



Heath Family Update



2023 has been an unforgettable year for the Heath Family. On April 18, I had quadruple bypass surgery, which was followed by 5 months of a variety of rehab work. On July 4, we had to take my wife, Kathy, to the emergency room at Mary Immaculate Hospital. She was admitted to the hospital and spent the next 14 days going through all kinds of tests. The doctors who worked with Kathy said that she has Pulmonary Hypertension and that is usually treated with medications and oxygen. This condition has drastically limited her mobility and activities.

Kathy and I are blessed to have some very gifted doctors working with us as we face these current health challenges. We are confident in them and their treatment plans. But what has been the greatest source of strength and encouragement for us has been the many people who have been praying for us during this past 5 months. The cards and words of encouragement and prayers we have received from so many of our Mid-Tidewater family has been such a blessing to us as we face our health challenges. We have not been discouraged, we have not thrown in the towel, and we have certainly not given up. We thank God for each of you and your prayers, as well as our doctors who have provided with us such great profession care.

I am back in the office most Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays unless Kathy or I have doctor appointments. Kathy is not able to drive now but that should change in the near future. I have 3 weeks left on my Cardiac Rehab which takes place 3 mornings each week. So both of us can see some light at the end of the tunnel. Of course I am always available by calling my cell phone regardless of what day it is (804-921-3658).

I want to thank our Office Manager, Barbara Bareford, for the wonderful way she has maintained our MTBA office and ministries during my surgery and recovery. I just don't know how we would have managed without her presence during my absence. We are so blessed to have her on our MTBA staff. She is the best in my book.

Eddie

MTBA FALL MEETING

October 22, 2023, 3:00 PM

Beale Memorial Baptist Church



The MTBA Program Committee has almost finished their planning for this year's MTBA Annual Meeting. The committee has chosen

"Say Yes, to the Nudge!"

as the theme for this year's program. The committee wants to encourage each you to save this date and plan to join your friends at Beale Memorial Baptist Church on October 22, 2023, at 3:00 pm. It should be an afternoon of inspiration, fellowship, and great music. We look forward to seeing each of you.

NEW HOPE MEMORIAL BC Ground Breaking Ceremony was on June 11, 2023, and attended by Church family and friends to celebrate this special day.



Pastor Dan Grantham and Neale Kemp (L to R)

“And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this **rock** I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

Matthew 16:18

CONGRATULATIONS
New Hope Memorial
Church family
from your MTBA family!



Both churches were destroyed by fire in 2021.

LOWER KING & QUEEN BC Ground Breaking Ceremony was on July 23, 2023. Several people participated in the “ground breaking”. Pastor Terry Morrison at podium was surrounded by church family and friends. Congratulations Lower King & Queen BC from your MTBA family!



Ramp-it Up continues! A BIG thank you to Servant hearts of those who labor in all weather conditions, recently in oppressive heat, and thank YOU for giving generously to the MTBA Week of Prayer Missions' Offering.

Nine homeowners have been blessed with ramps built/installed in 2023.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. Then the righteous will answer him, Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? The King will reply, Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
Matthew 25: 35-40





Olivet BC welcomed Pastor Shane Gallagher and his family, at a Welcome luncheon on Sunday, August 20. Pastor Gallagher began his ministry at Olivet BC on July 1. Pictured: Maryn, Lisa, Liam, Aiden, and Pastor Gallagher (L to R).

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, Sept. 17 at 3 pm, MTBA WMU Fall meeting at Newington BC fellowship hall, Gloucester for all churches' WMU groups. All women are invited even if there are no WMU groups in your church. Our speaker will be Diane Garrison of Newport News. She is from the lineage of Chickamauga Cherokee and Missouri Creek tribes. She has a 37 yr. career through the US Army and a Vietnam Veteran as a Dental Assistant. Today she is serving the tribes in King William and West Point with her medical and dental knowledge at the Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic.

THANK YOU FROM SEVERAL RAMP HOMEOWNERS:

"Thanks to everyone that came together to build this ramp for us! There were so many people that showed up I was amazed."

"Thank you so very much for the beautiful ramp you installed at my mom's house. You all are definitely an answered prayer. It's refreshing to know there are still good people out there helping those in need."

"We cannot express how much we appreciate your help and you all stepping up for us in our time of need."

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