

The **TIDINGS**  
**Mid-Tidewater Baptist Association**

June 2016

*Serving Cooperating Sharing*



**IMPACT MTBA IS HERE**

Sunday, July 24 to Saturday, July 30th is almost here. There are so many people to thank who have worked so hard to pull all of this together. Tammy Faulkner has served as a resource and team leader for the Community Ministries Action Team. I don't know how we would have gotten this far without her wisdom and experience. David Sleighter, who is the Construction Coordinator, has visited every potential site and talked with every home owner. He has done a fabulous job of coordinating the work for the Impact Team when they arrive in July. A special thanks to Betty Kennon who agreed to take on the coordinator role for the Feeding Hub Strategy. Her job was to lead over 100 volunteers and 25 churches to prepare lunches for the 100 plus volunteers who will be working on homes each day in our association. This year we put a new plan for providing lunches, a plan that had never been done this way before by our churches. This wonderful group of volunteers have embraced the challenge without missing a beat. I want to thank our churches, businesses, and individuals who have made generous contributions to our IMPACT goal of \$20,000. We have raised \$19,000 and hopefully by the middle of July we will reach our \$20,000 goal. A special thanks to Rev. Harrow for the many hours he has spent helping our

DOM raise additional monies outside our network of churches.

A big thank you to the Community Ministries Action Team. They have met every month since January in hours of meetings to make sure that a plan was developed to carry out Impact as well as seeing that no detail was overlooked. Their task list was a long one but they have done excellent work. Here are the names of the team: Tammy Faulkner, Billie Spence, Dr. Leonard Edloe, Tom and Lisa Langford, Jim Burns, Penny Lawson, Sam Llewellyn, and Cynthia Therrien. Thank you for the great way you have served the MTBA.

**Spring Hill Partnership Mission Team to Tanzania**

A team of six from Spring Hill BC will leave on July 6 to serve on a mission trip in Tanzania, Africa. They will return on July 28th. This will be a life changing experience for this team as well as for the members of the church. The members of Spring Hill have committed themselves to pray for this team each hour of the day every day they are gone. What a beautiful way for this congregation to share in this mission trip. We as an association want to add our prayers to those of SHBC. Please remember Gary & Molly Painter, Chuck & Faye McDaniel, Ruth Bosdell, and Shirley Williams. May God's peace and power be with you.

**The Bottom Line**

Almost two months have passed since the MTBA Spring Meeting. Since this was my first associational meeting as your Director of Missions, I spent some significant time reflecting, listening, and asking for feedback from pastors, laypersons, committees, and others who attended. The report from the program committee was a very good one. The feedback they received was positive as well as constructive. One pastor told me he had been attending associational meetings for over 40 years and the MTBA Spring meeting was the best associational meeting ever for him.

Here is a summary of the comments: it was not boring, lots of positive energy, "I learned some things I never knew before", liked the way reports were connected to our mission of serving, cooperating, and sharing, people liked the flow of the meeting, Urbanna did a great job of hosting the meeting as well as feeding us, great stories, inspirational, and the bar has been raised.

In the first meeting of the Program Committee after the Spring Meeting, they spent a great deal of time on the idea that the bar has been raised for our associational meetings. That is a very nice compliment, but it is also a huge challenge. If you have been a Baptist for any length of time you know that there are hundreds of meetings in Baptist life. If we are honest most of them are not that exciting and are more task driven than anything else. So to create an associational meeting that is exciting, inspirational, informative, and interesting is not that easy. But after much discussion, our program committee has accepted the challenge to "raise the bar once again". Now here is what you can do to help:

1. Save the date: **MTBA Fall Meeting, Sunday, October 16, 3:00 PM, Hermitage BC.**
2. Pray for your Program Committee: Renee Davis (Chair), Beverly Medlen, Jennifer Lucas, Edward Harrow. And begin praying now for the Fall Meeting. Pray that God will bless us with the presence and power of His Spirit in such away that it will be unmistakably the hand of God upon us.
3. Plan to attend. Nothing provides energy to an associational meeting like lots of people attending who enjoy being with one another.

The Bottom Line from Eddie Heath, Your Director of Missions



**Glebe Landing:**

VBS Aug. 5—7 (6-9pm).

Lodge Mission is open Wed. & Sat.

**Harmony Grove:**

Greys Point Sunday School Camp-ground Ministry has begun. VBS Sports Camp: 6/27-7/1 from 9:00 am—1:00 pm. Celebrate 157th anniversary of Harmony Grove Baptist Church on 6/26.

**Hermitage:**

Isaiah Richardson (pictured in June WMU E-News) gave a presentation of RA's work at WMU session June 4 at Baptist Resource Center.

**La Iglesia Bautista El Camino:**

Before this church closed in Feb., Pastor Burgos presented MTBA with a check for Impact Mission Camps. MTBA is very thankful. Even in ending this Church ministry, they found a way to give.

**Lower King & Queen:**

Pray for their Pastor Search Comm. and God's Servant that He is preparing for them, Revival begins 8/14.

**Macedonia:**

Rev. Michael Gregory was called as Interim Pastor on 5/22.

