

The TIDINGS

Mid-Tidewater Baptist Association

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MTBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CALLS EDDIE HEATH AS DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

From the Director of Missions:

It is with great joy that I share the following news with you regarding Mid-Tidewater Baptist Association's next Director of Missions, the Reverend Eddie Heath.

At the MTBA Executive Committee Meeting, on June 29, the Director of Missions Search Committee (Mr. Don McNamee, Chair) made the motion that the MTBA extend a temporary call to the Reverend Eddie Heath to be the Director of Missions beginning January 1, 2016. The Executive Committee approved this motion in accordance with the MTBA Bylaws [Article IV – Officers, The Director of Missions]... his temporary appointment will be made permanent at the Fall Meeting of the MTBA on October 18, 2015 at Gwynn's Island Baptist Church.

Most of you in the MTBA already know Eddie. He has preached in many of our churches, spoken on several occasions at our Annual Meetings and has met with and provided counsel and wisdom with most of our churches at some time or other. He will retire after twenty years of ministry with the Virginia Baptist Mission Board in December 2015 and will begin his ministry with the MTBA in January 2016. He will bring to a great deal of experience and wisdom to this position, but also will couple this with a lifetime of commitment and dedication to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I want to express my appreciation to Mr. Don McNamee and the members of the Director of Missions Search Committee. Each member of this Committee made significant contributions to the search process and did so with an awareness of the importance of their task. The following persons served along with Don McNamee: Mrs. Mary Jo Cumbia, Rev. Doug Davis, Rev. Jonathan Davis, Mrs. Tammy Faulkner, Rev. Mike Gray, Rev. Edward Harrow, Mrs. Beverly Medlen, and Mr. Ellis Walton

Robert May



Rev. Eddie Heath was born in Burlington, NC. He received his education from Bluefield College, Carson Newman College, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

From January 1984, to December 1996, he served as pastor of the Buckroe Baptist Church in Hampton, VA. During those 13 years of ministry the church grew from an average attendance of 75 in Sunday School to an average attendance of 255. Eddie saw this as a very rewarding and exciting 13 years of ministry.

In December 1996, Rev. Heath began serving as a Field Strategist for the Virginia Baptist Mission Board. His area of responsibility is the Tidewater Region, which includes seven associations: Rappahannock, Mid-Tidewater, Peninsula, Portsmouth, Blackwater, Norfolk, and Accomack. There are over 250 churches in these seven associations.

Eddie trains and assists local search committees in their efforts to fill staff positions; helps church leaders develop strategies for church growth and church health; serves as a resource person in networking churches with other needed resources, and training deacons for Team Ministry Approach.

Eddie is married to Kathy Heath who is on the music staff of Emmaus Baptist Church in Poquoson, VA. They have five children and 11 grandchildren. Eddie's hobbies are golf, visiting lighthouses on the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay, and spending time with his grandchildren.

MTBA Church News:



Bruington:

Come and join us on Sunday, September 20, 2015 to celebrate the 225th anniversary of Bruington Baptist Church. The activities will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a slide presentation followed by the program at 10:30 a.m. Greetings and remarks will be given by former pastors and other guests in attendance. Fred Anderson, executive director of the Virginia Baptist Historical Society, will be the keynote speaker. Special music will be provided during the service. There will be a ceremony honoring Rev. Robert Baylor Semple, the first pastor of the church. Other exhibits and memorabilia will be on display in the church. Dinner on the grounds will be provided after the service. Please call 804-769-3246 to RSVP for the meal. Bruington Baptist Church is located at 4784 The Trail in Bruington,

Glebe Landing:

Join us for Wednesday nights for Bible study and prayer meeting at 6:30 pm. Community free lunch occurs every 4th Sunday from 11:30 am to 1 pm. VBS is scheduled for July 26-31 from 6-9 pm.

Hermitage:

We have baptized 9 new members since January. Church sanctuary is opened every Tuesday from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm for a quiet meditation & prayer time. On May 17 we had a ground breaking service with Rev. Amos Healy as guest speaker. In June we recognized graduating Seniors & GAs hosted an "undie Sunday" for Standing Rock mission trip.

Hermitage (continued):

VBS July 12-17 at 6:30—8:30 pm.

Hermitage Baptist Church invites all children 2 years old to 12th graders to join us at Journey Off the Map™ for a week of exploring uncharted territory where kids will discover Jesus is the Ultimate Guide.

