

Mid-Tidewater Baptist Association

Serving Cooperating Sharing

Spring Gathering April 26 at Zoar BC

Barbara has put a lot of pictures of our Spring Meeting in this edition of The Tidings. But no matter how many pictures there are or how many people you talk to about the Spring meeting, nothing will capture the spirit that was in the sanctuary that Sunday afternoon at Zoar. It was much more than an associational meeting or a gathering. It was a Spirit filled worship service that touched the lives of everyone in attendance.

I have lost count of the number of people who have said to me that this meeting was the best associational meeting they have ever attended. One of the pastors said to me in a phone conversation that this worship service led by the MTBA Associational Choir was exactly what he needed in his life. I even had some of the choir members say to me that the service was even better than they had expected.

Obviously there are people that I want to especially thank.

- First of all I want to thank the Lord for answering all the prayers that were offered for this gathering.
- I want to thank Zoar BC for the marvelous way they hosted the meeting as well as providing a meal after the service. Everything ran so smoothly and the sanctuary was the perfect place to present this concert. The sound people at Zoar were able to make a very good video of the concert that is now available on the MTBA web page (www.midtidewaterbaptist.org, click on "News" tab). Thank you!
- I want to thank all the members of the choir and the handbell choir for the hours of practice they gave in preparation for this concert. Most people don't know this, but the choir even asked Dale for an additional practice session. And thanks to Dr. John Snow and Rev. Stephen Rountree for their willingness to take on the narrations.
- On behalf of the entire MTBA family, I want to thank Dale and Nancy Saunders for the vision, direction, and motivation they gave to making this special evening a reality. Our words cannot adequately express how much we love and appreciate them both. It would have never come to fruition without their leadership and direction.
- Finally, I want to thank our Program Committee for the tireless effort and hours they gave in planning, developing, preparing, and praying for this Spring gathering. You continue to serve with such excellence, and our MTBA churches are the benefactors of your outstanding work.

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!

Eddie Heath, Director of Missions MTBA

Week of Prayer for Associational Missions: May 17-24

All the monies given to the MTBA Week of Prayer for Associational Missions will go into our Mission Offering account. This account funds our two main mission projects. Hope for Appalachia and Ramp Up MTBA. None of these offering dollars go toward the MTBA regular Operating Budget. These mission projects would be impossible to undertake without the financial gifts from our MTBA churches and individuals. Thank you for your gifts to the Week of Prayer for Associational Missions.

I also want to ask each of you to make it a matter of prayer as well. For the volunteers, for the families who will be ministered to, and for the workers who do all the preparation for these projects. MTBA is a great association and one of the reasons for that is the passion we have for missions. Let's keep up the good work.

Eddie



(connection: Lower King & Queen BC & Olivet BC).



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(Connection: Glebe Landing BC)



Connection: Saluda BC

“Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Matthew 20: 26-28

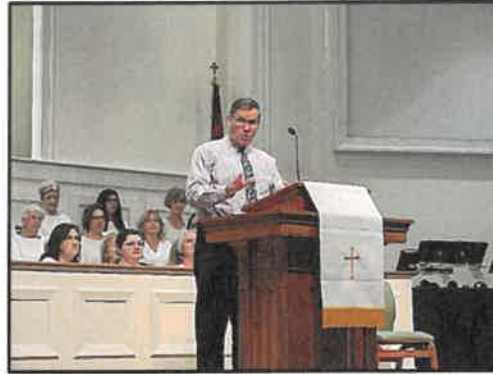
God was exalted at MTBA Spring Gathering on Sunday, April 26 at Zoar BC at 4 pm. We walked together in music, by the MTBA Associational Choir, the footsteps of Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem to His resurrection.



Rev. Dale & Nancy Saunders



Michele Smith, Carol Armstrong, Rev. Ross Davis, Jimmy Buckingham (Soloists)



Dr. John Snow,
Pastor,
Zoar BC



Handbells' Choir



Narrators: Rev. Stephen Rountree & Dr. John Snow.
At pulpit: Rev. Ross Davis, soloist



HOPE FOR APPALACHIA mission project took place on Saturday, February 28 at Hermitage BC. Over 200 volunteers from MTBA churches and others packed 1,200 Hope boxes filled with school supplies, hygiene items, fun/toy items, etc. Rev. Mike Dodson & wife, Liesa, leading this ministry for 15 years, were with us and said they were going into additional public schools they had not been allowed to deliver boxes of Hope to children living in poverty in Appalachia Mountains. In late March/April several teams, some from MTBA churches, delivered "Hope" boxes to children in KY and VA and witnessed to children as to what God can do by accepting His free gift. Many accepted the invitation to a changed life. Praise God!



Hope teams delivering boxes



MTBA PASTOR/SPOUSE Appreciation Banquet, December 16, 2025, at Olivia's In The Village.



MTBA Administrative Professionals' Appreciation Luncheon, April 22, 2026, at Urbanna BC.

(left to right): (Tammy Healy, Saluda), (Dale Mitchell, Beale Memorial), (Nell Robinson, Urbanna), (Esther Robert, Harmony Grove), (Juanita Glascock, Zoar), (Roxanne Haden, New Hope Memorial), (Megan Waddell, Mathews), (Anna Jenkins, Gwynn's Island), (Barbara Bareford, MTBA), (Debbie Cobb, Poroporone), (Angie Grella, Newington)



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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.

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