

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER**

**September 16, 2017 - Hermitage Baptist Church**



On Saturday, September 16th, the Mid-Tidewater Baptist Association family will come together in a joint effort to pack 20,000 meals that will be given to the **Rise Against Hunger** organization. **Rise Against Hunger** is an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable, mobilizing the necessary resources to end hunger by 2030. This organization is committed to reducing the number of people who die daily because they do not have enough nutritious food to eat. It is hard to imagine that in a world that can put men on the moon, robots on Mars, wireless computers, cell phones, and robotic cars, we still have not found a way to unite nations around a worldwide effort to end starvation. Here are just two facts that should just break our hearts:

- (1) 792.5 million people in the world don't get the food they need to live a healthy life and**
- (2) 66 million primary school-age children attend classes hungry across the developing world.**

Those two facts alone were enough to motivate the Community Ministries Team to make **Rise Against Hunger** one of their mission projects for the MTBA in 2017. Here is how it works: **Rise Against Hunger's** meal packaging program is a volunteer-based initiative that coordinates the assembly-line packaging of highly nutritious dehydrated meals comprised of rice, soy, vegetables, and 23 essential vitamins and minerals. The MTBA's goal is to pack 20,000 meals on Saturday, September 16. Those 20,000 meals will be boxed and loaded into a truck and taken to the central place of distribution. From the distribution center these meals will be sent to the most needy communities all over the world. Because of our effort on September 16, men and women, boys and girls that we will more than likely never meet, will have a better day, and a better chance at life.

We do this because we believe it is what God has called us to do. We do this, because we know we have been blessed to live in a country that has so much. We do this because the MTBA family is a loving, generous, and caring faith community. It is not a sacrifice for us, but a joy to give in this way.

This is what you need to do to be a part of the **Rise Against Hunger Packing Day on September 16:**

1. Sign up for one of the four teams: (8:30 am-9:30 am Set Up Team), (9:30 am-11:30 am Packing Team), (1 pm-3 pm Packing Team), (3 pm-4 pm Loading and Clean Up Team).
2. If your church has a team of volunteers, you can sign up with your church. If your church is not sending a team, you can call Barbara at the MTBA office (804-758-4385) and let her know what team you want to serve on.
3. We need 10 people for set up team, 50 people for each packing team, and 10 people for Loading and clean up team.
4. Lunch will be provided for all participants by the wonderful folks at Hermitage BC. Lunch will be served at 12 noon. Their plan is for a hot dog / hamburger cookout.

The Community Ministries Team wants to encourage each of you, if at all possible, to join us in this great mission opportunity. If you have any questions, please call the MTBA Office.

**MTBA Spring Meeting**  
**October 15, 2:45 pm**  
**Zoar Baptist Church, Deltaville**



## MTBA Spring Association Meeting

The 2017 MTBA Spring Meeting was an historic event to say the least. The Program Committee knew that three of our MTBA churches would be celebrating their 175th Anniversary in 2017. The three churches were Olivet, Saluda, and St. Stephens. Since this year's Spring Meeting was at St. Stephens, it seemed like a good idea to focus this year's meeting on some of the significant events in the life of some of our MTBA churches. To capture the mood of a time that was long long ago, all the electrical lights were turned off and the program began with only candle and natural lighting.



The look back started with our two oldest churches, Glebe Landing and Lower King and Queen. It was shared how Rev. John Waller played an instrumental role in the establishment of our two oldest churches. We were reminded that Rev. John Waller's convictions concerning religious freedom were so strong that he ended up being sent to the Urbanna jail. We once again heard that the religious freedom that we so enjoy came at a high price and that it was paid for by men and women like Rev. John Waller.

The Program Committee presented a birthday cake to the gathering to celebrate the 175th birthdays of Olivet, Saluda, and St. Stephens churches. Of course that led to the singing of Happy Birthday to these three very special churches in the MTBA. And our three churches look mighty fine considering they are celebrating their 175th birthday.



