

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

MTBA Fall Meeting

Sunday, October 19, at 4:00 PM

New Hope Memorial Baptist Church

Two of the special times of the year for our MTBA churches is when we gather for our Spring and Fall meetings. It's hard to believe that the time for our MTBA Fall Meeting is already here. The MTBA program committee has been working for 5 months on this year's fall program. The theme is *Transformational Stories*. We love stories in the MTBA, especially faith stories that inspire us and remind us of how amazing our God is. At one of the program meetings, we heard about two individuals and their stories moved us. Those at the meeting decided to invite these two individuals to share their stories at the fall meeting. We asked them to come and share, and they said "Yes". I want to encourage each of you to save the date for the Fall Meeting. We have been praying that these two stories will encourage and inspire all who attend, and we don't want you to miss out.

We will also have an opportunity to vote on a recommendation from the Executive Committee to receive Fairport Baptist Church into the MTBA. Their pastor is Rev. Everett Hughes. Before going to Fairport BC to serve as their pastor, he was the pastor at our Macedonia BC. Pastor Hughes was instrumental in introducing Fairport to the mission and culture of the MTBA. After some of our leaders met with Fairport members, they eventually voted to move forward with the process of joining the MTBA. The process will conclude when a vote will be taken during the business session of our fall meeting to receive Fairport Baptist Church into the Mid-Tidewater Baptist Association.

At this year's meeting we will also be presenting the Servant Leadership Award to Ms. Lillian (Lil) Cox. Ms. Lil has not only been a blessing to Newington BC, where she is a member, but she has been active serving in the MTBA for decades. She has such a heart for missions and people. She has been a shining example for so many. She is so deserving of the award, and we will be happy to present this award to her at our fall meeting. Hope to see everyone on

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All the boxes are unpacked, just a few pictures to be hung, and the delivery of our new sign is almost here. We still have a few pictures to hang, but Barbara and I are beginning to feel right at home in our new MTBA office. WE LOVE IT!!!



When Barbara and I first found out that we would have to move from our old office space, we were not sure where we would end up. Of all the options that we were presented with, this location was our first choice. When the Administrative Committee and Finance Committee recommended that we locate to this new space, we were delighted with their recommendation. Eventually the association supported their recommendation and 18 New Street, Suite 101, Saluda, VA became our new home. It necessitated an increase in the rental budget line item, but we are confident that God will provide just as he has in the past. Thank you again for all who helped with the move and to all our churches who provide financial resources to support the work and ministry of the MTBA. One last thing to do and that is for each of you to drop by and see your new MTBA office on any Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. Our door is always open.

Eddie and Barbara

LOWER KING & QUEEN BAPTIST CHURCH building dedication was on June 8, 2025. After fire that destroyed their building on August 13, 2021, Lower King & Queen BC family and friends gathered to praise, fellowship, and give thanks to God for His blessings.



Rev. Terry Morrison, Pastor 2017-present



Rev. David Medlen, former Pastor 1995—2015



SAVE THE DATES:

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026, at 11 am
MTBA WMU meeting at Newington BC

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026, at 4 PM
MTBA SPRING meeting at Zoar BC
Associational Choir

YOU ARE INVITED TO



Camp Piankatank

65th Anniversary
Celebration

OCT
18

5:00PM-7:30PM

1586 Stamper's Bay Rd
Hartfield, VA

More Information and
Registration at this link




New Bible Study on Zoom – The Chosen, Season 5

Many good Bible studies have arisen for those who have followed The Chosen, now in its fifth season.

Starting Wednesday, October 1, from 7 pm to about 8:15-8:30 pm, you are invited to join on Zoom a Bible study led by Barbara Lovelace and her friend Lori Siragusa, out of Barbara's church, Grace City in Sorrento, Florida (<https://wearegrace.city/>).

Season 5 of The Chosen, with eight episodes and eight weeks' study on Zoom, tells the story of Jesus' last week on earth, from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem to his betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane. We'll explore the themes and scriptures and go in-depth on Jesus' teachings and their application to our lives.

Please email Lori to receive the Zoom link and let her know you will joining. Here is a brochure about the study and some additional information on The Chosen.



The Chosen Season 5

GCC Women's Bible Study Online

Starts Oct 1 on Zoom | 8 Week Study

Are you a loyal fan of the incredible "Chosen" series? If so, join as we watch and discuss each episode from Season 5 in detail. No book. The entire series is available on Prime and on The Chosen app.

Discussions will be led by Barbara Lovelace and co-hosted by Lori Siragusa.

If interested, email: Lori@SiragusaPartners.com to sign up and to receive the official Zoom meeting link.

The Chosen is a groundbreaking historical drama based on the life of Jesus seen through the eyes of those who knew him. Set against the backdrop of Roman oppression in first-century Israel, the seven-season show shares an authentic and intimate look at Jesus' revolutionary life and teachings. The Chosen is based on the true stories of the Gospels of Jesus Christ. Some locations and timelines have been combined or condensed. Backstories and some characters or dialog have been added. However, all the Bible and historical context and any artistic imagination are designed to support the truth and intention of the Scriptures.

RAMP-IT UP MISSION on-going projects—May—August 2025. **THANK YOU SERVANT HEARTED WORKERS!** “Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve;” 1 Peter 5: 2



Hand railings installed, connection with Urbanna BC.



Connection with Urbanna BC



Connection with Beulah BC



Connection with Corrottoman BC



MTBA OFFICE, threshold ramp installed



Macedonia BC called Ernie Painter as Pastor, January 2025, and he was ordained May 18, 2025.

May God bless Macedonia BC as you witness together sharing God's love and free gift of eternal life.

Pictured: Rev. Ernie Painter



Westville BC called Paul Gibson as Pastor, August 2025. May God bless Westville BC as you witness together sharing God's love and free gift of eternal life.

Pictured: Rev. Paul Gibson

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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4. Share our Stories: On Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/MidTidewaterBaptists/>

5. Stay Informed: Webpage www.midtidewaterbaptist.org

6. Read The Tidings: your MTBA Newsletter