September 2023

MMBA News

See What Is Happening in Your Association



Elders Baptist Church, 5:30 p.m.

1216 Liberty Road Sykesville, MD

Enjoy family time and fellowship followed by worship and the business meeting.

Partnership and Information Tables open at 5 p.m.

Register Here to Attend

Pastors, Please use the <u>link</u> to register Messengers for your church or email Michelle Mackall at <u>adminasst@midmarylandba.org</u>. <u>Please note registering to attend does not register Messengers.</u>

MMBA Resources

- Mission Opportunities
- Block Party Trailer
- Mission Trip Scholarships
- <u>Strengthening Church</u>
 Grants
- Video Projection System
- Pulpit Supply List

Be sure to see what is happening at <u>BCMD</u> – another great resource.

Be sure to book the Block Party Trailer for your next community outreach.



Upcoming Events

- September 23 Disaster Relief Training at Faith Family, Finksburg (Registration Open)
- September 29 BCMD Town Hall Meeting, Bethany Church Columbia, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- October 2 MMBA Annual Meeting at Elders Baptist (Monday night)
- October 7 Ethnos Conference
- October 11 Pastors' Roundtable at Burntwoods Church
- November 3 MMBA Annual Pastor and Spouse Dinner at Burntwoods
- November 10 11 <u>BCMD Annual Meeting</u> at Kettering Baptist, Upper Marlboro
- March 8 9 BCMD Women's Conference at Riva Trace in Annapolis

Pastor and Spouse Appreciation Dinner November 3, 2023

Burntwoods Church 14135 Burntwoods Road Glenwood, MD 21738 November 3, 2023

6:00 p.m. – Hor d'oeuvres 6:30 p.m. – Dinner

A fun and interactive entertainment activity is being planned. You do not want to miss!

Catered by Friendly Farm Restaurant!

RSVP Today!

A Word to Our Pastors' Wives

You are seen, valued, and appreciated. Be looking for more information on gatherings for wives to support you..

A Word from the Director of Missions

Hello Pastors and Staff,

As pastors and staff, we are entering one of the busiest times of the year. Now, with the school year started, churches' youth and children's programs are up and going, annual meetings and leadership meetings are on the horizon, and Thanksgiving and Christmas are around the corner. Truthfully, there are undoubtedly a whole list of other things life is throwing at us that I left off. It can become overwhelming.

We work hard to manage all God brings our way but let me encourage and remind you of the bigger picture. We have the privilege to make disciples of Christ, those who are just coming into the faith and those who are growing and walking alongside with us. We have unique opportunities to be part of God's plan to grow His kingdom. Let us never lose sight of these blessings we have every day amid the "To Do" list.

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4, ESV)

Blessings, Pastor John Mackall, DOM

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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. This is a great way to be prepared to serve your community should the need arise. For more details and to register, please <u>click</u> here.

BCMD - Pathways is the protection & prevention resource to all the churches to help them protect the vulnerable. It is to help all churches, no matter the size, so that they can protect and prevent sexual abuse in the church. They have a multitude of resources to help your church be a safe and loving environment where God's love grows. Click Here.

BCMD Town Hall: Gather together to celebrate what God has and is doing within two state conventions and the eleven associations. It is a time to communicate with one another specifically about things that have a direct impact on our convention as a whole. Our goal is to have proposed resolutions and proposed changes to our constitution available for discussion. This gives time to deliberate and refine these items prior to our Annual Meeting. It is an opportunity to collaborate so that we can work more effectively together. We will not only discuss resolutions, motions and proposed constitution changes that are designed to help us work more effectively, but we will also hear about other opportunities we have to partner together.

Prayer Banner - Have you checked out <u>BCMD's Prayer Banner</u>? It is a great way to pray and engage others at your church to pray.

Classifieds

- Building Families for Children
 - Job Openings
 - Office Furniture Available

Missions

We want to hear from you. Please share updates on your mission trips and community outreach.

The MMBA offers scholarships to MMBA church members who are participating in domestic and international mission trips sponsored by MMBA churches. Click <u>HERE</u> for more information.

MMBA Partnership Focus

Good News Jail and Prison Ministry Partnership

It all starts with our mission:
Placing Christian chaplains in jails and prisons to minister to the spiritual needs of inmates and staff. Good News has developed several practical, life-giving programs that introduce inmates and staff to Christ and help them grow in their knowledge of Him and His Word. There are five locations in Maryland. Pray for Derrick Seegars as he ministers at the Carroll County Detention Center.