



## Workshop Speakers



**Dr. George Coon**—serves as senior pastor of Northeastern Baptist Church in Kalamazoo and chairman of the MARBC Council of 15. He did his doctoral work in homiletics under the tutelage of Dr. Haddon Robinson at Gordon-Conwell Seminary.



**Rev. Bill Crane**—served for several years as pastor at Victory Baptist Church in Sand Lake before resigning 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.



**Deanna Miller**—is a missionary with Child Evangelism Fellowship of Greater Detroit, will lead the *Children's Sessions*. Along with Biblical teaching, Deanna leads the children in creative craft sessions.



**Dr. David Turner**—is a Professor of New Testament at Grand Rapids Theological Seminary. He has contributed to a commentary on the Gospel of Matthew and done extensive research in the area of Biblical hermeneutics.



**Rev. Mel Walker**—serves as the President of Vision for Youth ministries. Mel is a sought after youth ministry specialist who has spoken internationally and written important materials related to youth ministry in the local church.



**Mrs. Peggy Walker**—is a sought after women's speaker known for her practical application of Biblical truth, as well as her humor. Along with her husband, Mel, Peggy has traveled internationally to minister. She also teaches Marriage and Family classes at Baptist Bible College.

## Conference Speakers



**Dr. James Grier**—Distinguished Professor of Philosophical Theology at Grand Rapids Theological Seminary. He is a sought after speaker and lecturer in the field of ethics, post-modern culture, evangelism, and Christian worldview.



**Dr. Hantz Bernard**—Director of Bibles International, the Bible Society of Baptists Mid-Missions. A native of Haiti, he was led to Christ by missionaries at the age of 15. He has served as a pastor, seminary instructor, and consultant.



**Rev. Ken Floyd**—Executive Director of the Michigan Association of Regular Baptist Churches. Ken has served in his current role with the MARBC for three years. Previously, Ken served as a senior pastor for over 25 years in 3 churches.

## Conference Personnel



**Rev. Jeff Burr**—Lead Pastor at Forest Hills Baptist Church since 1997, serves as the *Conference Host Pastor*. Jeff also serves as the Representative of the Grand Rapids Association of Regular Baptist Churches and the MARBC Council of 15 secretary.



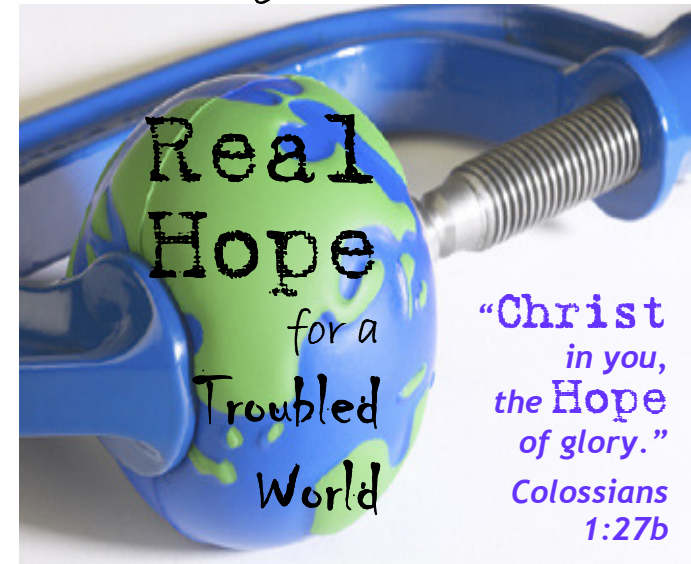
**Rev. Mark Cizauskas**—Executive Pastor at West Cannon Baptist Church, serves as the *Conference Worship Coordinator*. Mark also serves on the MARBC Council of 15 Executive Committee as treasurer.

## CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Go to [www.marbc.net](http://www.marbc.net) for downloadable information regarding special *conference hotel rates and hotel weblinks, registration forms, Council of 15 nomination forms*, and other conference related *information*.

