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The Word Has It

Ken Floyd
MARBC Executive Director

*“Strengthen me according
to Your word,”*

— Psalm 119:28

“Bridge”

Often our road trips in Michigan afford us a luxury that people up to a half century ago could not take advantage of – a journey into Michigan’s Upper Peninsula and back via the Mackinac Bridge. No matter how many times you cross its magnificent five mile span, you are amazed by this amazing structure and its impact upon the region.

According to the Mackinac Bridge Authority website, the Mackinac Bridge is currently the longest suspension bridge in the western hemisphere and the third longest suspension bridge in the world. The bridge, which opened to traffic on November 1, 1957, is five miles long and contains 42,000 miles of wire in its main cables. The height of the roadway at mid-span is approximately 200 feet above water level.

All suspension bridges are designed to move to accommodate wind, change in temperature, and weight. It is possible that the deck at center span could move as much as 35 feet (east or west) due to high winds. This would only happen under severe wind conditions. The deck would not swing or sway but rather move slowly in one direction based on the force and direction of the wind. After the wind subsides, the weight of the vehicles crossing would slowly move it back into center position. For more information, visit <http://www.mackinacbridge.org/history-of-the-bridge>.

When I was a pastor in Grand Rapids, it was our joy to have a couple as members of our church who were retired church planting missionaries. During our visits with them, they loved to tell us about their past days of service for Christ in pioneer church work in Michigan’s northland region and to show us pictures and memorabilia from their ministry there. They told us of the isolation they experienced during the long winters and how the area changed in their later days of

ministry. When questioned about what changed things in those later years they quickly responded, “Oh, the bridge changed everything.” Indeed, the building of the Mackinac Bridge opened up that beautiful region to many people who had never experienced it before.

It’s amazing the difference a bridge can make. Bridges make it possible to cross dangerous passages or normally uncrossable chasms. As a result, places and people who were once disconnected have the capability of connection. And for those fearful of the passage over such a structure, special services are offered. Because of the imposing nature of the “Mighty Mac” there is actually Bridge Authority Driver Assistance Program. Bridge Authority workers deal with people afflicted with “gephrophobia” every day (gephyra is Greek for bridge). Each year over one thousand gephyrophobes hand over their keys to Bridge Authority workers to be chauffeured from one side of the bridge to the other.

The bridge service is free of charge. One area resident frequently uses this service and shares, “This service is wonderful! I never have to wait more than 15 minutes. And they always do what I ask: They stay in the middle, away from the edge!” FYI, the census of gephyrophobes are evenly divided between males and females!

What is true in relation to physical barriers is also true in the spiritual realm. From the earliest days of human existence there has been a deep seated acknowledgement of the terrifying gulf that is fixed between God and man. Job bemoans this undeniable fact for all of humanity in *Job 9:33* when he declares, “*Nor is there any mediator between us, Who may lay his hand on us both.*” Job desired a mediator, an arbitrator who would understand both parties and bring them together. He desired someone who could bridge that gap.

What Job cried out for near the beginning of human existence was answered by God centuries later when “*the Father sent [His] Son as Savior of the world*” (*1 John 4:14*). God becomes man! Jesus lives as we live, feels as we feel, and solves the great problem between mankind and God. The Bible declares that Jesus has bridged the eternal chasm between a holy God and

unholy sinners by His death for their sins.

One of the terms used in the Bible to describe this action by Christ is the word “reconcile.” To “reconcile” means to bring two parties together. *2 Corinthians 5:18-19* shares the wonderful news regarding the bridge of reconciliation that God has constructed: “*Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ ... that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them.*”

In the month of April Christians commemorate the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. We do this because it is Christ who makes it possible for a relationship to take place between us and God. *2 Timothy 2:5-6* affirms this by stating, “*For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all.*” Jesus is the Mediator, the Bridge that crosses the godless chasm of sinful depravity. He is also the One who offers passage for “spiritual gephyrophobes,” making it possible for repentant sinners to receive forgiveness and cleansing and become the children of God. *1 Corinthians 15:56-57* declares: “*The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*”

The next time you cross an impressive bridge structure remember the great love and sacrifice offered by “*the Man Christ Jesus*” in bridging the gap between yourself and God. And, rejoice that safe passage across the bridge is provided through the same Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ!

