MMBA Newsletter



Letting the Light of Jesus Shine Through Thanksgiving and Christmas

Dear Churches,

The next two months bring us two wonderful opportunities to celebrate and reflect on God's goodness: Thanksgiving, when we express our gratitude to our Lord and Savior, and Christmas, when we celebrate God's love through the birth of our Savior.

There are many opportunities during this season to let the light of Jesus shine in our communities. I am praying that each of our churches will seek God's leading and find meaningful ways to share His love and hope with those around us

Let me begin with Thanksgiving. We are called to be thankful in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Throughout Scripture, we are repeatedly reminded to give thanks and cultivate grateful hearts. God calls us to live this way because it is good for us. A genuinely thankful heart guards us against pride and discontentment. It strengthens our witness for Jesus, as we see in the example of Paul and Silas praising God while in prison, and it allows God's peace to shape our lives.

A.W. Tozer captured the value of gratitude when he said, *"Gratitude is an offering precious in the sight of God, and it is one that the poorest of us can make and be not poorer but richer for having made it."*

Following Thanksgiving comes Christmas when we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Christmas reminds us that God gave of Himself because of His great love for us. Jesus is God's gift to the world —Immanuel, God with us. Through Christ, we can experience the wonderful reality of God dwelling in us through His Holy Spirit. May the depth of God's gift to us be reflected in the generosity and love we show to others.

My prayer is that our churches will celebrate these next two months with hearts full of gratitude, lives reflecting God's love, and a renewed desire to make Jesus known in our communities.

Blessings,
Pastor John



The focus of this **One-Day Mission Experience** is not on our missionary guests or what missionaries are doing!

It is about the church and their role in the Great Commission!

You do not want to miss this MMBA sponsored One-Day Mission Experience on March 6, 2027, by ABWE!

MMBA can provide content information for social media, slides, and bulletins. Please let us know if you would like any of these components.

Please register today if your church is interested!

Email John Mackall, DOM, at dom@midmarylandba.org with questions or for more information!



Save the Dates for Upcoming MMBA Events!

- **November 10th** - Prayer Breakfast (Associational Led), BCMD The Gathering 2026, 7:30 a.m.
- **December 9th** - Pastors' Christmas Fellowship at Oscars in Eldersburg - **Registration Open!**
- **January 13th** - Renewal Gathering with Dan Hyun
- **January 29th** - MMBA Legacy Leaders Lunch with Sharon Mager, Eldersburg
- **March 6th** - MMBA One-Day Mission Experience with ABWE - **Let us know of interest!**
- **April 4th - 9th** - Tentative NC Mission Trip (Helene' Disaster Relief)

MMBA is excited about 2027 and additional upcoming events to include Ministry Leadership Trainings. We will be sure to keep you up to date!



From Weekday Educator Lunches, Renewal Gatherings, to ongoing Conferences and Training, you do not want to miss BCMD's phenomenal resources for churches.

Highlighted below, with the links to register, are three upcoming events we do not want you to miss! Be sure to subscribe to get all the news of upcoming BCMD events and resources here.

November

- **9th - 10th** - The Gathering 2026 Annual Meeting in Annapolis - **Register Today!**

December

- **1st** - BCMD Pastor's Conference - **Details and Registration!**

March

- 5th - 6th - Revive Conference for Women - **Register Today!**
- 12th - 13th - Revive Conference for Women - **Register Today!**



Samaritan's Purse's is looking to hire about 200 people for the upcoming 2026 program needs in their warehouse near Owings Mills. See the **PDF** for more information.



Manchester Baptist Serves Migrant Families: Cookies, Ice Cream and the Gospel

Tuesday evening, September 29th, volunteers from MBC shared the Gospel and enjoyed home baked cookies (thank you Lori Kling) and ice cream with the Migrant Workers at Bonnie Brae Farm. Manchester Baptist partners with Christian Aguilar and Ximena Suarez and the Fruitbelt Farmworker Christian Ministry to serve these men and women.

The men work nine hours straight, each day, with only taking short lunch breaks, filling many boxes of apples. The workers come from many countries, legally, and leave their families to do this work. By sharing with them we are able to show them appreciation and that we love them. Man was created in God's image and placed in the garden the same as they are placed here, in the orchard, to care for it.

By sharing God's Word with these men, when they go back home, many share the Gospel with their families and friends.









MMBA is Here to Serve You!

- Strengthening Churches Grants - **up to $3000**
  - **The process for the Strengthening Church Grant application submission has been changed effective January 2027 to ensure meeting needs while holding to MMBA's budgeted amount.**
    - All grant requests shall be considered and approved by the members of the MMBA OMC Team. Their decision is final.
    - **Applications for grants will be considered at the May 2027 meeting of the OMC. The application form (on page 4 of this document) should be sent to the MMBA office no later than May 10th for consideration.** Forms can be returned via email at dom@midmarylandba.org or via mail to MMBA, % CrossLife Community Church, 6625 Selnick Drive, Suite B; Elkridge, MD 21075.
    - No more than two MMBA Strengthening Churches grants will be given to any church within a 5-year period. It is not the intent of MMBA grants to become an annual part of a church's outreach budget.
    - A grant may be for no more than $3000.
- Counseling Support for Pastors, Pastor's Spouse, and Children
- Mission Trip Scholarships - **up to $400 international trips and $200 USA**
- Block Party Trailer - **Reserve for your VBS or Community Outreach Today!**
  - Baltimore County Permit Requirement
- Defibrillators - Be sure to purchase one for your church today if you have not done so!
- Website Resources
- Video Projection System
- Pulpit Supply
- Education Scholarships (for ministry training only)

See the details on the website or email MMBA at adminasst@midmarylandba.org for more information.



MMBA is sharing the current list of staff positions for which they are aware.

- **Friendship Baptist Church** is seeking a Student & Christian Education Pastor as a key member of the pastoral staff, providing vision, leadership, and hands-on ministry to students and oversight to the church's broader discipleship and Christian education efforts. Send resumes, references and any video/audio footage to: Neville Johnson: nevilleJ@wecare.org and Linda Trimboli: randall.linda@gmail.com.

- **Columbia Chinese Church** is seeking a youth English speaking pastor. Contact Pastor Lee, petrolee9@gmail.com, if interested.

- **Westminster Baptist** is seeking an Associate Pastor for youth and young adults. Contact the office at info@discoverwbc.com for more information.

- **Taneytown Baptist** is currently searching to fill positions for youth leader and worship leader. The position would be full time for a candidate qualified to fill both roles, part time for one role. Compensation to be determined and will be commensurate with experience and scope of role. Interested candidates please send an email to tbcyouthleadersearch@gmail.com, attention personnel committee.

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