

RENEW OUR STRENGTH

A detailed illustration of a hand holding a red key. The hand is rendered in a realistic, textured style with visible skin details. The key is red with a circular silver-colored detail on its head. The hand is positioned over a dark, metallic control panel with various buttons and a small screen. The background is dark and moody, with a blue and black color scheme. The overall style is reminiscent of a comic book or a dramatic poster.

"But those
who wait
on the LORD
shall renew
their strength."
Isaiah 40:31

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Conference Schedule

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7:30 a.m.		
8:30 a.m.		Prayer Meeting
9:00 a.m.		General Session George Coon
10:45 a.m.		Workshops (locations, see page 8) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewal in Discipleship • Personal Renewal in Ministry • The Status of Women in Islam • Renewing Our Passion for Evangelism • Evaluating the Church's Corporate Worship • Does Cremation Really Matter? • Gernerational Mentoring
12:00 p.m.		Ladies' Luncheon
1:30 p.m.		Business Meeting
2:45 p.m.		For Men in Ministry: A discussion with John Greening
4:00 p.m.	Registration Opens	
7:00 p.m.	General Session Doug Crawford	General Session Dave Doran
8:30 p.m.	ABWE Reception	Baptist Bible College and Seminary Reception

Wednesday		Thursday	Friday
Baptist Builders Club USA Breakfast			
Prayer Meeting		Prayer Meeting	
General Session Jon Jenks		General Session Mike Augsburg	9:00 Grand Prize Drawing 9:30 General Session John Greening Talents For Christ Awards Ceremony
Workshops (locations, see page 8) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastoral Transitions • Church Discipline • Church and Missions • Building Closeness in Marriage • Communicating between Sundays • Renewing Our Strength through Chaplaincy • The Business Side of Ministry • The Sacred Art of Crafting a Message 		General Session Speakers Panel	
International Luncheon			
Talents For Christ Group Competition Interactive Discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach Ideas • Multiethnic, Multicultural Church • Church Planting 		Talents For Christ Competition	
General Session Mark Shaw		General Session Dave Doran	
Faith Baptist Bible College and Seminary Reception Corps Vets' Reception			

Speakers



Dave Doran
Pastor of Inter-City
Baptist Church,
Allen Park, Mich.



Doug Crawford
Pastor of West Cannon
Baptist Church,
Belmont, Mich.



George Coon
Pastor of Northeastern
Baptist Church,
Kalamazoo, Mich.



Jon Jenks
Pastor of Calvary Baptist
Church,
Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.



Mark Shaw
Pastor of Calvary Baptist
Church,
Greenville, Mich.



Mike Augsburg
Pastor of Willow Creek
Baptist Church,
West Des Moines, Iowa



John Greening
GARBC
National Representative,
Schaumburg, Ill.



**GARBC National
Representative**
John Greening
Schaumburg, Ill.



Worship Coordinator
Ken Pyne
Associate Pastor of
Evangel Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich.



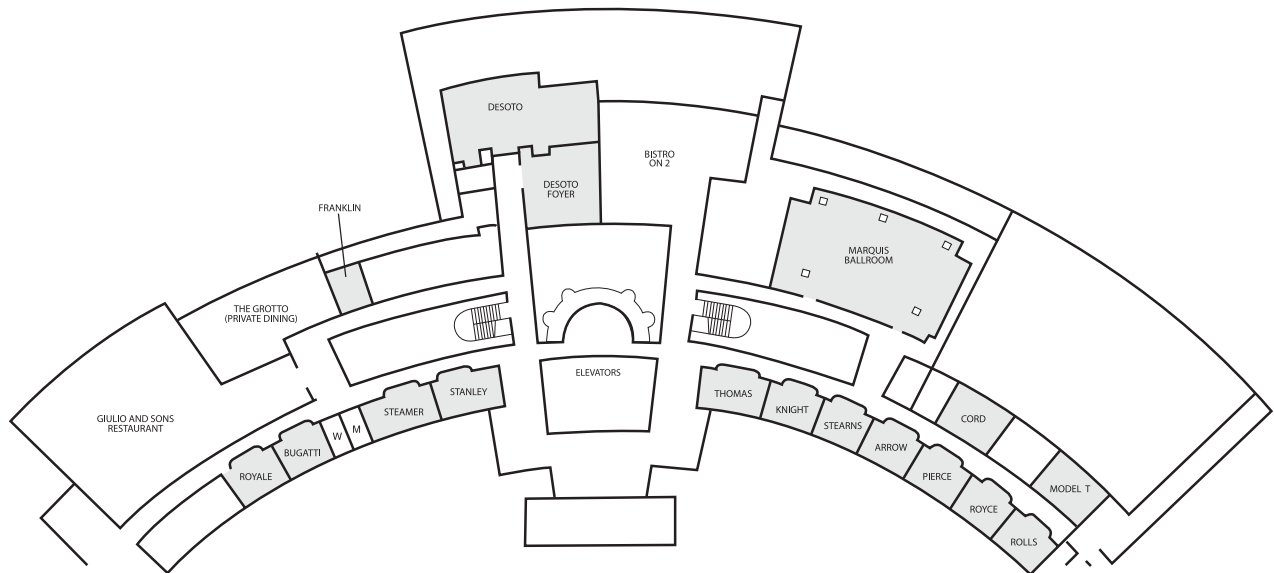
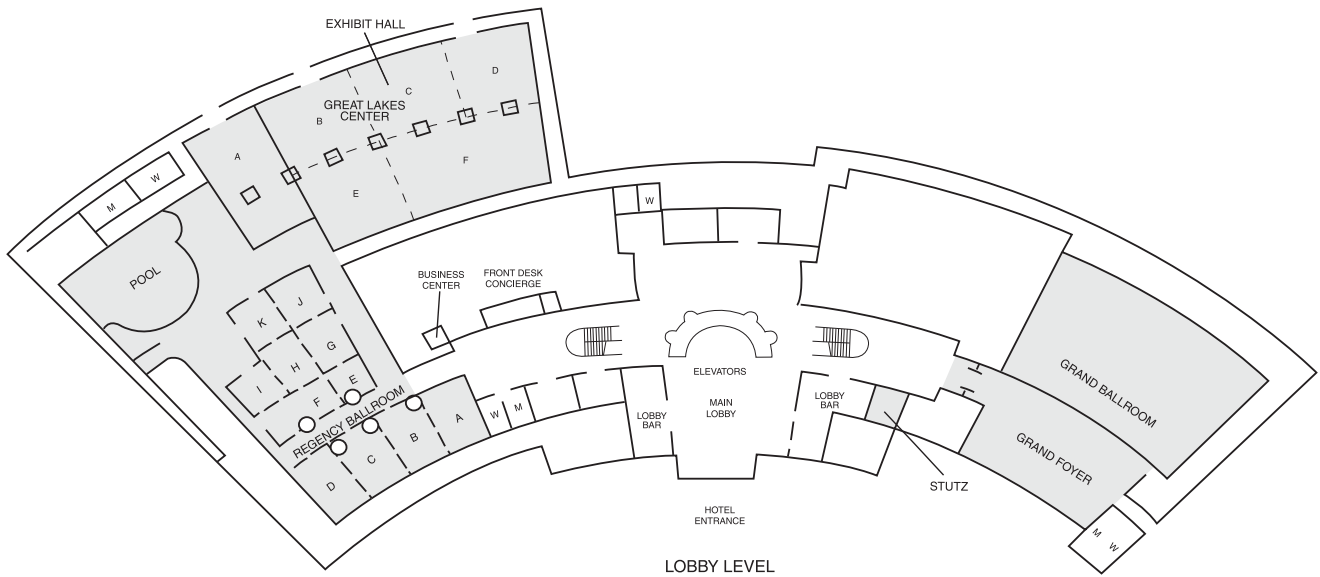
Local Committee Chairman
Ken Floyd
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Grand Rapids, Mich.



Council of 18 Chairman
Bernie Augsburg
IL/MO State Representative,
Washington, Ill.

Conference Personnel

Conference Facility



Interactive Discussions

Take part in practical and relevant discussions with peers. Glean from each other's experiences and ideas to return home to your church with practical ideas for implementation! Brainstorm and gain fresh ideas, as well as, learn from others' successes and failures.

■ Wednesday, June 26, 1:30 p.m.

