retreat and Conference Center.
- **National Sunday School Directors' Conference** on March 16 at Middlebelt Baptist Church.

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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Twice Per Year, Need it or Not

I have quipped for years that I once pastored a church where we had a revival twice per year, whether we needed it or not! Of course, my tongue and cheek remark referred more to the scheduled services and not a fresh wind of God's Spirit moving in revival.

Interestingly enough, God always moved during those times of spiritual focus. It was part of our annual evangelistic strategy. It was a small part of creating a climate for reaching people who needed a relationship with Christ. Just like our Vacation Bible School and annual Sunday School growth emphasis supported our evangelistic outreach. On top of that, we conducted several special evangelistic events each year which included prayer times and evangelism training for small groups and the entire church. In addition, we had weekly or bi-weekly outreach times for visitation, phone calls and sending correspondence to prospects.

As we look down the road of 2013, I want to challenge each of our congregations and their leaders to take the time to look at the fields that are white unto harvest all around them. But don't stop with what you see, develop an evangelistic roadmap that fits your context to reach your community.

Let me encourage you to develop an intentional evangelistic roadmap around the following **SEVEN** areas:

1. **Pastoral Leadership** – Evangelistic churches are led by pastors who are burdened for the lost and intentionally lead and train their congregations to reach neighbors, friends and family for Jesus.
2. **Focused Prayer** – Pray specifically for the lost, by name on an ongoing basis.
3. **Personal Evangelism Training** – Evangelistic churches don't provide evangelistic training 52 weeks a year, but they don't let 52 weeks go by without providing training. I suggest

some type of evangelistic training no less than three times per year.

4. **Small groups and Sunday School groups** – Utilize these groups for evangelism and assimilation of new people in addition to Bible study. Use the groups you already have in place.
5. **Ministries** – Find ways to minister and connect to the unchurched in your community. While ministering, don't forget to intentionally share the gospel and give opportunity for response.
6. **Special Evangelistic Events** – Participate in local fairs and festivals or have your own community outreach events. Either way, intentionally share the gospel.
7. **Organized Outreach** – Calendar a designated time for visiting prospects. Make it a priority as a church!

The overarching theme of all SEVEN parts of this roadmap is intentionality.

Evangelistic intentionality requires consistent and dedicated labor. Even if your church is the only church in town working to reach the lost, do not get weary in well doing. "...

Open your eyes and look at the fields,

for they are ready for harvest." (John 4:35 HCSB)

Join me in making 2013 a real harvest year for Michigan Baptists. Remember, a combination of evangelistic methods used under the power of the Holy Spirit can serve to enhance evangelistic effectiveness in every local church.



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The Story Lives On

WOMEN'S MISSIONS WINTER RETREAT

FEBRUARY 15-17, 2013

@ BAMBI LAKE



**Featuring Annette Hall, IMB
Worker & Chronological Bible
Storying Expert**

Also featuring
former IMB Worker
in NAME,
Marge Lewis.

**\$20 Deposit Fee
due by February 4**

See Registration
Form for Event Fees
Go to [http://bscm.org/#/
mobilization/conferences](http://bscm.org/#/mobilization/conferences)
to download a registration
form. Call 810-714-1907 or
email cindy@bscm.org for
more information.

Conferences & Activities Include:

- Creation to Cross
- Trial Size Community Missions Trip
- Telling Your Story
- Minister's Wives Track
- Ministering to Muslim Women
- Muslim World Virtual Prayerwalk
- More Beautiful than Diamonds Boutique Workshop
- More Beautiful than Diamonds Boutique
- "What's Your Story?" Story Wall
- Coffee, Crafts, Chocolate & Chat
- and more

As Always:

There will be free time to enjoy fellowshiping by the fire with a shake from JB's, tubing down Monster Hill, playing games with friends, enjoying the winter beauty of Bambi on foot & more.

*"As for
us, we
cannot
help
speaking
about
what we
have seen
and
heard'"*
(Acts
4:20
NIV).

**Worship led by
the Girls'
Missions Camps All
Girl Band and the
Women's Worship
Ensemble from
Oakland Woods
Baptist Church**



This event is sponsored by the Mobilization Section of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan and is provided through gifts to the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Contact 810-714-1907 or cindy@bscm.org for more information.

Registration Form for
The Story Lives On

a Winter Missions Retreat for Women ~ February 15-17, 2013

Deposit Fee: **\$20** per person if received by **February 4**.
The Deposit Fee is **\$25** if received after February 4.

Please mail this Registration Form and Deposit Fees to:

Women's Missions Winter Retreat
Bambi Lake Retreat Conference Center
P.O. Box 487
Roscommon, MI 48653

Please make check(s) payable to Baptist State Convention of Michigan or BSCM.

