August 2023

Mid-Maryland BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Upcoming Events

- **September 3 -** Pick-up softball with Hope Baptist at the APL Field, 5 p.m.
- **September 13** - Pastors' Roundtable at Burntwoods
- **September 17 -** Pick-up softball with Hope Baptist at the APL Field, 5 p.m.
- **September 23** - Disaster Relief Training at Faith Family, Finksburg **(Registration is Open)**
- **September 22 -** BCMD Town Hall Meeting at Bethany Church Columbia, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **October 2** - MMBA Annual Meeting at Elders Baptist **(moved to a Monday night)**
- **October 7** - Ethnos Conference
- **November 3** - MMBA Annual Pastor and Spouse Dinner at Burntwoods
- **November 10 - 11** - BCMD Annual Meeting at Kettering Baptist, Upper Marlboro
- **March 8 - 9** - BCMD Women's Conference at Riva Trace in Annapolis. Registration opens in October

From Your DOM

Hello Pastors and Staff,

As pastors, we are shepherds to our flock, and there are times we have troublesome sheep. Those sheep who are hard to guide, feed, and lead. Recently, I was reminded of some good biblical counsel in leading troublesome sheep.

1. Accept the person the way they are currently. This is not approving or disapproving, just accepting. We are all fellow sinners.
2. Receive them as the irritation they are. Look, some people are sandpaper, but sometimes God puts sandpaper into our lives to take off our rough edges.
3. Don't play the blame game but rather accept responsibility. It can be easy to blame everything on the difficult person, but make sure you are owning your actions.
4. Work to become a great communicator. One of the first steps is to let people finish talking.
5. Rejoice by looking for the best in people. People see things differently, and as the pastor, we can learn from others' perspectives at times.

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Just some thoughts as we lead God's people to be like Him.

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. **2 Corinthians 3:18 (ESV)**

A few action items and mentionable:

1. An email with information on the MMBA Annual Meeting and Messengers will be sent to our churches next week.
2. Please check to see that any reference or link to Mid-Maryland on your website is the current one, **www.midmarylandba.org**. Some are still linked to wecare.org, which is Friendship Baptist Church's website.
3. Reminder, MMBA has a Pulpit Supply List should you need it.
4. Did you know MMBA has a Facebook page? We are looking to share events and celebrations of our MMBA churches. Spread the word and be sure to "Like." **(1) Facebook**
5. And if you have not already done so, please continue to send church staff names and contact information for the MMBA database to adminasst@midmarylandba.org. This will ensure we have the most accurate information for your teams.

Blessings,
Pastor John Mackall, DOM



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 click here.

Pickup Softball - Hope Baptist has had great fun and participation at two pickup games already, and just added September 3rd and 17th to the calendar. **You do not have to field a team.** Just have whoever is interested **sign up** at the link shared. Really hope you join the fun. Details and sign up can be found at the link.

BCMD - Pathways is the protection & prevention resource to all the churches to help them protect the vulnerable. It is to help to 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.

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

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 and Community Outreach – We would love to have pictures and updates from the summer mission trips and community outreaches to share on Facebook and with one another. Please send a blurb and pictures to Michelle, adminasst@midmarylandba.org.



Lunch Time - CrossLife and Bethel Baptist on Mission in the Dominican Republic



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 spring, summer, and fall months in community outreach. Be sure to book for your next community outreach. You can see if it is available on the website Events page.

Book that Block Party Trailer Getting Summer Usage in Our Communities



For more information on MMBA Resources, check out the website.