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The Word Has It

Ken Floyd
MARBC Executive Director

“Strengthen me according to Your word,”

— Psalm 119:28

“Aroma”

When deep-sea divers were searching the wreckage of the ocean liner Titanic several years ago, among the items recovered was a leather case containing 40 small vials of perfume oil. The little bottles, which probably would have been sold in New York as the ingredients for cologne, belonged to a businessman from Manchester, England. When they pulled the case from the water, the fragrance of the oils filled the air, even after being submerged for almost a century.

“To smell something that smells the same as it did on the Titanic before it went down is simply incredible,” said Graham Jessop, an expert in the retrieval of such artifacts. That must have been a high quality perfume. Like the old Brylcreem commercials of early television claimed, “A little dab will do ya.” The quality of that perfume allowed for an undeniable and unavoidable aroma of wonderful fragrance.

One time a woman slipped into the dining room after dinner, carrying a small vial. She broke it open and poured it on the head of the honored guest. The room was filled with the smell of very expensive perfume. “What a waste,” some of the guests said. “We could have sold that and helped the poor.” (The perfume cost almost a year’s pay.) But, the man she anointed cut their complaints short. “She’s done a beautiful thing. When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. I tell you the truth, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.” And indeed it has!

The woman in the story was Mary of the village of Bethany and her story is shared

in *John 12:1-8*. Because of her love for Jesus, Mary risked rebuke from the crowd and gave the very best she had. Her motives were as pure as the oil she offered. Even now, two thousand years later, her sacrifice is still remembered. And the aroma of her sacrifice is as sweet now as it was then.

Jesus calls us to give our best – our best love, our best service, our best offering. *2 Corinthians 2:15* shares, “For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.” Christians are further admonished in *Ephesians 5:2* to “walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given

Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.”

In our consumer oriented world, we may sometimes wonder if it’s really worth it. Does anyone really know or care about our sacrifices to God’s service? God does. Our service is a sweet-smelling sacrifice to Him. And because it is offered to Him, it will always be remembered. “Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” (*1 Corinthians 15:58*) Now, doesn’t that make you want to give a lot more than you are right now? He deserves it. And He will notice!

— You have His Word on it! (KEF)



“REAL HOPE FOR A TROUBLED WORLD” 67TH MARBC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dr. Jim Grier and Dr. Hantz Bernard, Keynote Speakers

Monday-Tuesday, October 26-27, 2009

Forest Hills Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

9:00-10:00 a.m. **Registration and Refreshments**

10:00 a.m. **General Session** – Dr. Hantz Bernard, *Christ, the Supreme Subject of our Service to the World*

11:30 a.m. **Lunch** in local restaurants

1:30 p.m. **Workshops**

Dave Turner – *Hermeneutics and Preaching*

Mel Walker – *Reaching and Ministering to a Postmodern Generation*

Peggy Walker – *How to Keep Your Fruit from Falling When Your Tree is Being Shaken (Dealing with Difficult People)*

2:45 p.m. **Break and Displays**

3:15 p.m. **Workshops**

George Coon – *Homiletics in Today’s Ministry*

Mel Walker – *What the Church Must Learn from Youth Ministry*

Peggy Walker – *The Best Life Ever! (God’s Word in Your Life)*

4:30 p.m. **Dinner in local restaurants**

7:00 p.m. **General Session** – Dr. James Grier, *Christ is the Hope of a Troubled World! (Creation to John the Baptist)*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

9:00 a.m. **Season of Prayer**

9:30 a.m. **MARBC Family Session** – Rev. Ken Floyd, *The MARBC Vision – Taking the Hope of Christ to a Troubled Michigan / Ministry Reports / Council of 15 election*

11:30 a.m. **Lunch** in local restaurants

(C-15 hosts a new pastors and wives luncheon at Forest Hills Baptist Church)