“There’s a bridge to cross the great divide

A way was made to reach the other side

*The mercy of the Father,
cost His son His life*

His love is deep, His love is wide

There’s a cross to bridge the great divide”

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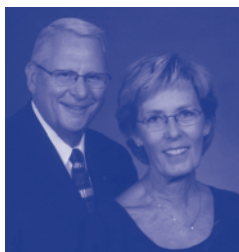
*“By this we know love, because He laid
down His life for us” (1 John 3:16).*

— You have His Word on it! (KEF)

MARBC NEWS & NOTES

BELMONT, WEST CANNON BAPTIST CHURCH (DOUG CRAWFORD, BELMONT)

— West Cannon Baptist Church in Belmont is pleased to announce that Rev. Maynard Belt has accepted a call to serve in the position of Associate Pastor of Senior Ministries & Care. Maynard and his wife, Ann, bring to this position over forty years of ministry experience. Maynard served for twenty-five years as senior pastor at four churches in Michigan and sixteen years as the State Representative for the Michigan Association of Regular Baptist Churches. Most recently, Maynard ministered as Special Representative for Church Relations with Baptist Mid-Missions. Maynard and Ann have been members of West Cannon for nearly eighteen years and they are both very excited to begin serving in this position. We congratulate both the Belts and WCBC on this wonderful opportunity!



Maynard & Ann Belt

DECATUR, VOLINIA BAPTIST CHURCH (THOMAS STOUT, PASTOR) –

Here is a special testimony from Volinia Baptist Church: We stand in awe of a miracle working God! About four years ago we were bursting at the seams and ready to build a new church. We had some money saved, but not nearly enough. We found and bought property just down the road. As we prepared to build the church went through some extreme trials. However, God kept a faithful few here and He started bringing in more money. We started building and more problems crept up, but so did the money. At times we have felt a bit

like Gideon's army - too few in our eyes - too poor in our eyes- too many problems in our eyes- but God was at work. A little over two years later we are now in a new building that seats about 300. We watched God bring in over two million dollars. We are totally debt free and have a beautiful church building. God provided the money, the workers, and built our faith. Now He can watch us exercise that faith and work to bring in those He has to fill our church. What an incredible God we serve!



The new sign and facilities of Volinia Baptist Church



GRAND RAPIDS, NORTH PARK BAPTIST CHURCH (JOE DANIELS, PASTOR) –

People often ask, "Ken, what are some of your favorite opportunities as you minister in our fellowship?" If you had the opportunity to join me on Wednesday evening, March 11, you would have observed one. It was my joy to share with the "Friends' Club" at North Park Baptist in Grand Rapids. I would like to share with you about this ministry to give you an idea for your own church. The Friends Club is a weekly ministry for adults with special needs that has been offered by the church for almost 20 years. Club time includes worship, prayer, Bible study, and (of course!) snack time. Occasionally crafts and other projects are a part of the evening. Often special speakers are invited to share with the group. The group is also ministry oriented. Several in the group have vocal abilities and have served in nursing homes, the area veterans facility, and other locations. The leaders of the club also schedule special outings and activities, such as parties, picnics, and an annual visit to the



The Friends Club at North Park Baptist

West Michigan Whitecaps minor league baseball game. It is no exaggeration to say that an opportunity to share with a group like this always lifts your spirit and leaves you looking forward to your next visit!