Event Fees Chart:

Meals/Lodge/Cabins – With Linens

- 5 per room — \$100.00 per person less \$20 deposit = \$80 due at Check-In
- 4 per room — \$106.00 per person less \$20 deposit = \$86 due at Check-In
- 3 per room — \$114.00 per person less \$20 deposit = \$94 due at Check-In
- 2 per room — \$130.00 per person less \$20 deposit = \$110 due at Check-In
- 1 per room — \$150.00 per person less \$20 deposit = \$130 due at Check-In

Meals/Chalets — Linens NOT available (bring your own) — \$96.00 per person less \$20 deposit = \$76 due at Check-In

Event price includes: Lodging + 5 meals, full use of Bambi facilities.

Person making reservation _____

E-mail _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Church _____ Association _____

Circle Accommodations Desired at Bambi: Lodge Cabin Chalet

NAME (Print) — Please indicate roommates.

1. _____ 11. _____
2. _____ 12. _____
3. _____ 13. _____
4. _____ 14. _____
5. _____ 15. _____
6. _____ 16. _____
7. _____ 17. _____
8. _____ 18. _____
9. _____ 19. _____
10. _____ 20. _____

Winter Pastors / Staff Retreat

February 18 - 20, 2013

Bambi Lake Retreat & Conference Center

The retreat is designed to encourage, minister to and equip pastors and leaders so they can return to their congregations refreshed, with specific plans and tools to move their people toward revival, harvest, and spiritual maturity.



Tim has planted churches in numerous states in the south and along the East coast. For 3 years he served as the Church Planter for the Pennsylvania / New Jersey Baptist State Convention. From there he went to Alpharetta, GA to join the North American Mission Board as the Equipping Coordinator - giving basic training for Church Planters. Since October 2011 - he has been the Director of Church and Pastor Relations for NAMB. With his broad range of experience as a Pastor, Church Planter, and representative of NAMB, we look forward to having Tim with us for an extended time of speaking to Pastor's, and leaders.

Retreat registration at Bambi Lake begins on Monday at 3:00 p.m. and the Retreat ends Wednesday at noon (before lunch).

RETREAT COST:

Prices are per person for two nights lodging, supper on Monday, three meals on Tuesday and breakfast on Wednesday.

| # of Nights | 1 Person Per Room | 2 People Per Room | 3 People Per Room | 4 People Per Room | 5 People Per Room | Chalet / Cottage (Bring your own linens) |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 2 | \$125.00 | \$115.00 | \$105.00 | \$95.00 | \$90.00 | \$85.00 |

OFF-CAMPUS COST:

Prices are per person \$40.00 for event fee AND \$6.00 per meal. Advance notice by February 4, 2013 would be appreciated.

Registration deadline for a secured spot is February 11, 2013. Please send your registration and deposit of \$20.00 per person to Bambi Lake. The balance will be due upon arrival. For more information, please contact: Bambi Lake 989.275.5844. *(After February 3 there will be a \$5.00 late registration fee per person.)* Registration form available at www.michiganbaptists.org/leadership.

This is a Michigan Baptist Pastors/Staff Conference supported event, supported by Michigan SBC associations, churches and your gifts to the Cooperative Program.

RESERVATION FORM - 2013 Pastor's & Staff Retreat

Bambi Lake Baptist Retreat and Conference Center

Send this reservation form and **\$20 per person *deposit to:** Bambi Lake – Pastor's Retreat, PO Box 487, Roscommon, MI 48653

| Balance Due Upon Arrival at Bambi | | |
|------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| (Includes all meals and registration) | | <u>3 day retreat*</u> |
| Lodge/Cabins | One per room | \$125.00 |
| | Two per room | \$105.00 |
| Chalets/Dorm (Bring Own Linens) | | \$90.00 |
| Living Off Campus | | \$40.00 & \$6 per meal |

**Deposit applied to total cost. Deposit will be fully refundable to the payer if notice of cancellation is received at Bambi Lake by the 14th calendar day before the retreat begins. After 14 days, it shall be non-refundable except under emergency circumstances - death or hospitalization of attendee or immediate family member.*

Name _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____ Phone(s) _____

Church _____ Association _____ Contact Person _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____ Phone(s) _____

Lodge - Single Occupancy (1)

Chalet/Dorm

Lodge - Double Occupancy (2)

Lodge - Triple Occupancy (3)

Names of others staying with you:

1 _____

3 _____

2 _____

4 _____

*If you need special lodging (first floor, handicap room, etc.), please note on the back of the form.
If you need additional information, please call Bambi Lake at 989-275-5844. Thank You.*

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Director**
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2013 BSCM/SBC CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 2-6 **January Bible Study (SBC)**
- 11-13 **Men's Retreat**
Bambi Lake Retreat and Conf Center, Roscommon
- 20 **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SBC)**

FEBRUARY

- 5 **Executive Committee/Board Meetings**
Baptist Ministries Building, Fenton
- 7 **African American Ministries Fellowship**
- 8-9 **Multiplier Retreat**
Bambi Lake Retreat and Conf Center, Roscommon
- 8-10 **Men's Retreat**
Bambi Lake Retreat and Conf Center, Roscommon
- 10 **Race Reconciliation Sunday (SBC)**
- 11-17 **Focus on WMU (SBC)**
- 15-17 **Women's Retreat**
Bambi Lake Retreat and Conf Center, Roscommon
- 18-20 **Winter Pastors' Retreat**
Bambi Lake Retreat and Conf Center, Roscommon
- 21 **Language Ministries Fellowship**

