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The Word Has It

Ken Floyd
MARBC Executive Director

“Strengthen me according to Your word,”

— Psalm 119:28

“Rest”

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

(Matthew 11:28-29)

It is Monday morning as I pen this particular column. I am reflecting upon another Lord's Day of worship and ministry. I have reviewed my calendar for the week and prayerfully considered what lies ahead. I am also anticipating the week ahead with its promise of yet-to-be realized joys, opportunities, and challenges. While I am in this mode, would you permit me to do a little “Monday morning quarterbacking” from a pastoral perspective?

This past year I have had the opportunity to talk with several pastors, church leaders, and ministry servants who are facing extreme challenges in their personal lives and/or ministries. Praying for them and you is a regular and important part of our ministry on your behalf. This endeavor over the past twelve months has often been accompanied by an aching heart and teary eyes.

All of us face challenges as a part of our walk with God in a pagan world and because of our unique calling to be servants of God. It is easy to let the “fog” of our Monday morning spiritual hangover skew our view of life and ministry.

I am not sure where I first read the following illustration and have searched without success to discover the author who penned it. I came across it a few years ago in my reading and have used it in my preaching. In seeking to find a proper citation for it, I have found that it has been quoted frequently by others. I would like to share it with you today as an encouragement. I have added a few scriptural references and my own application.

I CAN SLEEP WHEN THE WIND BLOWS

Years ago a farmer owned land along the Atlantic seacoast. He constantly advertised for hired hands. Most people were reluctant to work on farms along the Atlantic. They dreaded the awful storms that raged across the Atlantic that would wreak havoc on the buildings and crops. As the farmer interviewed applicants for the job, he received a steady stream of refusals once the applicants would learn of the working conditions. Finally, a short, thin man, well past middle age, approached the farmer. “Are you a good farmhand?” the farmer asked him. “Well, I can sleep when the wind blows,” answered the little man. Although puzzled by this answer, the farmer, desperate for help, hired him. The little man worked well around the farm, busy from dawn to dusk, and the farmer felt satisfied with the man's work.

Then one night the wind howled loudly in from offshore. Jumping out of bed, the farmer grabbed a lantern and rushed next door to the hand's sleeping quarters. He shook the little man and yelled, “Get up! A storm is coming! Tie things down before they blow away!” The little man rolled over in bed and said firmly, “No sir. I told



you, I can sleep when the wind blows.” Enraged by the old man's response, the farmer wanted to fire him on the spot but didn't because he was too concerned about caring for his property before the main storm struck. So, the farmer hurried outside to prepare for the storm. To his amazement, he discovered that all of the haystacks had been covered with tarpaulins. The cows were in the barn, the chickens were in the coops, and the doors were barred. The shutters were tightly secured. Everything was tied down, therefore nothing could blow away. The farmer then understood what his hired hand meant, and he returned to bed to also sleep while the wind blew.

There are several applications that could be gleaned from this tale. One might be that when you are prepared, you have nothing to fear. The hired hand slept soundly because he had secured the farm against the storm. We secure ourselves against the storms of life by grounding ourselves firmly in the Word of God before they hit and weather their buffeting while they rage around us.

What about you, my windblown friend? Are you prepared to face the winds of opposition that will inevitably blow? Monday morning may be a good time for you to resolve the following:

- I will determine to let God order my steps (*Proverbs 16:9*).
- I will seek guidance from God to give proper focus to my life (*Psalms 119:105*).

- I will let God give me His supernatural peace that is not explainable by human standards (*Philippians 4:7*).
- I will remember that God is as near to me in the storms of life as He is when life seems bright and sunny. (*Matthew 8:24-27*)

The Old Testament character Job faced more than his share of crisis situations in life. He found great solace in God's promises to him. As a result, those who demonstrate extreme patience in difficult situations are said to have “the patience of Job.” The secret of Job's patience was his confidence in God's provisions for enduring the storms of life. God promised him, and each of us who trust him, “*And you would be secure,*

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SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

MISSION APARTMENT AVAILABLE IN FLINT AREA

Emmanuel Baptist Church in Flint now has a vacancy in their one bedroom mission apartment. The room is rent free. This lower level apartment has a drive in one car garage and a walk out basement. The house is located on a hill and the east and north sides of the basement apartment are exposed with full length windows and a screened porch. The apartment is furnished and has a washer and dryer available. Contact the Emmanuel Baptist Church office for further information – 810.736.6111; office@ebcflint.com.