GRANT, RICE LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH (DAN FULLMER, PASTOR) –

Melissa and Emily Boverhof, teens from Rice Lake Baptist Church, have authored the book "Seven Candles: The Reclaiming of Haven." The book is written for a teenaged audience and looks at the world of wizards, dragons, and magic through Christian eyes. Melissa (18) and Emily (16) became concerned as they watched their friends become obsessed with fantasy literature, particularly the Harry Potter phenomenon. They desired to show their friends and others what being a wizard would really be like. After much Biblical study Melissa and Emily Boverhof finished their book in 2007 and prayerfully posted it on www.christianmanuscriptsubmissions.com.



Melissa and Emily Boverhof and Seven Candles book cover

They were contacted by a publisher and their book was released on July 1, 2008. Since then Melissa and Emily have attended the International Christian Book Sellers Association's conference in Florida, been interviewed on talk radio (to hear the interview, visit www.futurequake.com and click the week of January 12), and have done book signings. For more information about the Boverhofs and their book, visit www.thereclaiming.com. Their book is also available at www.amazon.com, and www.christianbook.com. Melissa and Emily are also available for church and youth meetings. You can contact them by phone: (231) 834-9895, e-mail: authors@thereclaiming.com, or write The Reclaiming, P.O. Box 94, Grant, MI 49327.

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MARBC NEWS & NOTES *(continued)*

CHURCH MINISTRIES CONFERENCE – “Beyond Fellowship”

was the theme of the 2009 Church Ministries Conference. The annual conference is sponsored by the Grand Rapids regional fellowship of the MARBC. Close to one thousand people were in attendance. Dr. Michael Loftis, president of ABWE, shared three practical messages related to the conference theme. Loftis’ messages were based upon Christ’s prayer in John 17 and its implications for the Christian’s fellowship.



Dr. Michael Loftis speaks in a main session

In addition to the main sessions, the conference included over 50 speakers leading almost 100 workshops devoted to a wide variety of ministry related topics. It also featured displays from dozens of ministries.



Conference choir

On Saturday, Jim and Vi Potts from First Baptist in Fenton were recognized as Christian Workers of the Year. Pastor Tom Rohrer, North Park Baptist in Grand Rapids, was also commended for his service as the chairman of the Conference committee for the past decade. The GRARBC Church



Don McCall (Baptist Bible College) teaches a workshop



Workers of the Year, Jim and Vi Potts

Pastor Josh Gates (First Baptist, Fenton) with his son



Ministries Conference committee is comprised of pastors and members of churches in the Grand Rapids region.



Pastor Tom Rohrer

MEN MODELING THE MASTER SEMINAR – Over 250 men were in attendance for the “Men Modeling the Master” annual one day seminar held at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Flint on Saturday, March 7. The seminar was sponsored by the Eastern Michigan regional fellowship of the MARBC. Ken Pierpont, Jr., the senior pastor of Evangel Baptist Church in Taylor, Michigan, was the keynote speaker. The theme of the seminar was “Being a Man of Influence at Home and in the World.” Pastor Pierpont’s messages focused upon “What Does it Mean to be a Man?” “Tools of Influence for the Godly Man,” and “Developing Your Legacy.” Several practical workshops were taught by pastors from the churches in the EMARBC. The seminar also featured a men’s chorus comprised of members of E M A R B C churches and a luncheon served by the host church.



Scott Kigar (First Baptist, Rochester) leads a workshop



Speaker Ken Pierpont, Jr.

The speaker’s father, Ken Pierpont Sr., leads in a closing prayer of dedication



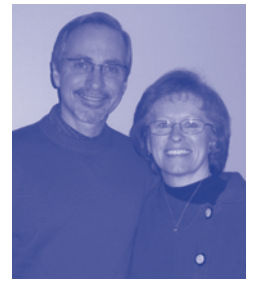
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Fellowship was a special part of the seminar

S M A R B C MARRIAGE RETREAT –

“Staying in Touch” was the theme of a marriage retreat sponsored by the Southern Michigan regional fellowship of the MARBC and held at the Gull Lake retreat center. The retreat was attended by twenty couples. Dr. Dave and Carolyn Culver from Heritage Baptist Church of Clark Summit, Pennsylvania, were the guest speakers.



