Renewed by the Spirit

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Ezekiel 36:26a
Danny is Lead Pastor of Crosspointe Meadows Church, Novi. He has served on the Region Board as a Congregational Ministries and Missions Team Member and as a President of ABC-MI Ministers Council.

Married to Renee for over 40 years with 2 sons, 7 grandchildren and 2 Labrador Retrievers.

Enjoys playing music, gardening, cooking, geology, and antiques.
Dr. Nancy Lewis
Region Board President

Nancy has been a member of Michigan Avenue Baptist Church, Saginaw, for nearly 40 years. She is currently serving as the church Moderator.

She has a Ph.D. from Michigan State University in Curriculum, Teaching, and Educational Policy and is a retired professor, educational consultant, and college administrator.

Married 48 years to her husband, Jim, has one son, Christopher, and one grandson, Logan.
Arie has been Pastor of First Baptist Church, Lincoln since 2008. He graduated from Golden Baptist Seminary in 1980 with an M.Div. and from Fuller Theological Seminary in 1994 with a D.Min.

He is a registered Social Worker.

He and his wife Thelma have one daughter. Arie’s hobbies include writing, art, and model railroading.
Administrative Ministries Team

1. The responsibilities of this team shall be to have oversight of the support services which undergird all the internal workings of the corporate structure of the Region, and which facilitate the effectiveness of other Ministries Teams.

2. Specific responsibilities include, but are not limited to:
   - Communications
   - Budget development and management
   - Property management
   - Legal matters
   - Personnel
   - Endowment review, including appointing a designated representative to serve as an ex-officio member of the Endowment Fund Trustees
   - Insurance needs and coverages
   - Region annual audit/audit review.
   - Region Annual Offering materials & planned giving initiatives
Mark Stephenson
Administrative Ministries Team

Mark has served the Region as Region Board Vice-President, President, and Immediate Past President.

Married to wife, Regina with children and grandchildren.

Enjoys hunting, fishing, and gardening.
Doug Dixon
Administrative Ministries Team

Doug is the Church Moderator and Financial Secretary for FBC, Owosso.

Employed seasonally as a tax professional for H&R Block, retired as a project manager from MESSA in 2010.

Married to wife, Marty for 37 years. They have 2 married daughters and 2 grandchildren.

Doug’s hobbies include camping, golfing, watching all sports, and playing bridge.
Gerald (Jerry) has just finished his first term as an AMT member and is currently serving FBC, Tekonsha as Trustee Chairperson.

Journeyman millwright by trade, currently President and CEO of Hackett Construction and Millwright services in Battle Creek where he has worked for the past 43 years.

Married to Katherine for 38 years and together have three children, 2 grandchildren and a third on the way.

Hobbies include the farm that they have been blessed with, antique tractors, and camping. He sings bass in the gospel quartet “The St. Joe River Boys.”
Jon is currently the pastor at Covenant Baptist Church in West Bloomfield where he has served for almost twelve years.

He and his wife, Amanda, have recently been endorsed by American Baptist International Ministries for mission service in Hungary.

They have four children. Jon likes coffee, road trips, and cooking on the grill.
Congregational Ministries and Mission Team

1. The responsibilities of this team shall be to provide resources related to congregational health and vitality.

2. Specific responsibilities include, but are not limited to:
   - Church Health Assessments
   - Church growth and renewal
   - Transitional ministries
   - Evangelism
   - Stewardship development
   - Identifying and addressing specific needs of divergent congregations (urban, suburban, rural)
   - Mission support initiatives such as annual offerings, missionary deputation, and mission trips
   - New church planting initiatives
Carnel is the Minister of Youth and Young adults at New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church, Detroit. He has served for the past five years as the ministry leader for the New Prospect Church Crown Forum, a youth mentoring initiative designed to successfully mentor and coach young men ages 12-24.

He has earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Ferris State University and a Master’s degree in pastoral ministry from Grand Rapids Theological Seminary.

He teaches courses in spiritual formation and ministerial/social ethics at Cornerstone University.
Rev. Clive Ellis
Congregational Ministries and Mission Team

Clive is the Pastor at Bethel Baptist Church, Lansing. He served as transitional pastor from October 2014-March 2015, when he was called to be the permanent pastor.