The next stop down memory lane was 1959. This was the year that the MTBA was established and who better to tell that story than our own Rev. Edward Harrow, who was a participant in that meeting. He shared that the decision to leave the Rappahannock Baptist Association and to create a new association was not an easy one. There were several who objected to this idea and did not see any need to form a new association. But by the end of the meeting when the vote was taken, the decision was made to form the Mid-Tidewater Baptist Association.

(Rev. Edward Harrow & Louise Jones 1959 participants)

This brief look at some of the history connected to our MTBA churches concluded with the year 2010 and New Hope Fellowship. Dr. Leonard Edloe, who is the pastor of New Hope Fellowship, told the story of how this congregation wanted to be a part of what God was doing in this part of Eastern VA. The acceptance of New Hope Fellowship was an historic day for both the church and the association. It has been a bright spot in Virginia Baptist history as well as MTBA history. We are thankful that God has brought us together to continue in Kingdom Work.

The program concluded with the presentation of the annual Servant Leadership Awards. The **Serving Award** was presented to **Chief Anne Richardson** for her outstanding work with the Mattaponi Indian nation. The **Cooperating Award** was presented to **Spring Hill Baptist Church** in recognition of their partnership mission trip to Tanzania. The **Sharing Award** was presented to **Saluda Baptist Church** for the generous way they have made their people and facility available to so many in our community.



(Dallas Ammons and Chief Anne Richardson)

St. Stephens did a marvelous job of hosting the Spring meeting as well as providing the evening meal for those who attended the meeting. They could not have done a better job. Thank you St. Stephens and to all of those participants who made the 2017 Spring Meeting a most historic gathering.

*Save The Date*  
*October 15, 2:45 PM*  
*MTBA Fall Meeting at Zoar Baptist Church in Deltaville*

## MTBA CHURCH NEWS (August 2017)

**Bruington:** Youth events: ESCAPE ROOM on Aug. 19, Putt-Putt golf on Aug. 26. Food pantry & clothes cupboard continue to minister to those in need.

**Harmony Grove:** Aug. 27 after church: finger food lunch with ice cream and cookies, Sept. 10: celebrate Grandparents' Day, Oct. 29: Trunk or Treat sponsored by the Youth. Joy Club taking cookies to shut-ins and homebound and bringing joy! Sleeping bag ministry on fourth Thursday mornings at 9:30 am. Wednesday nights (6:30 pm) game night, Bible study and movies.

**Hermitage:** Dedication of new fellowship hall was held on June 4. Rev. Amos Healy was the guest speaker. The service was followed by a churchwide lunch in the new fellowship hall. This year's VBS, which was held on June 25-30, had 161 in attendance. This VBS offering was \$1,109.46, and it was given to the MTBA to help with the Rise Against Hunger mission project to be held at Hermitage on Saturday, September 16. Visit Hermitage's Facebook at "VBS at a Glance 2017" to see more. Thank you to everyone who prayed for our VBS this year.

**Macedonia:** VBS Aug. 11—13, registration Aug. 11 at 5:15 pm & program activities 6:00—8:30 pm. Registration & breakfast on Aug. 12 at 8:45 am & program activities 9:30 am—12:00 pm. On Sun. Aug. 13 registration & breakfast 9:15—9:55 am. VBS rehearsal at 10:00 am & program to be presented during 11:00 am worship service, followed by lunch.

**New Hope Memorial:** Aug. 7, 8, 9 - VBS for all ages - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Aug. 20 - Annual Women's Day, women will have the worship service. Sept. 17 - 11:00 a.m. - revival begins conducted by Rev. Eddie Heath, worship service followed by lunch. Revival services continue on Sept. 18, 19, 20 at 7:00 p.m.

**Newington:** Youth: MFuge Camp July 17—July 21 at Southern Seminary in Louisville, KY. WMU "The Way" meet on 2nd Monday at 10:00 am at church, WMU "My Mission" meet on 1st & 3rd Friday 9:30 am at Dutton's house, WMU "Lighthouse Ladies" meet on 3rd Monday at 6:30 pm at church. Man-up Ministry meet on every Saturday at 7:30 am for breakfast at Courthouse Restaurant, Heart & Mind Ministries meet monthly on last Tues. at 7:00—9:00 pm. Aug. 20 at 12:30 pm joint river baptism (Johnson residence). Collecting items for Operation Christmas Child, two fundraisers planned—Aug. 12 Family Fun Night & Oct. 14 Silent Auction.

