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

Dear Michigan Baptist Leader,

This month's mailer includes information on:

- **Men's Retreat** on March 8-9 at Bambi Lake Retreat and Conference Center.
- **Children's Ministry Day** on Saturday, March 16 at two locations.
- **National Sunday School Directors' Conference** on March 16 at Middlebelt Baptist Church.

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.

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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BOBBY'S BITS

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.



BOBBY GILSTRAP
Lead State Missionary
Baptist State
Convention of Michigan

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 con-

gregations 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!

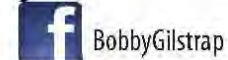
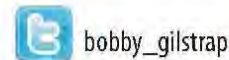
The overarching theme of all **SEVEN**

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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"GOING THE
DISTANCE"

2015

BAPTIST MEN'S
WINTER RETREAT

@ BAMBI LAKE CONFERENCE CENTER
Friday – Saturday March 8-9

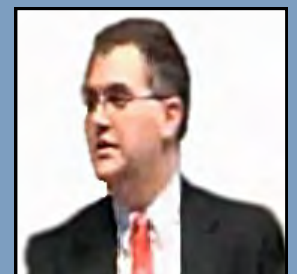


Keynote Speaker: Dr. Kevin Smith

Conference Pastor: Pastor Jim Augustine

Worship:

Cedar Street Church VERITAS BAND



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 Veritas 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.

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.

2013

National
**Sunday School
Director**
Seminar

Are you a **new Sunday School Director**?

Do you want to **grow** your Sunday School?

Do you need **new ideas**?

Do you need **motivation**?

**See why over 12,000 people have attended the
National Sunday School Director Seminar.
And now it's coming to this area!**

What participants say about their NSSDS experience:

"NSSDS provided much-needed training. I left feeling really inspired by what God can do through the Sunday School. Thanks for your passion and excitement. It has opened my eyes and heart to the potential of what can happen."

—Matt Lee, San Jose, California

"The Holy Spirit and NSSDS equipped me with tools, teaching strategies, super handouts, and breakout sessions."

—Sue Chiang, Sugarland, Texas

"I have been Sunday School Director for four years and the seminar helped me better serve in this position. I am excited about how God is going to use my teachers and me to reach the lost for His kingdom."

—Robby Neyland, Alvarado, Texas

"Thanks so much for providing one of the best conferences I've attended. It will be instrumental in helping us build a more effective, dynamic Sunday School."

—Dan Dozier, Lebanon, Tennessee

"I was impressed with the professional presentations and meaningful conferences we were offered."

—Don Boyd, Venice, Florida

"Thanks for a great NSSDS and for equipping our church leaders. We are already reaping results from attending."

—Steve Ford, Magnolia, Louisiana

March 16, 2013

Middlebelt Baptist Church

Inkster, MI

The **National Sunday School Director Seminar** is highly energetic, intensely focused, quickly moving, and totally devoted to the **Sunday School Director!**

This "A-to-Z" Sunday School event is also for:

- Age division coordinators
- Department directors
- General leaders
- Pastors and ministers of education



What will NSSDS do for you?

- Equip Sunday School directors to serve effectively in all areas of Sunday School work
- Deliver practical tools for all aspects of Sunday School work
- Facilitate opportunities to network with other Sunday School directors
- Build team spirit among the Sunday School director, minister of education, pastor, and division and department directors

Through the 2013 NSSDS training you will:

- Gain insight into the purpose and mission of Sunday School
- Develop practical growth skills
- Learn to transform teaching
- Build a step-by-step strategy

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- 8:30 a.m. Session #1 – Instilling a Sense of Purpose and Mission in Your Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Session #2 – Blueprints for Growing Your Sunday School
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 12:15 p.m. Session #3 – Developing Life Changing Bible Teaching
- 2:15 p.m. Session #4 – Building a Strategy for My Sunday School
- 3:30 p.m. Dismiss

Schedule

For more information, contact: Wayne Poling, LifeWay Christian Resources, 615.251.2685 or wayne.poling@lifeway.com

NSSDS Registration

2013 National Sunday School Director Seminar

March 16, 2013

Middlebelt Baptist Church

943 Middlebelt Road, Inkster, MI 48141

Cost per person: \$35

Complete one form per person.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Daytime Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____
To communicate about this event only

Name of church _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Position held in church _____

Registration Options:

1) Complete and photocopy this form for your records. Send original with check made payable to LifeWay Christian Resources and mail in a stamped envelope to:

LifeWay Christian Resources – NSSDS

PO Box 24001

Nashville, TN 37202

2) Register online: www.lifeway.com/nssds

3) Or call: 800.254.2022

Additional information regarding schedule and directions to the seminar location can be found at www.lifeway.com/nssds

Cancellation Policy:

If you wish to cancel your registration 30 or more days before the event, you will receive a refund of 50 percent of your conference fees (does not apply to lodging charges). There is no refund if cancellation is received less than 30 days before the event.