- **Outreach Ideas—Location: Stanley**
How do you reach out to your ever-changing community? What are some fresh ideas for a community that has stayed consistent throughout the years? How do you bring the lost, the unsaved, the unchurched and make them part of your church family?
- **Multiethnic, Multicultural Church—Location: Bugatti**
Interact with pastors who are doing or who are desirous of doing a multiethnic, multicultural ministry. What are the problems that arise and how do you overcome them? How do you transition from a “uni” to a “multi” church?
- **Church Planting—Location: Steamer**
Starting a church from scratch can be a daunting task! What are some of the challenges that you face as a church plant? How did you overcome them? What are practical ways that a parent, supporting, or area church can assist in helping a church plant grow to maturity?

For Men in Ministry

Join John Greening for a candid perspective on local church ministry. John will share eight trends forcing us to reexamine the priorities and methods of doing church. How will we respond? Let's start the conversation. Pastors attending will receive a gift of new books. The session will take place on Tuesday, June 25, in the DeSoto Room immediately following the business hour.

For Wives in Ministry

Join Daria Greening on Wednesday, June 26, in the Bugattie Room during the workshop hour (10:45 a.m.) for a panel discussion on how to build a close relationship with your husband when immersed in the fatigue and stresses of ministry and family responsibilities. (See page 21 for description.)

Messages

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General Sessions—Great Lakes Center
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 Preschool—Regency Ballroom
 Children—Regency Ballroom
 Interactive Discussions—Bugatti, Stanley, and Steamer Rooms
 Men in Ministry—DeSoto Room
 Students Alive!—DeSoto Room
 Breakfast, Luncheons, and Receptions—Marquis Ballroom
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Go Digital

- Visit www.GARBCconference.org for photos and audio from this year's conference
- Tweeting? Use the #GARBC13 hashtag
- Interact on the GARBC Facebook page: www.facebook.com/GARBC
- Download a digital version of the conference notebook using the tag below



Conference Evaluation

An online conference evaluation will be available in July. All those who participate will be entered into a drawing for two free registrations for the 2014 GARBC Conference in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Talents For Christ



Developing skills for serving Christ is the heartbeat of Talents For Christ. Whether you are a participant or a supporter, TFC is a spiritually enriching experience.

TFC happenings this week:

- **Wednesday**—Group competition; information available at conference registration
- **Thursday morning**—Group winners announced in Students Alive!
- **Thursday afternoon**—Individual competition; information available at conference registration
- **Thursday evening**—Competitors minister in conference general session
- **Friday morning**—Individual winners announced in conference general session; competitors minister in conference general session



Students Alive!

S t u d e n t s

A l i v e !

Who has the most fun at the GARBC Conference? It may be the teens! The Students Alive! Conference offers students an opportunity to get to know other teens from across the country in a wholesome atmosphere of centering on God's Word. Lance Augsburger, Students Alive! director, has a spiritually engaging (and fun!) week for teens, which is held in conjunction with the GARBC Conference.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 a.m.		Speaker: Lance Augsburger	Speaker: Mark Shaw	Speaker: John Greening TFC Competitors' Meeting	9:30 Speaker: John Greening Talents For Christ Awards Ceremony Location: Great Lakes Center with adults
10:30 a.m.		Fortify Groups (Discussion groups meant to fortify our faith.)	Fortify Groups		
1:30 p.m.		Outreach Activity	TFC Group Competition	TFC	
7:00 p.m.	Speaker: Mark Holeman	Speaker: Brian Cedarquist	Youth Rally Starts at 3:00 p.m.	Speaker: Dave Doran Location: Great Lakes Center with adults	
8:00 p.m.	Game Night	Fun at the Mall			

Students Alive! will take place in the DeSoto Room unless otherwise noted.



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Several exhibitors are offering grand prizes this year. (See the next page.)

To be eligible to win one of these prizes, you must:

- **Secure a signature** from 20 of the exhibitors listed below.
- Put your completed passport of signatures in the **container on the registration desk before 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 28.**
- Only adults may secure signatures from exhibitors.
- The drawing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 28, in the Lobby of the Great Lakes Center.
- You must be present to win.

Passport to Prizes

Required Exhibitors

1 _____	9 _____	22 _____
3 _____	13 _____	26 _____
4 _____	19 _____	31 _____
6 _____	20 _____	32 _____
7 _____	21 _____	37 _____

Get Signatures from 5 of These Exhibitors

8 _____	17 _____	29 _____
10 _____	18 _____	33 _____
11 _____	24 _____	34 _____
12 _____	25 _____	35 _____
15 _____	27 _____	31 _____
16 _____	28 _____	43 _____

Grand Prizes

ABWE, Harrisburg, Pa.

Free scholarship for Heart, Mind, Soul Seminar

ABWE Good Soil, Harrisburg, Pa.

24x32 framed art print

Alpine Ministries, Mount Hope, W.Va.

Overnight rafting trip for 2

Baptist Bible College and Seminary, Clarks Summit, Pa.

Hoodie with free week at Teen Leadership Conference

Baptist Builders Club, Schaumburg, Ill.

Disaster relief kit and gift cards

Baptist Church Planters, Elyria, Ohio

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Baptist Mid-Missions, Cleveland, Ohio

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Exhibitors

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GARBC International Ministries—13
Regular Baptist Chaplaincy Ministries—3
Regular Baptist Press—1, 2
Vacation Bible School—14

Support Ministries and Suppliers

ABWE Good Soil—22, 23
Alpine Ministries—26
Awana—24
Bibles International—41
Dale R. Whiting & Associates—32
Ethnic to Ethnic Ministries, Inc.—18
Life Matters Worldwide—10
Maranatha Village—35
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SermonAudio.com—28
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Armed Forces Baptist Missions—25
Baptist Bible College and Seminary—7
Baptist Children's Home—8
Baptist Church Planters—37, 38, 39, 40
Baptist Mid-Missions—20
Bethesda Outreach Ministry International—12
Campus Bible Fellowship International—16
Central Baptist Theological Seminary—17
Continental Baptist Missions—31
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Editorial Bautista Independiente—9
Faith Baptist Bible College—4
Faith Baptist Theological Seminary—5
Grace Baptist Bible College—15
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Piedmont International University—34
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The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry—6

2013 GARBC Service Awards

The following faithful servants of the Lord have served with distinction in their GARBC churches and will be honored during the conference general sessions and featured in *Baptist Bulletin* news.



Maynard and Ann Belt
West Cannon Baptist Church, Belmont, Mich.

This summer Maynard and Ann Belt celebrate fifty years of marriage and ministry. Their path of service began as Ann, at age 12, came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ in Berlin Baptist Church in Marne, Mich., and Maynard, as a teenager, became a Christian in First Baptist Church in Allegan, Mich. Through the encouragement of mentors, Maynard trained at Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College and Seminary. The Belts faithfully served in four Michigan pastorates in twenty-two years: First Baptist in Rogers City; First Baptist in Durand; Tabernacle Baptist Church in Hazel Park; and Northland Baptist Church in Grand Rapids. Their experience as pastor and wife enabled them to serve with distinction as MARBC representative and wife for sixteen years. The Belts enjoy the blessings of four children and six grandchildren.



Robert and Virginia Cowley
CrossRoad Baptist Church, Ames, Iowa

The Cowleys received Christ as Savior as children—Virginia during special church meetings and Bob during a fishing trip. Bob received the call to ministry as an Iowa State engineering student and later trained at Moody Bible Institute. When Bob met Virginia at church in Waterloo, Iowa, they were both involved in Christian ministries on campuses. As a married couple, they followed the Lord's leading to aviation ministry, Evangelical Baptist Missions, and Niger, Africa. After a thirty-three-year career of flying and teaching as missionaries in Africa, the Cowleys "retired" to Ames, Iowa, and launched into a twenty-year career as Iowa State campus missionaries. They have led hundreds of Bible studies and English conversations with international students, resulting in dozens receiving Christ as Savior.



Tom and Sandi Goodrich
Faith Baptist Church, Streetsboro, Ohio

Tom and Sandi Goodrich minister together as active and supportive church members. Over a span of thirty years, Tom has served as director of music—including choir, worship team, and special event ministries. Tom and Sandi sing together in worship of Christ at church and for outside meetings. In addition, Tom has ministered in the elder capacities of church board leader, counselor, and teacher. Repeatedly, Tom has used his vocational career as painter and wallpaper hanger to enhance the church building. Sandi recently retired as a public school principal, following over thirty years as classroom teacher. She has blessed the church by her educational leadership as Sunday School teacher and superintendent, VBS coordinator, and Christian education team leader. The Goodriches are blessed with two married children.