TEACHING SEMINAR

Standale Baptist Church in Grand Rapids will host a special "Teaching Seminar" featuring Rev. Ken Rudolph on Tuesday, May 3. Many know Ken Rudolph as an excellent communicator to youth and adults. He is known for his ability to motivate people to a life committed to Jesus Christ. Pastors, Sunday school teachers, and church leaders now have an opportunity to learn communication techniques from Ken that will help motivate listening ears of all ages.

An afternoon session designed for pastors will be held from 1-5 p.m. on the topic of simple sermonic structure and listener interaction. An evening session is designed for pastors, Sunday school teachers, and church leaders and will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. The subject will be "learning how to effectively communicate to young people." For more information or to RSVP, contact Standale Baptist Church, 3714 Lake Michigan Dr. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534, (616) 453-4489. There is no cost to attend the sessions. A love offering will be received.

THE SEMINAR ON CHURCH CONSTRUCTION

An informative and helpful seminar on building a church

facility will be held in Grand Rapids on Thursday, May 19, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The seminar will be held at Alpine Baptist Church, 692 Seven Mile Rd. NW, Comstock Park, MI (616.784.1331. Alpine Baptist recently completed a major building expansion under the direction of the seminar sponsors, Wieland-Davco Corporation of Lansing, MI.

If you are in charge of leading a church congregation, the topic of renovating, adding on, or completely relocating your church facility has probably been discussed. Become a better steward for those you are serving by attending this highly informative and affordably priced one-day seminar. Professional speakers from key areas will provide 30 to 60 minute professional presentations and participate in a question and answer forum.

Speakers will include: Craig Wieland, President of Wieland-Davco; Kevin Shaw, VP-Wieland-Davco; Jeff Parker, Jeffrey Parker Architects (Grand Rapids); Bill Walter, Church Growth Services (Stewardship specialist); and Rick Stewart, Sound and Lighting specialist.

The seminar is FREE to pastors and \$20 per person for non-pastors (bring 5 non-pastors and the fifth registration is free). The cost includes breakfast, lunch, meeting notes and a free copy of The Book on Church Construction. For more information and seminar brochures you may call 1-800-633-5488, visit the website www.wieland-davco.com, or e-mail Kevin Shaw, kevin.shaw@wieland-davco.com.

SUMMER SIZZLER 3-ON-3 TOURNAMENT & FAMILY DAY IN EVART

Calvary Baptist Church in Evert will once again be hosting a special Memorial Day weekend event and invites area churches to participate.

Summer Sizzler 3-on-3 Tournament & Family Day

Saturday May 28th
@ Evert High School

3 Divisions: ages 10-12,13-15,16-19

Cost \$15 per person if registered by April 29th
\$20 per person until May 12th

Register at www.realifyouth.org or contact Pastor Layton at 231-734-2464

Inflatable Games, Free Kid's Games, Live Bands, T-shirt Design Contest, Silent Auction, & \$3 Lunch. Event hosted by Calvary Baptist Church of Evert.

THE WORD HAS IT

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because there is hope; yes, you would dig around you, and take your rest in safety." (Job 11:18)

Determine today to be amazed, just like the disciples in Matthew 8, as you watch the Lord take control of the angry waves that toss you about in your present situation. *"And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?" (Matthew 8:24-27)*

Be at rest in God's care today. Trust Him to help you sleep when the wind blows. Remember to pray for your brothers and sisters in the family of God who are also riding out the storms keeping their eyes fixed on Jesus. Be confident and comforted by the promise that He will give you rest as you come to Him.

You have His Word on it! – (KEF)



A personal note of praise from Ken and Sharon:

We thank God for the safe delivery of our second grandchild, Eloise Claire. Ella was born on March 4 to our daughter and son-in-law, Allison and Taylor Helmick. She joins her big brother Connor (who turns 2 years old on May 28).



Big brother Connor with his little sister, Eloise Clare Helmick

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MARBC NEWS & NOTES

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

On Sunday evening, February 13, 2011, the West Cannon Baptist Church family honored Pastor Dave and Mary Parmerlee for twenty years of faithful and fruitful ministry. They were given cards from church family members that expressed their love and gratitude for the Parmerlees' service. The church also presented the Parmerlees

a gift to send them on a trip to Spain to visit their daughter Carissa, who is serving as a short-term missionary. The church states that it is already looking forward to celebrating the Parmerlees' thirtieth anniversary.