1:15 p.m. **Workshops**

Hantz Bernard – *Come Over and (let us tell you how to really) Help Us!*

Mel Walker – *Mentoring: Building Intentional Intergenerational Connections*

Peggy Walker – *Come Walk with Me (A Strategy for Mentoring Women)*

Bill Crane – *Caring for the Body Ministries*

2:30 p.m. **Break**

2:45 p.m. **General Session** – Dr. James Grier, *Christ is the Hope of a Troubled World! (Incarnation to Consummation)*

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MARBC NEWS & NOTES

ALLEDALE, ALLEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH (JONATHAN DECOU, PASTOR)

— Jonathan DeCou is the new lead Pastor at Allendale Baptist Church. His training at Moody Bible Institute in their three-year diploma program in Music and Broadcast Communication, along with his nearly 25 years of significant and successful experience in several churches across the country uniquely equips him for the diverse needs of the Allendale Baptist family and the community they find themselves trying to reach.

He states his passion in life this way: "The Lord has me on an exciting and fulfilling journey to invite people



Pastor Jonathan DeCou

to participate in redemptive relationships with Him, His people and the unchurched for His Kingdom's sake! Through my family, my teaching/communicating gifts and my call as a pastor/shepherd I will exceptionally and excellently declare God's glory, build up the Body of Christ locally and abroad, and point the lost to Christ." Jonathan considers his wife, Shari, and their five children, Carissa, Christopher, Cameron, Connor and Cullen, among his most significant benefits in life. He enjoys reading, writing, swimming, photography and bicycling.

BATTLE CREEK, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH (BRIAN SPENCER, PASTOR) —

On Sunday, August 2, 2009, Calvary Baptist Church celebrated the faithful ministry of Senior Pastor Brian E. Spencer.

Pastor Spencer retired from shepherding the congregation at Calvary after 28 years of ministry there and over 50 years of total pastoral ministry. He and his wife, Sharon, arrived with their children, Lynne, Dan and Jill and began their ministry at Calvary on August 2, 1981. Sharon Spencer went home to be with her Lord and Savior on June 16, 2006.

During a combined Sunday School hour, Pastor Spencer reflected and reminisced regarding his ministry experience at Calvary. The often humorous session included comments from church members and former pastoral staff members.



Calvary Baptist children share a song about their Pastor

For his final sermon, which was shared in the morning worship service, Pastor Spencer preached regarding Christ's message to the churches of Asia Minor from Revelation 2-3. A special children's choir shared a song about their pastor, the church choir sang a selection that was one of the pastor's favorites, and there were other special musical numbers shared. All of the songs that were sung during the service were chosen by Pastor Spencer for the occasion.



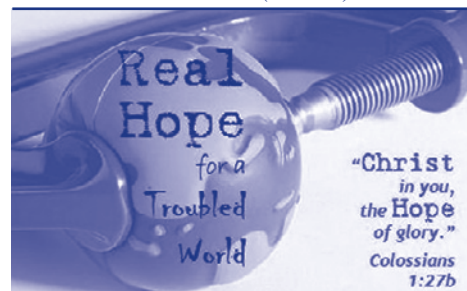
Brian Spencer preaches his final sermon as Calvary's pastor

A wonderful catered luncheon followed the morning service. During the meal time a video tribute to Pastor Spencer was played on several monitors throughout the church facility. The tribute included testimonies of current and former members of Calvary expressing their appreciation for their Pastor's ministry.

A Retirement Celebration Service was held in the afternoon. A beautiful prelude featured a piano duet by music director Judy Cary and her son, Tim. Long time Calvary deacon, David Spear, served as the emcee for the afternoon. The service included two musical selections shared by a special choir comprised of current and past choir members. Special music was also shared by several groups and ensembles, including a solo by Pastor Spencer (who would often break into song during his sermon.) A video that highlighted the 28 year ministry of Pastor Brian and Sharon Spencer at Calvary was then presented.

