



The Ministry of the Michigan Association of Regular Baptist Churches

The Michigan Association of Regular Baptist Churches came into existence on a state level in 1942 for the purpose of providing a medium of cooperation and fellowship among independent, fundamental, Baptist Churches of like faith in order to propagate and promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We presently have 205 churches and we emphasize the fact that we are a "fellowship" and each local congregation is autonomous in its own affairs and decision-making.

Our churches meet together on a state level once a year at our Annual Bible Conference. On the local level we have six regional fellowships that meet quarterly in their respective areas. These Fellowships are identified as the Western, Eastern, Southern, Northern, Central and Grand Rapids Association of Regular Baptist Churches. MARBC Ministries include a Talents For Christ competition, Bible Knowledge Quiz Program and Annual Men's Retreats. Several State Bible camps minister to the spiritual and physical needs of children, youth, adults and families.

The State Representative serves as a resource person for pastors and churches, speaking in some 40-50 churches each year. He is available for pulpit supply and Bible conference ministry and assists pastors and churches desiring to affiliate with our Fellowship.

The MARBC Council of Fifteen consists of nine members at large elected to three year terms from the fellowshipping churches and one representative from each of the area associations. This election takes place at the annual meeting. They assist in planning the annual conference and are available and most willing to help those who have need of biblical guidance.

Our MARBC is financially supported through the following avenues of giving: regular church support (approximately half of our churches have us on their budget), State Representative's ministry honorariums, annual conference offerings and church gifts, and special gifts from time to time from interested individuals.

Our state paper, The Baptist Testimony, is published monthly with a circulation of 8,500. Churches are encouraged to send news regularly and order enough copies to place in their Sunday bulletins. We invite you to pray for the ministry of the MARBC and our State Representative. Thank you very much.

M.A.R.B.C. COUNCIL OF FIFTEEN - 2008

- Rev. Bob McNeil, Chairman, Shelby Road Bapt., Shelby2008
- Rev. Mark Cizauskas, Treasurer, West Cannon Bapt., Belmont2010
- Rev. Jeff Burr, Secretary, Forest Hills Bapt., Grand RapidsRepresentative GRARBC
- Rev. Jim Howard, Vice Chairman, First Bapt., Cedar Springs2008
- Rev. Jack Dowden, Emmanuel Bapt., Flint2008
- Rev. Greg Carlson, First Bapt., Allegan2009
- Rev. Mike Eleveld, Berean Bapt., Portage2009
- Rev. Rob Laing, First Bapt., Rochester2009
- Rev. Bill Blount, Fellowship Bapt., East China2010
- Rev. James Hill, Bible Bapt., Ishpeming2010
- Rev. Hal Jankusky, Northwest Bapt., JacksonRepresentative SMARBC
- Rev. Jim Kester, First Bapt., OxfordRepresentative EMARBC
- Rev. Steve Ayers, Faith Bapt., BenzoniaRepresentative NARBC
- Rev. Aaron Hadley, First Bapt., EdmoreRepresentative CMARBC
- Rev. Steve Worth, Bethel Bapt., FruitportRepresentative WMARBC



WELCOME TO THE 66TH ANNUAL M.A.R.B.C. STATE CONFERENCE

In these challenging days of ministry and the difficult economic times in our state, wise choices regarding participation in events outside of your local church ministry are important. With this in mind, we have planned the annual conference to be one of great encouragement to you and of great benefit to your ministry.

This year's conference is being held at the facilities of First Baptist Church in Rochester Hills, Michigan. We extend to you our special invitation to join us for this significant and meaningful time for our network of churches in Michigan, as well as the attendance of guests from other like-minded ministries in our state.

The annual conference provides an opportunity for Biblical instruction relating to timely topics, ministry encouragement, and special fellowship for our MARBC family. Your participation at the conference is critically important for the viability of our fellowship as well as for your own connection with the exciting ministry opportunities that Christ is providing through our partnership.