The whole family is invited to join us also for a VBS Kickoff event on Wednesday July 8th at 6:00 pm. There will be food for the family, fun events, followed by the showing of a movie.

Macedonia:

Has entered into a church-wide ministry focused on the Mathews Head Start Program. In the upcoming school year, the church will provide the "snack packs" the children take home each Friday afternoon to supplement their diet and nutrition on weekends. This may open additional opportunities for ministry to these 19 preschoolers and their households. As we feel led by the Holy Spirit, we can extend God's love, light, and hope to these neighbors.

Mathews:

VBS was held on June 22—26.

Newington:

Brian Burris received a unanimous call to be our new Associate Pastor. Brian and his wife, Shannon, have been members since April 2002. Brian began as full time pastor on May 1, 2015. He was ordained on June 7 by Newington Baptist Church.

Congratulations to Brian,

Shannon, Caitlyn, and Chase. Two camps are scheduled, one camp completed on July 3.

The second camp is Helping Hands Mission Camp for rising 7th—12th grade youth from 7/12—7/17 in Gloucester, staying at a church for a week.

Olivet & Lower King & Queen:

Rev. David Medlen announced his retirement effective on August 23. He has faithfully served Olivet & Lower K&Q for twenty years and has been a minister for 50 years serving in Hawaii, TX, NC, and VA.

Congratulations

Pastor David & Beverly!

Petsworth:

Community Impact Day will be on July 18 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for Service Projects, and from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm there will be dinner and testimonies. VBS will be on July 19-23 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Saluda:

On May 17, SBC unanimously called Pastor Rob Marsh to be their pastor. The church looks forward to the arrival of Rob, Lindsay, and their son, Liam. Rob's first Sunday will be on July 5. Pastor Jerry's last Sunday was on June 28.

Spring Hill:

Community Fellowship nights without VBS begins on July 12 with "No Strings Attached" puppet ministry from Urbanna Baptist. Thereafter we continue with other local ministries on July 19, and 26; and August 2, 12, and 19. Dinner will start at 6:00 pm, with fellowship and music to follow.

Urbanna:

Completed VBS on June 26. "No Strings Attached" puppet ministry will perform at Spring Hill Baptist Church on July 12.

Zoar:

Worship at the Beach continues through September 6 at 8:30 am.

MTBA "SUMMER JAM":

All area churches are invited to a Summer Jam event on August 20 from 6 PM to 9 PM at Harmony Grove Baptist Church.

One of our MTBA Pastors, Rob Marsh, will be speaking, and band, "Scarlet Fade" will present their music. This youth event is for rising 6th through 12th graders.

Everyone is invited!

This event is sponsored by MTBA.

MTBA SPRING MEETING 2015:

A special thanks to Poroporone Baptist Church for their gracious hospitality and fine food as they hosted the Spring meeting on April 19.

Two speakers, Mr. Buck Rodgers and Pastor Mike Gray, emphasized ministries that local churches can be involved in as they seek to reach people in their communities for Christ. Buck Rodgers spoke of "Compassion Restoration Ministry" associated with his home church which involves 600 volunteers who meet a variety of needs.

Pastor Mike's message was entitled "Making God look good on you." He had members of Newington Baptist Church who are involved in outreach ministries to the community share their personal testimonies regarding these ministries.

[see insert for pictures]

NEW MTBA WEBSITE:

**MTBA has a new website:
midtidewaterbaptist.org**

A big thank you to Pastor Jonathan Davis who has worked diligently to build this website and is still under construction. Churches that have a website or those that do not have a website can have their church on MTBA website. Your church would have more visibility by adding your church to MTBA website.

In the MTBA website, complete the profile under the tab "Partner Churches" and then click tab "Register". You will need to enter e-mail address (can be a member's personal e-mail address if church e-mail address is not available). This e-mail address will not be accessible or visible (seen) by anyone. Then add your own church pictures/events. Thereafter each church can update their own church events.

Contact the MTBA office for additional information.

ALL CHURCHES:

If you would like your church events highlighted in the next newsletter, send your information/newsletter to the MTBA office no later than on September 18, 2015.