Special testimonies were shared by Pastor Scott Church (former staff member and current pastor at Trinity Baptist Church in *(continued on next page)*

THE WORD HAS IT *(continued)*



This year's conference speakers are Dr. James Grier (Grand Rapids Theological Seminary) and Dr. Hantz Bernard (Bibles International). Several workshop tracts are also included in the conference. Mel Walker, president of Vision for Youth ministries, will lead three sessions dealing with ministry to the next generation. Mel's wife, Peggy Walker, will lead three sessions related to women's ministries. Dr. David Turner and Dr. George Coon will lead workshops for pastors related to effective sermon preparation. Bill Crane, who served for several years as pastor at Victory Baptist Church in Sand Lake, will share a workshop dealing with personal health issues. Bill had to resign due to health issues related to Type II Diabetes. He has used his illness as an opportunity to share with groups a Biblical perspective on health.

A special Tuesday morning MARBC family session will be led by Ken Floyd, who will also speak on the Future Vision of the MARBC fellowship. Conference packets with information, recommended lodging, and registration forms have been mailed and should be in your mailbox by early September. Information is also posted on the MARBC website (www.marbc.net).

Deanna Miller, missionary with Child Evangelism Fellowship of Greater Detroit and a member of First Baptist Church in Rochester, will lead the children's sessions for children in Kindergarten through sixth grade. Along with Biblical teaching, she leads the children in creative craft sessions. Nursery care will also be provided.

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Muskegon), Dr. Daniel Spencer (Brian's son, who spoke for the family), Pastor Don Jackson, Jr. (current associate pastor at Calvary), and Pastor Ken Floyd (MARBC Executive Director).



Dan Spencer gives a tribute regarding his father

Randy Cary, deacon chairman at Calvary, led a segment in the service titled "Presentation of Gifts." Several gifts were given by the church family to Pastor Spencer. As each gift was presented, a different grandchild of Pastor Brian participated in bringing the gift to their grandfather. One gift was a memory book prepared by the Calvary children that contained drawings and pictures done by the children.

A monetary love gift of over \$10,000 that was received from the church family and friends was also presented to the pastor. A special trip to the Mediterranean to visit Biblical sites, scheduled for late in the year, was funded with part of this gift. To her surprise, Pastor Spencer announced that he will be chaperoned on this trip by his granddaughter, Cassie, who helped present him the gift. Finally, the church presented their retiring pastor with the key to his new retirement house. Assisting with the presentation of the key was the former owner of the home, who then gave a wonderful rendition of "Bless this House, O Lord, We Pray."

Honoring the retiring pastor's request, a cake and punch reception was held after the retirement service. Pastor Brian is to be commended for his faithful and fruitful service for God's glory. The Calvary Baptist Church family is commended for the wonderful way that they have celebrated their pastor's ministry in "giving honor to whom honor [is due]" (Romans 13:7).

CHEBOYGAN, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH (JIM CURRIE, PASTOR) – Faith Baptist Church held an installation service and welcome reception for new associate pastor Tony Barber and his wife, Sarah, on Sunday, August 23. Tony is a graduate of Baptist Bible College and Grand Rapids

Theological Seminary. He recently completed a pastoral internship at Alpine Baptist Church in Comstock Park, MI. Tony's former pastor, Dave Sims (First Baptist Church in Lowell, MI) gave the installation charge. Pastor Jim Currie, the senior pastor at Faith Baptist, also shared in the service.