Earl and Eleanore Swigart
Calvary Baptist Church, Mount Pleasant, Iowa

Influenced by Christian parents and born again at age five, Earl began serving the Lord in churches as a child. He trained for ministry at Baptist Bible Seminary, Johnson City, N.Y., and graduated from Faith Baptist Bible College, Omaha, Neb. Earl met his lovely wife, Eleanore, through Pastor H. E. Cole, who also married them. In their first pastorate, the couple established First Baptist Church in Norwalk, Iowa. During their fifty years of church ministry, the Swigarts also pastored Faith Baptist in Fort Dodge, Iowa; Calvary Baptist in Mount Pleasant, Iowa; and Berea Baptist in Stevens Point, Wisc. In "retirement," the Swigarts continue to lead people to Christ and disciple them, visit patients in hospitals and nursing homes, and rejoice in their family's dedication to Christ.

Council of Eighteen Nominees

The Council of Eighteen election will take place on Tuesday, June 25, at the 2:45 p.m. business meeting. **Two messengers** from each church may vote in the election. Voting messengers **must be registered** for the conference. Ballots will be distributed at the business meeting. Two men who are not pastors may be elected this year. A total of **six nominees** will be elected.

David Burman, Pastor

Berean Baptist Church | New Castle, Del.

Duke Crawford, Pastor

Emmanuel Baptist Church | Toledo, Ohio

Doug Farrell, Pastor

Calvary Baptist Church | Forest City, Iowa

Ken Floyd, Representative

Michigan Association of Regular Baptist Churches,
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Will Hatfield, Pastor

CrossRoad Baptist Church | Ames, Iowa

Stan Lightfoot III, Pastor

Rustic Hills Baptist Church | Colorado Springs, Colo.

Chuck Pausley, Pastor

Bethany Baptist Church | Avon Park, Fla.

Scott Poling, Pastor

Harvest Baptist Church | Oswego, Ill.

Ron Schrock, Representative

California Association of Regular Baptist Churches,
Vacaville, Calif.

Don Shirk, Pastor

Grace Baptist Church | Batavia, N. Y.

Bruce Thompson, Pastor

Bethel Baptist Church | Oskaloosa, Iowa

Richard Van Heukelum, Pastor

Shawnee Baptist Church | Shamong, N. J.

The following men are currently serving on the council with time remaining on their terms.

Bryce “Bernie” Augsburger, Representative

IL/MO Association of Regular Baptist Churches,
Washington, Ill.

Mike Augsburger, Pastor

Willow Creek Baptist Church | West Des Moines, Iowa

Sam Farlow, Pastor

Westwood Baptist Church | Fresno, Calif.

J. Wayne Hart, Pastor

Maranatha Baptist Church | Grimes, Iowa

Mike Hess, Pastor

Calvary Baptist Church | Mount Pleasant, Iowa

Bill Jenkin III, President

Continental Baptist Missions | Rockford, Mich.

Craig Johnson, Pastor

Indianola Regular Baptist Church | Indianola, Iowa

J. O. Purcell, Pastor

Tri County Baptist Church | The Villages, Fla.

John Sauser, Pastor

Harvest Baptist Church | Williamsburg, Iowa

Ken Spink, Pastor

Berea Baptist Church | Berea, Ohio

David Strophe, Pastor

Ankeny Baptist Church | Ankeny, Iowa

Gerald Webber, Pastor

Maranatha Baptist Church | Sebring, Fla.



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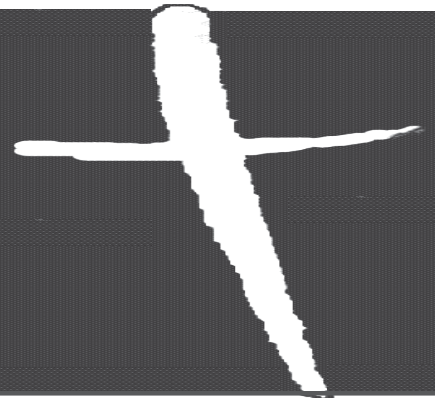


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Excellence in Church Ministry Workshops

Tuesday
June 25

Renewal in Discipleship

Speaker: Dan Anderson, Mount Hope, W.Va. | **Location:** Steamer

Essential to the mandate of our Lord as He left, His commission for the church was the making of disciples. While we know what Christ has commanded, it is so easy to become complacent about His assignment. This workshop is designed to practically and Biblically address the renewal of discipleship. Without succumbing to superficial solutions or diluting doctrinal depth, you are invited to join in the rewarding work of developing followers who will “observe to do” whatsoever things Jesus has taught us. Come renew your discipleship.

Personal Renewal in Ministry

Speaker: Maynard Belt, Belmont, Mich. | **Location:** Great Lakes Ballroom

Do you think that you are the only one whose well runs dry in ministry? Greater servants of God than us have fallen prone to half-heartedness in their God-given tasks. Listen to Spurgeon: “I am the subject of depressions of spirit so fearful that I hope none of you ever get to such extremes of wretchedness as I go. Personally I have often passed through this dark valley.” How about G. Campbell Morgan: “During these ten years, I have known more of visions fading into mirages, of purposes failing of fulfillment, of things of strength crumbling away in weakness than ever in my life before.” It was during this time that he rescued Westminster Chapel in London, England, from almost certain failure and made it the focal point for evangelical Bible study in the entire English-speaking world! The Devil loves to discourage us. God, through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, loves to renew us. Join us as we share together ideas, resources, and personal experiences in keeping fresh in spirit and ministry through intimate communion with God.

The Status of Women in Islam

Speaker: Waad Haddad, Lexington, N.C. | **Location:** Cord

Some advocates of Islam believe that Islam has always honored women and elevated their status. Others believe that both the culture and religion itself have caused women to be inferior and abused. Do women in Arab countries have an inferior position in comparison to men because of the culture, or because of the teaching of the religion, or because of both? Why do women suffer so much in Islamic countries that practice strict Islamic teachings? You will also learn about other issues pertaining to Muslim women, such as the veil, their heritage, women’s rights, marriage and divorce, and the abuse of women in Islam. The objective of this workshop is to educate God’s people by using both the Qur’an and selected historical events on this topic to show how the Islamic culture gains insight from the teachings of the Qur’an and how those teachings influence what its adherents do and why.

Renewing Our Passion for Evangelism

Speaker: Pat Nemmers, Des Moines, Iowa | **Location:** Stanley

While thinking on John 14:6 one day, I was struck by this thought: “There is only one road to Heaven, but there are a thousand on-ramps.” You already know the Road (i.e., way). In this workshop I will provide some very powerful, practical, and proven onramps you can implement immediately into the evangelistic ministry of your church. One of the on-ramps you will learn is how prayer and fasting virtually revolutionized what we thought was already a solid evangelistic program, along with how it has impacted four churches. I will not simply tell how this all happened but how it can happen in your church. Because “salvation is of the LORD” (Jonah 2:9), results are also of Him. I can promise you this, however: what you will learn has the potential of radically changing your church—and you!—toward becoming on-ramps for Jesus.

Excellence in Church Ministry Workshops

Tuesday
June 25

Evaluating the Church's Corporate Worship Service: Are We Asking the Right Questions?

Speaker: Ken Pyne, Taylor, Mich. | **Location:** Royale

We all desire to have corporate worship services that honor God and engage worshipers. What we do and how we do it and who we do it for are all important aspects of our worship. So what are the questions we need to be asking to help determine if our worship services are based on theological principles and providing meaningful opportunities for people to truly worship God? Are we thinking theologically or merely pragmatically about worship? Is worshiping God a means to an end or an end in itself? If we want worship renewal, what is it that needs to be renewed? This workshop will address some of the questions we need to ask as we evaluate our corporate worship services.

Ashes to Ashes, Dust to Dust . . . Does Cremation Really Matter?