**Mathews:**

CentriKid camp: 6/27—7/1. FUGE mission camp: 7/11-16 in Nashville. Celebrate 240th anniversary on 10/23/16.

**Mattaponi:**

Celebrated Homecoming 5/29 through worship and fellowship with Zion Baptist, who formed in 1866 the black members of Mattaponi. Zion Baptist will host a revival for their 150 yr. anniversary; Mattaponi will provide message and music on 7/27. God's Spirit brings miraculous, powerful healing.

**Newington:**

Ordained Don James on 4/24, Pastor of Chesapeake Bay Chapel Camp-ground. VBS: 6/27—7/1 from 9:00 am—12 noon, Teens going to XFuge camp at Liberty University 7/11—7/15.

**Olivet:**

Pray for their Pastor Search Comm. and God's Servant that He is preparing for them.

**St. Stephens:**

Pastor Holland leading team on mission trip to partner with small church in the Caribbean.

**Saluda:**

Held Parent-Child Dedication on 5/22, Pastor Rob Marsh & Lindsay dedicated their son, Liam Elijah Marsh. Concert: music by Amy Ladd & Friends on 7/17 at 4:00 pm.

**Spring Hill:**

Commission service: 6/26 for "Ruth Team" going to Tanzania, Africa, leaving 7/6 and returning on 7/28.

**Urbanna:**

Congratulations to Pastor Jonathan & Audrey Davis on the birth of their son, Aaron, born on 4/24.

**Zoar:**

Pastor John Snow will lead a Baptism class this Summer. Beach Worship service every Sunday 8:30 am.



MTBA received a letter of appreciation for the monetary donation that MTBA made to Spring Hill Baptist Church "Mission Team" to help with expenses of their trip in July to Tanzania, Africa.

**MTBA TIDBITS:**

Portable feeder lighting equipment and projector are available (on loan) to MTBA churches. Contact MTBA office if interested.

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Barbara Bareford, MTBA Administrative Secretary, (back row, 3rd from left) attended Baptist Ministry Assistants of VA Retreat in Fredericksburg on 4/29. In honor of our public servants, BMAV met with local Firefighters to thank them for their sacrifice and service.



## MTBA EVENTS:

The Mid-Tidewater Association Spring Meeting was held on April 17, 2016, at Urbanna Baptist Church. It was a great success with 19 different churches, BGAV, and Middle District Baptist Association represented. The theme was "Serving, Cooperating, and Sharing". Two individuals and one church were recognized that reflect these core values and were presented with a Servant Leadership Award. For "Serving": Mr. Ellis Hall of Gloucester, for "Cooperating": Macedonia Baptist Church for their FINS (Friday Nights in the Spirit) Ministry, and for "Sharing": Mr. "Buddy" Moore of Saluda. We thank Urbanna Baptist Church for graciously hosting and providing dinner. The Program Committee is working hard on the Fall Associational meeting to be held on Sunday, October 16 at Hermitage Baptist Church. (Other Spring meeting pictures view MTBA website and facebook.)



Laura Ripley & Glenda Ashbaugh, Eddie Heath presented "Cooperating" award. Wanda Watkins, MTBA Historian, shared historical highlights.



The Ministry Outreach Trailer (MOT) (pictured) is already having great success. As of June 21, four churches have used it and eight dates hereafter have been booked by other churches. There is no charge for use of trailer; just a security deposit of \$200.00, refundable upon return of trailer and items inside clean and damage free. To use the MOT for one of your church events, contact MTBA office.

View dates available at MTBA website:

([www.midtidewaterbaptist.org/calendar](http://www.midtidewaterbaptist.org/calendar)).

Reserve the MOT by calling or e-mailing MTBA office (contact information on back page). The MOT has bounce houses, hotdog steamer, popcorn machine, numerous games, etc.

**MUSICIANS:** Several MTBA church musicians had an organizational meeting of Church Musicians & Choir Directors on 4/21. Discussed ways that they can strengthen music ministries as an Association and within our communities. Next meeting: 6/23 at 7:00 pm at Saluda Baptist Church; come join this enthusiastic Musicians' Group. Contact Susan Brooks at [sbrooks@ltmp.org](mailto:sbrooks@ltmp.org).

Feeding Hubs (printed 6/8/2016)