Or contact the **MARBC office**: 616.364.5688 / 830 Russwood St. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505

67th Annual Conference  
Michigan Association of  
Regular Baptist Churches  
October 26-27 2009



**Next Year's Conference**  
**October 25-26, 2010**  
**Evangel Baptist Church, Taylor, MI**

**Location:**  
**Forest Hills Baptist Church**

**Jeff Burr, Senior Pastor**  
**3900 E. Fulton St. SE**  
**Grand Rapids, MI 49546**  
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**MARBC**  
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# 67th Annual Conference

## Michigan Association of Regular Baptist Churches

### October 26-27 2009

Dear Ministry Friend,

The word, "hope" is used often these days in a variety of contexts. Many times it is used interchangeably with the concepts of "wishful" or speculative thinking. In contrast, the Biblical word "hope" focuses upon the certainty connected with our Sovereign God. The theme for this year's conference, "Real Hope for a Troubled World," addresses this important difference.

This year's conference will be held at Forest Hills Baptist Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Forest Hills family recently relocated to this fine facility conveniently located near Interstate 96 and the East Beltline on the east side of Grand Rapids.

We recognize that in these difficult economic times, wise choices regarding participation in events are important. This conference is designed to provide Biblical instruction related to relevant topics, ministry enrichment, and special encouragement.

Two capable and effective servants of Christ—Dr. James Grier, *Distinguished Professor of Philosophical Theology at Grand Rapids Theological Seminary*, and Dr. Hantz Bernard, *Director of Bibles International*—will be the keynote speakers

Three workshop times are scheduled during the two day conference. The workshops include several specialized themes: [1] Youth ministry, [2] Women and ministry, and [3] Preaching.

Tuesday morning will feature the MARBC family session and will include highlights of MARBC ministries, reports regarding the *CPR Initiative*, and a message relating to "The MARBC Vision." Any business items will also be cared for during this session.

Deanna Miller, missionary with Child Evangelism Fellowship, will once again lead the Children's Sessions (Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> grade) during the main sessions of the conference. Nursery care will also be provided.

We encourage every friend of the MARBC to be in attendance!

Partnering with you & praying for you,

*Ken and Sharon Floyd*



#### Monday, October 26, 2009

- 9:00—10:00 **Registration & Refreshments**
- 10:00 a.m. **General Session**—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**  
David 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 w/ 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**—James Grier, "Christ is the Hope of a Troubled World! Creation to John the Baptist"

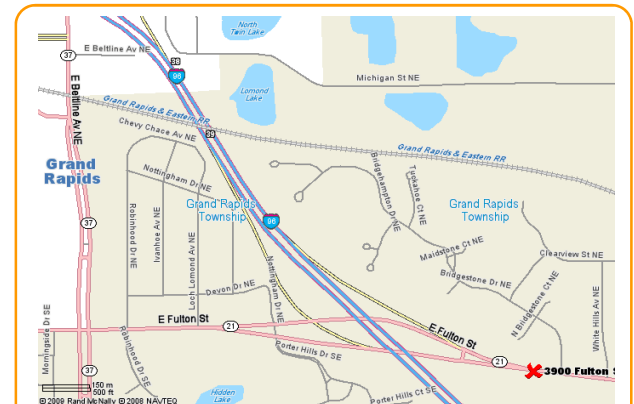
#### Tuesday, October 27, 2009

- 9:00 a.m. **Season of Prayer**
- 9:30 a.m. **MARBC Family Session**  
Ministry Reports  
Council of 15 Elections  
"The MARBC Vision"—Ken Floyd
- 11:30 a.m. **Lunch** in local restaurants  
(New Pastors and Wives Luncheon at Forest Hills Baptist Church hosted by MARBC Council of 15)

#### Tuesday, October 27, 2009 (continued)

- 1:15 p.m. **Workshops**  
Hantz Bernard—*Come Over and (let us tell you how to really) Help Us!* [missionary service from the perspective of the "national"]  
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**—James Grier, "Christ is the Hope of a Troubled World! Incarnation to Consummation"

#### DIRECTIONS



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