MARCH

- 3-10 **Week of Prayer and Mission Study for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (SBC)**
- 8-9 **Men's Retreat**
Bambi Lake Retreat and Conf Center, Roscommon
- 16 **Michigan Children's Ministry Day**
- 16 **National Sunday School Directors' Seminar**
Middlebelt Baptist Church, Inkster
- 17 **Church Planting Emphasis Sunday (SBC)**
- 17 **Substance Abuse Sunday (SBC)**
- 31 **Easter Sunday**

APRIL

- 7 **SBC Seminaries Sunday (SBC)**
- 13 **Vacation Bible School Institute #1**
Merriman Road Baptist Church, Garden City
- 14 **Cooperative Program Sunday (SBC)**

- 14-20 **Baptist Doctrine Study (SBC)**
- 21 **Life Commitment Sunday (SBC)**
- 25-28 **Making Disciples Tour with Claude King**
Various Regional Locations
- 26-29 **Basic Training Journey**
Bambi Lake Retreat and Conf Center, Roscommon
- 28-29 **Assessment Center**
Bambi Lake Retreat and Conf Center, Roscommon
- 30 **Executive Committee/Board Meetings**
Bambi Lake Retreat and Conf Center, Roscommon

MAY

- 4 **Vacation Bible School Institute #2**
Bambi Lake Retreat and Conf Center, Roscommon
- 5 **Senior Adult Sunday (SBC)**
- 11 **Pastor/Sunday School Director Workshop**
Middlebelt Baptist Church, Inkster
- 12-19 **Christian Home Week (SBC)**
- 16 **African American Ministries Fellowship**
- 17-19 **Disaster Relief Training**
Bambi Lake Retreat and Conf Center, Roscommon
- 19-26 **Baptist Association Emphasis (SBC)**
- 23 **Language Ministries Fellowship**

JUNE

- 1 **Operation One Day**
- 7-9 **CrossOver Houston (SBC)**
- 11-13 **SBC Annual Convention**
Houston, Texas
- 16 **Baptist Men's Day (SBC)**
- 17-22 **Metamorphosis Camp**
Bambi Lake Retreat and Conf Center, Roscommon
- 23 **Mission: Dignity Sunday (SBC)**
- 27-30 **Filipino Retreat**
Bambi Lake Retreat and Conf Center, Roscommon
- 30 **Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday (SBC)**



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JULY

- 8-13 **Girls' and Teen Girls' Missions Camps**
Bambi Lake Retreat and Conf Center, Roscommon
- 12-14 **Mom and Me Missions Retreat**
Bambi Lake Retreat and Conf Center, Roscommon
- 15-19 **Pastor/Staff and Spouse Retreat**
Bambi Lake Retreat and Conf Center, Roscommon
- 21 **LoveLoud Sunday (SBC)**
- 22-27 **The Quest Children's Camp**
Bambi Lake Retreat and Conf Center, Roscommon

AUGUST

- 1-4 **Hispanic Family Retreat**
Bambi Lake Retreat and Conf Center, Roscommon
- 4 **Social Issues Sunday: Environmental Stewardship (SBC)**
- 5-9 **RA Missions Adventure Camp**
Bambi Lake Retreat and Conf Center, Roscommon
- 11 **Student Evangelism Day (SBC)**
- 16-19 **Deaf Retreat**
Bambi Lake Retreat and Conf Center, Roscommon
- 18-25 **Worship Music Week (SBC)**
- 20 **Executive Committee/Board Meetings**
Baptist Ministries Building, Fenton

SEPTEMBER

- 1 **Single Adult Sunday (SBC)**
- 1-30 **Season of Prayer for State Missions and The Frances Brown State Missions Offering**
- 14 **Church Equipping Conference**
- 15 **Anti-Gambling Sunday (SBC)**

- 27-30 **Fall Collegiate Retreat**
Bambi Lake Retreat and Conf Center, Roscommon
- 29 **High Attendance Sunday**

OCTOBER

- 3-6 **Basic Training Journey**
Bambi Lake Retreat and Conf Center, Roscommon
- 5-6 **Assessment Center**
Bambi Lake Retreat and Conf Center, Roscommon
- 13 **World Hunger Sunday (SBC)**
- 15 **Executive Committee/Board Meetings**
Baptist Ministries Building, Fenton
- 17 **African American Ministries Fellowship**
- 18-21 **Women's Harvest Retreat**
Bambi Lake Retreat and Conf Center, Roscommon
- 24 **Language Ministries Fellowship**
- 29-31 **Annual State Convention**
Cedar Street Church, Holt

NOVEMBER

- 3 **Disaster Relief Appreciation Sunday (SBC)**
- 22-23 **Youth Evangelism Conference**

DECEMBER

- 1-9 **Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions and the Lottie Moe Christmas Offering (SBC)**
- 7 **Vacation Bible School Preview for 2014**
Baptist Ministries Building, Fenton



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