**Poroporone:** Women Of Purpose Ministry meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6pm and the Outdoors Adventures Ministry meet on the 2nd Monday of each Month at 7pm.

**Saluda:** Prayer meeting & Bible study with Rev. David Medlen on Wed. nights at 6:30 pm. Sunday, Sept. 24 at 10:45 am: 175th Birthday Celebration with Dr. John Upton as guest speaker. Lunch at noon. A Praise & Celebration Service is from 1:30-2:30 pm. Rev. Eddie Heath will lead both services with special music by "Jubal".

**Spring Hill:** 22nd Annual Christmas in July service on July 23. Community Fellowship night programs every Sunday night, July 9 thru Aug. 13 at 6:00 pm. Music by local talent, praise, fellowship, food, and Children VBS each night!

**Urbanna:** "One Community Under God" Worship service / luncheon Sept. 17 at 11:00 am at Hewick Plantation, Urbanna. WMU: Completed 14 Luv Sacs for Cancer; Leanna Burrell presented seminar. OCC July kick off at UBC and Bethpage & Grey's Pt. Campgrounds, goal of 200 boxes. Sewing ministry completed pillowcase dresses, hygiene kits, backpack bags & bracelets for shoeboxes available at UBC resource table. Emancipation Purse presented Human Trafficking seminar-more info at UBC's FB and website. Dr. Valerie Carter & State Mission Team in Ghana w/o Aug. 7. UBC sewing ministry provided 50 hygiene kits (500 sanitary pads), washcloth, soap and underwear for Ghana women.

**Zoar:** Beach Worship every Sunday at 8:30 am through Labor Day.

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### **YOUTH ACTION GROUP:**

The Youth Action Committee had our 1st event on Sunday June 11 at Camp Piankatank. We had 48 total in attendance representing 8 of our MTBA Churches. The Youth enjoyed the Pool, Basketball, GaGa Ball and Knockerball was a very popular activity. Tammy Faulkner, MTBA Moderator, did a FANTASTIC JOB in Knockerball.



We finished the day with Bible Trivia. That was fun! For dinner we served Pizza, Chips, Cookies, Water and Lemonade. The event was a HUGE success!

Our Association has been invited to Beale Memorial Baptist Church in Tappahannock on Aug. 19 to hear a concert by "Scarlet Fade".

They are a Christian Band that performed at Harmony Grove Baptist a few years ago and were well received. This event starts at 7 PM. MTBA recently sent flyers to our churches for this event. Hope to see you there.

Also, hope to see our youth at Rise Against Hunger on September 16 at Hermitage Baptist.

**If there are any Youth in our Churches that can play instruments, please let me know.** We are looking into starting a MTBA Association Band that can play at our Fall Association meeting on Oct. 15 at Zoar Baptist Church.

Thank you for the support you have provided to your Youth Ministry Team. We could not have any success without your prayers and support.

Brenda H. Armistead, Chair (804)-694-7583

**Alma Hunt Offering  
For Virginia Missions  
September 18-24  
Offering Goal \$1,167,500**

### **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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### **MTBA WMU Spring Meeting**

The MTBA WMU Spring Meeting was held on April 23 at Urbanna Baptist Church. Guest speaker was Dr. Valerie Carter, Executive Director/Treasurer of WMU of VA.



(Janice Richardson, MTBA WMU Director, Hermitage BC),

(Dr. Valerie Carter, Executive Director WMU of VA), (Samantha Murphy, Urbanna BC), (Lynda Willard, Hermitage BC), (Annette Greenwood, Assistant Treasurer MTBA WMU, Urbanna BC.)



The "No Strings Attached" puppet ministry of Urbanna BC, delighted everyone with a worshipful presentation.