Pastor Dave and Mary Parmerlee



Dedicatory Prayer at Schiedel Installation Service

LANSING, BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH (DAVID SCHIEDEL, PASTOR) –

The Berean Baptist Church family had the special joy of holding an installation service for the new pastor, Dave Schiedel, on Sunday, March 20, 2011. Rev. Glenn Dundore, who served as the interim pastor at Berean, gave a charge to the church. Rev. Rob Mace, a personal friend of Pastor Schiedel and pastor of First Baptist Church in Argos, Indiana, gave the charge to the pastor. A special fellowship meal in honor of the Schiedels was held following the service. Both the service and fellowship were well attended and everyone left encouraged in the Lord. Pastor Dave and his wife, Kathie, come to Berean after a ministry at Tri Lakes Baptist Church in

Columbia City, Indiana. The Schiedels share that they were humbled by the genuine expressions of love and support.



Pastors Glenn Dundore, David Schiedel, and Rob Mace

MARBC TALENTS FOR CHRIST – The piano competition of the MARBC Talents for Christ was held on Saturday, March 26, at West Cannon Baptist Church in Belmont. First place awards were given in both the scholarship and open categories.

Piano Competition, Scholarship Category
1st place – Joelle Byers,
Trinity Baptist, Muskegon

Piano Competition, Open Category
1st place – Kaitlyn Lanham,
Evangel Baptist, Taylor
2nd place – Rachel Harry,
Hamilton Baptist, Hamilton

Joelle Byers plans to compete in the national Talents for Christ competition being held during the GARBC Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado, the last week of June.

We appreciate the special ministry of Pastor Ken Pyne and his wife, Debbie, for their faithful direction of the MARBC TFC program.

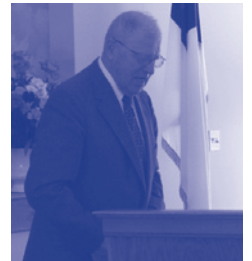
Next year's MARBC Talents for Christ competition is tentatively scheduled on April 21, 2012 at South Baptist Church in Flint.



TFC award recipients Joelle Byers, Kaitlyn Lanham, and Rachel Harry

WAKEFIELD, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH (TOM BAUDER, PASTOR) –

Calvary Baptist Church marked the completion of a renovation project on their church facilities by celebrating God's goodness in worship through a Building Rededication Service on Sunday, March 27. Rev. Ken Floyd, Executive Director of the MARBC, was the special speaker for the service. Letters from area businesses and representatives of local and state government were read during the service. Pastor Tom Bauder led the Calvary congregation in a rededication commitment and prayer to conclude the service.



Pastor Tom Bauder leads in a prayer of rededication

Sister churches and ministry teams involved in the MARBC's CPR program helped assist the church in several renovation projects in recent years. The most recent work was accomplished in the summer of 2010 by a ministry group from West Cannon Baptist Church in Belmont, Michigan. Facility renovations include repainting of the auditorium and other rooms, expansion of the foyer and entry area, and upgrades in the lower level. Other exterior work was also completed



Calvary rededication service

during the process, as was the paving of the parking lot, and striping for parking and outdoor sports activities. Additional work has also been completed on the church parsonage.

A special celebration luncheon was served following the rededication service after which an afternoon open house was held for the community to tour the updated facilities.



Renovated auditorium

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WITH THE LORD

“... that you sorrow not, even as others who have no hope,”

1 Thessalonians 4:13

MARILYN J. SANDERS – Marilyn, the wife of Brother Del Sanders, was 72 years of age when she went to be with her Lord on January 10, 2011. She and Del enjoyed 52 years of marriage and served the Lord faithfully as a long-time member of Faith Baptist Church in Warren and a beloved Bible teacher. The Sanders’ are a special part of the MARBC family. Brother Del helped to establish the partnership between the MARBC and Brotherhood Mutual Insurance in the late 1980’s. Through that partnership the MARBC has received great financial support that has enabled us to accomplish many special ministry projects.

CLIFF JENKIN – We extend our prayerful support as an MARBC family to Continental Baptist Mission president Bill Jenkin and his wife, Terri, upon the homegoing of their son, Cliff. Cliff, age 25, entered the presence of his Lord on Friday, April 1. He was surrounded by his wife Megan and his parents, who read Scripture passages during the final hours of his earthly sojourn. Cliff demonstrated a godly testimony to those who witnessed his battle with cancer. In addition to his wife and parents, Cliff leaves behind his twin brother, Clint and his wife, Carole and his family; his sister Deb and her husband Dan, and her family.



