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Upcoming Events

- **September 23** - Disaster Relief Training at Faith Family, Finksburg
- **October 2** - MMBA Annual Meeting at Elders Baptist (**moved to a Monday night**)
- **November 3** - MMBA Annual Pastor and Spouse Dinner at Burntwoods
- **November 10 - 11** - BCMD Annual Meeting at Kettering Baptist, Upper Marlboro

Note: Pastors' Roundtable at Burntwoods is on summer hiatus and will resume on August 9th.

From Your DOM

Hello Pastors and Staff,

It has been an exciting summer already for many of our churches. There have been teams from our churches sent to Mexico, Dominican Republic, and Jamaica to name a few locations. Please pray for the teams that will be going to Wisconsin and Rwanda later this year. It is truly a privilege for MMBA to help support these mission efforts along with the efforts here in our own communities. Please share with the Association how God has been moving in your church, so that we might pray and praise Him together, adminasst@midmarylandba.org.

Also, this summer the SBC Convention was held in New Orleans, and I had the opportunity to attend. There was much to celebrate at the Convention from the many IMB missionary and NAMB missionary appointments to the work being done in New Orleans that week through Crossover outreach, where teams of Southern Baptists were living out and sharing the Gospel in the city of New Orleans. We also had one of our own, Khrist Buckman (BCMD Youth & Kids Missionary) address the Convention about the work being done to help church be a safe place for the vulnerable as part of the Sexual Abuse Task Force. If you have not already seen this recap by Willie McLaurin, it is less than three minutes long and well worth your time. <https://vimeo.com/838707343>

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The Convention was not without controversy. The decision to disfellowship churches is heartbreaking but has opened the door to questions and concerns about the SBC, our State Convention, and local Associations. The first step in all this is continuing to pray and search the scriptures. I am pleased to share that the BCMD is hosting the Convention President, Bart Barber, in August with four different Round Table Meetings with the mission to bring unity to the Convention and updating on Convention initiatives. I pray you can make one of these meetings. [BCMD Round Tables](#)

With prayers and blessings to each of you,
John Mackall
MMBA Director of Missions

For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. (1 Corinthians 3:9)



Disaster Relief - Faith Family in Finksburg, MD, is hosting a BCMD Disaster Relief Training on September 23rd. The training will start at 9:00 a.m. and conclude about 2:30 p.m. with an option to stay until 4:00 p.m. for additional training. Lunch and snacks will be provided by BCMD and Faith Family. Final details and registration will be forthcoming soon; however, sample sessions in the past have included Feeding Team, Laundry Team, Recovery Team, and Damage Assessment and Recovery Administration.

Pickup Softball - If your church has a group of people interested in periodical softball games throughout the summer and early fall, please let Hope Baptist in Laurel know, Details and sign up can be found at the [link](#).

BCMD - In August, BCMD will hold four "Roundtable" events scattered throughout our two-state region, where SBC President, Bart Barber, will share with us. The theme of the event is "Seeking Unity in the SBC." The dates, times, and locations are below:

- Thursday, August 24 - 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. at LifeHouse Church in Townsend, DE
- Friday AM, August 25 - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Riva Trace Baptist in Davidsonville, MD
- Friday PM, August 25 - 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Westminster Baptist in Westminster, MD
- Saturday, August 26 - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Mountain City Church in Frostburg, MD

In this effort, we will partner with The Matthew 5:9 Fellowship who will be sharing about understanding and dealing with toxic polarization. Then President Barber will address issues in SBC life that lead to toxic polarization. He will help us to know how these things are progressing through SBC polity. In addition, and most importantly, there will be a time of "Questions and Answers."

More information and registration can be found [here](#).



Missional Living Training - Metanoia Church will offer a two-part missional living training on Saturday July 22nd and August 19th. This workshop will focus on equipping attendees to practically engage their lost friends and family with the Gospel. The training will be offered from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on each day at Rolling Hills Baptist Church (11510 Johns Hopkins Rd, Clarksville, MD). Childcare will be offered. An RSVP is requested to be sent to jamison@metanoiachurch.org. This event is open to all and is free of charge to attend.

Mission Trip Scholarships - The MMBA offers scholarships to MMBA church members who are participating in domestic and international mission trips sponsored by MMBA churches. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Share Your Mission Trips – Is your church going on a mission trip this year, either overseas or within the United States? We would love to pray for you and your team. Are you looking for churches to partner with your mission trip? Many of our smaller churches would like to go on mission but size has an impact. Partnering together on mission trips is a powerful way we can work together for the Kingdom. For more information on how MMBA can help or to share, please see the [website](#).

Church Partners/Volunteers Needed:

- **Metanoia Church in Ellicott Church, MD** is looking for one person or a small team of people who may be willing to help our church by leading musical praise every so often. We have a songbook to pick from and information about sermon content and service order can be discussed. This is a volunteer role, as Metanoia currently only has about 30 in attendance on an average Sunday. Reach out to Pastor Parker Jamison at jamison@metanoiachurch.org or 301-514-7493.



MMBA Resources - Let us help you be on Mission!

- Mission Opportunities
- Block Party Trailer - It has even more games and activities for a successful community outreach.
- [Mission Trip Scholarships](#)
- [Strengthening Church Grants](#)
- Video Projection System
- Pulpit Supply List

It is exciting to see the usage of the Block Party Trailer over the past few weeks in community outreach, and the video projection system was just utilized in the Dominican Republic. We pray you will take advantage of these resources.

For more information, please see the [website](#).