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The Word Has It

Ken Floyd
MARBC Executive Director

*“Strengthen me according
to Your word,”*

— Psalm 119:28

“Impressions”

The past several weeks has brought a heightened sense of hygienic caution and etiquette as a result of several waves of serious health issues. The worldwide attention given to the Novel Influenza A (H1N1), also known as “Swine Flu,” has caused each of us to exercise greater caution. It’s thought that the H1N1 virus spreads in the same way that regular seasonal influenza viruses spread; mainly through the coughs and sneezes of people who are sick with the virus.

As a couple that travels regularly for ministry, Sharon and I have been well aware of this virus, regardless of what you call it. One Sunday night a few weeks ago the late TV news report shared that the first identified case of the H1N1 virus was in the town where we had ministered that day! Our particular county, Kent, has consistently led the state in known cases of the virus. We will forgive you if you want to refrain from shaking our hands.

Living in a self-conscious society has indoctrinated all of us to the need of making the right impression. Billions are spent yearly on fashion statements and accessorizing for success. The recent media frenzy regarding the H1N1 virus prompted me to recall an article published in USA Weekend, January 23-25, 2004. The article, written by Vyvyan Lynn, takes the need for a right impression to a new high. Or is it a new low? Or blow? Lynn reveals “breakthrough” research about the important topic of “sneezing.” For those of us who are obsessed with flu bugs, viruses, allergies, and sinus infections, this is must reading.

Lynn writes: “After studying the ways people sneeze, Atlanta-based behavior expert Patti Wood and Steven Lamm, clinical assistant professor of medicine at New York University, drew a conclusion - sneezers come in four main personality types. Which sneezer type are you? Grab a tissue and take the test!

- The Sensitive Sneezer: One small sneeze and it’s over. You’re polite, always turning your head

away. You’re the warm, friendly type who enjoys a relaxed pace. Relationships with others are your top priority. You avoid conflict even if it means making personal sacrifices.

- The “Be Right” Sneezer: When the big achoo comes, you cover your mouth. You are careful, accurate and a deep thinker. Before speaking, you consider the right words. Detailed and precise, you catch mistakes others miss. You have great insights and opinions, if others would just listen.

- The Get-It-Done Sneezer: When possible, you hold in your sneeze. But when a sneeze finally escapes, it’s a 4.0 on the Richter scale. You are fast, efficient, uncomplicated and self-sufficient.

- The Enthusiastic Sneezer: When you sneeze, it’s in multiples and blow-the-house-down loud. You are a charismatic leader and influencer who is imaginative and intuitive. You seek and cherish relationships with others.

Which sneeze is best? “The healthiest way to sneeze,” Lamm says, “is in one of the more ‘contained’ styles, such as the turn-away sneeze.” Wood explains why: “A sneeze expels air from the nose at 100 miles per hour, sprays 100,000 bacteria and travels as far as any wind current.”

Maybe this is more information than we need! No doubt, the thought of an atmosphere full of sneeze particles will cause some who read this column to consider wearing particle masks in public. Twice during the month of May I had the opportunity to travel by airplane to ministry meetings. I observed both in airport terminals and on airplanes that some travelers went to the extreme of wearing masks to protect themselves from airborne particles. Going through airport security, most people at the very least had “ziplock” bags containing small bottles of anti-bacterial hand sanitizer. After someone sneezed on one flight it appeared that the entire passenger compartment went into a synchronized convulsion in response. Being one who is susceptible to seasonal allergies, I have been met with suspicious glances if I dare to audibly sniff a time or two. This has made me extra sensitive to how my actions will cause others to react to me.

The main reason for this column is not to talk about sneezing or even common manners. These matters may be important during these days of heightened sensitivity to diseases and germs. But more important than this to God is

your awareness of the impression and example you are making as a Christian.

What impression do people around you have about being a Christian, solely by observing you? In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus reminds his followers, “*You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*” (Matthew 5:14-16)

It has been stated regarding the Christian’s testimony, “You’re the only Jesus that some will ever see.” Are people getting an accurate example of Christ based upon your personal testimony? Someone once observed: “The greatest evidence for Christianity is Christians – consecrated, dedicated, faithful servants. But the worst evidence against Christianity is also Christians – those who are carnal, self-centered, slothful, and disobedient.”