Pastor Tony and Sarah Barber



Tony and Sarah Barber (center) with Pastor and Mrs. Jim Currie (left) and Pastor and Mrs. Dave Sims (right) at Cheboygan installation

FLINT, SOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH – On Sunday evening, May 3, South Baptist Church held a special service for the purpose of ordaining Pastor Don Chapin. Pastor Don has served as Pastor of Student Ministries at the church for 7 years. An ordination council made up of area pastors met with Pastor Don on Friday, May 1 after which a unanimous recommendation was made to the church to proceed with ordination. The service included a challenge from Pastor Don's Youth Pastor, Bud Hall who is currently Pastoring in Long Island, NY. Fellow Pastors Larry Burk and William Payne also took part in leading the service. Many family members were able to attend the service. A reception followed the service and a love offering was taken to enable Pastor Don to purchase books for his library. Pastor Don and



Don Chapin ordination service at South Baptist Church

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THE THIRD ANNUAL MARBC DAY OF "ONE ACCORD" PRAYER

"They raised their voice to God in one accord" Acts 4:24

September 27, 2009

Purpose: a day for MARBC churches to devote their attention to prayer for our churches, pastors, camps, ministries, missionaries, and special needs.

Ideas for Participation:

- **Preach and teach on the topic of prayer** in worship services, Sunday School, ABFs, and small groups. I.e., a study of the Disciple's Prayer in Matthew 5; prayers recorded in the Bible, the qualities of prayer, hindrances to prayer, etc.
- **Plan a 24-hour prayer marathon or other prayer event** leading up to Sunday. Materials on planning a prayer marathon and other prayer events are available from the MARBC office.
- **Join with a sister church or churches in your area** for a Sunday evening prayer service and/or "concert of prayer."
- **Take a moment during the morning worship service to pray** for the churches, pastors, camps, missionaries, and ministries of the MARBC. Pray also for sister churches in your area. Every church in the MARBC fellowship is encouraged to pause at the 11:00 a.m. hour on September 27 to come before the Lord praying in "one accord." While worship and service times vary in our churches, most of our churches are assembled in some ministry setting at the 11:00 a.m. hour. This would also be a good time for deacons and/or other church members to pray on behalf of their pastors in anticipation of Pastor Appreciation Month in October. If you cannot pray as a group at 11:00 a.m., pray at a time that would be most appropriate for your setting.
- **Use the special Day of Prayer to focus upon the ministries of the MARBC.** Bulletin inserts, prayer cards and other literature are available to download at www.marbc.net or by contacting the MARBC office. Some MARBC churches receive a special love offering on behalf of the MARBC. The MARBC ministry office and Executive Director are supported by the love gifts from churches in the fellowship.
- **Contact the MARBC office** for additional information and/or materials regarding prayer initiatives for your church.

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his wife Laurie are blessed with 4 boys: Joshua, Jackson, Jason, Joseph. Congratulations Pastor Don!

FENTON, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (JOSH GATES, PASTOR) – Pastor Zachery Dawson was licensed to the gospel ministry by First Baptist Church on August 9. Pastor Zach has served as an associate pastor since January. Josh Gates, senior pastor, comments, “Pastor Zach has definitely displayed that God has gifted him for the work of the ministry. He preached a passionate message about radical humility at his recognition service.” The service was followed by a Taco bar dinner in honor of Pastor Zack and his wife, Jessica, which was prepared by the women’s ministry. The Dawsons were married in June.



The Dawsons and the First Baptist deacons

OWOSSO, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH – Fourteen teens and five adults from Calvary Baptist Church, Owosso, took a missions trip through TEAMEffort to Hedgesville, WV, July 19th – 25th. They spent most of their week working on the home of a needy family in the area. During their time there, they were able to re-side the house, prime and paint it, and replace a load-bearing wall that had been devoured by termites. They also spent time interacting and getting to know the family that resided there. The group worked well together and accomplished their goals. Randy Peterson, associate pastor, states, “It was great to see a group of young people, with little experience, pull together and do such a phenomenal job for the glory of God. The family was very appreciative and



Calvary Owosso youth missions team

could not understand why a group would travel all the way from Michigan and be such a blessing to their family.” Towards the end of the week, the group also enjoyed some free time, including whitewater rafting down the Shenandoah River in Virginia and floating on tubes down the Potomac River in Maryland.



