

A Word From the Director

The holiday season of Thanksgiving and Christmas is upon us, one of the busiest seasons for people and especially pastors and churches. As we remind our churches of the call to live thankful lives, and to celebrate the birth of our Savior, we have a wonderful opportunity for sharing the gospel. These two holidays truly go hand in hand, as our hearts should be filled with thankfulness as we remember the gift given to us in baby Jesus.

My hope and prayer this holiday season is that you feel God's peace and presence as you communicate this truth to your congregations, friends, and family. As we prepare our sermons and our churches organize our special worship and outreach events, may the Holy Spirit go before you, opening hearts to hear and accept the Good News! May thanksgiving and the joy of the Lord fill you and your churches this holiday season.

"And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them." (Luke 2:18–20, ESV)

Blessings, John Mackall, DOM

Enjoy the images below from the 2024 MMBA Annual Meeting, "Celebrating the Goodness of God and Looking Ahead to 2025!"

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 Monday, November 11th - Prayer Breakfast at the BCMD Annual Meeting hosted by MMBA and Potomac Association, 8 a.m. You can sign up the morning of the breakfast if you did not do so in advance.

Information regarding November's Roundtables will be communicated directly to pastors in lieu of the BCMD Annual Meeting and the Thanksgiving holiday. More information can be found on the MMBA website <u>"Events"</u> tab or at the BCMD links below.

## **Disaster Relief**



We know the desire for MMBA churches to help in the areas affected by the recent storms.

Here are tangible options:

- 1. Get <u>Disaster Relief</u> trained now. BCMD has ongoing training throughout the year.
- 2. <u>North Carolina Baptists on Mission</u> has opportunities to sign up to volunteer. We are looking at long-term help needed. As your church starts to think of 2025 missions, hurricane relief may be a wonderful option.

of an opportunity not shared, please let us know as well.



## **Opportunities to be on Mission:**

- Everyone Belongs Camp 2025, July 18 20 Volunteers are needed for this overnight weekend for teens and young adults affected by disability. It is one way we are reaching young individuals affected by disability with the gospel. Through this camp, we hope to invite all people with disabilities to the eternal banquet by fostering community and connections with the local church. Your life will be changed.
- Disaster Relief Opportunities Be on the lookout for opportunities or sign up through the NC Baptists on Mission.

## **Mission Celebrations and Prayers:**

- The successful Montana Mission Trip by Elkridge Baptist, who just celebrated 60 years as a church, and Friendship Baptist. The Gospel was shared, VBS launched, and construction completed.
- Friendship Baptist Church's team to Pueblo, Mexico, from February 1 8, 2025, is in place and ready to go. They have been doing missions to Mexico since 2001. Pray for the team as they focus on evangelism, outreach, and construction.



MMBA has a host of resources for use by MMBA churches. Visit the <u>website</u> for more information. We are better together and are thankful for opportunities to collaborate and support MMBA churches.

- Education Scholarship
- Mission Opportunities

- <u>Strengthening Church Grants</u>
- Video Projection System
- Pulpit Supply List
- Websites



## Please share

- Mission trip photos
- Prayer requests
- Community outreach events
- VBS photos
- Decisions for Jesus
- Paid or volunteer positions at your church
- Classified donation items
- Staff changes for the directory
- Ideas to share on MMBA Facebook page

We want to celebrate and collaborate on the work of the Lord and churches!!! Email Michelle at adminasst@midmaryland.org.



Mid-Maryland Baptist Association partners with the Southern Baptist Convention and its Ministry Partners and with many local ministries. Contact us if you would like more information about our <u>Partners</u> or if you are interested in partnering with Mid-Maryland Baptist Association.

This newsletter's focus is on **Good News Trucking Ministry**. God's Trucking Ministry in Jessup, MD, seeks to share the Gospel and encourage truck drivers through faithful volunteers. However, all are welcome to hear the Gospel preached and to worship our Lord Jesus at God's Trucking Ministry.

Past Issues

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Totals	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR	Year to date
Sun AM	37	34	42	0	113
PM	12	8	11	0	31
Mon	0	0	0	0	0
Tue PM	27	24	23	0	74
Wed	0	0	0	0	0
Thu PM	20	18	15	0	53
Fri	0	0	0	0	0
Salvations	11	12	14	0	37
				TOTAL ATTENDING	271
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BCMD is here to serve you. Several opportunities are coming up. See the <u>BCMD</u> <u>calendar</u>.

- November 10th 11th BCMD Annual Meeting, "The Gathering"
- November 11th 12th Senior Pastors Conference
- December 5th Healthier Pastors Healthier Churches Lunch, Glen Burnie



If your church has an open staff or volunteer position, along with items for sale or to donate, please let us know.

Hope Baptist has a bookshelf they are looking to donate to a church or anyone with an interest. Please contact Hope Baptist at huberkw1@gmail.com if you are interested.





We want to get <u>MMBA's Facebook</u> page active again and share news on MMBA churches, the Association, and BCMD events. Be sure to like the page today and share ideas!