Speaker: Don Shirk, Batavia, N.Y. | **Location:** Franklin

Cremation is an increasingly hot topic. More than in previous years, people attend funeral services today in which the deceased was cremated. Local newspaper and television advertisements promote its consideration. Then the inevitable comes: a loved one or relative dies and you must make a decision about funeral arrangements. Cremation is on the list of considerations and at a considerable financial savings! Would it not be a wise use of stewardship dollars that could be saved by utilizing cremation, as opposed to traditional burial, and invest the savings in the Lord's work? Should there be a traditional burial or cremation? Is it simply a choice between two options, or are there other factors that need to be examined? This workshop will equip the participant with a working knowledge of the Biblical perspective of burial and cremation, how early Christianity implemented this understanding, and its application today.

Generational Mentoring

Speaker: Sherry Van Hooser, Mount Pleasant, Iowa | **Location:** Bugatti

In this age of social media, it may be difficult to develop rich, meaningful relationships with other believing women. Biblical mentoring is an invaluable way to connect the truth of God's Word to the lives of women. It can also be a way of sharing the joys and sorrows of life with love and transparency. This workshop will look at the blessings, pitfalls, and means of generational mentoring. Psalm 78:5–8 is a great reminder that we are to be a testimony to the children, then to the next generation, and even children yet unborn so that each new generation will set their hope on God. Regenerated women have a rich, godly heritage that they can invest in succeeding generations. No matter where you are on the spectrum of womanhood, please join us for this Bible-infused conversation about the nature, purpose, and foundations of mentoring.

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Pastoral Transitions: The Ethics of the Thing!

Speaker: Maynard Belt, Belmont, Mich. | **Location:** Steamer

Entrances into a pastoral ministry are usually harmonious and exciting, but what about the exits? This seminar will cover both valid and invalid reasons for leaving a ministry, as well as feasible reasons for leaving; what to do when you are ready to leave and there is no place to go; how to leave when conflict is the cause and you are the cause of the conflict; how to prevent a possible termination of ministry; how to get a good start in a new ministry; and things you should never forget if you are genuinely called to ministry. We will ask some soul-searching questions regarding the pastoral transition process. If you are bold enough, come and share your experiences also.

Church Discipline: The Correction of a Believer or the Excommunication of an Unbeliever?

Speaker: Bruce Compton, Allen Park, Mich. | **Location:** Stanley

Within the larger discussion of church discipline, two questions that continue to resist consensus go to the heart of the issue. The first question concerns the spiritual status of those being disciplined. Are they to be viewed by the church as true believers caught up in some sin and, thus, to be corrected and restored? Or are they to be viewed as those who have made a profession of faith but who are, in fact, not saved and who should be confronted and removed? Or does the New Testament allow for either of these two options, depending on the nature of the disobedience?

The second question, related to the first, addresses the type of discipline meted out to the disobedient. Does church discipline invariably involve excommunication—the removal of the disobedient from the membership of the local church with a loss of all rights and privileges? In other words, does the New Testament teach that excommunication is the only option when exercising church discipline of the unrepentant? Or does the New Testament allow for a step or level of church discipline that stops short of that? And if the latter be the case, what does this level involve?

The procedure followed in answering these two questions is, first, to give a fresh reading of the New Testament texts that directly deal with church discipline. Specifically in view here are Matthew 18:15–17, 1 Corinthians 5: 1–13, and 2 Thessalonians 3:6–15. These texts are selected because they provide a description of those who are to be disciplined. Furthermore, they reveal something of the nature and rationale behind the discipline. Following this, the information gained from these texts is then applied to the above questions to arrive at a Biblical paradigm for church discipline. In particular, the information from the key texts is used to determine: (1) the spiritual status of the disobedient; (2) the nature and purpose of the discipline the church is to exercise; and (3) the number of steps involved.

The Mission of the Church and Missions

Speaker: Dave Doran, Allen Park, Mich. | **Location:** Great Lakes Ballroom

There is a fair amount of both confusion and debate about what the mission of the church is and how that relates to missions. Is the mission of the church the same as the mission of God? Phrases and concepts like “the mission of God” and “being on mission with God” are becoming very popular, and what they mean is affecting the shape of missions, even how we define what a missionary is. This workshop will seek to evaluate these concepts in light of God’s Word with an eye toward helping us be faithful to the mission given to the church by Jesus Christ.

Building Closeness in Marriage

Facilitator: Daria Greening, Schaumburg, Ill. | **Location:** Bugatti

Keeping marriage fresh is not an easy task with the daily demands of ministry. As pastors’ and ministry leaders’ wives, we must take an active role in promoting vibrancy in our marriage relationship. Fatigue, pressure, and ministry and family

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responsibilities can squeeze the intimacy out of marriage unless we choose to actively pursue the building of a close relationship. Join with us for a thought-provoking and encouraging panel discussion with wives of varying backgrounds and experiences who have pursued building strong relationships with their husbands.

Communicating between Sundays: The Power of Blogging and Social Media in Today's Local Church

Speakers: Mark Hurlbut, Batavia, N.Y., and Chris Brown, Grafton, Ohio | **Location:** Cord

If one of the major roles of the pastor is to equip the saints for ministry (Eph. 4:12), then is connecting with your flock once or twice a week enough to grow them to be who God wants them to be? We believe that shepherding people means dwelling among them and helping direct them toward godliness. It is our suggestion and encouragement to be connecting with your flock on multiple levels through the week to stay involved as much as possible. With technology available today, you can do this on a relatively easy scale. This helps create unity and momentum as your church lives out its passions. Technology is where people are connecting, so don't miss out on this powerful tool. This workshop will give helpful tips and good tools to use to be effectively communicating your flock between the Sundays. Since church is not just one day a week, neither should your leadership be that infrequent.

Renewing Our Strength through Chaplaincy

Facilitator: John Murdoch, Schaumburg, Ill. | **Location:** DeSoto Foyer

It is a privilege and blessing to have the right credentials and training to be able to reach into people's lives in times of crisis. This is a joy that our Regular Baptist chaplains experience on a regular basis as they minister in the military, institutional, and community service settings. Interact with some of our chaplains and see how you can become involved as we renew our strength and reach our world for Christ.

The Business Side of Ministry

Speaker: Michael Nolan, Schaumburg, Ill. | **Location:** Franklin

There are business aspects of every ministry that require attention. Planning, finances, budgeting, legal matters, tax issues, and health care are among a few topics. There are ever changing requirements that churches must keep in compliance with, and unfortunately most churches spend time and money on making changes that are not directly applicable to the church. This workshop will discuss some of the most current topics that impact the church's business side.

The Sacred Art of Crafting a Message

Speaker: Scott Poling, Oswego, Ill. | **Location:** Royale

Take your sermons and/or lessons to the next level of effectiveness and fruitfulness! We will review the solemn responsibility of being called by God to speak on His behalf, the importance of laying a strong foundation on which to build your message, as well as delve into the nuts and bolts of outlining, illustrating, and applying a passage. Practical tools will be discussed, including how current technology can play a role. Whether this is your first year in ministry, or you have been in the pulpit for 50 years, you will be encouraged and challenged to sharpen your communication of God's Word.

Renew Our Strength

**“Renewing Our Strength in God’s Waiting Room” | Doug Crawford |
Monday, 7:00 p.m.**

Introduction:

1. Trust in God’s Plan: Confident in His Wisdom

A. Habakkuk’s question (Habakkuk 1:2–4)

B. God’s answer (Habakkuk 1:5–11)

C. Habakkuk’s confusion (Habakkuk 1:12—2:1)

2. Live by Faith: Confident in His Sovereignty

A. God’s caution (Habakkuk 2:2–4)

B. God’s commitment (Habakkuk 2:5–17)

C. God is Creator (Habakkuk 2:18–20)

3. Worship in Hope: Confident in His Promise

A. Habakkuk’s request (Habakkuk 3:1, 2)

B. Habakkuk remembers (Habakkuk 3:3–15)

C. Habakkuk rests (Habakkuk 3:16)

D. Habakkuk rejoices (Habakkuk 3:17–19)

Conclusion:

Renew Our Strength

“A Call to Corporate Prayer” | George Coon | Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.

Introduction:

1. Biblical Examples of Corporate Prayer
2. Historical Examples of Corporate Prayer
3. Modern Examples of Corporate Prayer
4. The Content of Corporate Prayer
 - A. Supplication
 - B. Prayers
 - C. Intercession
 - D. Thanksgiving

Conclusion:

Renew Our Strength

“What Does a Steadfast Ministry Look Like?” | Dave Doran | Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Renew Our Strength

“By Faith” | Jon Jenks | Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.