One of the reasons that Jesus has redeemed Christians is so that they might follow Him and reflect to others what Christlikeness is. He shared with His disciples, “*I have given you an example that you should do as I have done for you*” (John 13:15). The Apostle Paul understood the importance of a godly impression when he encouraged those under his care to “*Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ*” (1 Corinthians 11:1). Paul later told his protégé, Timothy, to “*be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity*” (1 Timothy 4:12). Peter reminds all Christians, “*To this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow his steps*” (1 Peter 2:21).

Let me suggest a good exercise for all Christians during these days of abundant allergy symptoms, sinus infections, and viruses of various kinds. Each time we sneeze or hear someone else sneeze, do not try to determine what type of personality is on display. Instead, use it as a prompter to remember that God is concerned about the impression you are making on others through your godly walk. Jesus encourages all His ambassadors to “*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*” This way, you can take it to heart the next time someone says to you after your sneeze, “God bless you!”

— You have His Word on it! (KEF)

MARBC NEWS & NOTES

CHURCH PARTNERING RELATIONSHIPS

As you begin your summer schedule, be sure to make the CPR Initiative a part of your regular prayer support. Over two dozen summer CPR projects are scheduled. These partnerships include DVBS, canvassing, soccer camps, building and maintenance projects. As you travel around the state of Michigan this summer, why not find a sister church near your vacation site and plan to worship there on Sunday? Perhaps there is a "mini" work project that you and your family could do to encourage a sister church. Need ideas? Contact the MARBC office.



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



Pastor Brian Spencer

On August 2, 2009, Pastor Brian E. Spencer will be retiring from shepherding the congregation at Calvary Baptist Church in Battle Creek, Michigan. He and his wife, Sharon, arrived with their children, Lynne, Dan and Jill and began their ministry at Calvary on August 2, 1981. Sharon went home to be with her Lord and Savior on June 16, 2006.

Pastor Spencer will preach his last sermon at Calvary on August 2 in the 10:50 am Morning Worship Service. A special Celebration Service at 2:00 pm will follow where we will share many memories, and surprises. All are invited to attend. Please RSVP at calbapbc@aol.com or at 269-963-4433.

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CEDAR SPRINGS, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (JIM HOWARD, PASTOR) –

First Baptist Church celebrated its 150th Anniversary on May 17. The Sesquicentennial Celebration included 3 segments during the morning service which featured the recognition of several long time members, the descendents of the charter members, the longest tenured members, and all former pastoral couples in attendance. Three former pastors were featured as speakers for the day: Fredric Carlson (1973-80), Donald Sunman (1991-96), and Stanley Mohr (1997-2004). A Homecoming Meal was served following the morning service. The day concluded with a "Down Memory Lane" program in the evening service.



Pastor Stan Mohr ministers at Cedar Springs Sesquicentennial



Pastor Jim Howard recognizes former 1st Baptist pastoral couples

GRAND RAPIDS, GOOD NEWS BAPTIST CHURCH (KARL PIKE, PASTOR) –

Brian Cederquist, Associate Pastor at Good News, was ordained on Sunday, April 26. Brian and his wife, Jenni, have been married since 2003 and have a son, Titus. Brian is a graduate of Faith Baptist Bible College and Seminary. Brian previously served for nearly five years as the Associate Pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church in Des



Pastor Brian, Jenni, and Titus Cederquist

Moines, Iowa. Brian and his wife, Jenni, joined the Good News pastoral staff in May 2008. It is a blessing for Brian to serve alongside his

grandfather, Karl Pike, who serves as the senior pastor at Good News.

GRAND RAPIDS, HIGHLAND HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH (DAVE LAMB, PASTOR) –

Mark Warren, Associate Pastor of Highland Hills Baptist Church, shares this report regarding a special event recently held by the church.

