

## Blue Water Bible Conference Invitation June 12-14, 2026



March 1, 2026

To our dear brethren gathered to the precious name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

### **June 24, 2025**

“Good morning, Don! As of now that weekend we currently have on hold for another conference....” the email from the convention center said.

After hosting our first conference, after praying about and meeting together to discuss having another, and after all agreeing that we should promptly move forward and plan for Blue Water 2026, we found the door had been shut. Someone else had already claimed that weekend. Before we knew it, all the weekends in June were booked. July was not an option for us.

What was happening? We felt we had the Lord’s mind in hosting another conference. As an assembly we had prayed about it. We were at peace moving forward. We thought it would be easy to secure the rental. The Lord had miraculously provided for our needs and our brethren really enjoyed the conference. It was heartbreaking. To add to the pain, we began to see beautiful conference pictures on Facebook and captions mentioning that we should host it again. We wanted to but it seemed that we couldn’t. The doors were shut. We wanted to cry.

### **July 19, 2025**

We received Norm Hiebert’s daily Gem with the verse, “Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass” (Psalm 37:5). The three-part recipe begins with a definite act of commitment. Then the step of faith is followed by the walk of faith. Trust also in Him...and it ends with victory. He shall bring it to pass.



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to register for the  
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conference!**

### **July 20, 2025**

While driving to Tennessee, Christina read some verses from Daniel 10:10-14 to me about the spiritual warfare Daniel faced. As she finished, we looked up and immediately saw a billboard in a farmer's field that said, "**God is still in control.**" Yes. That's what we needed to see and hear. **God is still in control!**

### **July 22, 2025**

We received Norm's daily Gem and the theme was trust. "But **we trusted** that it had been He which should have redeemed Israel'...(Luke 24:21)... "I have always felt so sorry that in that walk to Emmaus the disciples had not said to Jesus, 'We still trust' instead of 'we trusted.' That is so sad- something that is all over. Let us never put our faith, as these disciples did, in a past tense. 'We trusted.' But let us always say, "I am trusting."

### **July 22, 2025**

"Don, **great news! God made a way!** Can I send you a contract for June 12-14, 2026?"

That's exactly what the email said and that's all it said. Did you catch that? The sales rep said, "Great news! God made a way!" Yes, that's right. God made a way. It wasn't us. It was the Lord. He is the One who has the power to open doors that are closed. He is the One who has the power to make a way when there is no way. "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." (Psalm 126:3)

But the enemy quickly stepped in to make life difficult again. When we contacted the hotel to get a quote, we saw that our costs would increase by 18% per room. Our jaws dropped. We felt like the disciples who had just seen the Lord miraculously feed the multitude, and then within hours they thought they were about to sink and perish in the stormy sea. What was going on? How could this be?

It was a hard time for all of us. We needed the Lord to come through in a big way. Once again, we needed the reminder that **God is still in control.**

### **August 27, 2025**

A more reasonable agreement with the hotel was reached. Praise the Lord!

**Be encouraged.** If you are facing challenges or closed doors right now, God is still in control. He loves you. He cares about you. Things are not randomly happening in your life. Things are not falling apart. Things are falling into place. God is still in control and for the believer, the best is yet to come. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

Acknowledging the mighty power of God, owning our dependence on the Lord, and being united with one mind, your brethren gathered to the precious name of the Lord Jesus Christ in Richmond, Michigan would like to invite you to a three day Bible Conference in June. **The conference will be held at the Blue Water Convention Center in Port Huron, Michigan**

**from June 12th-14th.** Hotel accommodations will be at the DoubleTree by Hilton (onsite) and the Fairfield Inn.

Lord willing, the meetings will begin Friday, June 12th with a prayer meeting at 2:00pm and run through Lord's Day afternoon, ending at 2:30pm. Breakfast, lunch, and supper will be provided and a gluten free option will also be available for every meal.

To register please go to <https://www.bibleconferenceregistration.com/bluewater/> or scan the QR code on the first page of this letter. **All guests will need to be registered by Sunday, May 31st.** We will not be able to accommodate unregistered or last minute guests.

Any children or young people 17 years or younger will need to be accompanied by a responsible adult. We cannot provide meals and lodging to anyone under assembly discipline.

Once again we have invited Bible Truth Publishers to come and set up a large display. Our desire is that our brethren would have access to good ministry and resources. In addition, we hope that this will make it easier to facilitate the movement of literature and resources across the border into Canada. BTP will be bringing literature in English, French, and Spanish.

Please remember us in your prayers. It is a big undertaking, yet we are so thankful for the privilege to be able to invite our brethren together for ministry and fellowship. After being together for three days, we hope you will leave refreshed, encouraged, and re-energized to continue on faithfully for the Lord!