Faith defined

Faith detailed

“that He _____”

“that He is a _____”

Faith displayed

Enoch

Jesus

Salvation

Today

Seek Him . . . together

P _____

D _____

Enjoy the reward

Run the race

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him at all, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him out.” Hebrews 11:6

Renew Our Strength

“Renovations of My Inner Life” | Mark Shaw | Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Text: Psalm 51:10

A steadfast and renewed inner life is possible by God’s grace and our cooperation. The essential elements of our cooperation are . . .

1. Meditation on God’s Character.
2. Confession in Light of God’s Compassion.
3. Supplication with a View to God’s Cleansing.

Renew Our Strength

“Heroes Have Expiration Dates” | Mike Augsburg | Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

Introduction:

1. Delegation deprivation occurs . . .

2. Delegation deprivation leads to . . .

3. Skillful delegation . . .

Conclusion:

Speakers Panel

Thursday, 10:45 a.m.

Renew Our Strength

**“How Do We Maintain a Steadfast Ministry?” | Dave Doran | Thursday,
7:00 p.m.**

Renew Our Strength

“Trinitarian Ministry Renewal” | John Greening | Friday, 9:30 a.m.

Understanding your benefits

John 16: Three divine benefits in which to take comfort and find renewal

1. You have a ministry partner to help you in the work—the Holy Spirit

Evangelism

Discipleship

2. You have a constant source for joy in your labor—the Son

The pain of labor

The joy of delivery

3. You have everything you need to complete the assignment—the Father

The potential of prayer

The promise of peace

Revival vs. revivalism



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General Association of Regular Baptist Churches

John Greening

When I selected our GARBC motto seventeen years ago, "Together we can accomplish more," I never dreamed that the "we" would refer to anything but people. In my mind, my use of "we" now includes technology.

I never realized how essential my computer would become to the execution of my job. With it I prepare sermons for churches, schools, and conferences; I do research for articles I am writing; and I stay aware and informed by accessing other voices that are writing and speaking.

Increasingly I am tied to this piece of technology hardware. My computer is a communication channel that enables me to remain in close touch with pastors and churches. My volume of written communication has dramatically increased by transitioning from the sole use of hard copy letters to include the multiple uses of digital exchanges that enable me to converse back and forth with ministry colleagues several times within a short period of time.

Technology has facilitated another exciting expansion in the key areas of fellowship and learning opportunities within the network of our Association. It is no longer a novelty to have online meetings, but rather a common practice.

the Regular Baptist Web Community. By means of the Web Community's Cohorts, Learning Labs, Webinars, and Consultations and Seminars, we are

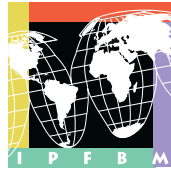


advancing ministry skills. Accomplished veterans of local church ministry, such as Alex Bauman, Howard Bixby, Scott Bixby, Nigel Black, Mark Neal, Sue Nicewander, Michael Nolan, Scott Poling, and Rich Van Heukelum, are able to share their insights and expertise to equip their peers for effective ministry. Since the 2012 GARBC Conference we have implemented the following online resources: GARBC Conference audio links and sermon notes, 16 Pastoral Cohort meetings, 10 Church Planting Cohort meetings, 32 Web Community Learning Lab sessions, 1 Webinar, 2 church consultations, and numerous uses of our online GoToMeeting capability by state associations and our GARBC ministries.

This technology wave has not diminished the face-to-face visits and preaching, which still take place with frequency. However, we can now exponentially increase the interaction by this online format. This opportunity to tap into the brain trust and experience reservoir that exists within the Fellowship is of great benefit to our pastors and network colleagues. The feedback for our online fellowship and instruction has been overwhelmingly positive. We are even reaching out internationally to empower our partners for more effective influence.



Regularly I interact with pastors and church and ministry leaders in a ministry we have branded as



In the year ahead, we are planning to continue the growth of this online community, including instructional topics; e.g.,

- reaching your community with the gospel,
- designing a local church Bible institute,
- developing spiritual maturity assessment strategies,
- preaching big ideas,
- turning guests into family,
- connecting with your community through chaplaincy,
- leading effective small groups,
- building a teaching-based youth ministry,
- fostering worship that connects with God,
- implementing church website concepts and design,
- preaching Ecclesiastes, and
- facilitating cohorts for pastors and wives and church planters.

BAPTIST bulletin

In another Internet venue, we are working to expand our website to make additional resources available to a larger number of users. During the last year, a team of our GARBC staff met monthly to work on a *Baptist Bulletin* redesign. We are exploring how to more effectively integrate the hard copy magazine with the ministry websites. Our goal is to offer more resources and a higher level of search capacity so that the rich archives of Association history and information are more accessible.

Also, we want to build upon the vast brain trust of theological awareness and ministry experience within our network. Articulate spokesmen for truth and exceptionally effective ministry practitioners deserve to have their voices heard. Our Association provides a consistent platform for rightly dividing the Word of God and for addressing current issues and trends. These are exciting days for ministry creativity and initiative!

As do many of you, I long to make new friends for our Association, rather than to perpetuate an exclusive club mentality. Our balanced approach as Biblical Baptists, who value the local church, orthodox doctrine, evangelism and discipleship, and respectful cooperation with those who share similar values, makes the GARBC a partner to be respected. Our commitment to Biblical separation from apostasy, though as essential as ever, must not be the singular hallmark by which we are labeled. We must also be known by our love for God, our loyalty to His Word, our focus on effective local church ministry, our passion for the gospel, and our Christlike manner. I pray that God will revive each of our churches with the heart of John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave. . . ."



Treasurer's Report

Michael Nolan

The Lord has provided in yet another financially challenging year while also allowing much to be accomplished through the ministries of the GARBC. Many needed ministry opportunities still remain unattained due to the constraints of funding.

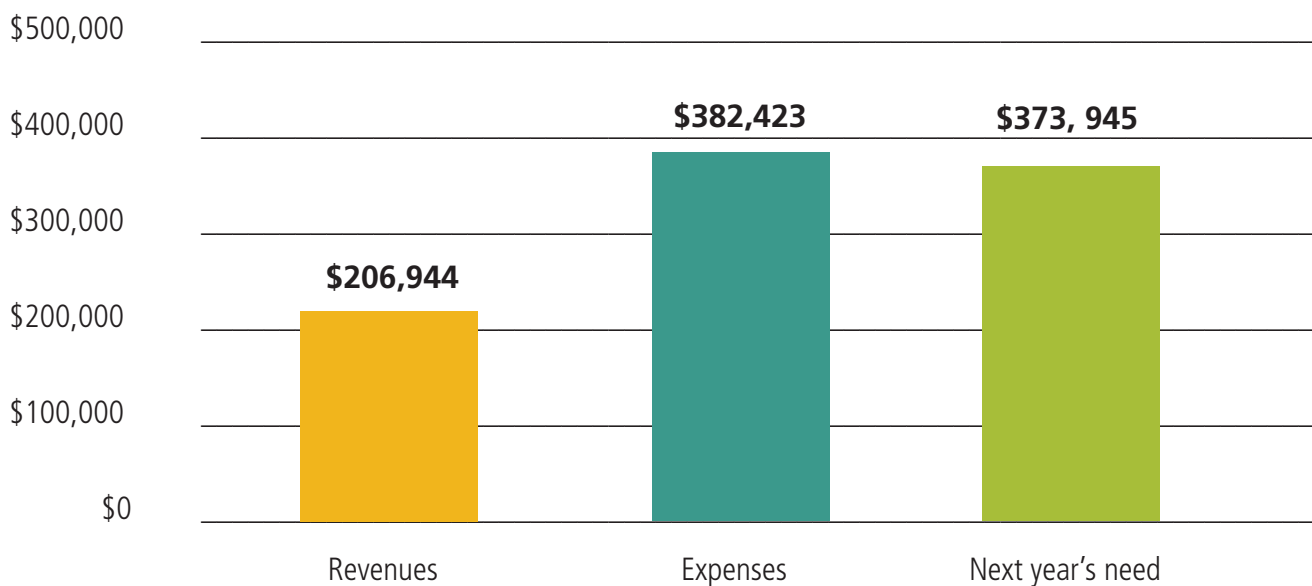
The fiscal year-end result is positive from an operating standpoint, while the trends show a need to increase sales of RBP materials and ministry contributions. Expense reductions were made to keep in line with lagging sales and contributions. Significant contributions were made to the pension plan and positive returns were experienced from investments while expected payouts grew.