"This past February Highland Hills Baptist Church hosted its first ever Festival of Sacred Music. The Festival was designed for brass quintets from area colleges and universities to learn from a master brass clinician who is a devout Christian and be



Doug Yeo ministers at the festival

introduced to sacred music through the eyes of a believer. It was our privilege to have Douglas Yeo, Bass Trombonist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, here to conduct master classes throughout the festival as well as minister in our Sunday morning service the following Sunday. We had two quintets for the festival and combined them with a choir (members of The Evangelical Choral Society) who performed at a Gala Concert on Saturday night. At the concert, an offering was taken to benefit David's House Ministries.

The purpose of the Festival is to extend our reach beyond our walls into the community around us. We were blessed to have Doug Yeo as our inaugural Festival master clinician. In one of the rehearsals he was able to share his faith and how it intersects with his life as a brass musician in the Boston Symphony. Doug presented



Doug Yeo leads the music seminar

the case to live for Christ in a very secular world even if we are only one of a small handful who claim Christ as Lord...as is the case in the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Now we pray for the members of those two quintets that God's Spirit would continue to use Doug's words and the Festival on the whole to shape their spiritual understanding and perhaps one day draw them to Himself.

The Festival had a good first year, but the second year is already coming together. Phil Smith, Principle Trumpet of the New York Philharmonic, will be joining us in

MARBC NEWS & NOTES (continued)



Highland Hills Concert

March of 2010. We are hoping for more quintets from area colleges to participate as well as creating a trumpet day on the Saturday of the Festival. Ultimately, we are praying for these events to give us more of a platform to share Christ with our community. It has been amazing to see God opening up doors as we progress forward in planning these events. God is at work and we are glad servants to walk where He is leading.

For more information on this past year's Festival, visit www.hhills.org/hhfsm/hhfsm.html. For more information on Doug Yeo, visit www.yeodoug.com. For more information on Phil Smith, visit www.principaltrumpet.com."

SAND LAKE, VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH (JEFF ENGLAND, PASTOR) –

Victory Baptist Church celebrated the ordination of Pastor Jeff England on Sunday, March 29. Pastor England along with his wife Dawn and daughters Michelle and Alethia come to Victory in April 2008. A charge to the church was shared by Ken Floyd, Executive Director of the MARBC. A charge to the pastor was delivered by Jim Lacy, Interim District Executive Minister of the Baptist General Conference. A fellowship meal was held after the service concluded.



Pastor Jeff and Dawn England

SOUTH HAVEN, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH (JEFF MALIN, PASTOR) –

Bethel Baptist Church held an installation service for their new pastor, Jeff Malin, on April 19. Pastor Malin and his family come to Bethel following ministries in Georgia and Florida. The installation service included remarks by deacon chairman John Brush, scripture reading and testimony by former

Pastor Jeff and Robin Malin and family



pastor Mark Mayue, and a message by MARBC Executive Director Ken Floyd. Rev. Jim Carrier, a current deacon, presented the charge to the congregation. Rev. Dale Byers, former Bethel pastor who also served as the interim pastor, shared the charge to the pastor. A dinner reception was held following the service.

WATERVLIET, MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH (MARK COWELL, PASTOR) –

Seven students and five adults from Midway Student Ministries spent their spring break in San Jose, Costa Rica. After spending 9 months preparing for their trip, they left on April 3 for 9 days of ministry to assist Cam and Kerry Woolford who are missionaries from Midway Baptist Church serving in San Jose.

The team had the privilege of conducting a teen retreat, four children's clubs in two churches and renovating a community basketball court/soccer field in a community park in the center of Paraiso. Later in the week, the team used the court/field to play basketball and soccer with teens and adults from the community. The goal was to build relationships with the people of Paraiso and to introduce them to Roca Viva Iglesia Bautista, Cam & Kerry's church.

On Good Friday, the team prepared a Seder dinner for Roca Viva. The dinner commemorated the history of Israel, the Passover and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

To break up the work regiment, the team took a little time off to enjoy the scenery via a canopy tour (zip-lining through the mountains) and white-water rafting.



Midway Baptist Missions Team

Pastor Jarrod Bartholomew shares, "It was an incredible experience where we got to practice our Spanish, they practiced their English and we worked together to tell a

community about Jesus Christ. It will forever impact those who went. Thank you for praying for us."

