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## **Upcoming Events**

- March 31- Pastors' and Staff Prayer Luncheon (Spouses are Invited) <u>Sign up here</u>
- April 12 Pastors' Roundtable at Burntwoods
- April 19 Pastors' Roundtable at Manchester
- April 22 Prayer Seminar at CrossLife Community Church <u>Sign up here</u>
- April 28 and 29 More Than Conquerors 2023 Pastors' Conference More information and sign up here
- May 10 Pastors' Roundtable at Burntwoods
- May 17 Pastors' Roundtable at Manchester

## From Your DOM

Hello MMBA Churches,

I believe we are seeing a revival of God working through our churches in the MMBA. Our churches have been on the move sharing the Gospel this year and gearing up to have a powerful, Spirit-Filled Resurrection Sunday. Some churches are partnering with other like-minded churches in the community for special Easter services, while others are preparing to share the Gospel through Easter Egg Hunts and other outreach events. If your church is doing something special to share the Gospel and to celebrate Easter, please let us know and send pictures. MMBA wants to celebrate with you.

I was so excited after recently talking with Senior Pastor Terry Felton of Mason Dixon Baptist Church. Mason Dixon hosted a Sweetheart Banquet for Valentines Day with more than 84 in attendance of which 16 were nonmembers / nonattenders. They partnered with their connection to a local college ministry that provided volunteers to run a Pajama Party for the kids to provide childcare. Terry mentioned that he has been able to start ministering to two new couples that came to the event. What a praise! Read the full article that is shared below.

At the end of February, we were able to finally hold our Minister and Spouse Appreciation Dinner that was postponed from last year. It was a wonderful evening with great food from our friends at Friendly Farms and entertainment from a few of our great story-telling pastors. We were also able to honor Larry Steen for his 5 years of faithful service to our Association with a plague and a gift card for him and Dianne. Thank you Larry for your faithful leadership through one of the hardest times in church history in our country. Look for the 2023 Minister & Spouse Appreciation Dinner coming in the fall of 2023.



**Pastors' and Staff Prayer Luncheon** – Join us at Friendship Baptist Church, 1391 Route 32; Sykesville, MD, on Friday, March 31st, from 10:00 a.m. to noon for a focused time of prayer. This event is for all pastors, staff, and spouses. Prayer is our foundational strategy to advance the Gospel. Pastor Adam Nathanson, Leader of the Prayer Seminar, has been invited to share on prayer for the first hour followed by an hour afterwards to pray together for our churches and one another. A luncheon will follow. Be sure to register.

**Prayer Seminar** – On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, CrossLife Community Church & MMBA will be hosting a Prayer Seminar taught by Adam Nathanson. This seminar was developed years ago by Dr. J. Gordon Henry, Professor at Liberty University. This seminar has helped people around the world connect with God on a deeper level through prayer. This is open to everyone in our association. Sign-up required by April 18<sup>th</sup>. Download the flier to share electronically or print.

**More Than Conquerors 2023 Pastors' Conference, -** We hope you will join us on April 28th and 29th at South Shore Church for the 2023 Pastors' Conference, "More Than Conquerors." It will be a great event Main Sessions and Breakout Sessions we know will encourage you in ministry. For more information, please see the <u>BCMD main page and sign up</u>.

**Gospel in Context Seminar -** Dr. Tom Rodgerson, author of *Overhearing a Christian Apology to the Nones*, will share his take on what the non-religious are telling us and how the gospel points toward constructive dialog. The seminar is from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Chapelgate Presbyterian Church in Marriottsville, MD on April 29th. For more information, click here.

**Softball Follow-up:** Thank you to the churches that responded to the Softball Interest Survey. Unfortunately, there does not seem to be enough interest to pursue a softball league outreach at this time. We will revisit next winter for spring 2024.

**ACP** - Thank you to the churches who were able to complete the ACP.



**Mason Dixon Blesses Couples and Families -** On Feb. 11, Mason Dixon Baptist Church in New Freedom, Pennsylvania, hosted a Sweetheart Banquet for those in their church family and those in their community. At 6:30 p.m., couples and families arrived at the church. Families were encouraged to bring their young children in their pajamas as the church provided childcare for the night and held a pajama party for the kids. Parents then entered the dining area, where they were greeted with twinkling lights, a violin quartet and a Valentine's Day themed dinner. Read more about this wonderful outreach here.



**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 <u>website</u>.

## **Church Partners/Volunteers Needed:**

• Northwest Baptist is looking for churches to partner with them for their Mega Sports Camp (MSAC) the week of June 26th that blesses elementary-aged children. MSAC is a FREE week-long camp with an evening and a morning session. Campers select from a variety of specific camps such as Lego Engineers, Art, Dance, Gymnastics, Basketball, Lacrosse, Flag Football and more. These camps are the "sports" and "arts" elements of camp. During each day of the camp week, campers remain with their specific camp activity group (of about 15-20 kids). The camps also come together as a main group throughout the day during Rally Times, with worship and Bible teaching (including an intentional gospel presentation), all presented in a fun, high energy atmosphere. MSAC has been well-received in our surrounding communities with usually 300 between the two camps. If your church has volunteers that would be able to partner with Northwest Baptist, please reach out to Melanie Aasen at melanie@nwbcmd.org.



## MMBA Resources - Let us help you be on Mission!

- Mission Opportunities
- Block Party Trailer
- Mission Trip Scholarships
- Strengthening Church Grants
- Video Projection System

For more information, please see the <u>website</u>.