Other significant developments have occurred in the 2013 fiscal year in our ministries that require funding resources:

- The GARBC has launched the GARBC online community.
- RBP: Children's church (*It's Grow Time*), Regular Baptist Books, curriculum that represents the GARBC.
- Chaplaincy efforts with our military and communities around the globe.
- Ongoing Gospel Literature donations to ministries and missionaries all over the world.
- Baptist Builders Club—Disaster Relief Fund to help minister THRU the local church when a disaster occurs.

We are excited about the opportunities and the challenges ahead in the ministries as we continue to look to be the best stewards of the resources that God provides to our ministries. Get involved in one of these key ministries today if you are not already. This is an association of churches, and we need each church to be actively involved for the GARBC to accomplish more.

GARBC Fund



- Contributions continue to decline.
- We need the support of every church in the association to meet our fiscal needs.



Regular Baptist Press

Alex Bauman

Building Lives

This year RBP put the finishing touches on years one and two of *It's Grow Time*. The final year of this through-the-Bible Junior Church material is under way.

RBP welcomed Josh Wilson as our youth editor. Josh brings teaching and writing experience to oversee plans for youth products, including new Sunday School curriculum. Manning Brown is joining the team as marketing director.

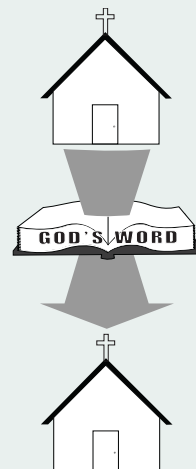
Baptist Distinctives by Kevin Bauder and *Biblical Slave Leadership* by Dan Anderson are the latest Regular Baptist Books releases. Bauder's book is a presentation of what makes Baptists distinct. Anderson's book is on God's perspective on leadership in the church.

New RBP women's Bible studies include *Living in the Power of the Spirit* and *Persevering in the Power of the Spirit*, both by Valerie Wilson.

Looking forward, RBP will lay plans for new adult curriculum. Part of that plan will include ways to provide material in a digital format.

Our Commitment

Regular Baptist Press is the publishing arm of the GARBC. As the representative of local GARBC churches, RBP is committed to *Building Lives by the Book*. And the *Book* says the local church is God's program for this age.



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Local
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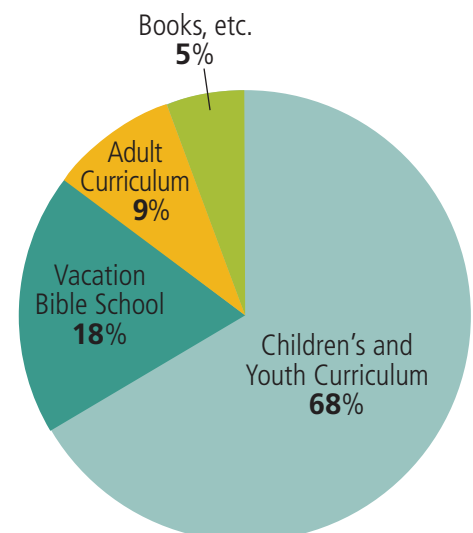
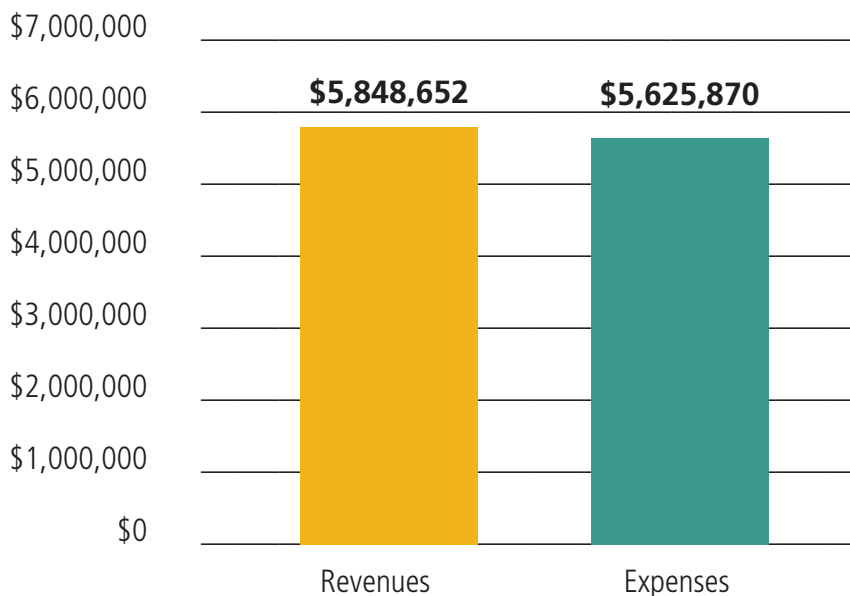
Other publishing houses determine the content of their curriculum by what will appeal to the market. They do not answer to local churches.

**"By the
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Business
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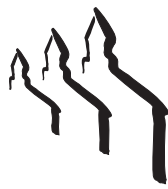


Regular Baptist Press always has been and always will be a ministry by local churches for local churches!

RBP Fund



- RBP sales need to increase to meet annual expenses.
- Every GARBC church can choose to use RBP materials to help out with sales and help meet the needs of other Regular Baptist Ministries.



Baptist Builders Club-USA

Michael Nolan

Strengthening Regular Baptist Churches across the USA

Over the past sixty years Baptist Builders Club has given out over 3 million dollars to assist Regular Baptist churches. In 2012 BBC-USA was blessed to come alongside seven more churches. Churches in Start Up, Build Up, and Help Up categories were assisted. Through gifts from churches, estates, and individuals, all of these churches' needs for grants/loans were provided immediately, and there is money left to begin 2013 strong.

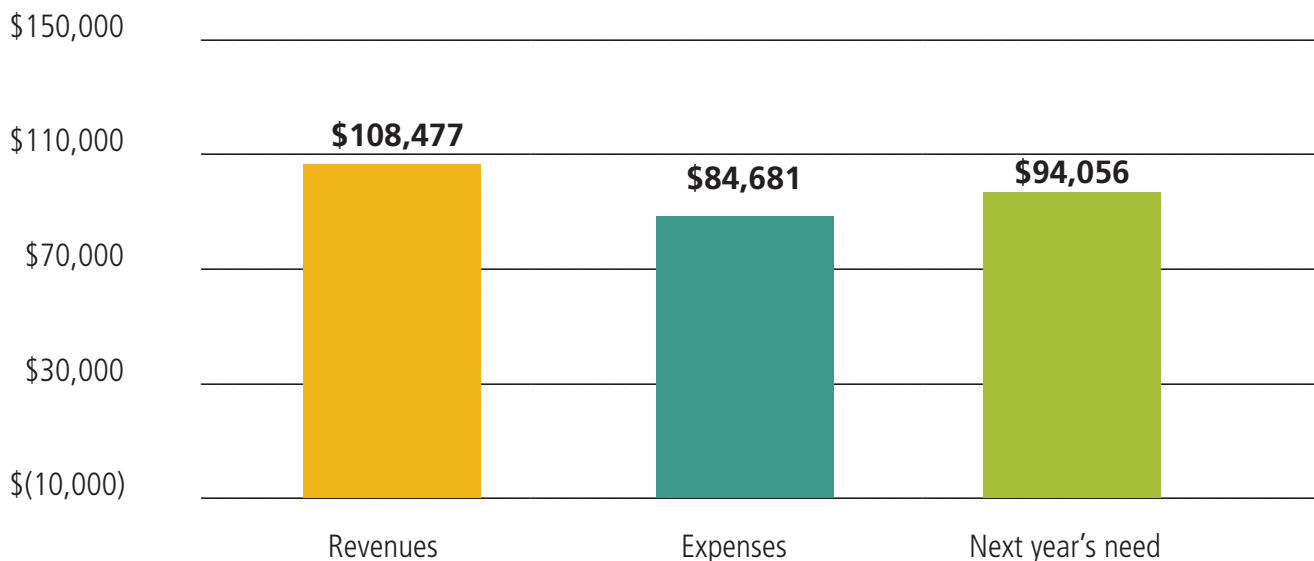
Church planting is on the rise, and the GARBC fellowship is here to assist in the planting of Regular Baptist churches. One area that continues to be a struggle is the decline in BBC-USA membership. This year alone twenty-one members either went to be with the Lord or could no longer support due to fixed income restrictions. Our goal is to never have to put a church's request on hold because there are not enough finances to assist immediately. We continue to strive for that goal through God's provision.