Event subject to change without notice. Sales tax applied to event cost, if applicable. Childcare is not available and children are not permitted to attend.



Helping Hands



MI Children's Ministry Day Saturday, March 16, 2013

What are your plans for March 16, 2013?

- You could sit in front of the TV all day.
- You could complain about the cold and watch for snow.
- You could go shopping at the mall...for things you don't really need.

Or...you could join other Michigan children in making a hands-on difference for Christ in their own communities!

Girls & boys in grades 1-6 (& their leaders) will participate in various hands-on missions & ministry activities to make a difference for Christ in local communities.

2 Locations:

Sunrise Baptist Church
2138 N. Jefferson Rd.
Midland, MI 48642

Central Baptist Church
38900 Moravian Drive
Clinton Township, MI 48035



Contact: Helen Henley
@ henleyhm@charter.net
to register.

Contact: Nelda Popkey @
npopkey@aol.com to register.

Cost:

\$5

per person
(pay at the door)

Each person
will need to
bring a sack
lunch.

Registration Deadline: March 7, 2012

Events begin at 9:30 am and will conclude by 2:30 pm
You may also register by entering: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FJH36FH>.
Contact cindy@bscm.org for more information.

Events sponsored by
WMU of MI in
partnership with
Sunrise BC & Central BC.

2013 Michigan VBS Institutes

Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



VBSI #1, April 13 at
Merriman Road Baptist
Church, Garden City

VBSI #2, May 4 at Bambi
Lake Conference Center,
Roscommon

Core workshops for VBS leaders including Pastors, VBS
Directors, Age Group Teachers, Music, Missions
and Craft Rotation Leaders

Enrichment workshops to enhance your VBS including: Backyard
Kids Club, Experienced Directors, New Directors, Family Night,
Decorating Made Easy (For a complete list go to
www.MichiganBaptist.org/Church-Strengthening/Kids-Ministry.)

Get VBS curriculum & supplies at the LifeWay VBS Bookstore

\$6.00 per person (includes lunch)
Register by April 1 at www.MI.VBSI.eventbrite.com for VBSI #1.
or by April 22 at www.MI.VBSI.2.eventbrite.com for VBSI #2.

More information and links to online registration at
www.MichiganBaptists.org/Church-Strengthening/Kids-Ministry

Women's Missions Celebration and 55th WMU Annual Meeting

Tell Your Story

Featured Guests:
"Anne,"
IMB worker in NAME
and
YOU!

"Anne's" photo cannot be published.

**Cost is \$25 per person for
both days and includes
Saturday lunch;
Friday only cost is \$10;
Saturday only cost is \$15**

**Event begins at 6:00 pm
Friday and will
conclude by 4:00 pm on
Saturday.**

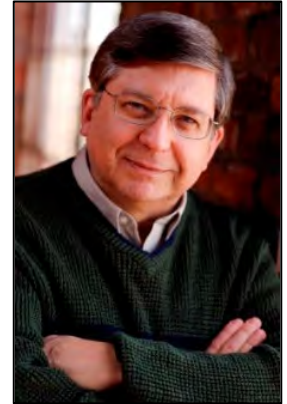
**Activities will include
training workshops,
mission projects,
inspirational
worship, break-out
sessions and more.
Registration
deadline is:
April 10, 2013.**

**April 19-20, 2013
North End Baptist Church, Mt. Morris**

For more information contact cindy@bscm.org.

GROWING DISCIPLES TOUR WITH CLAUDE KING

Claude King, co-author of *MasterLife* and *Experiencing God*, will be in Michigan on April 25-27, 2013 to talk with pastors and lay leaders about making disciples in our churches. He will discuss ideas for developing a disciple-making process in your church and will be providing free disciple-making resources for each church present. On Friday night, April 26, there will be a special meeting with *MasterLife* alumni to consider ways to build on and expand the influence of *MasterLife* in our churches.



DATES, TIMES, LOCATIONS, AND LOCAL CONTACT PERSONS

Thursday, April 25

8:30 am - 11:00 am

Central Assoc. Pastors Breakfast (Lansing, location TBA)
Local contact: Dan Wilkinson, fbc dewitt@yahoo.com

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

First Baptist Church, Portage
Local contact: Chad Wells, chad@fbc-portage.org

Friday, April 26

2:30 pm - 5:00 pm

MasterLife Alumni

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Springhill Missionary Baptist Church, Farmington Hills

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Local contact: Nathaniel Bishop, detbaptasn@sbcglobal.net

