



All Hands On Deck

We have two major events planned that are just around the corner. Lots of planning has gone into the preparation for these two events, but without the support of our 31 MTBA congregations I am afraid that our success will be minimal. So I am reaching out to all of our MTBA families and calling for **ALL HANDS ON DECK!**

The first of the two major events is the **Hope For Appalachia Packing Event**. **On Saturday, February 28 at 10 AM**, we are praying for 200 volunteers to show up at Hermitage Baptist Church to help pack 1200 Sterilite boxes with school supplies and hygiene items for school age children, grades 1-12. These boxes will be delivered to schools in the Appalachian region, March 29-April 4. The following is what we are asking each of church families to do:

1. **Pray.** Pray for the children that will receive the boxes as well as have an opportunity to hear about God's love for them. Pray for the volunteers who will be packing the 1200 Sterilite boxes and for those who will prepare the packing site.
2. **SAVE THE DATE. Saturday, February 28**, Hermitage BC., 10 AM to 12 noon. Lunch will be provided for all in attendance. Plan to attend now, and bring some friends with you.
3. **Make a gift to the MTBA Mission Offering.** Our Goal each year is to have each of our 31 churches, or at least someone from each of our 31 churches contribute to the MTBA Mission Offering. We use these offering gifts to cover all the costs associated with Hope For Appalachia Packing event. Checks should be made out to MTBA, but be sure and put HOPE on the memo line. Mail check to MTBA, P. O. Box 302, Saluda, VA 23149. The cost of this event is usually between \$15,000 and \$18,000, depending on how many vendors give us items for packing.

If you have any questions about The Hope For Appalachia Packing event, please give Barbara or Eddie a call at the MTBA Office. We will be happy to talk with you.

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MTBA Spring Meeting on Sunday, April 26, Zoar BC.

This year's spring program will be the return of the MTBA Associational Choir. The last time we had an Associational Choir for a MTBA annual meeting was in 2024. Since then, the program committee has received many requests to have another annual meeting with the MTBA Associational Choir. This year's musical program will center on the Easter Story.

Now is the time for an **All Hands On Deck** call out. The program committee's goal is to have at least 60+ people to volunteer to sing in the choir, but at this time (February 10) we only have 35 people to sign up. You do not have to belong to an MTBA Church to sing in this choir. The requirement is a love to sing, especially songs that lift the spirit of others. It would be great if everyone who loves to sing in a choir would sign up and invite another person to come with you to sing in our MTBA Associational Choir.

- First Rehearsal is February 22, 3:00 PM at Saluda Baptist Church.
- Contact People to sign Up:
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