The conference features the preaching and teaching ministry of two capable and effective servants of Christ. Dr. Jim Jeffery, *President of Baptist Bible College and Seminary*, brings to us a background of effective ministry as a pastor and competent leadership experience in Christian ministry. Pastor Randy Gilmore, *Senior Pastor of Hamilton Hills Baptist Church in Fishers, Indiana*, is being used of God not only in pastoral ministry but also in the realm of church conflict and crisis management.

A special feature of this year's conference is a panel discussion planned for Monday afternoon which will focus on "Leadership Issues in Ministry." On Tuesday morning, Ken will be leading an interactive session, similar to last year's conference, which will feature updates on MARBC ministries including exciting reports regarding the "CPR Initiatives" that have taken place this year. Any business items will also be cared for during this session.

A Season of Prayer will be held at the start of the Tuesday morning sessions. Last year's prayer times were a wonderful blessing. You are heartily encouraged to participate with us in this special time of prayer fellowship.

We are grateful for the ministry of our host church, First Baptist, who will provide nursery care and children's sessions (Kindergarten-6th grade) during the main sessions of the conference.

This year's conference has been designed to instruct, encourage, enrich, and invigorate. We encourage every friend of the MARBC to be in attendance!

Partnering with you and praying for you,
Ken and Sharon Floyd

☞ NEXT YEAR'S CONFERENCE ☞

October 26-27, 2009

Forest Hills Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, MI



BIBLICAL SERVANT LEADERSHIP



MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES

66TH ANNUAL MEETING

*"O Lord, I pray, please let your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who desire to fear Your name."
- Nehemiah 1:11*

Messages Related to Leadership Issues in the Local Church

Challenging Messages

Special Seminars for Men and Women

Sweet Fellowship

Children's Meetings

The CPR Initiative



October 27-28, 2008

First Baptist Church

Tom Townsend, Senior Pastor
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www.marbc.net

☞ CONFERENCE SPEAKERS ☞

Dr. Jim Jeffery

President, Baptist Bible College,
Graduate School, and Seminary
Clarks Summit, PA



We are pleased to welcome Dr. Jim Jeffery as this year's conference speaker. Jim serves as the President of *Baptist Bible College and Seminary*, a position he has held since 2001.

Jim and his wife, Bert, have 3 children and their spouses, and 8 grandchildren. Jim is a graduate of Baptist Bible College, Practical Bible College, Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary (M.R.E.), and has done doctoral studies at Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary, and Grace Theological Seminary. He was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree by Shepherds Seminary in Cary, North Carolina.

Jim served as a Baptist pastor for twenty-six years. He is well known in the MARBC fellowship, having previously served as senior pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Grand Rapids and as a member of the MARBC Council of 15.

A main characteristic of Jim's ministry at *BBC&S* is his emphasis upon Biblical servant leadership. The vision statement of the school summarizes Jim's passion: "Excellence in Biblical Education for Effectiveness in Ministry Leadership." He demonstrates a servant heart and a desire to serve God with humility and excellence. We are pleased to have Jim share as our keynote speaker on the subject of servant leadership, as well as participating in a panel discussion forum related to church leadership issues.



Rev. Randy Gilmore

Senior Pastor
Hamilton Hills Baptist Church
Fishers, Indiana

Pastor Randy Gilmore has been the Senior Pastor of Hamilton Hills Baptist Church, in the suburbs of Indianapolis, since 1993. He pastored churches in Pennsylvania and Michigan before returning to his

home state of Indiana. Randy and his wife, Dale, have five sons, and a daughter-in-law.

Randy is a graduate of Baptist Bible College in Clarks Summit, PA and Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI. He is currently enrolled in a Doctor of Religious Studies program through Trinity Seminary, Newburgh, IN.

