



Meet Ed Emmerling

Ed Emmerling has served as the Lead Pastor of Westside Church in Flushing, Michigan, since 2002, continuing his dedicated ministry that began there in 1997. Recognized for his collaborative leadership and unwavering commitment to the local church, Ed has been a respected voice within the Baptist State Convention of Michigan, where he most recently served as president. His passion for fostering healthy, mission-focused churches reflects his deep love for Michigan and its people.

Beyond his local church role, Ed has significantly contributed to statewide gospel outreach initiatives, partnering with national organizations like Send Relief. His leadership was instrumental in the recent Serve Tour in Flint, where hundreds of volunteers united to bring the gospel to the community. Ed's dedication to the Great Commission and his vision for unified, mission-driven churches position him well to lead the BSCM as their next Executive Director-Treasurer.

Ed and his wife, Renee, share a deep commitment to transforming Michigan through the gospel. Married in 2016, they are the proud parents of four adult children—two sons and two daughters—and have five grandchildren, ranging in ages from 4 to 10 years old. Their youngest daughter lives at home while completing her final year of college.

An outdoors enthusiast, Ed enjoys boating, hunting, and fishing, particularly on the lakes of Michigan. Renee, who has worked in the nursing field for 34 years, is the Chief Nursing Officer at Henry Ford-Genesys in Grand Blanc. She looks forward to supporting Ed in his new role, building connections with pastors and their families, and engaging with the unique Southern Baptist churches across Michigan.

Together, Ed and Renee enjoy spending time by the water, whether on Michigan's lakes or the ocean's shores. As food enthusiasts, they are always on the lookout for new dining experiences. At home, they love cooking together—Renee bakes, and Ed gladly handles quality control as the family's official taste tester.

Unknown Fun Facts about Ed

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- Ed once won the Butterbean lookalike contest on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*. His resemblance to the boxer was spot on!
- During a prayer session for a sick person, Ed accidentally anointed them with garlic olive oil instead of regular oil. Let's just say, he's since double-checked his anointing supplies.
- Ed had the unique opportunity to work security at the 50th Iditarod Dog Sled Race in 2022, alongside other members of his BSCM family.
- Although he enjoys many foods, raw tomatoes are an absolute no-go. He can't chew them or swallow them—no exceptions!
- When he was younger, Ed crashed his brand-new motorcycle. Hearing his dad's car approaching, he quickly shoved the damaged bike into the weeds and acted like nothing was amiss.
- He has led his church on six mission trips to the Dominican Republic, fostering meaningful connections and sharing the love of Christ.

Opportunities to “Hang with Ed”

There are four opportunities for you to visit with Ed and to hear his heart and vision for our state convention. We invite you to come out and “hang with Ed.”

Go to go.BSCM.org/HangWithEd to RSVP for one of the following locations:

- **Tuesday, October 22 @ 3:00pm**
Pastor's Coffee Connect at The Stray (4253 Division Ave., Grand Rapids, MI)
- **Thursday, October 24 @ 6:30pm**
The Church at Clawson - *free meal provided* (655 S. Main St., Clawson, MI)
- **Friday, October 25 @ 6:30pm**
Grayling Baptist Church (705 Madsen St., Grayling, MI)
- **Friday, November 1 @ 8:00am (before the annual convention meeting)**
Chapel Pointe - Holt (1705 Cedar St., Holt, MI) - *free continental breakfast provided*



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for one of our four “Hang With Ed” meetings

Attend the Annual Meeting on Friday, November 1 to vote for Ed Emmerling as our next State Executive Director/Treasurer