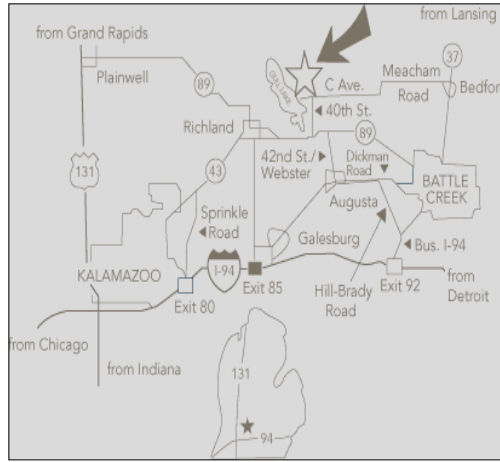


Church Strengthening Seminar
MARBC
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Directions



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Michigan Association of Regular Baptist Churches



The Michigan Association of Regular Baptist Churches (MARBC) exists to foster the mutual unity, partnership, and enrichment of its churches.

MARBC CHURCH STRENGTHENING SEMINAR

Strengthening the Deacon-Pastor Relationship



Servant Leadership in
the Local Church

Gull Lake Retreat Center
September 11-12, 2009



The purpose of this overnight seminar is to provide training for deacons and pastors in the biblical principles and methods of meeting the needs of people through the church's ministry. The seminar will be helpful for pastors, deacons, current and potential leaders.

Seminar Schedule ...

Friday, September 11

5-7 p.m. **Arrival and Check-in at the Fellowship Center**

(Those arriving early can enjoy the Gull Lake grounds)

7 p.m. **Session 1—The Mandate for Caring Ministries**

8 p.m. **Break**

8:10 p.m. **Session 2—The Methods and Means for Caring Ministries**

9:15 p.m. **Snack Time**

10 p.m. **Group Huddles**

Saturday, September 12

8 a.m. **Breakfast**

9 a.m. **Session 3—The Deacon/Pastor Leadership Dilemma**

10:15 a.m. **Break & check-out**

10:45 a.m. **Session 4—A Biblical Decision-Making Model**

Noon **Lunch & Wrap-up**

The seminar fee covers the cost of the Friday night lodging and snack, Saturday breakfast and lunch, and all seminar materials. All meals are prepared by the Gull Lake staff.

**Dr. Howard Bixby
Seminar Speaker**

Dr. Howard Bixby, is the former Vice President for Seminary Academics and Dean of Baptist Bible Seminary in Clarks Summit, PA. Dr. Bixby is a former MARBC pastor.



He now partners with Dr. Milo Thompson in an endeavor called *ChristWay Ministries*.

As a consultant serving with *ChristWay Ministries*, Dr. Bixby assists churches and pastors in "Building Dynamic Growing Churches Christ's Way". His 45 years of ministry experience include:

- 📖 Serving as a pastor
- 📖 Leading a seminary
- 📖 Teaching as a professor
- 📖 Building, leading, and teaching growing adult classes
- 📖 Raising four children, including two sons and a son-in-law who are serving as pastors
- 📖 Writing and recording church training materials & seminars
- 📖 Consulting with churches and pastors to help them be effective for God

Dr Bixby brings a passion for healthy, outreach focused, growing churches to his sessions. He specializes in Leadership, Strategic Planning, Church Growth, and Outreach Evangelism. Thousands of pastors and lay leaders have enjoyed and grown through his teaching and advising ministry. His seminars bring a vibrant reality to life and ministry.

Church leadership teams can come as a group and take advantage of the retreat setting for team building and encouragement.

Registration Form

One form per person

The cost of the seminar is \$85 per person (payable to the MARBC). However, if you reserve your group's spot by September 1, you pay only \$70 per person! A registration fee of \$30 per person is due with the registration form.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Church: _____

Full Retreat Fee—\$85.00 per person _____

Discounted Retreat Fee (if paid by September 1)
\$70.00 per person _____

Minimum Deposit—\$30.00 _____
(Balance is due upon arrival but may be paid up front)

Total Enclosed _____

Balance Due at Retreat _____
(Checks should be made payable to: MARBC)

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Mail Registration and Checks to:

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