Cliff Jenkin

A Memorial Service was held at Mountain View Bible Church on Thursday, April 7. Cliff’s testimony lives on in the lives of the students and faculty/staff of Dublin Christian Academy. In lieu of flowers the family asks that contributions be made to the Webb-Jenkin Scholarship Fund for Dublin Christian Academy students. This Scholarship is named in honor of both Cliff Jenkin and Cathy Webb. Gifts can be sent to Dublin Christian Academy, 106 Page Rd, Dublin NH 03444-8613.

DR. PAUL VERSLUIS, veteran missionary and founder of Bibles International, went to be with his Lord on Monday night, February 21, 2011. Bibles International, a Bible translation ministry that serves on 5 continents and 14 countries, was started in the basement of Paul and his wife Genella’s home 30 years ago this summer.



Dr. Paul and Genella Versluis

Brother Paul was married for 65 years to his wife, Genella, whom he had known since he was a young boy. They corresponded through letters for many years while Paul served as a Naval pilot in Asia during World War II. Paul and Genella were married on June 9, 1945, in the Naval Air Force Chapel in Corpus Christi, Texas. Together they were blessed with two children, Paul III and Maribeth.

When he was discharged, Paul and his family returned to Grand Rapids where he attended Grand Rapids Theological Seminary for five years, earning his degree in 1952. A short time later, Paul and Genella accepted positions as missionaries with Baptist Mid-Missions, serving in Alaska, India, and Hawaii over a period of 50 years. In addition to founding Bibles International he also started Partnership Ministries and Paul Versluis Partnership Ministries.

Through his ministries, Paul led in the establishment of orphanages in India and Burma. He also founded Asia Theological Seminary and inaugurated the Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary Extension in Singapore.

Paul was also used of the Lord as a church planter. He planted churches in Kailua, Hawaii; Hilton Head, South Carolina; Alma, Michigan; and Hillsdale, Michigan. He assisted in the oversight of City View Church, an intercity Grand Rapids, MI church plant.

It was my (Ken’s) personal joy 11 years ago this month to be a part of a special ministry team led by “Uncle” Paul and Dr. Mark Jackson to visit several ministry sites in India for three weeks. Many of the ministries where the team shared were

personally started and led by the Versluises. Paul demonstrated a great love and compassion for the people we visited. That love was generously returned to him by each group with whom we met.

Even though Paul struggled with physical disabilities in his later years, he did not allow these challenges to become barriers that would prevent him from continuing to visit with and minister to the people that he and Genella so dearly loved in the Lord.

A service to celebrate Paul’s life was held on February 22 at Berean Baptist Church in Grand Rapids. Contributions in his memory may be made to Paul Versluis Partnership Ministries.

MARBC NEWS & NOTES

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UPPER PENINSULA,

PRAYER DAY – Family Baptist Church in Kingsford, Michigan was the site of an Upper Peninsula Pastors’ Prayer Day on Tuesday, March 29. Located in the far western part of the Upper Peninsula near the Wisconsin border, the Family Baptist Church has been led by Pastor Kevin Sullivan for almost twenty years. Pastors from churches in the Upper Peninsula gather monthly at various locations across the peninsula for a time primarily focused upon praying for the needs of their respective ministries. Meetings typically last about six hours and include lunch served by the host church.

MARBC Executive Ministry Director Ken Floyd delivered gift baskets for pastors’ wives in the UP at the prayer day and during his travels in the UP. The baskets were prepared as a CPR ministry by the Women’s Missions Group from Orangeville Baptist Church in Plainwell, Michigan. Those receiving the baskets were greatly encouraged by the gifts.



