MMBA News

March 2024

See What Is Happening in Your Association



- Education Scholarship
- Mission Opportunities
- Block Party Trailer
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Summer time is quickly approaching, which is when many mission trips are planned. Please share your mission trip information, so we can pray for you. We would also be happy to share it if you would like to invite others to join you.

And reminder, MMBA has Mission Trip Scholarships available.



Be sure to book the Block Party Trailer for your spring, and summer community outreach events.

Mid-Maryland BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

A Word from the Director of Missions

The intrinsic value of our Association is that together we are better, meaning we can pray and help one another in the common goal of making disciples of Jesus Christ. We get to walk alongside churches who are struggling and celebrate when God is glorified. I am truly excited to see that we are receiving grant requests for summer missions, continuing education, and outreach projects. I am also excited to hear of our churches working together on outreach projects. MMBA wants to hear from you and help you spread the word of events in your communities. We also encourage you to share with your congregation community activities from sister churches. Why? Because someone may only be available to attend on a Thursday, and not a Friday due to their schedule, but long to prepare their hearts for Easter. Or maybe there is a special training being offered at another church that someone in your church has been long to know exists. Together we are planting seeds and making disciples for the Lord.

Working together is what birthed the idea for a Marriage Conference sponsored by MMBA. The Association wants to help churches develop or strengthen marriage ministry opportunities within their church. When we have stronger marriages, we have stronger families, which helps make stronger churches.

This past week, MMBA sent pastors a Marriage Conference Survey. Please take a moment to provide feedback if your church is interested in participating.

Blessings,
Pastor John, DOM



Reminder, **March 13th** is the Pastors' Roundtable at Burntwoods Church

MMBA Partnerships

North American Mission Board

With Easter focus on Annie Armstrong, it seems appropriate we share MMBA's Partnership with NAMB. NAMB wants to help the church reach North America with the hope of the Gospel.

And NAMB has resources that may help your church from mission trip opportunities to ministry resources. Check out their website and see how NAMB may bless your church.



Celebrate and pray for MMBA churches as they serve their community well. Be sure to share what your church is doing, so we can pray with you.

Bethel Baptist - On **March 13th** in partnership with the Howard County Police Department, Bethel is hosting a conference on internet safety for parents. This allows parents to see some of the dangers of social media and informs them of dangerous web activity their children may be participating in that they are unaware of that can have dire consequences to their children. Go to www.meetbethel.org to sign up. The conference is listed on the lower portion of the website's front page or under the events page. Open to anyone in the community over age 21.

Hope Baptist - Hope Baptist's Easter Egg-stravaganze is planned for **March 16th** from 1-3 p.m. Children PK - 5th grade will enjoy crafts, snacks, a movie, and an egg hunt. Also, Hope Baptist invites to their Passover Service at 7 p.m. on **March 27th**, the Good Friday Service on **March 29th** at 7 p.m. and their 10 a.m. Easter Service.

Manchester Baptist - On **March 16th**, Manchester will hold its Annual Mission Conference, "Share the Gospel," from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. The keynote speaker is Pastor Joel Kurz of the Garden Church. There will be special messages from overseas missionaries, as well as from local mission groups within the community.

CrossLife Community Church - CrossLife is holding a community Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, **March 23rd**, with games and moonbounce. This will be followed by Family Friday Nights in April to continue engaging the community with family outreach. On **March 28th,** they will host a Maundy Thursday Service at 7 p.m. Rabbi/Pastor Robert Pristoop from Shofarel Jewish Ministries will lead a Seder Meal demonstration to teach the deep insights and spiritual meanings behind what happened at the last Passover meal Jesus had with his disciples. If you plan to attend, please register to allow for planning.

Elders Baptist - On **March 24th,** at 4 p.m., Elders will host Joyful Jellybean Jamboree immediately following their 2 p.m. Easter Musical. Families will enjoy food, fun, fellowship, crafts, and games. Easter Sunday will be a blessing to all starting with the Sonrise Service at 6:15 a.m. followed by a continental breakfast at 7:15 a.m. The rest of the morning will be their normal schedule: 8:15 and 11 a.m. worship services with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Bethany Ellicott City - Bethany is holding an Easter Extravaganza on Saturday, **March 30th**, 10 a.m. They will be welcoming Ferrets and Friends who will share cuddly creatures with children along with the egg hunt, inflatables, and games. Please be sure to reserve a spot. On Good Friday, they invite you to their 7 p.m. service in addition to their two services on Easter Sunday at 6 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

The BCMD Strengthening Church Grant Application opened on February 1st. These funds are awarded on a competitive basis to assist in projects designed to expand the outreach and ministry of churches in existence for three years or more. The maximum grant per project will not exceed $4,000. Click here for information and to apply.

MMBA encourages men to attend the 2024 Men's Conference in April. They will be blessed. Register now!

Be sure to stay up-to-date, www.bcmd.org.



Metanoia Church - Metanoia is holding their **Easter Sunday** Service at Patapsco State Park, Avalon Shelter 105, at 10:30 a.m., followed by a picnic. On Saturday, **April 13th**, they are holding an "Equip Event" on "Gospel-Centered Parenting" at 9 a.m., 6625 Selnick Drive, Suite B; Elkridge, MD 21075.

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FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) is the primary way Southern Baptists fund missions in North America. **One hundred percent** of gifts given to AAEO go to the field to support more than 2,900 missionary families serving across the United States and Canada. Learn more on the Annie Armstrong website.



With spring around the corner, outside recreation comes to mind. Last year, Hope Baptist held pickup softball games on select Sundays throughout the summer and fall. Hope Baptist and MMBA would love to get other churches involved. Once we know of interest, we will be able to determine if a league is an option or pickup games. It is a great outreach, and you do not have to field a full team. We do need to know of interest to plan appropriately and to allow churches to work together for the cookouts and game-day needs.

Please email Michelle Mackall, adminasst@midmarylandba.org, of interest by **March 15th**. This will allow us to begin looking at dates and planning.

AVAILABLE

Metanoia is downsizing their storage items. Please see the list of available items and reach out to Pastor Jamison, jamison@metanoiachurch.org, if you are interested in any of the items they are looking to donate to churches or interested parties.