Dave and Carolyn Culver



Couples retreat participants

The Culvers were a great encouragement as they shared several meaningful lessons. The couples were also challenged to daily integrate into their marriage these exercises: noting current blessings from God, sharing specific praises about the person of God, and developing the discipline of praying together for each other. Be in prayer for these precious couples to continue to draw nearer the Lord and to each other that God may be glorified through them. It is the goal of the S.M.A.R.B.C. to partner with churches throughout Michigan to provide meaningful retreats for the couples in our state. Stronger marriages result in stronger families which result in stronger churches for the further development of the Kingdom of God.



Couples retreat prayer sessions



Relationships were strengthened

WITH THE LORD

RAYMOND RICHMOND – Raymond Richmond, pastor of Lyons Baptist Church in Lyons, went home to be with his Lord and Savior at the age of 59 on February 20, 2009. Ray had experienced severe skull fractures as the result of a fall while clearing an icy roof two weeks earlier. A memorial service was held on February 25 at Lyons Baptist Church.

Ray was one of the original foster children when the Baptist Children's Home ministry was established in St. Louis, Michigan, in the early 1950s. Always appreciating this special blessing of God in his own life, Ray and his wife Debbie opened their home to foster children. Ray served as a U. S. Army medic for eight years in Japan, Korea, and Vietnam. He also served as a prison guard for 24 years. He served God as a lay pastor and enjoyed hunting, bowling, and softball.

Rev. Ralph Barton, former pastor and a friend of the Richmond family, led the memorial service. Pastor Barton incorporated the sermon notes that Ray had written for the Sunday which would ultimately follow his death that he had titled, "The Reunion in Heaven." He also used an outline found in the front of Ray's Bible on the topic of "Victory!"

Please continue to remember in prayer Debbie, Ray's wife of 36 years, as well as his family, and the Lyons Baptist Church family. A memorial fund has been established to help the family with Ray's hospitalization and funeral expenses. Those gifts may be made out to Lyons Baptist Church and sent to the church address: 507 Hunt, Lyons, MI 48851.

KIM AKRIGHT – Kim Akright, a pastor's wife formerly involved with the MARBC, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on March 2, 2009. She succumbed to cancer at the age of 48, "her gift from the Lord," as she often referred to it. Kim dearly loved and faithfully served the Lord. She served as an active pastor's wife, faithful to her husband, and loving to her children. Her gifts included working with women's ministry, being an encourager, and serving others. She and her husband, Pastor Gary Akright, were married for 29 years. The Akrights have four children: Lauren (20), Melissa (18), Joshua (16), and Caleb (14).

A special testimony service was held at Grace Baptist Church in Plover, Wisconsin. A memorial funeral service was held at First Baptist Church in Portland, Michigan, on March 6. Pastor Steve Taylor of First Baptist (Portland) was officiate for both services. Those wishing to share expressions of sympathy may give to the Kim Akright Memorial Fund set up for the Akright children's college expenses. Those gifts may be made out to Grace Baptist Church and sent to the church address: 1500 Hoover Ave., Plover, WI 54467.

MARBC EVENTS TO PLACE ON YOUR 2009 CALENDAR

September 11-12, 2009 – *Strengthening the Deacon-Pastor Partnership*

MARBC CHURCH STRENGTHENING SEMINAR

Featuring Dr. Howard Bixby, ChristWay Ministries

September 11-12, 2009 – Gull Lake Conference Center

\$85 per person

(Reserve your group's spot by July 1 and pay only \$60 per person!)
(includes Friday night lodging and snack, Saturday breakfast and lunch, and seminar materials) Downloadable brochures and registration forms are available at www.marbc.net or by contacting the MARBC office