Randy's other interests include writing and editing. He also serves on the board of an international missions organization and has been instrumental in increasing Hamilton Hills' participation in foreign missions interaction and support. He has traveled around the world assisting missions teams in developing cooperative leadership and team building.

Randy's interest in mediation and conflict management began while he was in graduate school at Western Michigan University. Since then, he has been involved in numerous mediations, both secular and ministry-related, in several countries. He is a frequent speaker in conflict management and leadership training seminars. He is the author of the new book, "Where Do We Go From Here – The Path to Biblically Resolving Conflict." He also has an internet blog relating to Biblical conflict resolution, www.same-mind.net.

Randy will be speaking on the topic of Biblical conflict resolution in two "super-seminar" sessions during the conference, as well as contributing to a panel discussion forum related to church leadership issues.

Rev. Ken Floyd

State Representative
Michigan Association of Regular Baptist Churches
Grand Rapids, MI



Ken Floyd became the State Representative of the Michigan Association of Regular Baptist Churches (MARBC) in October 2006. His wife, Sharon, serves as the office manager for the MARBC. The Floyds were married on November 20, 1976. They have a daughter and son-in-law, Allison and Taylor Helmick, who live in Massillon, Ohio.

After attending Cedarville College and Grace Theological Seminary, Ken served as a senior pastor for over 25 years, including over 13 years at North Park Baptist Church in Grand Rapids. Ken serves as a member of the trustee boards of Baptist Bible College and Seminary in Clarks Summit, PA; Closed Door Ministries in Grand Rapids; and the West Michigan Mission Consortium. He is a frequent conference speaker and has authored several articles and a book.

Ken speaks regularly in churches throughout Michigan. Additionally, he conducts seminars related to leadership, prayer, church ministry, and stewardship. He serves as a consultant to churches in the area of pastoral placement, leadership training, strategic planning, and conflict resolution. He also counsels pastors in areas of ministry and personal need.

☞ CONFERENCE PERSONNEL ☞



Host Church
Senior Pastor
Rev. Tom Townsend
Senior Pastor,
First Baptist Church
Rochester, MI



Worship Leader
Rev. Mark Cizauskas
Executive Pastor,
West Cannon
Baptist Church
Belmont, MI



Council of
Fifteen Chairman
Rev. Bob McNeil
Senior Pastor, Shelby
Road Baptist Church
Shelby, MI

☞ MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2008 ☞

- 9:00–10:30 a.m. **Registration** and Refreshments
10:30 a.m. **General Session** – Jim Jeffery
11:30 a.m. **Lunch** in local restaurants
1:15 p.m. **General Session** – Ken Floyd
2:30 p.m. **Super Seminar #1** – Randy Gilmore
Biblical Conflict Resolution, Part 1
"The Process for Biblical Same Mindedness"
Ladies Seminar #1 – First Baptist, Rochester ladies
3:40 p.m. **Super Seminar #2** – Panel Discussion on
Church Leadership Issues
(Ladies Seminar continues)
4:45 p.m. **Dinner** in local restaurants
7:00 p.m. **General Session** – Jim Jeffery
8:15 p.m. **Reception** – immediately after the conclusion
of the General Session (Baptist Bible College and
Seminary Reception, including MARBC New
Pastors and Wives Fellowship)

☞ TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2008 ☞

- 9:00 a.m. **Season of Prayer**
9:30 a.m. **General Session** – Jim Jeffery
10:30 a.m. **MARBC Hour**
11:30 a.m. **Lunch** in local restaurants
(C-15 members & wives appreciation lunch
at area restaurant)
1:15 p.m. **Super Seminar #3** – Randy Gilmore
Biblical Conflict Resolution, Part 2
"The Dynamics for Change"
Ladies Seminar #2 – First Baptist, Rochester ladies
2:30 p.m. **General Session** – Jim Jeffery
A note regarding children: A nursery is available for pre-school
children during the main sessions of the conference. Children's
Sessions are available during the main sessions for those in
Kindergarten through 6th grade.

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