“And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified...I have showed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.” (Acts 20:32, 35-36)

*Blest be the tie that binds,  
Our souls in Jesus' love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds,  
Is shared with Him above.*

Lord willing, we look forward to seeing you in June! With love, and a big hug, from your brethren gathered to the precious name of the Lord Jesus Christ in Richmond, Michigan,

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Richard Mackewich

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Stan Raden

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Don Mackewich

## Blue Water Conference Resource Page June 12-14, 2026

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- If you must cancel, please let us know as soon as possible.



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### Conference Location & Accommodations:

- The Blue Water Convention Center and Doubletree Hotel are adjoined to each other.
- The conference will be held at the Blue Water Convention Center, 800 Harker Street, Port Huron, MI 48060 [Blue Water Convention Center](#)
- Hotel guests will stay at the DoubleTree by Hilton or Fairfield Inn.
  - **DoubleTree:** 800 Harker Street, Port Huron, MI 48060 [DoubleTree by Hilton](#)
  - **Fairfield Inn:** 1635 Yeager Street, Port Huron, MI, 48060 [Fairfield Inn](#)
- Check in at the hotel is 3:00pm. Check out is noon. **Since the conference begins earlier than last year, hotel check in does not start until after the first meeting.**
- Both hotels have indoor, heated swimming pools.
- Saturday and Sunday breakfast will be provided for guests staying at both hotels.  
For guests staying at the DoubleTree, you will receive a meal voucher upon check-in for a buffet breakfast. The Fairfield Inn has a continental breakfast.

### Requests of the Local Brethren:

- We cannot provide meals and lodging to anyone under assembly discipline.
- Everyone is expected to be in their rooms by 11:00 PM every night.
- Stay in your assigned room. No switching rooms. (Please reach out to Don or Christina Mackewich if you have a concern or problem. Phone numbers below.)
- No swimming is allowed in the river.** Both hotels have a nice indoor pool and hot tub.
- All children must be supervised at all times and in all places: indoors, outdoors, at the pool and on the boardwalk.
- We cannot pick up anyone from the airport (Detroit- DTW or Sarnia- YZR) or train station (Port Huron). All guests will need to arrive and depart on their own.

### Conference Finances:

- For those who would like to have fellowship please contact:  
Don Mackewich, 36152 Chaskey St., Richmond, Michigan 48062
- Make checks payable to: Richmond Gospel Hall
- If you would like to use Paypal, please scan the code on the right.



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PayPal QR Code

### If you have additional questions or concerns, we're here to help!

Don Mackewich      call/text (810) 423-7771 or email [donmackewich@gmail.com](mailto:donmackewich@gmail.com)  
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## Attractions Near the Blue Water Convention Center

Here are a few places to visit before or after the conference for those who have time. Some attractions have an admission fee. Prices are subject to change without notice.



### Fort Gratiot Lighthouse

Did you know that Michigan's oldest lighthouse, Fort Gratiot Lighthouse, is less than a mile from the Blue Water Convention Center? Furthermore, you can climb the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse! The view is incredible. \$12 for an adult and \$10.80 for children and seniors. Guests who climb the lighthouse will get a panoramic view of the surrounding area with views of the Blue Water Convention Center, Lake Huron, and perhaps a Great Lakes freighter.

<https://www.phmuseum.org/fort-gratiot-lighthouse/>



### Thomas Edison Depot Museum

Do you recognize the name of the famous inventor, Thomas Edison? Thomas' boyhood home was Port Huron, Michigan. Just outside the Blue Water Convention Center is the Thomas Edison Depot Museum. It is located inside the historic Fort Gratiot train depot and was built in 1858 by the Grand Trunk Railway. This is the actual depot that Thomas Edison worked out of as a boy. Outside the depot a restored baggage car rests on a spur of railroad track. Inside this baggage car you can view a

re-creation of young Edison's mobile chemistry lab and printing shop.

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### HURON Lightship Museum

Do you know what a lightship is? Lightships were floating lighthouses that were anchored in areas where it was too deep, expensive, or impractical to construct a lighthouse. They displayed a light at the top of a mast and in areas of fog sounded a fog signal and radio beacon. The HURON Lightship was the last operating lightship on the Great Lakes and served for over 50 years when she was retired in 1970.

The lightship is about a 15 minute walk along the river from the Blue Water Convention Center. <https://www.phmuseum.org/huron-light-ship-museum/>

For additional places to see: <https://www.awesomemitten.com/things-to-do-in-port-huron/>