The team included (l to r): Melissa Bartholomew, Howard Fish, Danielle Fish, Dathan Tenter, Jessica Smith, Dan Smith, Chad Herman, Jarrod Bartholomew, Julie Bartholomew, Travis Steinhoff, Erica Bartholomew, and Andrew Saltzman.

WYOMING, NEWHALL BAPTIST CHURCH –

The final service in the almost 55 year history of Newhall Baptist Church was held on Sunday, May 3. Several former members and pastoral couples were in attendance for this special day of testimony and tribute. Remembrances were shared by Milton Ubbink, Larry McCauley, Lee Taylor, Fred Howard, Alfred Miller, Wes Mueller, and Steve Holman.



Wes Mueller, former deacon, shares a testimony

A final message was shared by former Newhall pastor Mike Eleveld. The service concluded with a transfer of the Newhall facility keys to the leadership of Alpha Women's Center. The church voted to donate the facilities to Alpha for ministry in the neighborhood.



Official transfer of Newhall facilities to Alpha Women's Center

The church was established in 1953 under the leadership of "Uncle Carl" Bengert, who was serving as the Sunday School Superintendent and Home Missionary for Calvary Baptist Church in Grand Rapids. The church was chartered on August 16, 1954 with 32 charter members and 100 attending Sunday School.

After moving from a former "chicken coop" the first services were held in the chapel of the current location at 3434 Hubal Ave. SW in Wyoming, on March 1955. Rev. Wayne Anderson was the first full-time pastor, assuming this responsibility in September 1957. Sunday School rooms were completed in the basement during the winter months of 1958. The current auditorium was completed in 1963. Another addition to the building was added in 1988.



Dr. Donn Ketcham, first commissioned missionary, shares a remembrance

Rev. Ray Miller, one of Newhall's former teens, was the first ordained pastor to go out from the church. Dr. Donn and Kitty Ketcham were the first members commissioned as missionaries. The Ketchams are a part of over 40 members that were sent out into full-time ministry. It is not known if any other church of its size has had as many people be led of God to go into full-time Christian service.



Newhall Baptist Church, 1955-2009



Newhall Baptist sign

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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.

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URBAN TRANSFORMATION MINISTRIES 6TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING EVENT – The 6th Annual Golf Outing Event of Urban Transformation Ministries (UTM) will be held on Monday, June 22. The event is an 18-hole, 4 person scramble and will be held at Thronapple Pointe Golf Club, 747 Champoins Circle SE, Grand Rapids. The club is located near the Gerald R. Ford International Airport. The cost is \$125 per golfer (\$100 before June 1). Registration begins at 7:00 a.m., with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. A lunch and awards recognition will be held following the event at 1:30 p.m.

UTM reaches out to over 300 inner-city teens and young adults in Grand Rapids through sports outreaches, small-group Bible studies, mentoring, crisis counseling, leadership development, and employment assistance. Joel Shaffer serves as Executive Director and ministers at Berean Baptist Church in Grand Rapids. Contact Joel for more information about UTM and the golf outing - 616.835.6744 / email - shafferutm@aol.com. You can mail your gifts and golf registration to UTM, P.O. Box 2693, Grand Rapids, MI 49501.

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Dozens of teenagers, parents, and churches gathered at West Cannon Baptist Church on Saturday, April 25, for the annual MARBC *Talents for Christ* competition. *Talents for Christ* (TFC) helps teens in grades 9-12 to develop their God-given talents for ministry within the local church. It encourages students to prepare and to gain skill for serving the Lord.

Pastor Ken Pyne, Evangel Baptist Church in Taylor, continues his faithful service as the TFC coordinator. We greatly appreciate the diligent, effective leadership that Ken has given to TFC for many years. We thank Ken



Rachel Daniel shares the Visualized Bible Teaching of the crossing of the Jordan River

and his staff, the TFC judges, and the West Cannon Baptist Church family for making this a wonderful day for the teens and families of the MARBC. Students participating in the competition could choose to compete in either the Scholarship or Open categories. Those competing in the Scholarship Division had the potential to qualify for scholarships from participating Christian colleges. First place winners in the Scholarship Division of the state competition receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship and second place winners a \$500.00 scholarship. First and second place winners earn the privilege to compete for additional scholarships at the national *Talents for Christ* competition held during the annual GARBC conference in Elyria, Ohio. National open (non-scholarship) competition takes place on Wednesday, June 24, for both group and individual open competitors. National scholarship competition follows on Thursday, June 25.

