

The TIDINGS **May 2025**
Mid-Tidewater Baptist Association
Serving Cooperating Sharing

WELCOME MTBA FAMILY to MTBA new office as of May 1, 2025, located at 18 New Street, Suite 101, Saluda (adjacent to Middlesex county courthouse) in downtown Saluda. Our post office box and phone number remain the same: P. O. Box 302, phone 804-758-4385. Come visit us Mondays through Wednesday, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Our gratitude goes to those who made this possible, namely the Administrative, Executive, & Finance Committees. Thank you to those people who helped move furniture, boxes, etc. !!



MTBA WEEK OF PRAYER OFFERING—MAY 18—MAY 25

Each year associations designate a Week of Prayer for missions. Even though May 18-25 is the national week of prayer for associational missions, the MTBA receives gifts from our MTBA churches all year long. One hundred percent (100%) of your giving goes towards MTBA mission projects: **Ramp-It Up** (building ramps) and **Hope For Appalachia**. Without the generosity of our MTBA churches and individuals, there is just no way we would be able to build as many ramps as we build, much less cover all the expenses associated with the Hope For Appalachia boxes filled with school supplies and hygiene items. Here is a breakdown of the gifts we have received so far this year:

- ♦ There has been a total of **13** different churches which have contributed to the Week of Prayer Offering.
- ♦ The total amount of dollars received from these 13 churches is **\$12,426.**
- ♦ The total amount of all dollars received from all sources is **\$17,576.**
- ♦ The total expenses related to Hope For Appalachia is **\$14,806.**

If you would like to make a gift to the MTBA Week of Prayer for Associational Missions, just make your check payable to your church, memo line: MTBA Week of Prayer. Thank you for your prayers and consideration of an offering. We Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!!!

HOPE FOR APPALACHIA BOX PACKING, MARCH 1, 2025, AT HERMITAGE BC.

Over 125 people from churches showed up on Saturday morning to bless children living in poverty and show children in Kentucky they are not forgotten. God loves you!



MTBA Spring meeting was held on Sunday, April 27 at 4 pm at Urbanna BC with beautiful sunny skies and a day to behold. The fellowship was heartwarming, testimony by Elisabeth Foley was powerful as she spoke about her encounter with a shark that severed her hand, singing uplifting by the congregation and Ensemble, scripture read with vigor as if it were happening now. The Urbanna BC family outdid themselves by their gracious hosting of our gathering, food was delicious, and there was no need that was not met. Thank you Urbanna BC family!



(Emily Bailey, Moderator), (Rev. Edward P. Harrow, Sr.), (Tammy Faulkner, Program Committee Chair), (Dr. Susan McBride, BGAV & Dr. Richard Croxton)



Elisabeth Foley,



Ensemble,



Fellowship and Food



MTBA hosted our Churches' **Administrative Professionals** to a lunch on April 22 at Pilot House, Topping. It was a good time of getting to know each other, software used at each church, challenges within our churches, what's working good, etc. Eddie Heath was our guest presenter who spoke about how each of us is the Administrative Professional for your church family, but you are also Administrative Professional for your Pastor. MTBA presented each person with a gift. Pictured above: (Eddie Heath, MTBA & Urbanna BC), (Megan Waddell, Mathews BC), (Barbara Bareford, MTBA & Saluda BC), (Ann Revere, White Stone BC), (Dale Mitchell, Beale Memorial BC), (Rev. Nell Robinson, Urbanna BC), (Betty K. Kennon, MTBA Treasurer & Taylorsville BC).

UPCOMING CALENDAR—2025:

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DATE	TIME	CHURCH	EVENT
May 18 - May 25			MTBA Week of Prayer Missions' Offering
Monday, May 19	10:00 AM	Saluda BC	Prayer Gathering
Tuesday, May 20	10:30 AM	Newington BC	Pastors' Conference
June 8-11		Dallas, TX	SBC Annual Meeting
Monday, June 16	10:00 AM	Saluda BC	Prayer Gathering
Monday, June 30	12 noon	Nick's Spaghetti	Administrative Committee meeting
Monday, June 30	7:00 PM	Saluda BC	Executive Committee meeting
July (date to be determined)	TBD	MTBA office, 18 New Street, Saluda	MTBA Open House (new office)
Monday, July 21	10:00 AM	Saluda BC	Prayer Gathering
Monday, August 18	10:00 AM	Saluda BC	Prayer Gathering
Tuesday, August 19		Corrottoman on the river	Pastors' Conference "Day at the River" - Bring beach chairs, fishing poles and a relaxed mind. PASTORS: If interested, contact Pastor John Seltzer 757-567-6141.
Monday, September 15	10:00 AM	Saluda BC	Prayer Gathering
Tuesday, September 16	10:30 AM	locaton TBD	Pastors' Conference
Monday, September 29	12 noon	Nick's Spaghetti	Administrative Committee meeting
Monday, September 29	7:00 PM	Saluda BC	Executive Committee meeting
OCTOBER			PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH
Sunday, October 19	4:00 PM	New Hope Memorial	MTBA Fall Gathering
Monday, October 20	10:00 AM	Saluda BC	Prayer Gathering
Tuesday, October 21	10:30 AM	locaton TBD	Pastors' Conference
November 10-12		Abingdon, VA	BGAV Annual Gathering
Monday, November 17	10:00 AM	Saluda BC	Prayer Gathering
Monday, December 15	10:00 AM	Saluda BC	Prayer Gathering

HOPE FOR APPALACHIA—BOXES DELIVERED SPRING 2025 MISSION TRIP

On Monday—Saturday, April 14—April 19, several people from our association delivered boxes to children in public schools, heard testimonies, prayed, hugged, and many professions of faith were made. Pictured are people from some of our churches, namely: **Mattaponi BC:** Pastor Stephen Rountree, Susan Dunaway, Hannah Dunaway, Stacey Garnett. **Newington BC:** Steve, Rachel, Gary, Jesse, Adam and Ellis Kancianic, Jeff Moore, Joanne Hamlin, Terri Townsend, Pastor Chris Grella. **Olivet BC:** Anna Snedden. **Poroporone BC:** Debbie Jones, Lisa Elburn, Kitty Chase, Dora Belknap, Donnie Reese, and Kenneth Armstead. Thank you Missionaries!



MTBA mission of Serving, Cooperating, and Sharing continues through **Ramp-It Up project of building ramps** for those who are unable or struggle to navigate steps. Ramps built since mid January are pictured below. Thank you faithful Servants!



(connection with Beulah BC)



(connection with Poroporone BC)

For we are God's handi-work, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
Ephesians 2:10



Connection with Poroporone BC)

STAY CONNECTED

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Note new physical address.

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.

The mission of the Mid-Tidewater Baptist Association of Virginia, Inc. is to provide the means through which member churches cooperate and join together in spreading God's Word and serving those in need.

1. Visit us: 18 New Street, Suite 101, Saluda (adjacent to Middlesex courthouse) Mondays - Wednesdays
8:30 am—3:00 pm.

2. Call us: 804-758-4385

3. Communicate with us: e-mail:

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