September 27, 2009

MARBC ANNUAL DAY OF "ONE ACCORD" PRAYER

October 26-27, 2009 – *"Hope for a Troubled World"*

67TH ANNUAL MARBC CONFERENCE

Forest Hills Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Conference Speakers:

Dr. Jim Grier, Dr. Hanz Bernard, Ken Floyd, Mel Walker, Peggy Walker

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SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

MARBC CHURCH STRENGTHENING SEMINAR – The first in a series of Church Strengthening Seminars, sponsored by the MARBC, will be held on Friday night and Saturday, September 11-12, 2009. The seminar is called “*Strengthening the Deacon-Pastor Partnership*” and will emphasize the effective strengthening of servant leadership in local church ministry. This practical and informative seminar will be held at the Gull Lake Conference Center in Hickory Corners, MI. Dr. Howard Bixby, former dean of Baptist Bible Seminary in Clarks Summit, PA, and former MARBC pastor, will be the seminar speaker. Dr. Bixby partners with Dr. Milo Thompson in a new endeavor called *ChristWay Ministries*.

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 ministry. These principles will lead to greater church harmony and growth. Pastors and deacons will learn to excitedly serve God together in areas that matter to God. This training will be helpful for deacons, potential deacons, church officers, leaders, and pastors.

SEMINAR SCHEDULE:

- Session #1 – The Mandate for Caring Ministries in the Church
- Session #2 – The Methods and Means for a Caring Ministry
- Session #3 – The Deacon/Pastor Leadership Dilemma
- Session #4 – A Biblical Decision-Making Model

The cost of the seminar is \$85 per person (payable to the MARBC). However, *if you reserve your group's spot by July 1, you pay only \$60 per person!* A registration fee of \$30 per person is due with the registration form. The seminar fee covers the costs of the Friday night lodging and snack, Saturday breakfast and lunch, and all seminar materials. Downloadable brochures and registration forms are available at the MARBC website (www.marbc.net) or by contacting the MARBC office.

GRAND RAPIDS AREA WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION SPRING RALLY – The GRARBC Women's Missionary Union spring rally will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 9:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Grandville Baptist Church in Grandville. Speakers include: Shirley Dannenberg (Africa, BMM), Sharon Johnson (Malemyat Hospital), and Becky

McDonald (Women at Risk International). A nursery is provided and lunch will be served for a nominal cost. The new dime bank project will be announced at the meeting. The ministry shower this year is for Alpha Women's Center. Items needed include diapers and Enfamil with iron baby formula. Please bring the shower items to the rally.

CONTINENTAL BAPTIST MISSIONS BANQUET – Do you remember that old hymn – “We'll Work 'Til Jesus Comes”? That is Continental Baptist Missions' desire as well as the theme for the 2009 West Michigan *Friends and Family* Banquet. Our *Friends and Family* Banquet is a great way to stay in touch and share the Lord's blessings of CBM Church Planting ministries – both rural and inner city – across North America. As the Lord continues to bless, we'll keep planting churches “*Til He Comes*”

On April 23 CBM will provide a delicious catered dinner at Calvary Baptist Church, 1200 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI. The evening will begin with a 6:00 PM punch bowl and dinner at 6:30.

You will hear from missionaries Bill and Tamra Branks as they plant River North Baptist Church in the high-rises of the windy city of Chicago. They are eager to share what the Lord is accomplishing in this unique endeavor. We are also pleased to highlight the rural ministry of CBM church planting endeavors at Maranatha Baptist Church in Cedar Springs. CBM Field Director, Tom Logsdon, has been wearing two hats as he pastors these dear folks to bring this church to graduation. Many have come to Christ; and you will be thrilled to hear testimonies of lives changed for the glory of our Lord. Chad Vitarelli's love for God resounds as he brings the musical selection for the evening.

Contact Shawn Bowers or Marilyn VanLiew at (616) 863-2226 to make reservations for you and a group from your church to attend.