The Open category is for students desiring to develop their skills or students who do not plan to attend one of the participating colleges. We are grateful for the three MARBC partnering camps - Lake Ann, Lincoln Lake, and The Springs - who offer camp scholarships for first and second place winners in the *Talents for Christ* Open Division. We thank these camps for their assistance in encouraging our MARBC youth to use their talents for God's glory.

We praise God for all of our MARBC teens who participated in this year's event and encourage you to pray for those who will compete nationally in Elyria at the end of June.



2009 Talents for Christ
first and second place winners

MICHIGAN TALENTS FOR CHRIST – SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORY – WINNERS

Brass: Second place – David Brian McEachern, Emmanuel Baptist, Flint

Male Preaching: First place – Nick Arent, Evangel Baptist, Taylor; Second place – Matthew Delnay, First Baptist, Middleville

Male Voice: Second place – Aaron Good, Evangel Baptist, Taylor

Oral Interpretation of Scripture: First place – Chelsie Shepard, First Baptist, Lapeer

Piano: Second place – Emily Booker, First Baptist, Middleville

MICHIGAN TALENTS FOR CHRIST – OPEN CATEGORY – INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Female Public Speaking: First place – Alicia Granica, Evangel Baptist, Taylor.

Female Voice: First place – Shelby Wilson, Evangel Baptist, Taylor

Male Preaching: First place – Adam Patrick, Evangel Baptist, Taylor; Second place – Tyler Shelton, South Baptist, Flint

Male Voice: George Brittain, Trinity Baptist, Alma; Second place – Robert Harold, Evangel Baptist, Taylor

Oral Interpretation of Scripture: First place – Alyssa Pyne, Evangel Baptist, Taylor; Second place – Ashley Herich, First Baptist, Middleville

Piano: Second place – Joelle Byers, Trinity Baptist, Muskegon

Visualized Bible Teaching: First place – Rachel Daniel, South Baptist, Flint; Second place – Sarah Graham, South Baptist, Flint

Woodwinds: Second place – Hannah Moody, First Baptist, Middleville

MICHIGAN TALENTS FOR CHRIST – OPEN CATEGORY – GROUP AWARDS

Group Drama: First place – Evangel Baptist, Taylor

Instrumental Ensemble: First place – Evangel Baptist, Taylor

Small Vocal Ensemble: First place – First Baptist, St. Johns; Second place – Evangel Baptist, Taylor