Pastors participate in Prayer Day gathering

ANNIVERSARY ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

May

- 3 - Pastor & Mrs. Stan Lightfoot, Whittemore - 70 years!
- 5 - Pastor & Mrs. Mike Fritz, Orangeville Bapt., Plainwell - 10 years!
- 7 - Pastor & Mrs. Rob Schneider, First Bapt., Brooklyn
- 11 - Pastor & Mrs. Clyde Afman, First Bapt., Fremont - 65 years!
- 12 - Pastor & Mrs. Wm. Abrams, Calvary Bapt., Bergland
- 12 - Pastor & Mrs. Tim Shaw, First Baptist, Fremont
- 16 - Pastor & Mrs. Scott Florida, Alpine Bapt., Comstock Park
- 16 - Pastor & Mrs. Tom Cooper, Byron Bapt., Byron - 25 years!
- 18 - Pastor & Mrs. Brian Humphreys, First Bapt., Howard City - 20 years!
- 18 - Pastor & Mrs. Jeff Sheeks, First Bapt., Brooklyn
- 20 - Pastor & Mrs. Jeff Burr, Forest Hills Bapt., GR
- 20 - Pastor & Mrs. Louis Konopka, Blythefield Hills Bapt., Rockford
- 20 - Pastor & Mrs. Doug Stockwell, First Bapt., Prudenville
- 20 - Pastor & Mrs. Tom Townsend, First Bapt., Rochester
- 22 - Pastor & Mrs. Scott Church, Trinity Bapt., Muskegon - 35 years!
- 23 - Pastor & Mrs. Don Jackson, Calvary Bapt., Battle Creek
- 24 - Pastor & Mrs. Greg Bishop, Northeastern Bapt., Kalamazoo
- 24 - Pastor & Mrs. Mark Jones, Mason Rd. Bapt., Fowlerville
- 24 - Pastor & Mrs. Joshua Rager, Cloverville Bapt., Fruitport
- 25 - Pastor & Mrs. Andrew Manwarren, First Bapt., Newberry
- 28 - Pastor & Mrs. Mark Kirkpatrick, South Bapt., Bay City
- 28 - Pastor & Mrs. Bob McNeil, Shelby Rd. Bapt., Shelby
- 28 - Pastor & Mrs. Steve Worth, Bethel Bapt., Fruitport
- 29 - Pastor & Mrs. Mark Holeman, First Bapt., Newaygo
- 29 - Pastor & Mrs. John Watson, Standale Bapt., GR
- 29 - Pastor & Mrs. Bob Norris, Ithaca Bapt., Ithaca - 35 years!
- 31 - Pastor & Mrs. Doug Crawford II, Calvary Bapt., GR
- 31 - Pastor & Mrs. Dennis Foley, First Bapt., Hart
- 31 - Pastor & Mrs. Kim Lewis, First Bapt., Essexville
- 31 - Pastor & Mrs. Luke Rosenberger, Byron Bapt., Byron
- 31 - Pastor & Mrs. Rick Yokel, Tabernacle Bapt., Hazel Park

June

- 1 - Pastor & Mrs. Brian Harrison, Alaska Baptist, Caledonia
- 1 - Pastor & Mrs. Bob McLaughlin, Herring Lake Bapt., Frankfort
- 2 - Pastor & Mrs. Rob Dunn, Trinity Bapt., Alma - 10 years!
- 2 - Pastor & Mrs. V. James Ruse, Hamilton Bapt., Hamilton
- 2 - Pastor & Mrs. Timothy Knaus, First Bapt., St. Johns
- 3 - Pastor & Mrs. Bob Cass, Grand Rapids - 55 years!
- 4 - Pastor & Mrs. Will Davis, Berean Bapt., Portage
- 5 - Pastor & Mrs. Derek Max, Kent City Bapt., Kent City
- 5 - Pastor & Mrs. Jack Nichols, Sunnyside Bapt., Cadillac
- 6 - Pastor & Mrs. David Stiles, Baldwin Bapt., Baldwin
- 6 - Pastor & Mrs. William Heydens, Carter Road Bapt., Midland
- 6 - Pastor & Mrs. Dan Knepper, Brimley Bapt., Brimley
- 7 - Pastor & Mrs. Don Gommesen, Calvary Bapt., Lansing
- 7 - Pastor & Mrs. David Leslie, Green Corners Bapt., Belding
- 7 - Pastor & Mrs. James Turner, First Bapt., Mt. Pleasant - 45 years!
- 9 - Pastor & Mrs. Jerry Hopkins, Byron Center
- 10 - Pastor & Mrs. Bill Rudd, Calvary Bapt., Fruitport
- 11 - Pastor & Mrs. William Blount, Hesperia Bapt., Hesperia
- 11 - Pastor & Mrs. Duane Young, Bridgeton Bapt., Fremont
- 11 - Pastor & Mrs. Robert Baxter, Colon Bapt., Colon
- 12 - Pastor & Mrs. Hal Jankusky, Northwest Bapt., Jackson
- 14 - Pastor & Mrs. Bill Abernathy, Berean Bapt., Portage
- 14 - Pastor & Mrs. Karl Pike, Good News Bapt., G.R.
- 15 - Pastor & Mrs. Maynard Belt, West Cannon Bapt., Belmont
- 15 - Pastor & Mrs. Doug Compton, Alpine Bapt., Comstock Park
- 15 - Pastor & Mrs. Wesley Smith, North Casnovia Bapt., Bailey
- 17 - Pastor & Mrs. Dan Bowman, Orangeville Bapt., Plainwell
- 17 - Pastor & Mrs. W. Lee Taylor, First Bapt., Lowell
- 18 - Pastor & Mrs. Paul Leslie, Green Corners Bapt., Belding - 40 years!
- 18 - Pastor & Mrs. Jim Howie, Bethany Bapt., Clawson - 40 years!
- 18 - Pastor & Mrs. Tim Rowland, Lansing Ave. Bapt., Jackson
- 19 - Pastor & Mrs. David Hill, First Bapt., Cass City
- 19 - Pastor & Mrs. Ronald Sischo, First Bapt., St. John
- 19 - Pastor & Mrs. Dave Stowers, Midway Bapt., Watervliet
- 20 - Pastor & Mrs. Richard Van Norman, Calvary Bapt., Grand Rapids