Calvary Owosso renovation team



Calvary Owosso paint crew

PLAINWELL, ORANGEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH (DAN BOWMAN, PASTOR) – Rory and Kristy Moore were commissioned by Orangeville Baptist Church to minister in Togo, Africa on Sunday, May 3. Along with their sons, Davis and Austin, the Moores will be serving in ABWE’s school for the



Rory and Kristy Moore commissioning reception



Orangeville Baptist Church DVBS mission team

blind. They are currently at the 30% support level and are eager to present this special ministry in churches. Rory is also available to assist churches in how to set up a budget.

Orangeville Baptist teens and adults ministered in Indianapolis on July 23-31. They helped lead the Vacation Bible School week long ministry at the International Baptist Church and also assisted in making new contacts for the church in the community.

WAKEFIELD, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH (TOM BAUDER, PASTOR) – Pastor Tom Bauder shares a couple of updates regarding this ministry located in the western Upper Peninsula –

“We held our VBS this week and it was fantastic! When two possibilities for assistance did not work out we decided to do it “on our own” with God’s help. We had over 35 registered and 30 was the high attendance. We took an offering for the Roman family, missionaries in Minnesota with Continental Baptist Missions and will be able to send them a check for \$500. The girls and boys competed by bringing pennies and they were weighed. One girl brought over 75 pounds on one day!”

“Calvary Baptist enjoyed a 56th Anniversary Picnic on August 16 and it was a great day. We had a wonderful group for our Morning Worship Service with several visitors. Following the Morning Worship most traveled the six blocks to the park for a picnic. Although it was rainy and windy, we all had a wonderful time in the Park Pavilion. We praise God for His blessing these 56 years and look forward to 56 more, if He should tarry. We have had visitors in 9 of the last 10 weeks, many of whom are from the local area. We have also seen our numbers slowly climbing and some visitors becoming ‘regulars.’ God is blessing this summer and we praise Him for it!”

“For Your Strengthening” – UPDATE! *Work is currently being finalized on setting up the e-delivery format for this newest MARBC publication. The first issue should be sent out in October. This new publication will be sent out quarterly as an e-mail and downloadable publication. The focus of “For Your Strengthening” will be encouragement and practical help for those involved in ministry. “For Your Strengthening” will be sent out in months opposite of the publication of the Baptist Testimony. Subscriptions for this publication are free, but subscribers will need to send their email address to marbcken@aol.com in order to be placed on the special mailing list.*

GRACE HISPANIC BAPTIST BIBLE CHURCH

A SPECIAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

An eleventh anniversary Sunday celebration was held by Grace Hispanic Baptist Bible Church (GHBBC) on Sunday afternoon, August 23. The service was held in the facilities of Rice Lake Baptist Church with approximately 150 in attendance. Rice Lake has partnered with GHBBC in allowing them to conduct services in their facility since 1998. Special music was presented by the church children and teens. Congregational music was sung in both Spanish and English. Ken Floyd, MARBC Executive Director, was invited to be the keynote speaker and shared a Biblical message related to the subject of "grace." Five adults made public decisions for Christ. An adult man who recently received Christ as Savior participated in believer's baptism at the close of the service. A special fellowship meal was held on the church grounds following the service.



Children's choir at Grace Hispanic celebration

La Iglesia Hispana Bautista Biblica de la Gracia (GHBBS) is led by Pastor Isidro "Pepe" Morales, a native of Mexico, who came to Michigan with his wife, Rosina, and their three children over a decade ago. The Morales came with the burden to start a church for the many Hispanic migrants and the year round residents who have relocated from Mexico to west Michigan to work in the orchards and farms. Pastor Morales reflected on the early years of Grace's ministry sharing that at the first Sunday service his family members were the only people in attendance. The first services of the church were in an "open air" format in the summertime, with the PA system and music actually being an improvised "karaoke" machine.



Baptismal service at Grace Hispanic celebration

When Pastor Dan Fullmer and the members of Rice Lake Baptist Church learned of the need of their sister church, they invited them to utilize their church facilities.