Vocal Duet: First place – First Baptist, Middleville

ANNIVERSARY ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

June

- 1 - Pastor & Mrs. Mark DeAgostino, Sr., Cadillac
- 1 - Pastor & Mrs. Brian Harrison, Alaska Baptist, Caledonia – 35 years!
- 1 - Pastor & Mrs. Wolfgang Kersting, Faith Bpt., Kentwood
- 1 - Pastor & Mrs. Bob McLaughlin, Herring Lake Bpt., Frankfort
- 2 - Pastor & Mrs. Rob Dunn, Trinity Bpt., Alma
- 2 - Pastor & Mrs. V. James Ruse, Hamilton Bpt., Hamilton
- 2 - Pastor & Mrs. Timothy Knaus, First Bpt., St. Johns – 30 years!
- 3 - Pastor & Mrs. Doug Beason, First Bpt., Middleville – 60 years!
- 3 - Pastor & Mrs. Bob Cass, West Cannon Bpt., Belmont
- 4 - Pastor & Mrs. Will Davis, Berean Bpt., Portage
- 4 - Pastor & Mrs. Randy Terrill, Owosso
- 5 - Pastor & Mrs. Derek Max, Kent City Bpt., Kent City – 5 years!
- 5 - Pastor & Mrs. Jack Nichols, Sunnyside Bpt., Cadillac – 55 years!
- 6 - Pastor & Mrs. David Stiles, Baldwin Bpt., Baldwin
- 6 - Pastor & Mrs. William Heydens, Carter Road Bpt., Midland
- 6 - Pastor & Mrs. Dan Knepper, Brimley Bpt., Brimley
- 7 - Pastor & Mrs. Don Gommesen, Calvary Bpt., Lansing – 35 years!
- 7 - Pastor & Mrs. David Leslie, Green Corners Bpt., Belding
- 7 - Pastor & Mrs. James Turner, First Bpt., Mt. Pleasant
- 9 - Pastor & Mrs. Jerry Hopkins, Lakewood Bpt., Lake Odessa
- 10 - Pastor & Mrs. Bill Rudd, Calvary Bpt., Fruitport
- 11 - Pastor & Mrs. William Blount, Fellowship Bpt., East China
- 11 - Pastor & Mrs. Duane Young, Bridgeton Bpt., Fremont
- 11 - Pastor & Mrs. Robert Baxter, Colon Bpt., Colon
- 12 - Pastor & Mrs. Hal Jankusky, Northwest Bpt., Jackson
- 14 - Pastor & Mrs. Karl Pike, Good News Bpt., G.R.
- 15 - Pastor & Mrs. Doug Compton, Alpine Bpt., Comstock Park – 35 years!
- 15 - Pastor & Mrs. Maynard Belt, West Cannon Bpt., Belmont
- 15 - Pastor & Mrs. Wesley Smith, North Casnovia Bpt., Bailey
- 17 - Pastor & Mrs. Dan Bowman, Orangeville Bpt., Plainwell
- 17 - Pastor & Mrs. Daryl Taylor, Community Bpt., Davison
- 17 - Pastor & Mrs. W. Lee Taylor, First Bpt., Lowell
- 18 - Pastor & Mrs. Paul Leslie, Green Corners Bpt., Belding
- 18 - Pastor & Mrs. Jim Howie, Bethany Bpt., Clawson
- 18 - Pastor & Mrs. Tim Rowland, Lansing Ave. Bpt., Jackson
- 19 - Pastor & Mrs. David Hill, First Bpt., Cass City

- 19 - Pastor & Mrs. Ronald Sischo, First Bpt., St. John
- 19 - Pastor & Mrs. Brett Shilton, Grandville Bpt., Grandville – 10 years!
- 19 - Pastor & Mrs. Dave Stowers, Midway Bpt., Watervliet
- 20 - Pastor & Mrs. Richard Van Norman, Calvary Bpt., Grand Rapids – 55 years!
- 21 - Pastor & Mrs. Jim Currie, Faith Bpt., Cheboygan
- 21 - Pastor & Mrs. Paul Starkweather, Lakeland Bpt., Iron River
- 22 - Pastor & Mrs. Michael Reece, Calvary Bpt., Midland
- 22 - Pastor & Mrs. Mark Cizauskas, W. Cannon Bpt., Belmont
- 22 - Pastor & Mrs. David Gregg, First Bpt., Williamston
- 22 - Pastor & Mrs. Eric Struble, Heritage Bpt., Manistee
- 22 - Pastor & Mrs. Tom Swedberg, Grand Rapids
- 23 - Pastor & Mrs. Terry McIntosh, Berean Bpt., Livonia
- 25 - Pastor & Mrs. Ryan White, First Bpt., Stanton – 15 years!
- 25 - Pastor & Mrs. Timothy Peterson, Berlin Bpt., Marne – 15 years!
- 25 - Pastor & Mrs. Randy Emmorey, First Bpt., Clare
- 26 - Pastor & Mrs. Keith Stoller, Grace Bpt., Springport
- 27 - Pastor & Mrs. Steve Swayze, First Bpt., Millford
- 27 - Pastor & Mrs. Don Chapel, Grand Rapids
- 27 - Pastor & Mrs. Cliff Buttermore, Berean Bpt., Livonia
- 28 - Pastor & Mrs. Aaron Hadley, First Bpt., Edmore
- 29 - Pastor & Mrs. Dave Cvetich, Northland Bpt., Grand Rapids – 25 years!
- 30 - Pastor & Mrs. Lloyd Steinfort, Wealthy Park Bpt., Grand Rapids