Feeding Hubs - Mission Camps (July 25-29) Betty Kennon (Coord.) (804-758-9709)		Menu
<b>Monday Feeding Hub 7/25</b>	<b>Contact Person &amp; Number</b>	
<b>Mathews BC (804-725-3707)</b>	Eloise (Tee) Mallon (804-725-4919)	139 Ham Sandwiches
Gwynns Island 804-725-2384	Eniko Jordon (208-251-7708) duna@va.metrocast.net)	PJ & J (church supply a loaf of bread for ea site)
Macedonia 804-725-5416	Tammy Faulkner 804-815-6373	240 cookies
Spring Hill 804-725-3500	Pearl Sadler (804-824-4076)	
Westville 804-725-3079	Penny Lawson 804-832-2989	
<b>Tuesday Feeding Hub 7/26</b>		
<b>Newington BC (804-693-2346)</b>	Cannie Hull (804-815-4424) (dwh4186@aol.com)	139 Turkey sandwiches
Urbanna 804-758-2720	June Williams (804-758-2640) Pat McName (804-776-0966 / patmcn56@gmail.com)	PJ & J (church supply a loaf of bread for ea site)
Beech Grove 804-642-5949	Carol Saunders (804-642-2937) (cas1222@yahoo.com)	240 cookies
Beulah 804-693-6298	Wayne Nuttall (804-694-9803)	
New Freedom Congregation 693-5503	Pastor Walt McKibbon (804-693-5503) (hisglory3@cox.net)	
Petsworth 804-693-3024		
<b>Wednesday Feeding Hub 7/27</b>		
<b>Harmony Grove (804-758-5154)</b>	Callie Jo Revere (804-832-1234)	139 hotdogs
FBC Harmony Village 804-366-0561	Gail Smith (804-466-0169) (topcats222000@yahoo.com)	PJ & J (church supply a loaf of bread for ea site)
New Hope Fellowship 804-776-7600	Dr Leonard Edloe (Cell: 804-304-7598)	240 cookies
Saluda 804-758-3102	Janet Cartwright (804-785-6223)	
Zoar 804-776-9502	Sylvia Barden (804-814-442) (sylviabarden@gmail.com)	
<b>Thursday Feeding Hub 7/28</b>		
<b>Hermitage (804-758-2636)</b>	Pat Brooks ( Home: 804-758-4831 ; Cell 804-832-3993)	139 Turkey Ham Subs
Bruington 804-769-3246	Jane Wyatt (home: 804-443-2909) (cell 804-586-0428)	PJ & J (church supply a loaf of bread for ea site)
Glebe Landing 804-758-2233	Diane Freeman (804-758-2971) (scarletsisters5@yahoo.com)	240 cookies
St Stephens 804-769-8833	Alice Kemp (804-972-4491)	
<b>Friday Feeding Hub 7/29</b>		
<b>Poroporone (804-785-3948)</b>	Elaine McDuff (home 804-785-9293) (cell 804-815-5391) (dorfit@msn.com)	139 ham sandwiches
Mattaponi 804-384-7721	Charlotte Duff (804-445-5462)	PJ & J (church supply a loaf of bread for ea site)
New Hope Memorial 804-758-4895	Billie Spence (804-758-3069 Cell 804-832-5189)	240 cookies
Olivet 804-785-3931	Nancy Nuttall 804-514-4198 or 804-843-4526 (H)	
Lower King & Queen 804-785-3104	Nancy Hazzard (Cell:804-241-4622)	



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**CALENDAR FOR 2016:**

6/23 7:00 pm Church Musicians & Choir Directors Group meet at Saluda Baptist  
6/27 6:00 pm Program Comm. meeting  
6/27 7:30 pm Exec. Comm. meeting, Saluda Baptist  
7/3 Religious Liberty Sunday  
7/11 7 pm Prayer Gathering, Olivet  
7/24—7/30 Impact Mission Camps  
8/8 7 pm Prayer Gathering, Spring Hill  
9/11—9/18 Alma Hunt Offering  
9/12 7 pm Prayer Gathering, New Hope Fellowship  
9/26 7:30 pm Exec. Comm. meeting, Saluda Baptist  
October: Pastor Appreciation Month  
10/10 7 pm Prayer Gathering, Bruington  
**10/16 at 3:00 pm MTBA Fall Meeting, Hermitage Baptist Church**  
11/15—11/16 BGAV annual meeting (Bonsack Baptist Church, Roanoke)

Send your church events for the next Tidings newsletter to MTBA office by **September 2, 2016.**

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16**

**3:00 PM**

**MTBA FALL**

**ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING  
HERMITAGE BAPTIST  
CHURCH (CHURCHVIEW)**

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**2016 Virginia Baptist Homes Foundation Benefit Golf Classic.** You may sponsor or play. All proceeds go to the Endowed Funds for Benevolence to help seniors at Virginia Baptist Homes who have out lived their financial means.

**September 12, 2016** is the Piedmont Classic at Spring Creek Golf Club at Zion Crossroads. Please register online at [atvbh.org/golf](http://atvbh.org/golf) or contact Tayloe Thomas at 804-521-9212.

**STAYING IN TOUCH**

- 1. Visit us:** 884 Gloucester Road, behind Saluda post office, 2nd floor, Mon.-Wed. 8:30 am - 3:00 pm
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- 6. Read The Tidings,** your MTBA Newsletter

**A Great Ministry Opportunity**

The Puppet Ministry Team at Urbanna Baptist Church is looking to expand their puppet ministry to more of an associational model. They are wanting to create a team of 10-20 members. The team will be comprised of script writers, puppet operators, sound and staging folks. You will need to be 13 years or older to be a part of this ministry. Adults can join in on the fun by being a part of this Team. You will receive more blessings than you give. If you have the gift of servant hood, join this Team! It is not about power or perfection, but service to others. Watch your audiences' faces light up with joy and laughter and reflect God's amazing grace. If this sounds like something you would like to know more about, please contact Don McNamee:  
Home Phone: 804-776-0966 / Cell 757-897-6087