Grace Hispanic's ministry has grown extensively over the past several years. The church has a strong focus on evangelism and an emphasis on growing believers in Christ. The church has Sunday services, Sunday school, weekly discipleship classes and correspondence classes. Spanish and English interpreting is provided with the ministries. A Daily Vacation Bible School was held in early August with an average daily attendance of 110 children. 140 children were in attendance for the closing program along with over 40 adults.

Ten years ago, Pastor Pepe was invited to begin preaching Spanish services in the county jail at White Cloud. The church was chartered by the State of Michigan six years ago. Three years ago the church was invited to start broadcasting a half hour radio program every Sunday morning on 1530-AM in Grand Rapids. The program is called "Palabras de Gracia y Vida" ("Words of Grace and Life"). The church has received many responses as a result of the program.



Pastor Pepe and Rosina Morales



A new Baptist picnic idea – tortillas!



Every Baptist celebration has to include food!

A few years ago, God graciously provided the church with 12.22 acres of land in the Grant area. Pastor Morales came in contact with a widow who, when the pastor inquired of her if she knew of any available acreage in her area replied, "My late husband and I have prayed for years that part of our property would be used for a new church." She went on to state that they had decided not to publicize their burden but instead wait upon God to send them the ones who would have the opportunity to use the property! Grace Hispanic was able to purchase the land at a very nominal price.



Grace Hispanic Baptist Church building plan

The church plans to build a new church facility on the new property in order to serve God and to train Hispanic men to plant and lead Bible-believing Hispanic churches wherever God may call them. The special building project is called, "Arise and Build." The project includes a church building, picnic pavilion, playground, and soccer field. The church's goal is to break ground on the project in the spring of 2010 and is seeking additional funding from churches and individuals in order to start on schedule. The church has saved about \$70,000 for this project. Several sister churches, including some from the MARBC, have helped with the early development of this property. They have also partnered with the church in many of its outreach efforts.

We would encourage our MARBC family to consider partnering with GHBBC in this exciting church planting project. If you would like additional information regarding the church's ministry and the building project, contact Grace Hispanic Baptist Bible Church, PO Box 108, Grant, MI 49327, 231.834.7550 or 231.834.1768. Or you may contact the MARBC office.

MARBC Messenger – The *MARBC Messenger* is a regular informational e-mail communication from the MARBC office to our pastors and churches. This e-mail includes special prayer requests and information items related to the churches, pastors, and ministries of the MARBC. Several MARBC Messengers are sent out frequently from the MARBC office. If you have not received MARBC emails recently, be sure to contact marbcken@aol.com or marbcsaron@aol.com to be placed on the email list. Thank you!

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September

- 3 - Pastor & Mrs. Andy Burak, First Bapt., Lapeer – 15 years!
- 5 - Pastor & Mrs. James Barrett, First Bapt., Carson City
- 5 - Rev. Ken & Margy Riley, Lake Ann Camp
- 6 - Pastor & Mrs. David Somers, First Bapt., Vassar
- 7 - Pastor & Mrs. David Henriksen, Interpas Ministries, Grand Rapids
- 7 - Pastor & Mrs. Matt Moser, Calvary Bapt., Kalkaska
- 7 - Pastor & Mrs. David Oberst, Lansing Ave. Bapt., Jackson – 35 years!
- 8 - Pastor & Mrs. Ken Pierpont, Jr., Evangel Bapt., Taylor – 30 years!
- 9 - Pastor & Mrs. Tom Randall, Kingsley
- 10 - Pastor & Mrs. Brian Knight, Bethany Bapt., Dollar Bay
- 10 - Pastor & Mrs. Paul Lamberson, Kentwood Bapt., Kentwood
- 12 - Pastor & Mrs. Mark Sterken, Shelby Rd. Bapt., Shelby
- 12 - Pastor & Mrs. Greg Carlson, First Bapt., Allegan
- 12 - Pastor & Mrs. Eric Sass, First Bapt., North Adams
- 17 - Pastor & Mrs. Tim Vine, First Bapt., Middleville – 15 years!
- 18 - Pastor & Mrs. Chad Vitarelli, Calvary Bapt., G.R. – 10 years!
- 20 - Pastor & Mrs. Steve Nichols, Berean Bapt., Portage
- 21 - Pastor & Mrs. Brian Myers, South Bapt., Bay City
- 21 - Pastor & Mrs. Ken Vanderwest, Kent City Bapt., Kent City