He graduated from Midwestern Baptist College in 1978. He has taught in IL and MI Christian schools and served churches as a youth, assistant and senior Pastor.

Married to Melody with four children and grandchildren.
Family Ministries Team

1. The responsibilities of this team shall be to assist local congregations in the development of ministries to persons of all life stages.

2. Specific responsibilities include, but are not limited to:
   - Children’s ministries at the local and regional levels
   - Youth ministries at the local and regional levels
   - Adult ministries at the local and regional levels
   - Senior adult ministries at the local and regional levels
   - Family ministries including intergenerational, marriage enrichment, and Christian parenting
   - Campus Ministry
   - Worker training
Rev. Phyllis J. McCree
Family Ministries Team

Phyllis is an associate minister at the historic Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Flint. She was recently ordained as Executive Ministry Support to the Pastor. She also serves as the Christian Education Director.

Married to Byron McCree. They have two adult sons, Keith and Kyle (Camille) and four grandchildren.
Dr. Tamara Scott  
Family Ministries Team

Tamara holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Clemson University, a Master of Arts degree from the Virginia University of Lynchburg, and an earned doctorate in Leadership and Preaching from the United Theological Seminary.

She currently serves as Director of the Women’s Ministry at Galilee Baptist Church, Kalamazoo.

Married to Dr. Michael Scott, Sr. and mother of their three children, daughters Trinity and Morgan, and one son, Michael the II.
Rev. Randy Pouliot  
Family Ministries Team

Randy is the Pastor of Westhaven Baptist in Corunna. He was ordained in 2005 by the American Baptists.

He was Pastor for 8 years in Corunna Michigan and spent 17 years as Youth Pastor, Leader and Deacon at Chilson Hills Baptist, prior to Westhaven.

Married to Linda.
Leadership Ministries Team

1. The responsibilities of this team shall be to organize and aid in the accomplishment of leadership development and support.

2. Specific responsibilities and relationships include, but are not limited to:
   - Ministry Leadership Groups
   - Pastoral health and support
   - Commission on Ordination and Standing
   - Leadership development & training
   - Certificate in Christian Ministry program
   - Ministers Council
   - Retired ministers and missionaries
Rev. Theodore Turman
Chair - Leadership Ministries Team

Pastor of First Baptist Church of Detroit.

Graduate of Tuskegee University and Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Currently a Candidate for the Doctor of Ministry in Transformational Leadership with a focus on Pastoral Care in local congregations and communities at Boston University School of Theology.

Married to Akilah with one son, Gavin.

Favorite TV Shows of all time are The West Wing, 24, and Frazier.
Rev. Lara Heise  
Leadership Ministries Team

Lara is the Lead Pastor at First Baptist Church, Midland. She joined the staff at FBC in 2012 as “Pastor of Preaching and Teaching” and transitioned to Lead Pastor role in June of 2015.

She holds a B.A. in Worship Arts with Youth Ministry emphasis from Judson University and graduated with her M.Div. from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mother of Devin, 1 year old, and Lola, 6 years old
Katie Wallen
Leadership Ministries Team

Katie has been a member of the First Baptist Church of Owosso for 6 years and is currently serving as Secretary, as well as Church Clerk.

She is a veteran and has a Master's degree in Health Education. Much of her career was spent in Radiography until she made the switch to teaching as a Program director/instructor for health programs at the college level.

Married to Dave for almost 30 years, they have two children, Jessica and Brett, along with two fur babies Ellie and Maleena.
Brad Parrish
Leadership Ministries Team

Brad is the Pastor at Union Church of Quincy. Serving bi-vocationally, he is also an owner of a family business.

He has a bachelors degree from Michigan State University and graduated with his M.Div. from Western Theological Seminary.

Married to Dawn for 24 years, they have three children, Abigail, Andrew, and Allison. He enjoys studying, golf, and attending sporting events whenever possible.
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A heart-felt thank you goes out to Pastor Danny Langley and the congregation at Crosspointe Meadows Church for hosting our Annual Gathering. Your hospitality and hard work to make this event a blessing to the ABC-MI family is greatly appreciated!

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