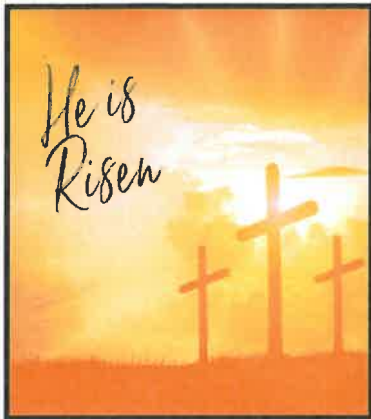


Breaking News



In today's world, the phrase "*Breaking News*" is very common. It is a phrase that the news media uses to get our attention. They want us to "listen up" because they are about to report on something that they think is very important for us to know.

But 2,000 years ago there was no such thing as Cable News, or Face Book, or even newspapers. But even without such things as TVs, radios, and computers, people have always found ways to get the word out when there was '*Breaking News*' to share. Breaking News 2,000 years ago was more than likely shared by word of mouth, but it was still Breaking News.

Matthew 28 tells us about the two Marys' going to the place where Jesus had been buried two days before. On that first Easter Sunday, they encountered an angel that had some *Breaking News* for them. Matthew 28: 6-7, "*He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell his disciples that He is risen from the dead.*"

Sure enough, that was not only Breaking News, it was the Best News ever. For 2,000 years Christians from all over the world have been telling others that "**He Is Risen**". In just a few days, we will be celebrating another Easter, another Resurrection Sunday. I hope each of you will have an opportunity to attend your church. An opportunity to worship with your brothers and sisters in Christ as you celebrate this most marvelous event in human history. It is Breaking News that will never grow old, **He Is Risen!!!**

MTBA Spring Meeting

Lifting Our Hearts in Prayer

Sunday, May 15, 2022, Poroporone Baptist Church

Registration 3:30 PM-4:00 PM

Worship Service begins at 4:00 PM

Guest Speaker, Rev. Don Davidson, FBC Alexandria

We want to encourage all of our MTBA families and friends to attend our MTBA Spring meeting. Our Program Committee has been busy planning a very interesting program that you will want to be a part of. If you have any questions, just give the MTBA office a call. Hope to see everyone on the afternoon of May 15.

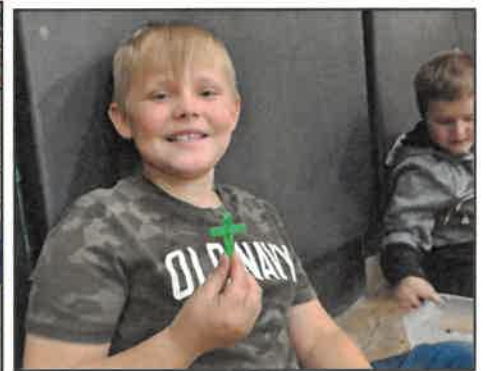


Hope For Appalachia Mission Project

Even though the Community Ministry had very high expectations for this mission project, we exceeded those expectations. Our goal was to send 1,200 Sterilite Boxes filled to capacity with school supplies, personal items and some fun things. We ended up sending 1,236 boxes plus totes full of additional socks, jump ropes, tooth brushes, food, blankets, and coats. The committee was hoping that we would have about 75 volunteers to show up to help pack the 1,200 plus boxes, but instead we had over 200 volunteers to help with the packing of boxes and the loading of not one trailer, but two trailers.

On April 4, the first team delivered the first load of Sterilite boxes.

During the week of April 11, Rev. Mike Dodson and the second team delivered the second load of boxes. During this two week period, these nine teams (88 missionaries) will have the opportunity to deliver 12,359 boxes and be in 39 different schools to tell these students about Jesus and how much He loves them. What a blessing it was for our MTBA family to work with Rev. Mike Dodson and his teams to be a blessing to these boys and girls in such a poverty stricken area. We want to thank all of the churches and volunteers who worked on this project for over 6 months. It has been a blessing to us just as much as it has been a blessing **to the children.**



Who is my Neighbor?



"Who is my neighbor?" Have you ever wondered what if the lawyer had not asked Jesus this follow-up question? If we recall this passage of scripture, a lawyer put Jesus to the test saying "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered "What is written in the law?" The lawyer replied "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and strength and your neighbor as yourself." Jesus told the lawyer that he had answered correctly. But, the lawyer had not finished his questioning of Jesus. The Gospel of Luke tells us that he desired to justify himself and he asked Jesus a follow-up question "And who is my neighbor?" At this point, Jesus relates one of His most beloved parables, the parable of the Good Samaritan, a story illustrating how Christians should show love and compassion for others. Jesus did not answer directly the question he was asked "who is my neighbor" but chose instead to teach us HOW to be a good neighbor. How is it possible that Jesus would have such an appropriate parable for a follow-up question such as this one? It was because Jesus knew the mind of the lawyer, that he would ask this question and Jesus was ready with an answer that would change ideas as to how people should interact with one another from this time forward. We must also remember that Jesus was not only doing the work that God had sent Him to do, but that Jesus reflected the nature and character of God, the Father. The love and concern that God has for us is evident in the parable that Jesus told the lawyer. "Who is my neighbor?" In the eyes of God, everyone is our neighbor and deserves our love, compassion and mercy.

John M. Bareford, Jr.
MTBA Historian
March 2022

MTBA Servants helping our neighbors:



WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR? MTBA SERVANTS BUILDING RAMPS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS.



“The highest form of worship is the worship of unselfish Christian service.” Rev. Billy Graham

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR? HOPE FOR APPALACHIA FOR NEEDY CHILDREN LIVING IN APPALACHIA MOUNTAINS OF KY, WV, AND VA. PACKING ON FEBRUARY 19, 2022, AT HERMITAGE BC



Eddie Heath, MTBA DOM and Rev. Mike Dodson Hope for Appalachia (l to r)



MTBA Pastors were honored at an Annual MTBA Pastors' Christmas Appreciation luncheon at Saluda BC on December 21, 2021. Great fellowship, sharing, encouragement, and delicious food by Scoot's Barbeque. Thank you Pastors, for your faithful work and servant hearts to proclaim God's Word!



Rev. Jeff Shanaberger has announced that he is leaving White Stone BC and his last Sunday is May 1. He and his wife, Karen, will be moving to PA to take care of their daughter. Please be in prayer for Jeff and Karen.



MTBA welcomes **Rev. Chris Grella** and his wife, Angie, as Chris begins his ministry with Newington BC on July 1. Rev. Grella grew up in Northern VA and received his BA from VA Tech. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Bethel Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. We welcome Pastor Chris, Angie, and their two sons, Nathan and Joshua, to the MTBA family!

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