July

- 1 - Pastor & Mrs. Mark Cowell, Midway Bpt., Watervliet
- 1 - Pastor & Mrs. Kevin Stiles, Alaska Bpt., Caledonia
- 1 - Pastor & Mrs. Frank Snyder, First Bpt., Middleville
- 2 - Pastor & Mrs. John Dawson, First Bpt., Reed City
- 2 - Pastor & Mrs. Dan Fullmer, Rick Lake Bpt., Grant
- 2 - Pastor & Mrs. Scott Farrell, Calvary Bpt., Evart
- 2 - Pastor & Mrs. Duane McNeil - Grand Rapids
- 4 - Pastor & Mrs. Kevin Pierpont, Higgins Lake Bpt., Higgins Lake
- 5 - Pastor & Mrs. Ken Pyne, Evangel Bpt., Taylor
- 6 - Pastor & Mrs. Ron Anderson, Urbandale Bpt., Battle Creek
- 7 - Pastor & Mrs. Michael McAlvey, First Bpt., Carson City
- 7 - Pastor & Mrs. James Kester, First Bpt., Oxford – 30 years!
- 8 - Pastor & Mrs. Glyn Knight, Cascades Bpt., Jackson
- 9 - Pastor & Mrs. Jamey Newsted, Calvary Bpt., Fruitport – 15 years!
- 10 - Pastor & Mrs. Tim Mattison, First Bpt., Wayland
- 11 - Pastor & Mrs. Bob Searles, Allendale Bpt., Allendale

- 11 - Pastor & Mrs. Mark Thompson, First Bpt., Rochester
- 12 - Pastor & Mrs. David Parmerlee, West Cannon Bpt., Belmont
- 12 - Pastor & Mrs. Cory Snyder, Riverdale Bpt., Flint
- 13 - Pastor & Mrs. Chad Konieczny, First Bpt., St. John
- 14 - Pastor & Mrs. Robert Wright, Britton Bethel Bpt., Britton – 25 years!
- 14 - Pastor & Mrs. Ronald Wigand, First Bpt., Caro
- 14 - Pastor & Mrs. Jim Shreve, Jackson Bpt., Jackson – 30 years!
- 14 - Pastor & Mrs. Shawn Hess, Trinity Bpt., Ypsilanti
- 15 - Pastor & Mrs. Jack Dowden, Emmanuel Bpt., Flint
- 15 - Pastor & Mrs. Tim Karel, Byron Center Bpt., Byron Center
- 15 - Pastor & Mrs. Randy Peterson, Calvary Bpt., Owosso
- 17 - Pastor & Mrs. Shane Clum, Northland Bpt., Grand Rapids
- 18 - Pastor & Mrs. Nathan Parsekian, Shelby Rd. Bpt., Shelby
- 20 - Pastor & Mrs. Alan Kierkant, First Bpt., Allegan
- 23 - Pastor & Mrs. David Sims, First Bpt., Lowell
- 29 - Pastor & Mrs. Virgil Bopp, North Park Bpt., G.R. – 60 years!
- 29 - Pastor & Mrs. Matthew Deja, North Park Bpt., G.R.
- 30 - Pastor & Mrs. Mike Wilkerson, Calvary Bpt., Fruitport
- 31 - Pastor & Mrs. Bruce Nolen, First Bpt., Calumet – 50 years!
- 31 - Pastor & Mrs. John Fields, First Bpt., Bronson

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

KEN'S ROAD REPORT

Special praise, the Floyd's first grandchild, Connor Wesley Helmick, was born on May 28, 2009!

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| June 7 | First Baptist, Portland |
| June 14 | Village Baptist, Chesaning |
| June 22-26 | GARBC National Conference, Elyria, OH |
| June 22 | GARBC Council of 18 observer, Elyria, OH |
| June 23 | GARBC State Representative couples dinner meeting, Elyria, OH |
| June 30 - July 5 | Visit CPR ministry sites in the Upper Peninsula |

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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