



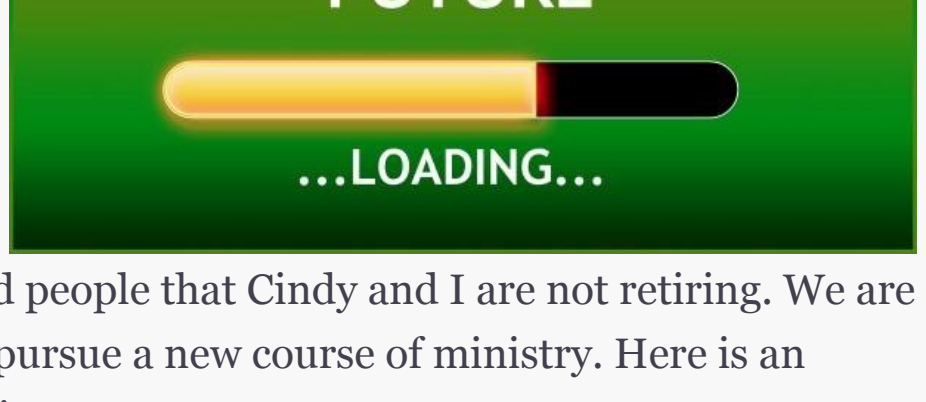
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EDITOR'S NOTE

October 1 is approaching.

That is the date of my resignation from the MARBC Rep and Bass Lake Camp Director positions.



I like to remind people that Cindy and I are not retiring. We are simply stepping away to pursue a new course of ministry. Here is an update on recent happenings.

The MN. Regular Baptist Camp received over a dozen names as possible recommendations for a new director. Most of these men declined the opportunity. (Admittedly, it takes a special breed to tackle this ministry!) We have had a handful of candidates who have turned in the application and are praying about the opportunity. This past week we held two interviews of out-of-state men. More interviews will be held in the days ahead.

Our goal was to have a man by June 1. We realize that will not happen, but our timetable of getting someone by October 1 is looking good. Please pray with us that the search committee will be sensitive to the Lord's leading during this crucial time..

The MARBC Council of Seven (Co7) has a note below which will explain how the transition is looking so far. There are still many things which are unknown, but a direction is becoming more clear. Read the next article to get caught up to date.

Cindy and I are praying through many possibilities. Although I could take an early social security withdrawal and minister on a part-time basis, I would rather focus my energy on a full-time position. Relocation is always a possibility. Your prayer for our future is greatly appreciated.

Do you have articles for the MBM? Or do you have a comment about the MBM? Please send your email correspondence to dfriar@marbc.org.

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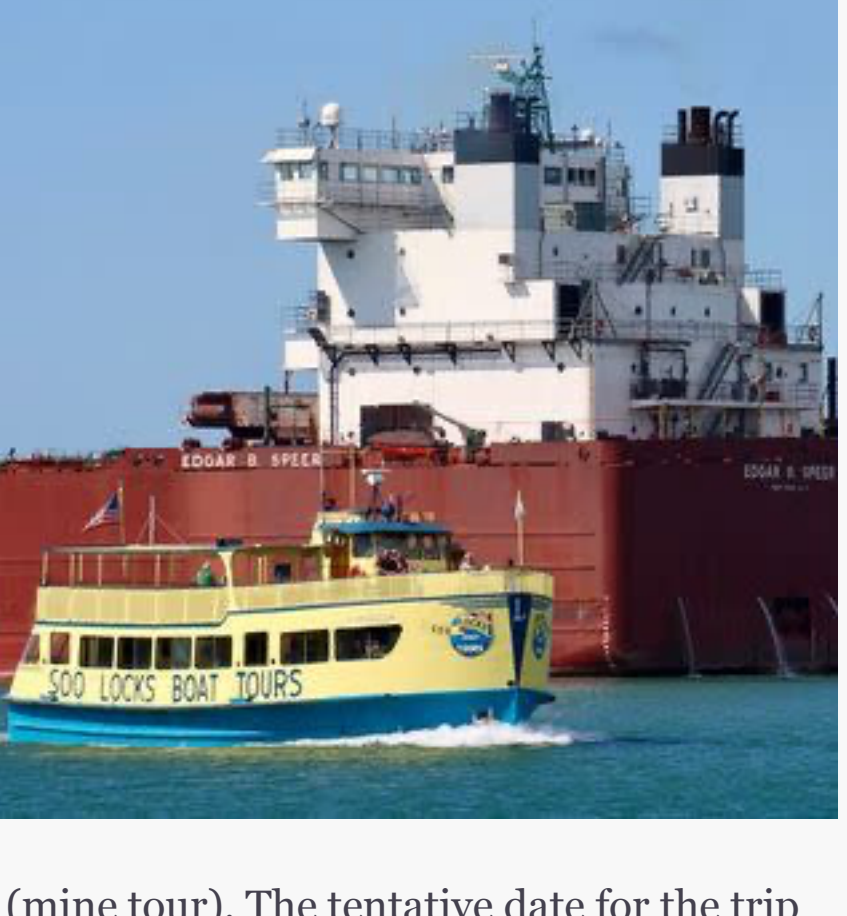
A NOTE FROM THE MARBC COUNCIL OF SEVEN

The Council of Seven has been busy making plans concerning the future. As you may recall, the messengers at last year's meeting gave the Council some recommendations concerning future planning.

