

The **TIDINGS**

Mid-Tidewater Baptist Association

December 2022

Serving Cooperating Sharing



There are many reasons to be joyful during the Christmas Season. But certainly for us who are Christ followers, we know that our Hope and Joy are centered in Christ Jesus. The Christmas Season gives us another opportunity to lift our voices and shout, "Joy to the world, the Lord has come. Let the earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room. Let heaven and nature sing the wonders of His love!"

This time of the year also gives Barbara and me an opportunity to express our joy and thankfulness that comes with serving the MTBA family in our positions of leadership. There is hardly a day that passes that one of us does not express how fortunate we are to work along side such wonderful churches and individuals. Know that Barbara and I wish you the most joyful of times as you celebrate Christmas 2022.

Merry Christmas,

Eddie and Barbara

EverBless (formerly VA Baptist Foundation) is accepting applications to VA Baptist full-time students at an accredited institution, members of a BGAV church, and have a minimum grade point average of 3.0. Online applications for the 2023/2024 academic year are available at: <http://everbless.org/scholarships/>. The deadline for submission is January 31, 2023. Contact EverBless Foundation at 804-672-8862 if you have questions.

RAMP-IT UP—MISSION PROJECT CONTINUES.

Since our August newsletter, MTBA Community Ministries Chair, Jim Burns, and other faithful servants, have installed 3 ramps, one of which was a temporary aluminum ramp. To God Be the Glory for these servant workers' hearts who are obedient to God's commandment to "love your neighbor as yourself". Since January 1, 2022, MTBA servants have provided ten (10) ramps to homeowners that have difficulty navigating steps.

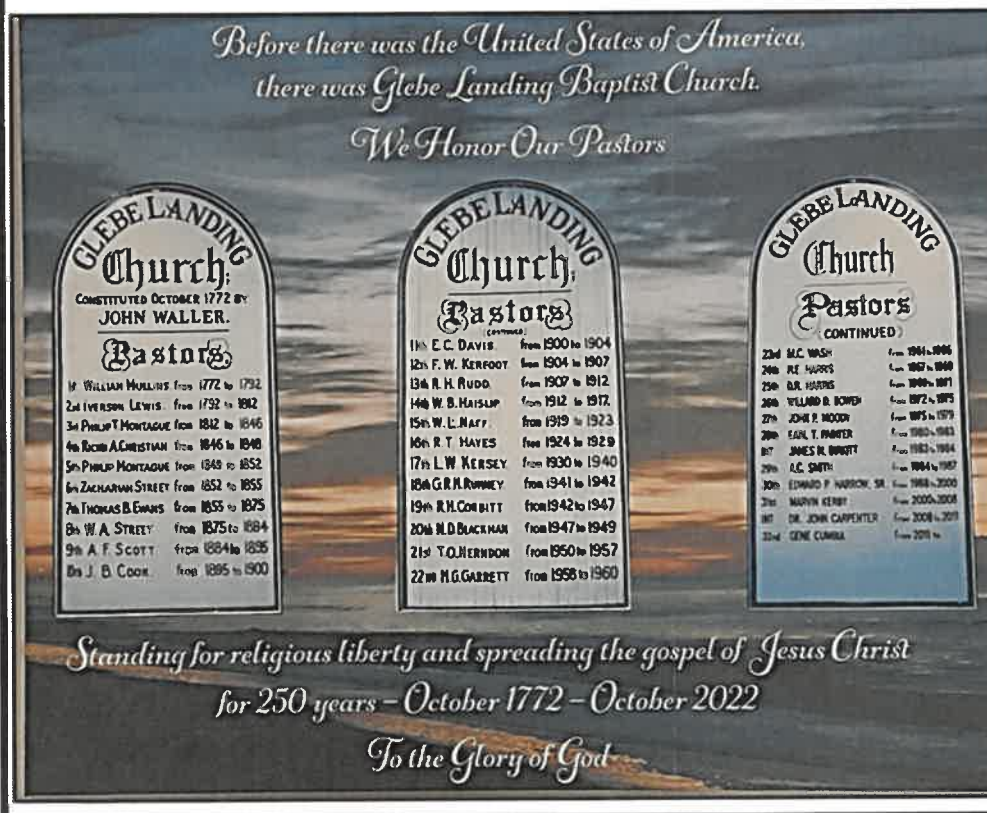


GLEBE LANDING BC CELEBRATES 250 YEARS

Glebe Landing BC celebrated 250 years of proclaiming the Gospel for the glory of God on October 16, 2022, with a special program, music, speakers, and a catered lunch. The Church was constituted on October 17, 1772, by founder, Rev. John Waller, who suffered incarceration several times, physical persecution, and met great resistance from combined forces of the established church and state in the Colonial era. Rev. Waller fought to insure religious freedom, not only for Virginia, but also for United States of America. As quoted by Dr. Nathan Taylor, Executive Director of VA Baptist Historical Society, "On the occasion of 250 years of faithful ministry for this congregation, originating from Waller's ministry and the sacrifice of the early Virginia Baptist, we are grateful beyond measure for the courage and perseverance with which he and they led, with God's help. May it ever be so." Dr. Taylor was one of the speakers on October 16 to celebrate this joyous milestone.



