

# *Michigan Region of the Missionary Church*

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MICHIGAN REGION

MISSIONARY CHURCH

THURSDAY

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## **PRAYER & PRAISE:**

1. Please remember REV. GERALD SIMS, NEW HOPE MC - LAPEER, who had surgery on Thursday, January 26, to remove a cancerous brain tumor. The doctors removed a tumor about the size of a golf ball from his brain. They have determined that the tumor was a different type of cancer than what was originally diagnosed. Gerald will have several scans and tests over the next few days to determine if the cancer has metastasized to any other part of his body. Please continue to lift up Gerald, Lorraine and their family in your prayers.
2. Prayer is requested for ALICE SEVERANCE, wife of retired Regional pastor REV. DON SEVERANCE. Alice was hospitalized on Saturday evening with severe abdominal pain. By 1:00 AM on Sunday morning she was having surgery to remove 14 inches of her intestines and her appendix. She is recovering in Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo but is still in a good deal of pain,
3. The Michigan Region missions team leaves for Africa on Friday. Please remember REV. DOUG CONNELLY, REV. RICK FERGUSON, REV. JIM JORDAN and DR. AL YERKE as they travel to KENYA & UGANDA. Next week they will be working with Kenyan pastors and the following week they will train Ugandan ministers. Pray for travel mercies, good health, stamina, and wisdom as they begin this exciting time of ministry.
4. NANCY FLEDDERJOHANN, wife of REV. RICK FLEDDERJOHANN, BROWN CITY MC, is recovering her strength as she deals with some lung issues. A recent CT scan has shown a spot on one of her lungs. She will have another CT scan in March to determine if there is a problem. Please pray that this spot will be completely gone by that time and that Nancy will be back to 100%.
5. GRACE WOODBURN, three-year-old granddaughter of REV. JACK & DEBBIE WOODBURN - COLONIAL WOODS COUNSELING CTR., had surgery on January 26 in Florida to remove 25% of her right kidney and an extra ureter. Please pray for a speedy recovery. Pray for God's peace for Grace, her parents (BEN & RACHAEL), and the entire Woodburn family.
6. Ongoing prayer needs:
  - HOMES FOR SALE - Three of our Regional pastors need to sell homes from previous ministry locations. PASTOR MARK & ANGIE ASPY and REV. MARK & MARY BEERS both have homes for sale in Indiana. REV. PAUL & AMY SCHULTZ are looking to sell their home in Kentwood, MI.
  - ESTHER PEASE, mother of AMY (REV. PAUL) SCHULTZ, is suffering from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and is wheelchair bound. Please remember her and her husband, DON, as he cares for her.

- TONY BEERS, son of REV. MARK & MARY BEERS, MIDLAND MC, continues to struggle with depression as a result of an old head injury. Pray that the doctors and his family will have wisdom in knowing how best to help him.
- Please continue to pray for GRACE McLAVY, daughter of Regional bookkeeper JANET (MARK) McLAVY, as she continues to have seizures from her occipital epilepsy.

7. REV. MATT WOODBURN and PASTOR JONATHAN SELLER, VOX CHURCH - MACOMB, were driving home from a conference in Toronto on Wednesday evening when they were involved in a serious roll-over accident. We thank the Lord that Jonathan and Matt were not seriously injured. They were treated and released from an area hospital but Matt, especially, is very sore. Praise the Lord for His hand of protection in this accident! Pray for Matt and Jonathan as they heal from the bumps, bruises and overall soreness. A photo of the truck is below.



8. MEGAN BLAYLOCK, 17 year-old daughter of REV. TOM & SANDI BLAYLOCK, CHURCH MULTIPLICATION COORDINATOR, was also involved in an auto accident on Wednesday night. We thank God for His protection over Megan and praise Him that she was not injured!

9. EVIDENT CHURCH, our church plant in CHESTERFIELD TWP., is planning a baptism celebration on Sunday, February 5. Praise God for the ministry of this young church and for those who will follow Christ in baptism!

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES:**

1. DAYTON HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CHURCH - FLINT, will host a WILD GAME DINNER on Friday, February 17, at 6:00 PM. The public is welcome to attend.

2. PASTORS & SPOUSES' RETREAT, MARCH 16 & 17: Pastors, don't forget to register for our annual

Pastors & Spouses Retreat on March 16-17, 2012 at the DOUBLETREE HOTEL in BAY CITY. Our retreat speaker is DR. TERRY LINHART of Bethel College and worship will be led by DR. PHIL & DARLENE BURKETT, CASS CITY MC. Registration cost is \$180.00 per ministry couple. Churches are urged to cover the cost for their pastors.

3. Applications for the Region's BETHEL COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE YEAR SCHOLARSHIP are now available. High school seniors who attend Missionary churches in the Michigan Region are invited to apply for this scholarship. The due date for applications is April 1. Please contact Kim at the Regional Resource Center for more information or to receive the application forms ([kimy@mcmichigan.org](mailto:kimy@mcmichigan.org)).

4. The Missionary Church and Bethel College will be sponsoring an EMERGING LEADERS SUMMIT in Winter Park, FL, on February 24-26, 2012. The Emerging Leaders Summit is designed for young people, between the ages of 18-24, who display emerging catalytic leadership (ECL) qualities or want to be engaged in developing leadership skills. Pastors will play a key role in identifying and encouraging these young leaders to take part in this training event. Pastors and churches are encouraged to not only nominate young people to attend, but also get behind them financially. By getting involved in this we can help to answer Jesus' prayer for *Harvesters*. For more information, please go to the Missionary Church web site: [www.mcusa.org](http://www.mcusa.org)

5. The 2012 "OLD TIMERS' QUIZ MEET" will take place on March 23 & 24 at EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH, LOWELL. The registration fee is \$20.00 per team and must be confirmed by mail, e-mail or on the web site before March 11. Quizzing will begin at 7:30 on Friday evening and conclude around 4:00 PM on Saturday. For more information, check out the web site: <http://www.nequizzing.com/oldtimers/> or e-mail questions to Nathan Stout at [Nathan.Stout@hollandhome.org](mailto:Nathan.Stout@hollandhome.org)

6. **Bethel Announces Scholarship Changes** - Beginning fall 2012, new Bethel College Students will benefit from two changes to the Missionary Church Scholarship and New Alumni Legacy Award. <http://www.bethelcollege.edu/news/2011/bethel-announces-scholarship-changes.html>  
The Missionary Church Scholarship is currently awarded to new students who are active in the fellowship of a Missionary Church and have submitted a letter or reference from a pastor along with their application for admission. **The change is reflected in the increasing amount from \$1,200 to \$2,000 annually.** The scholarship will be renewable over four years, totaling **\$8,000**, which is \$3,200 more than the current amount. Eligible students must live on campus to receive the full amount. Off-campus students will receive a \$1,000 annual scholarship, an annual increase of \$400.  
The New Alumni Legacy Award will be awarded to students whose parent(s) or grandparent(s) are Bethel alumni. The annual award amount of \$1,500 will be renewable for a total of **\$6,000** over four years. Students must live on campus to be eligible for the full amount. Off-campus students will receive a \$750 annual scholarship.