

Ministries (continued)



Church Partnering Relationships.

CPR is a cooperative effort between sister churches that is “caring,” through a proactive vision of mutual edification; “prayerful,” through initiatives that promote mutual prayer; and, “resourceful,” through practical encouragement by the outsourcing of materials and personnel. A brochure detailing the exciting opportunities of this ministry is available upon request.

Church Strengthening Seminars are held to assist church leaders in areas of special competency.

Counseling, ministry consultations, and resources are provided by the Executive Director for pastors and churches. This includes pastoral search seminars and resources for **pastoral placement**.

Publishing is another key ministry of the MARBC. A six-page paper, **The Baptist Testimony**, is published bimonthly and has a circulation of over 10,000. It provides practical encouragement and Biblical commentary while keeping churches informed of news and activities around the state.

Support

The MARBC and Executive Director are financially supported through the gifts and regular support of churches and individuals. Special funds are provided for ministry initiatives through love gifts from churches and individuals, as well as a partnership between MARBC affiliated ministries and Brotherhood Mutual Insurance.

Affiliation

Any Baptist Church in Michigan which has endorsed the doctrinal position of the Michigan Association of Regular Baptist Churches and is in agreement with the MARBC constitution and by-laws is eligible to affiliate with the Association. Upon receiving official written notice from a prospective church, the application to join the MARBC will be recommended to the Association churches by the Council of Fifteen. Please contact the MARBC office for further information.

Executive Director



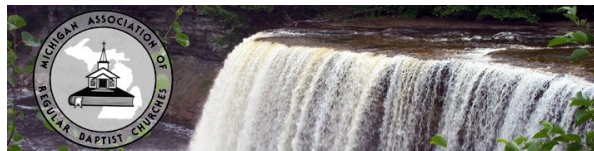
Ken Floyd has served as Executive Director of the MARBC since 2006. His wife, Sharon, serves as the MARBC Office Manager. The Floyds were married on November 20, 1976.

They have a daughter and son-in-law, Allison and Taylor Helmick, grandson and granddaughter, Connor Wesley and Eloise Clare Helmick.

After attending Cedarville College and Grace Theological Seminary, Ken served as a senior pastor for over 26 years, including two pastorates in Ohio prior to ministering at North Park Baptist Church in Grand Rapids for over 13 years. Ken serves as a member of the trustee boards of Baptist Bible College & 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 ministry related articles and a book.

Ken and Sharon travel regularly to churches throughout Michigan speaking in Sunday services and other ministries. Ken regularly serves as a consultant to churches seeking pastoral placement. He also counsels pastors in areas of ministry and personal need. He conducts ministry consultations, seminars related to prayer, leadership, strategic planning, conflict resolution, and stewardship.

The Floyd's ministry is supported spiritually by the prayers of the MARBC fellowship and financially through regular missions support, honorariums, and offerings received from churches and individuals.



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Unity, Partnership, Enrichment

“with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel” Philippians 1:27



The Ministry of the MARBC



"The MARBC, compelled by the Word of God to reflect the glory and grace of Jesus Christ, exists to foster the mutual unity, partnership, and enrichment of our churches."

MARBC
Mission
Statement

History

The Michigan Association of Regular Baptist Churches (MARBC) came into existence 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.

There are approximately 200 churches in the MARBC, many of which also belong to the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches (GARBC) on the national level. The MARBC is the largest state fellowship in the GARBC.

Values

The MARBC embraces these core values:

Theological Heritage—we celebrate and embrace the biblical and doctrinal roots that have given the MARBC stability and vitality.

Fervent prayer—we confess that we are completely dependent upon our sovereign God and will promote that dependence upon Him through prayer.

Biblical Unity—we stand together in truth and love, realizing that when churches partner together they can uniquely impact the world for Jesus Christ.

Ecclesiastical Diversity—we recognize the demographic, cultural, and methodological variety that characterizes the churches within our fellowship, and we will graciously respect the autonomy of each congregation.

Identity

The MARBC is *an association of independent, Bible-believing, Christ-honoring, Baptist churches*. Each partnering church is autonomous regarding its own ministries, decision making, and participation with the association. Because Michigan encompasses a large geographic area and has such a large number of churches, the state association is divided into **6 regional fellowships** (Northern, Western, Eastern, Central, Southern, and Grand Rapids area). Each region offers ministry and fellowship opportunities for churches and church leaders.

Leadership



The ministry of the MARBC is governed by a board called the **Council of Fifteen**. This group consists of nine pastoral members at-large from MARBC churches who are elected to three year terms, and one pastoral representative from each of the six regional associations. The Council of 15 works in conjunction with the Executive Director to develop ministry strategy, policy, and resources.

The MARBC office facilities are located in Grand Rapids. The MARBC employs an **Executive Ministry Director** who serves as a consultant in a variety of areas in order to minister to churches and their pastors. A proven veteran of pastoral ministry, he preaches in churches, writes and edits materials for the benefit of the association constituency, and oversees MARBC ministries. He is available for speaking in churches, Bible Conference ministry, pastoral counseling, search committee consultations, stewardship consulting, and assists pastors and churches desiring to affiliate with the MARBC fellowship.

The **Office Manager** oversees the business operations and offers assistance to those desiring resources related to the MARBC.

Ministries

An **Annual Bible Conference** is held in October for the spiritual edification of pastoral couples, families, and local churches. The conference features great preaching, relevant seminars, workshops, and fellowship.



Regional Fellowship Meetings provide pastors and churches the opportunity to be strengthened and to fellowship with others in their area. Many regions host joint worship services and conferences and plan retreats for spiritual refreshment.



Most have ladies groups that meet regularly, sponsor joint projects and pray for missionary endeavors.

Talents for Christ is an annual program that enables MARBC



youth to compete for college scholarships in select categories.

Youth rallies, retreats, and teen Bible conferences are jointly sponsored by MARBC youth ministries.

Several state **Bible camps** minister to the spiritual and physical needs of children, youth, adults and families.



"We are the MARBC, an association of autonomous local congregations with a commitment to stand together for the Faith and thereby impact our world with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. This commitment requires cooperation among us in the strengthening, nurturing, and planting of local churches."

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