

# The *TIDINGS*

## Mid-Tidewater Baptist Association

February 2024

*Serving Cooperating Sharing*



### *MTBA Spring Meeting* April 28, 2024, 4:00 PM Gwynn's Island Baptist Church



The MTBA Program Committee has heard your voices loud and clear! For several years many in our MTBA family have been asking, "When is the MTBA Associational Choir going to sing again at one of our annual meetings"? In 2023 during the preparation for the 2023 Fall Meeting, the Program Committee decided to create a MTBA Spring Meeting in 2024 that was more of a musical celebration. It takes a lot of work to pull something like this together. The musical leadership, that Sue Smith and Dale Saunders have provided, helped create a framework for this year's Spring meeting.

There will be a MTBA Adult Choir as well as a MTBA Children's Choir. They are in the process of finding some soloists who will be able to sing, as well as the singing of some of our great hymns by the congregation in attendance. There are also plans being made for us to share the Lord's Supper again with one another as a MTBA Family. For this to be a success, we need a lot of MTBA folks willing to participate. So please pray that God will move in the hearts of our MTBA people to help with this year's Spring Meeting.

- ◆ We are praying for 60-75 choir participants to sing in the MTBA Associational Choir.
  - ◆ If you have any children in your church that would like to sing in the children's choir, please contact Dale Saunders (804-514-5676) or Sue Smith (804-725-3943).
  - ◆ We need 12 Pastors who will be willing to serve the Lord's Supper elements. Please contact Eddie Heath (804-921-3658) ([eddie.heath@bgav.org](mailto:eddie.heath@bgav.org)).
  - ◆ Pray for your Program Committee as they continue to work on the Spring Meeting details.
- Eddie*

### Update on Hope for Appalachia

- ◆ The Hope Packing Event took place on Saturday, February 10, at Hermitage BC.
- ◆ 1,200 Sterlite Boxes were packed by over 200 people in attendance from multiple generations.
  - ◆ The Sterlite School boxes will be delivered between March 25-30.
  - ◆ As of 2/26/24 the total expenses for this mission project is almost \$16,000.
  - ◆ As of 2/26/24 the total monies received in 2024 for Hope Mission Project is \$4,900.
- ◆ The MTBA is still receiving funds to help cover the expenses associated with Hope for Appalachia.

**Thank You For Your support!!**

## HOPE FOR APPALACHIA — February 10, 2024, at Hermitage BC

Over 200 people packed just under 1,200 Hope boxes that will be delivered to children in Kentucky schools from March 25-30, along with Bibles. These boxes contain pencils, hair brushes and combs, toys, toothbrushes and paste, hygiene items, etc.



**Lower King & Queen BC (left) and New Hope Memorial BC (right)**

After a devastating fire in 2021 that destroyed both churches, progress is nearing completion. To God Be The Glory!

“And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make **all things new**. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.” Revelation 21:5



**MTBA CHURCHES — SERVING — COOPERATING — SHARING**

Several MTBA churches prepared and delivered a special meal at Christmas to show our appreciation to the **Officers and Staff at the Security Center in Saluda on December 12, 2023**. It also gave us a chance to come together! The Middle Peninsula Regional Security Center has approximately 50 dedicated personnel working around the clock to provide the highest level of safety and security for the inmates and for our community. The Security Center has a rated capacity for 121 inmates. This meal gave us an opportunity to spread God’s love to them. God truly blessed this occasion.



MTBA hosted the annual **Pastor/Spouse Christmas Appreciation Banquet on December 19, 2023**, at Olivia's In The Village, Gloucester. It was a great time of being together as one body in Christ, talking, laughing, sharing, and enjoying delicious food. Thank you, Pastors and Spouses, for all you do to support your Church families, preaching God's Word, making disciples, and your support of MTBA.



### Hope for Appalachia-Feb. 10



**RAMP-IT UP Ministry** blessed three homeowners with ramps since our December newsletter. In 2023 there were 14 ramps built. It is through the hearts of our servant workers who take their time and give their talents to help fill this essential need. Thank you, MTBA church families and friends, who give to the MTBA Week of Prayer Offering where 100% supports this ministry.



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MTBA is comprised of 30 churches located in Essex, Gloucester, King and Queen, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, Northumberland, and Richmond Counties on the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck, VA.

**1. Visit us:** 884 Gloucester Road, (behind Saluda post office), 2nd floor, Monday-Wednesday 8:30 am-3:00 pm.

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