“Til He Comes”

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Punch bowl at 6:00 with Dinner at 6:30
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June 8, 2009

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Lunch and Dinner.

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CONTINENTAL BAPTIST MISSION TO HOLD 11TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



The 11th Annual Continental Baptist Missions Golf Tournament is only a green's shot away! We'll take to the fairways at the Quail Ridge Golf Club in Ada, Michigan on Monday, June 8, 2009.

Your “greens fee” of \$90 covers a whole day of golf, including an early-bird round of 9 and an 18-hole best-ball scramble, with lunch and dinner provided by Quail Ridge's clubhouse restaurant. Sign-in opens at 10:00 AM (8:00 AM for the early-bird round). The 18-hole scramble will begin with a shotgun start at 11:00 AM. Lunch is provided at the turn and prizes will be awarded during the dinner hour.

CBM had its beginning in 1942, planting and building churches in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. God has graciously blessed over the last 67 years, and we now reach the four corners of the United States and into Canada and Puerto Rico. Our home office is located in Rockford, MI. The facility includes a building ministries service center in which missionary builders build furniture and trim for the new churches. As you can imagine, this is a tremendous savings for an infant church.

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KEN'S ROAD REPORT

- Mar. 23 First Baptist, Alto, search committee orientation
- Mar. 27 Victory Baptist, Sand Lake, ordination council
- Mar. 29 **Victory Baptist, Sand Lake, Pastor Jeff England ordination**
- Apr. 5 Cloverville Baptist, Fruitport
- Apr. 14 Interpas meeting, West Cannon Baptist, Belmont
- Apr. 19 **Bethel Baptist, South Haven, Pastor Jeff Malin installation service**
- Apr. 21 Council of 15 meeting, Forest Hills Baptist, Grand Rapids
- Apr. 24 Closed Door Ministries board meeting, Belmont
- Apr. 24 Good News Baptist, Grand Rapids, ordination council
- Apr. 25 MARBC Talents for Christ competition, West Cannon Baptist, Belmont
- Apr. 26 **Mason Road Baptist Church, Fowlerville**
- May 1-2 Rudyard Bible Conference, Rudyard, conference speaker
- May 3 **First Baptist, Fremont**
- May 6-9 Attend Baptist Bible College & Seminary board meetings, Clarks Summit, PA
- May 13 Breakpoint pastors meeting, Grand Rapids
- May 17 **First Baptist, Cedar Springs, 150th Anniversary Sunday**
- May 18 Baptist Bible College trustee commitment
-19
- May 24 OPEN

Ken's 2009 schedule still has several open dates. Contact him if you would like him to speak or minister in your church.

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March

31 - Pastor & Mrs. Fred Slagle, Victory Baptist, Manchester

April

- 2 - Pastor & Mrs. Jerry Foster, Riverdale Baptist, Flint
- 6 - Pastor & Mrs. Brett Boomsma, Trinity Baptist, Grand Rapids
- 17 - Pastor & Mrs. Ralph Cass, Faith Bible Baptist, Bay Port
- 22 - Pastor & Mrs. Reid Kitchen, First Baptist, North Branch
- 24 - Pastor & Mrs. Bud Armstrong, Galilean Baptist, Pinckney

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

2009 SCHOOL OF CHURCH PLANTING –

Ministry is all about multiplication. This is especially true when it comes to implementing Jesus Christ's Great Commission command to His disciples. The 24th Annual School of Church Planting, sponsored by Baptist Mid-Missions, will focus on this priority. The school will be held on June 15-18 at the Oak Grove Baptist Church in Kansas City, Kansas. This is a unique opportunity that combines a discussion of ministry strategy with how-to-do-it instructions. Seminar speakers include church planting experts Ken Davis, Roger McNamara, and Dan Whitcher.

Brochures and applications can be downloaded from the church planting website, www.churchplantingna.com.

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