The MARBC website has been updated to include a tab noting our future plans. THIS LINK will take you there. Here you will find letters of the progress being made in addition to a video which explains where we are at right now.

FELLOWSHIP BUS TRIP - MICHIGAN

Many have already signed up and we would love to have you join us! We are planning a bus trip which will circle Lake Michigan. Stops include many towns in Michigan including Holland (tulip festival), Grand Rapids (Ford Presidential Museum), Grand Haven (musical fountain show), Mackinac Island, Sault Ste. Marie (boat tour of the locks, pictured) and Iron Mountain (mine tour). The tentative date for the trip is August 29-September 4. Brochures are now available. Want more information or a brochure? Send us a NOTE.



PASTORAL TRANSITIONS

- Chatfield: Pastor Mike Gittins from Calvary Baptist Church.
- Wadena: Pastor Doug Hammond from Calvary Baptist Church.

BASS LAKE CAMPING NEWS

REGISTER for camp HERE. We would love to see you at Bass Lake!

WORKERS STILL NEEDED: We are in need of counselors for all of our camps. Whether you can stay for the whole summer or just a week, we need you. We also have openings for cooks (especially Family Camp and Primary Camp). We also have a need for maintenance workers and groundskeepers. You can apply HERE as a volunteer.

BUILDING UPDATE: Our new building is nearly complete and will be going up debt-free! We held a dedication service on Memorial Day with a crowd of 100 joining us. This building will be ready for our ministries this summer. Praise God, our matching 2-for-1 gift has come in and all finances are in hand. Thank you so much for all who worked, gave and prayed for this project. The Lord is good. And we could not have done this without your help and partnership.



DEVELOPER PROJECT: It is our desire to secure a new John Deere commercial diesel zero-turn mower (model z994) at a non-profit cost of \$16,886. We are still about \$3,000 short of our goal. Can you help us? Gifts toward this need can be sent to the camp and marked "DEVELOPER" or "MOWER."



Visit the CAMP'S WEBPAGE for any information needed concerning camp. Have a question? Send us a note at info@basslakecamp.org and we will give you an answer as soon as we can.



Be sure to follow us on Facebook. The camp has a business page and a public group page whereby you can share your thoughts on the camping ministry. The Facebook feeds allow you to be informed of camp events on a regular basis. You will see pictures of building progress, our needs, deadline alerts and other useful information.

MARBC CALENDAR & REP SCHEDULE

- June
 - 7: Albert Lea, Faith Baptist
 - 8-11: Staff Training, Bass Lake Camp
 - 14: Winnebago, Berean Baptist
 - 22-27: Family Camp, Bass Lake Camp
 - 29-July 2: GARBC Annual Conference (Cedarville University)

- July
 - 3-5: Counselor Training, Bass Lake Camp
 - 6-11: Junior Camp, Bass Lake Camp
 - 13-18: Jr. High Camp, Bass Lake Camp
 - 20-25: Sr. High Camp, Bass Lake Camp
 - 27-29: Primary Camp, Bass Lake Camp

- September
 - 21-23: MARBC Annual Meeting (Bemidji)

You can request a date for Brother Friar to come visit your church and provide an encouraging report on the association and preaching from the Word.

MARBC FINANCES (4/30/26)

- General Fund: \$7,764.21
- Burden Bearers: \$9,688.90
- Northern Fellowship: \$766.35
- Church Planting: \$35,154.20
- Woodbury Funds: \$12,000.00

MARBC CHURCH NEWS

Hibbing, First Baptist

Pastor Wyatt Helgeson was installed as pastor of the church on April 26. Speakers for the event included Pastor Corey Rentala (Ray) and Pastor Brian Wiita (Hermantown).



Do you have local church news which can be shared with our MBM readers? Our readers would love to hear reports from your church. Please send articles to dfriar@marbc.org.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Send us your news and pictures! Please note that there is no deadline to send us your news. Once you have some news, send it our way and we will include it in the next newsletter.

Pray for our churches in need of a senior pastor. **Chatfield, Calvary Baptist**

Rochester, Chinese Christian

Sauk Centre, Faith Baptist

Wadena, Southbrook Baptist

Is your church interested in joining with an independent Baptist fellowship that works together so that each church's ministry is strengthened and expanded? The MARBC is a growing association of autonomous Baptist churches that is having an impact in our state. We would love to have you join with us.

2026 CAMP DATES

- June 8-11: Staff Training
- June 11-13: Rental Group
- June 15-20: Family Camp
- June 22-27: Rental Camp

- July 3-5: Counselor Training
- July 6-11: Junior Camp
- July 13-18: Jr. High Camp
- July 20-25: Sr. High Camp
- July 27-29: Primary Camp

- July 31-Aug. 2: Young Adults Rally
- Aug. 21-22: Breathe ~ A Ladies' Retreat

- Sept. 11-12: Men's Retreat



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