October

- 1 - Pastor & Mrs. John Wood, St. Louis - 60 years!
- 1 - Pastor & Mrs. Stephen Ayers, Faith Bapt., Benzonia
- 2 - Pastor & Mrs. Craig Perry, Forest Hills Bapt., G.R.
- 3 - Pastor & Mrs. Daryl Crawford, Oakfield Bapt., Rockford – 15 years!
- 4 - Pastor & Mrs. Jeff England, Victory Bapt., Sand Lake
- 4 - Pastor & Mrs. Tim Yankee, Calvary Bapt., Ludington
- 5 - Pastor & Mrs. Terry Fulk, Calvary Bapt., Fruitport
- 9 - Pastor & Mrs. Mike Brayton, Kingsley Bapt., Kingsley
- 10 - Pastor & Mrs. Brad Lambright, Marlette Bapt., Marlette
- 13 - Pastor & Mrs. Andy Brubaker, First Bapt., Portland
- 15 - Pastor & Mrs. Jerry Dorman, Berean Bapt., Livonia
- 20 - Pastor & Mrs. Larry Burk, South Bapt., Flint – 25 years!
- 26 - Pastor & Mrs. Josh Fisher, Kent City Bapt., Kent City

May your marriage and ministry be
marked by God's guidance and blessing!

KEN'S ROAD REPORT

- Aug. 30 First Baptist Church, Portland
- Aug. 31 Grace Baptist Church, Marshall, search committee meeting
- Sep. 4 Josh Gates ordination council, Fenton
- Sep. 8 SMARBC Quarterly Meeting, St. Joe Baptist Church, Homer
- Sep. 9 GRARBC Breakpoint Meeting, Highland Hills Baptist Church, Grand Rapids
- Sep. 11-12 MARBC Leadership Retreat, Gull Lake Conference Center
- Sep. 13 Calvary Baptist Church, Owosso, a.m. service
- Sep. 14 EMARBC Regional Meeting, First Baptist Church, Caro
- Sep. 15 MARBC Council of 15 meeting, Lansing
- Sep. 19 Closed Door Ministries board meeting, Belmont
- Sep. 20 South Baptist Church, Flint, a.m. service
- Sep. 21-23 Baptist Bible College and Seminary board meeting, Clarks Summit, PA
- Sep. 27 South Baptist Church, Flint
- Oct. 1 WMARBC Regional Meeting, Cloverdale Baptist Church, Fruitport
- Oct. 3 Good News Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, men's prayer breakfast
- Oct. 4 Good News Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, missions conference
- Oct. 7 Ministry Seminar, St. Charles, IL
- Oct. 10 North Park Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, 100th Anniversary Banquet
- Oct. 11 North Park Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, 100th Anniversary Sunday
- Oct. 14 GRARBC Breakpoint, Kent City Baptist Church, Kent City
- Oct. 18 Hesperia Baptist Church, Hesperia, missions conference
- Oct. 25 First Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant
- Oct. 26-27 MARBC Annual Conference, Forest Hills Baptist Church, Grand Rapids
- Nov. 1 First Baptist Church, Holland
- Nov. 3 Interpas Meeting, West Cannon Baptist Church, Belmont
- Nov. 6-7 First Baptist Church, Rochester (Missions Conference speaker)
- Nov. 8 First Baptist Church, Rochester

Ken still has a few open dates at the end of 2009 and is now scheduling for 2010. Contact him if you would like him to speak or minister in your church.

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