New Disaster Relief—"Ready Now"

Many secular organizations exist to collect funds and assemble teams to jump into action in times of disaster. Now there is a place for Regular Baptist churches and their members to give and know, literally, their money is going where it is intended. Natural disasters are not anything new, but the need to assist GARBC churches that stand undamaged and want to assist in their devastated communities have been magnified.

BBC-USA is now filling the gap and is challenging every GARBC pastor to announce to his congregation there is a place for Regular Baptists to give to assist those who need disaster relief. The ministry is also looking ahead to assemble "Ready Now" teams that can minister on-site in the affected areas. Members of GARBC churches can inquire as to how to get involved.

BBC-USA Fund



- Church planting will require new donors to join the team; this is the most critical area of need.
- If one person from each GARBC church joined Baptist Builders Club, donating \$20 per call for assistance (\$100 a year), the ministry's financial need would be met for the coming year.



Gospel Literature Services

Chris Hindal

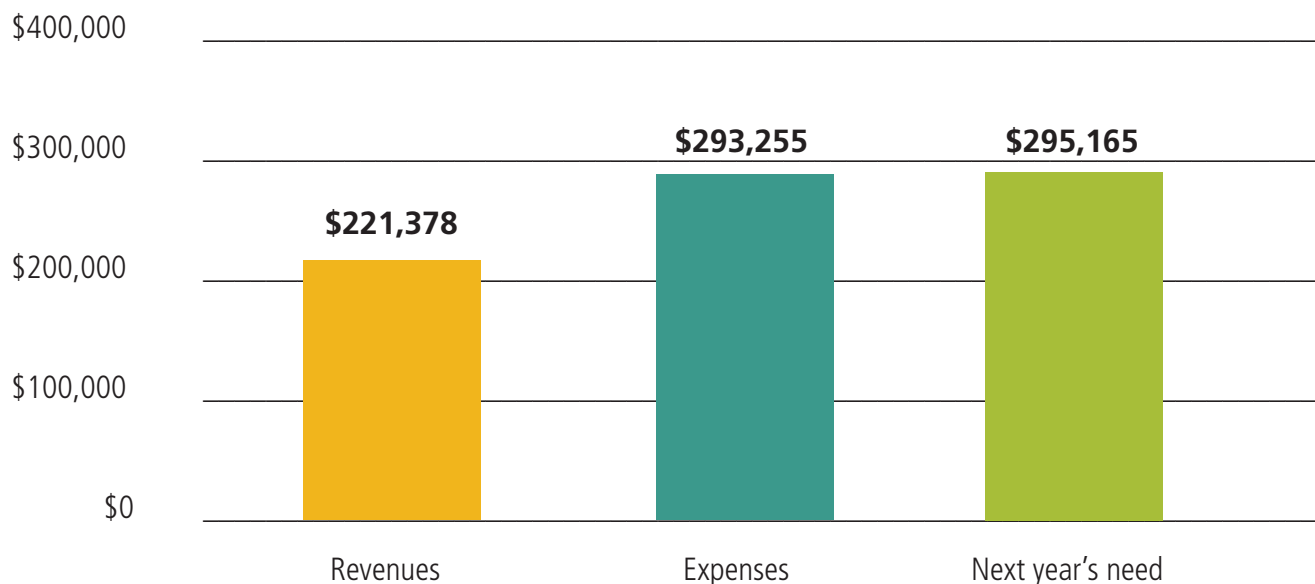
Ministering to Churches around the World

- Celebrating 40 years of sending RBP Sunday School and VBS curriculum to resource churches around the globe.
- Completed the digital formatting of VBS so that global orders are filled by sending CDs.
- Portions of RBP curriculum now available in six languages: Spanish, Portuguese, Burmese, Romanian, Thai, and Telugu.
- New computers and printer sent to Thai translators who are completing RBP Sunday School children's curriculum in their language.
- Celebrated (in Bangladesh) the second printing of *Unger's Bible Handbook* in Bengali.
- Began the distribution into India of monies of VBS offerings designated for reaching and teaching children in India.

Planning for the Future

- Resource more International Partnership churches with RBP Sunday School and VBS materials.
- Develop the International Partnership website with more resources to assist the global pastors.
- Provide the raw digital files to translators, helping them produce curriculum that is doctrinally sound and also is culturally sensitive.
- Raise funds for publishing and distributing newly translated curriculum.
- Use GLS funded tracts to enhance the outreach ministry during times of national emergencies.

GLS Fund



- Efforts have been made to reduce expenses, but there is still a need for increased support.
- Sending digital materials has led to a decrease in expenses and will continue to be explored.



International Partnership of Fundamental Baptist Ministries

Chris Hindal

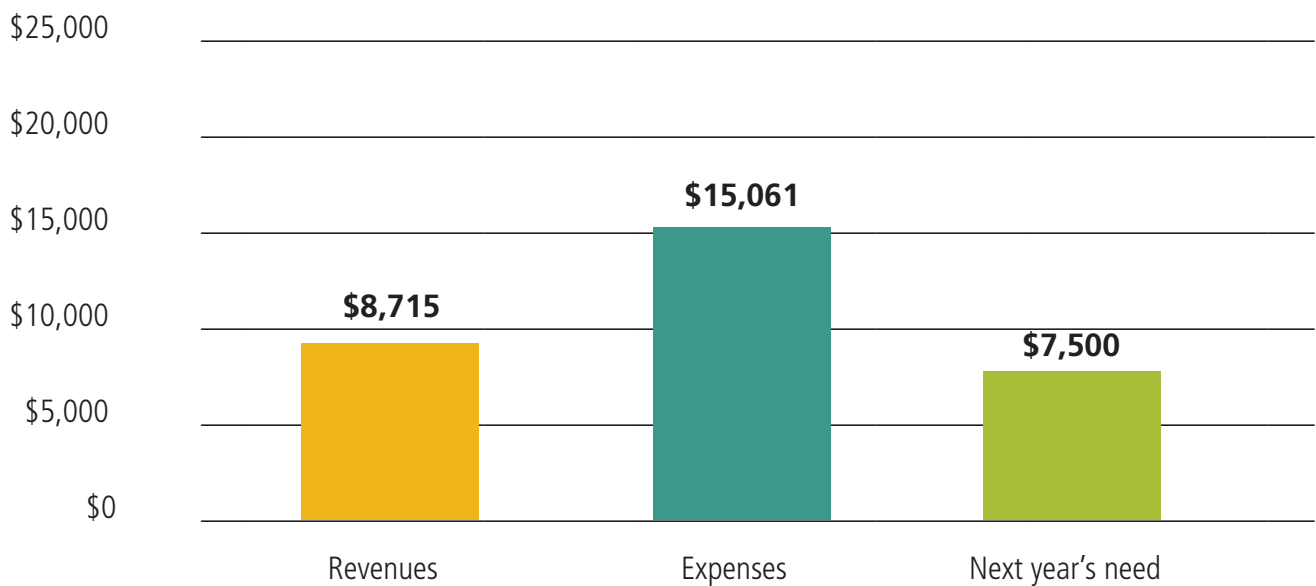
Facilitating Relationships with Like-minded Associations

- Conducted joint meetings of leaders of six associations in Myanmar and three associations in Thailand.
- Added one new partnering association in India.
- Initial steps taken toward the development of a training school for pastors in East Africa .
- Raised funds for roofs of three new church buildings in Rwanda.
- Worked with ABWE and Construction for Worldwide Evangelism in building three new church buildings in Haiti and eight pastors' homes.
- Partnered with Macro-Micro Enterprise Development in launching a Christian-owned and operated whole-sale food co-op of 12 Haitian families that will also benefit the church association.

Planning for the Future

- Conduct the second All-Partners Conference on November 4–8, 2013, in Bangkok, Thailand. Elect a new administrative Council of Eight. Set up two-year rotation of regional conferences.
- Engage more international pastors in the GARBC Web Community to enhance their ministry effectiveness.
- Develop stronger ties with associations in South America, Latin America, Liberia, and Pakistan.
- Initiate a Scholarship Fund to assist international leaders to participate in IPFBM conferences.
- Investigate ways to strengthen the churches in the Middle East.