- 21 - Pastor & Mrs. Jim Currie, Faith Bapt., Cheboygan
- 21 - Pastor & Mrs. Paul Starkweather, Lakeland Bapt., Iron River
- 22 - Pastor & Mrs. Mark Cizauskas, W. Cannon Bapt., Belmont
- 22 - Pastor & Mrs. Michael Reece, Calvary Bapt., Midland
- 22 - Pastor & Mrs. Eric Struble, Heritage Bapt., Manistee
- 23 - Pastor & Mrs. Terry McIntosh, Berean Bapt., Livonia
- 25 - Pastor & Mrs. Randy Emmorey, First Bapt., Clare
- 25 - Pastor & Mrs. Timothy Peterson, Berlin Bapt., Marne
- 25 - Pastor & Mrs. Ryan White, First Bapt., Stanton
- 26 - Pastor & Mrs. Keith Stoller, Grace Bapt., Springport
- 27 - Pastor & Mrs. Steve Swayze, First Bapt., Milford
- 27 - Pastor & Mrs. Don Chapel, Grand Rapids
- 27 - Pastor & Mrs. Cliff Buttermore, Berean Bapt., Livonia - 25 years!
- 28 - Pastor & Mrs. Aaron Hadley, First Bapt., Edmore
- 29 - Pastor & Mrs. Dave Cvetich, Northland Bapt., Grand Rapids
- 30 - Pastor & Mrs. Lloyd Steinfort, Wealthy Park Bapt., Grand Rapids - 66 years!

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

MARBC EVENTS

TO PLACE ON YOUR 2011 CALENDAR

September 25, 2011

MARBC 5TH ANNUAL DAY OF "ONE ACCORD" PRAYER



"They raised their voice to God in one accord"
Acts 4:24

A day for MARBC churches to devote their attention to prayer for our churches, pastors, state fellowship, camps, ministries, missionaries, and special needs.

October 24-25, 2011

69TH ANNUAL MARBC CONFERENCE

"To All Generations" Psalm 119:89-90

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KEN'S ROAD REPORT

Ken has several open dates available in the second half of 2011. Contact Ken if you would like him to speak or minister in your church.

- May 6-7 Baptist Bible College & Seminary trustee board meetings and commencement
- May 9 GRARBC annual meeting, Kentwood Baptist Church, Kentwood, MI
- May 12 Baptists for Life Pastoral Advisory Committee meeting, Grand Rapids, MI
- May 12 WMARBC meeting, First Baptist Church, Hart, MI
- May 15 First Baptist Church, Alto, MI (pastor's installation service)
- May 17 CMARBC meeting, First Baptist Church, Clare, MI
- May 19 Alpine Baptist Church, Comstock Park, MI, church building seminar
- May 22 OPEN
- May 26 Calvary Baptist Church, Greenville, MI, ordination council
- June 4 Colon Baptist Church, retirement celebration for Pastor Bob & Lori Baxter
- June 5 Colon Baptist Church, Colon, MI
- June 5 Colon Baptist Church, Colon, MI, search committee meeting
- June 10 First Baptist Church, North Adams, MI, ordination council
- June 12 First Baptist Church, North Adams, MI
- June 19 Northeastern Baptist Church, Kalamazoo
- June 24-30 GARBC Conference and meetings, Denver, CO

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former Detroit Tiger pitching great Frank Tanana

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