Saturday, April 27

9:30 am - noon

Grayling Baptist Church, Grayling

Local contact: Jo Seidler, office@pbami.com



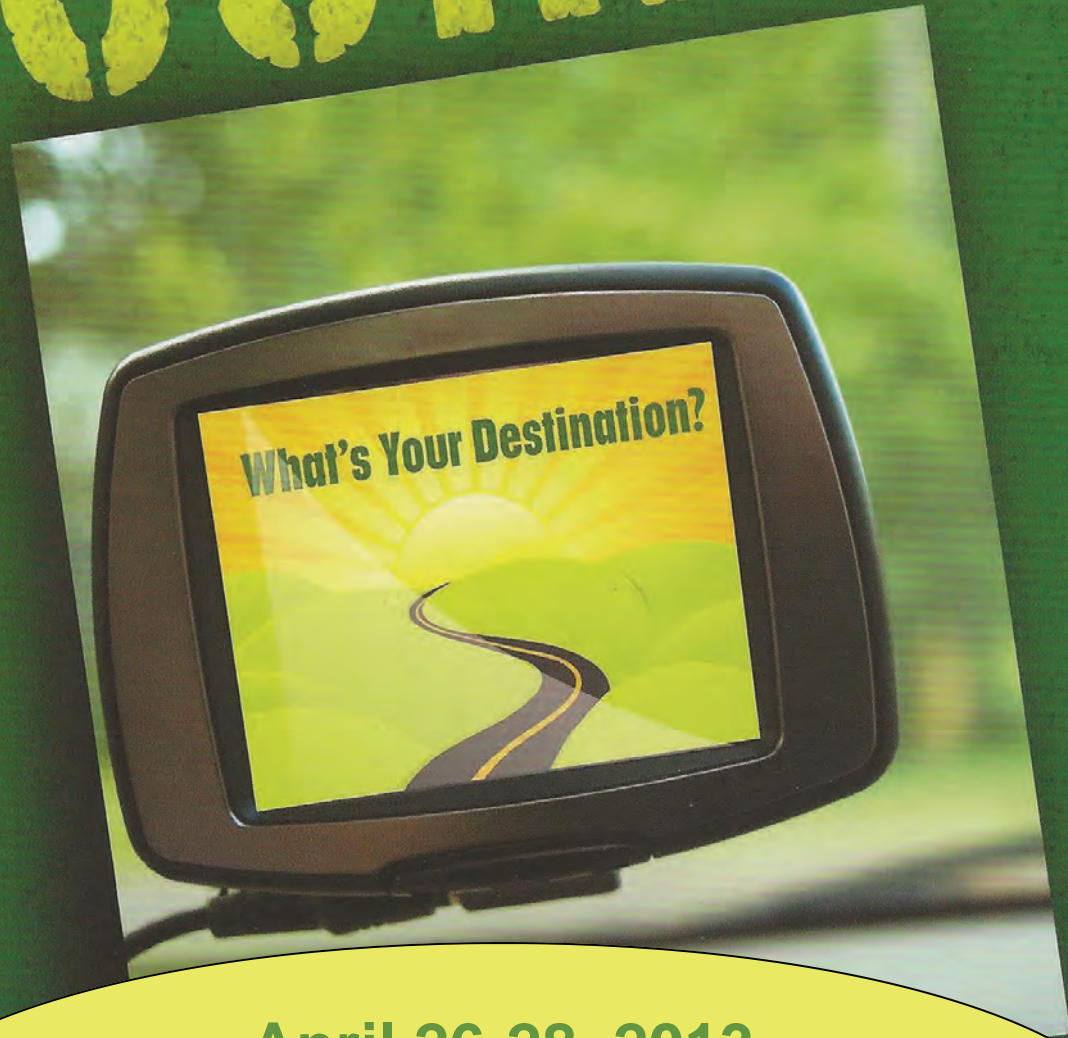
Discover ways to build an intentional, effective process for growing disciples in your church.

For registration and information go to www.michiganbaptists.org/church-strengthening/disciple-making or contact Bob Wood, bob@bscm.org.

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BASIC TRAINING

JOURNEY



April 26-28, 2013

For Church Starting Teams and
Revitalization of Existing Churches
Register @ www.Register.BSCM.org

WELCOME TO THE FRONT LINES

COURAGE REQUIRED



CHURCH PLANTER ASSESSMENT

- **WHERE:** Bambi Lake Retreat and Conference Center
- **WHEN:** April 26-27, 2013
- **COST:** \$295 Per Couple
- **HOW:** Register at www.assessment.BSCM.org
- For more information contact Marc Bewley at 586/530-7330 or email him at assessment@bscm.org

OPERATION

1-Day

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

Saturday, June 1, 2013

Metro Detroit, Flint & Saginaw

Project and registration information coming soon.
Contact cindy@bscm.org for more information.

What can you & God do in one day?



Metamorphosis Youth Camp

Where: *Bambi Lake Conference Center*

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

When: *June 17-21, 2013*

Cost: *\$155.00*

For more information go to www.michiganbaptists.org/church-strengthening/youth-ministry or contact Justin Miller (517-402-1095) or Dave Bauer (517-699-LIFE).

Your gifts through the Cooperative Program make this event possible.

HEARLESS

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
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

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.
Includes lodging, meals, materials, and T-shirt.

For more information, check out
www.michiganbaptists.org/church-strengthening/kids-ministry
or contact Bob Wood, bob@bscm.org, 810-714-1907.

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