**MTBA INTERCESSORY PRAYER MEETINGS:
(EVERYONE IS INVITED).**

Monday, July 13 at 7 pm
Saluda Baptist Church
(Saluda)

Monday, August 10 at 7 pm
Lower King & Queen (Wares) Baptist Church
(Dragonville (25375 The Trail)

Monday, September 14 at 7 pm
Newington Baptist Church
(Gloucester)

Monday, October 12 at 7 pm
Harmony Grove Baptist
(Topping)

CALENDAR FOR 2015/2016:

Saturday, July 11
from 10 am-12 noon
Stop Hunger Now Packing Event
Mathews Baptist Church
(Hudgins)

Thursday, August 20
at 6 PM - 9 PM
MTBA Summer Jam
(rising 6th through 12th grade Youth)
Harmony Grove Baptist Church
(Topping)

Sunday, October 18 at 3 pm:
MTBA Fall Meeting
Gwynn's Island Baptist Church
(Gwynn)

Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 3 pm:
MTBA Spring Meeting
Urbanna Baptist Church
(Urbanna)

MTBA SPRING MEETING



(Above) Pastor Doug Davis welcomes the MTBA messengers on behalf of members of Poroporone Baptist Church.

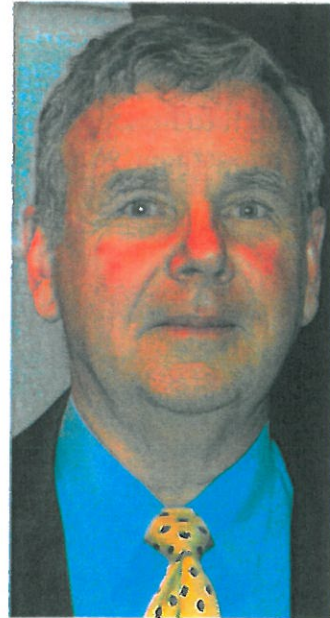


(Above) The Poroporone Baptist Church choir provided special music for the service.

Not pictured – Miss Annabelle Porter sang a solo and accompanied herself on the piano.



(Above left to right): Ellis Hall, James Allen Dougherty, Don James, Tammy Presnall, Doug Hibbs, Kim Hibbs, and Mike Gray. Pastor Gray spoke and seven of Newington's members shared their special ministries. Scott Maynor also spoke, but is not pictured.



(Above) Mr. Buck Rodgers was the Construction Coordinator for the 4 Impact VA events MTBA hosted. He emphasized that all volunteer ministry is based on what Jesus commanded us to do in Matthew 25. Everyone has a skill(s) they can use to serve Jesus. Jesus always looks at our hearts even more than he does our skill set(s).



(Above: Pastor Jerry Haywood): A special service of appreciation was held on June 21 at Saluda Baptist Church to honor Pastor Jerry Haywood and his wife, Jean. Jerry served as Interim Pastor for almost four years. Jerry looks like he is contemplating his first round of golf with his new clubs given to him by Saluda Baptist Church.



(Above: Pastor Rob Marsh): Saluda Baptist Church looks forward to the arrival of Rob, Lindsay, and their son, Liam. His first Sunday will be on July 5.

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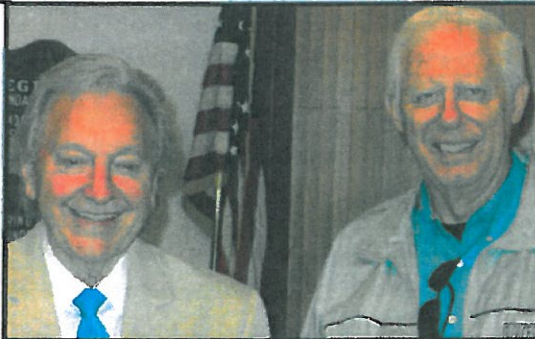


"He covers the sky with clouds;
He supplies the earth with rain
and makes grass grow on the hills."
Psalms 147:8, NIV

Return Service Requested

(Pictured below Dr. May):

In grateful appreciation,
Harmony Grove Baptist Church
presented Dr. May a plate (with
photos of the 3 buildings in its
155 year history) and a
Christmas ornament
on March 22.



(Above: Pastor Dan Grantham &
Dr. May):

On May 11 New Hope
Memorial Baptist Church
expressed their appreciation
to Dr. May with a reception
following a Prayer Gathering.



(Below are John & Barbara
Bareford & Dr. May):

Saluda Baptist Church
honored Dr. May on May 31
for his service to SBC as a
faithful member and as
DOM for MTBA with two
framed pictures of the 26
churches in MTBA.