Eddie Heath, MTBA DOM, (right), makes a gift presentation from MTBA to Pastor Gene Cumbia, (left), Glebe Landing BC, on the occasion of their 250th anniversary, October 16, 2022.



Plaque listing Glebe Landing BC Pastors from 1772 to present.

Hope for Appalachia 2023

The MTBA will participate in the Hope for Appalachia project again in 2023. This is the mission project that is designed to respond to some of the school and health needs of students who live in the Appalachia region of Virginia and Kentucky. By the time you receive this MTBA Newsletter, the preparation phase will have begun. At this time we have not set a packing time or how many school boxes we will pack. We do know that Hermitage will be our packing site and that more than likely packing will take place in February or March of 2023.

The funding for this project will come from our MTBA churches through their gifts to the MTBA Week of Prayer for Associational Missions. All the monies that are given to this fund will go toward purchasing the needed items for the school boxes. The association has already started collecting funds for this project.

The Community Missions Action Team, chaired by Jim Burns, will be leading this effort again this year. They are scheduled to meet this month to begin working on more of the details for our participation in Hope For Appalachia. Please keep this team in your prayers as they work on the key details for us to complete this mission effort in a successful manner.

MTBA Welcomes Corrottoman Baptist Church



At the Fall Meeting of the MTBA, the messengers voted unanimously to receive Corrottoman Baptist Church as a member of the Mid-Tidewater Baptist Association. Corrottoman Baptist Church is located in Lancaster between the Corrottoman River and Rappahannock River. Rev. John Seltzer is their pastor. The MTBA is so thankful that the leadership at Corrottoman have felt led to join the MTBA as we partner with one another to help churches find ways to Serve, Cooperate, and

Share in Kingdom work.

We also want to thank Rev. Mike Gray and Rev. Edward Harrow for their work in sharing with both Corrottoman and Rev. Seltzer about the MTBA. They were both instrumental in the process that led up to Corrottoman requesting membership in the MTBA. We are thankful for this new member in the MTBA. May the Lord continue to use them and bless them in their work for the Lord.

We want to say "Thank You" to Zoar BC for the gracious way they hosted our MTBA Fall Meeting. Zoar has a beautiful sanctuary, and they have beautiful people with servant hearts. What a blessing to all who come your way.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

PICTURES OF MTBA FALL MEETING, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022, AT 4 PM AT ZOAR BC.

A motion was approved to receive Corrottoman BC in Lancaster into MTBA.



“Rappahannock Crossing” band led our gathering in Worship through music.



Garth Wheeler, Moderator.



Tammy Faulkner, Program Committee chair.



Rev. John Seltzer, (left), Pastor of Corrottoman BC, is welcomed into MTBA by Eddie Heath, (right),



Betty K. Kennon, Treasurer



Eddie Heath presented Servant Leadership Award for Sharing to Hermitage BC, Pastor Joe McKnight (right).



Steve Ransone, Hermitage BC, gave a powerful testimony.



Rev. Doug Davis, (left), incoming Moderator, Oct. 2022—Oct. 2023, signs Bible as Eddie Heath (right) looks on.

Jim Burns, (left) and Brenda Armistead (right) were featured in the BGAV Express Fall magazine for taking leadership courses in the BGAV "Axis" Training Program. Jim is MTBA Community Ministries Chair and serves as Deacon and Sunday School Director at Poroporone BC. Brenda serves MTBA as Clerk and Youth Ministries Chair. She is the Youth Leader at Newington BC. Well done!



MTBA CHURCH/PASTOR CHANGES:

Rev. Mike Gray was called as Interim Pastor of White Stone BC, beginning on October 1.

Rev. Nita May was called as Pastor of Saluda BC, beginning on October 16.



Our deepest sympathy of the family of Mrs. Pat Patterson, (pictured) who passed on November 21, 2022. She was the MTBA Administrative Secretary during the period that her husband, Dr. John "Jack" Patterson, was MTBA's Director of Missions, October 1995—October 2006. She and her husband had served as missionary-professors on the faculty of the International Baptist Theological Seminary of Central America and Northern South America 1956—1966. They were loved by MTBA as they served the Lord faithfully.

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