IPFBM Fund



- Conference coordination and travel expenses are needed for the coming year.



Regular Baptist Chaplaincy Ministries

John Murdoch

Meeting Needs through Chaplaincy

The GARBC remains highly regarded for the reputation of our chaplains and their effective ministries in every arena. Recently a commanding general told me, "Your chaplain is one of the best I have worked with." Another command staff member said, "When your chaplain comes into the room, I sense he brings God with him."

The challenges are not going to go away. We must continue to be people who "bring God with us" everywhere we go and in all we do. Be encouraged by this portion of a response from the Department of Defense concerning a report about military members' supposed restriction on sharing their faith:

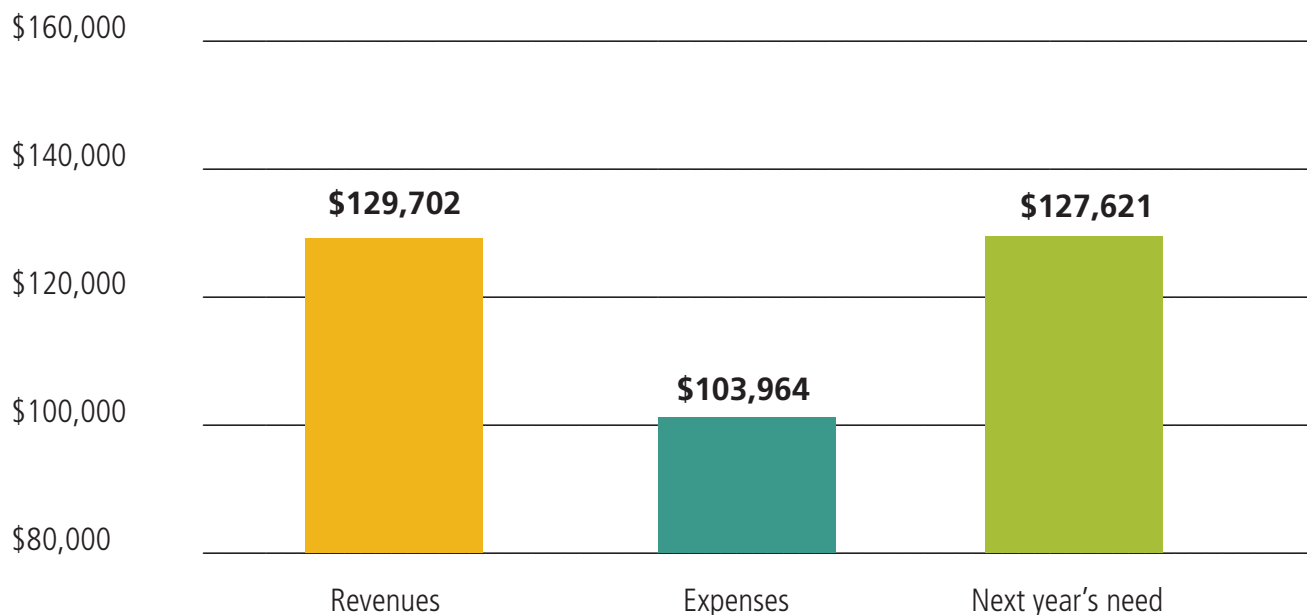
"The U.S. Department of Defense has never and will never single out a particular religious group for persecution or prosecution. The Department makes reasonable accommodations for all religions and celebrates the religious diversity of our service members. . . . Service members can share their faith [evangelize], but must not force unwanted, intrusive attempts to convert others of any faith or no faith to one's beliefs [proselytize]."

Current and Future Efforts

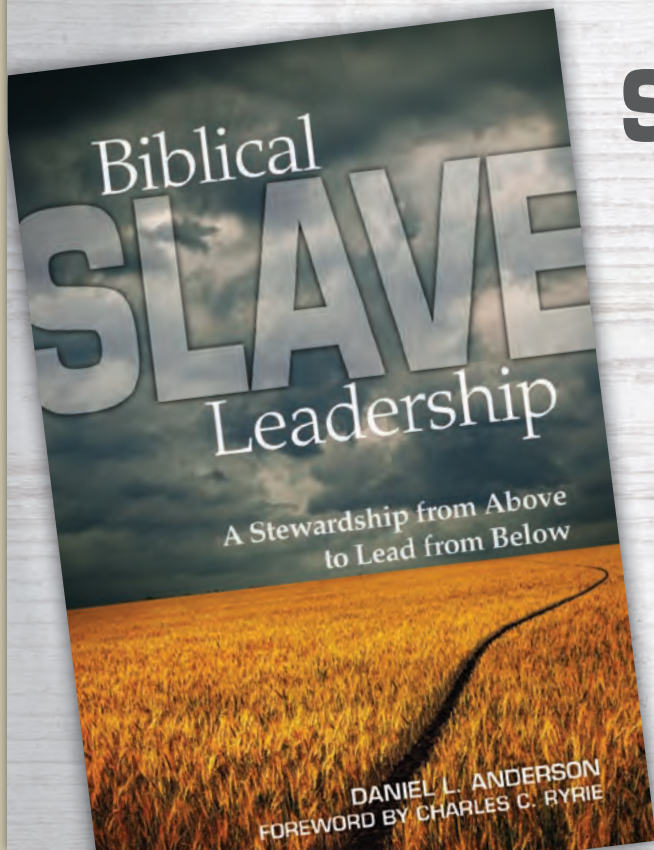
- Ministry in Thailand with the IPFBM partners on developing chaplaincy in their respective countries.
- Helping to train Rapid Response Teams in conjunction with BBC–USA & GLS for deployment in disaster areas through the local churches of the GARBC.
- New chaplains: Johnathan Court (USAR), Brad Kelsey (USAF), Peter Klotzbach (FLARNG), David Kreis (USAFR), George Guyer III (CAP), Lukas Hafeli and Robert Leavitt (hospital), Timothy Decker and Patricia Patton (Community Service).
- Continued recruitment and retention of chaplains in all three areas of chaplaincy ministry via personal contact, college and seminary visits, missions conferences, camps, and local churches.

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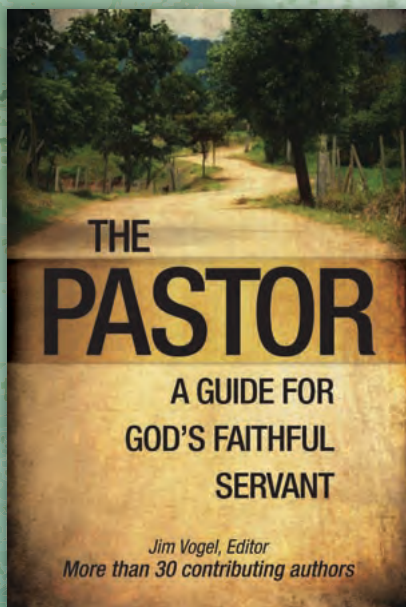


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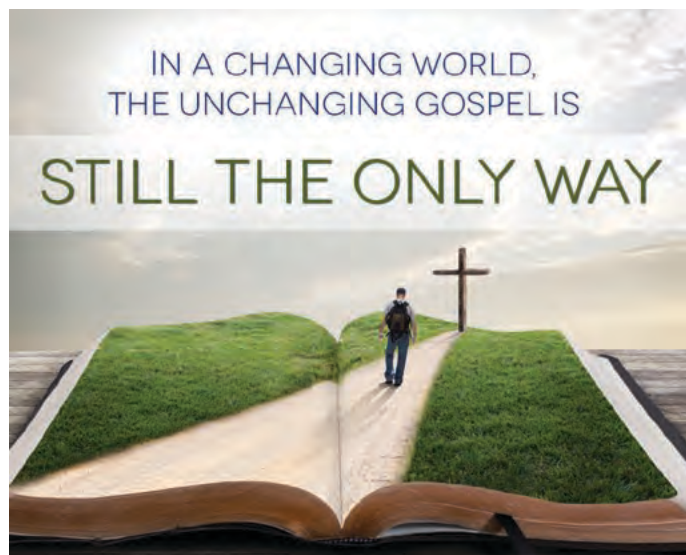


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