



## **Celebrating 20 Years of Disaster Relief**

Blue Ridge Baptist Association will celebrate Maryland/Delaware Disaster Recovery Unit 1's twenty years of continuous faithful service at the regular worship service at Faith Baptist on Sunday, April 24, 2022 .

Faith Baptist spearheaded Blue Ridge Baptist Associations involvement in Southern Baptist Disaster Relief in May of 2000. Two years later, Recovery 1's original trailer was commissioned at South End Baptist and placed in service on April 27, 2002. 28 hours later a F5 Tornado struck LaPlata Maryland and the following Weekend Recovery 1 was on its first mission. Since then Recovery 1 has deployed twenty times to hurricanes, tornados, floods and other disasters including to Lousianna for Hurricane Katrina.

On Sunday, April 24 we are asking for anyone who has deployed with or has helped with Recovery 1 to join us for this celebration - wearing your yellow shirts of course. We're looking two team members who would like to give a short testimony to speak as well. Please let Alan Caho (KA3DYL@gmail.com) at Faith Baptist know as soon as possible if you would like to share a testimony .

Recovery 1 will be on display in front of the Church before and after the service. All who would like to celebrate this associational achievement to join us at Faith on Sunday, April 24 at 10:40 AM.

On Saturday, May 14 we will host a Disaster Relief training at Faith. Anyone interested in join this exciting and much needed mission, please check the BCMD website for training



**Remember the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**  
2022 National Goal: \$70 million

## New BCM/D Executive Director Announced

The General Mission Board of the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware (BCM/D) unanimously named Michael Crawford as executive director on March 17, 2022.

Associate Executive Director Tom Stolle said, "Michael Crawford is a phenomenal leader. He is uniquely gifted in the areas of vision and strategy, combined with a pastor's heart. He not only knows Scripture – he lives it out. He is a man of great passion. He cares deeply about the pastors, local associations, and the churches affiliated with the BCM/D. His love, care, and concern for the convention staff are obvious. He's the right leader at the right time. I truly believe God has called him to serve in this capacity."



## Mid-Atlantic Doctor of Ministry Cohort | Fall 2022

The Mid-Atlantic Cohort (MYDL) in the Doctor of Ministry is an advanced degree designed for ministers seeking further training to serve at a new level of excellence in ministry. Throughout the 31-hour degree, students will acquire new ideas, tools, strategies and techniques that will increase effectiveness and expand opportunities within current and future roles.

Apply at <https://bcmd.org/what-we-do/phd-track>



## Church Security Grants

Christopher Drury from Converged Systems & Integrated Network Solutions, has helped several BCM/D churches (Southern Calvert Baptist and Leonardtown Baptist) with obtaining a security grant.

In this day and age, having effective security systems in our churches is essential. It is also expensive. These grants are a way to upgrade a church's infrastructure to provide the needed protection for our congregations. Leonardtown Baptist, was recently awarded a \$150,000 grant to upgrade their security. In addition, another southern Maryland church, Redeeming Grace Baptist, has been awarded one of these grants.

For more information please contact Christopher at [cdrury@clearconnection.com](mailto:cdrury@clearconnection.com)

## Input Needed

For over 12 years BRBA has had a practice of admitting like minded, evangelical Christian churches into our fellowship, as long as they meet the following requirements:

- agreement with the Baptist Faith and Message (statement of faith / beliefs)
- participation in the work and ministry of the association
- financial support of local missions (BRBA), and International missions (Cooperative Program)

Do you support the continued practice of admitting churches into BRBA that do not necessarily come from a SBC background?

Please visit <https://blueridgebaptist.org/dom-survey> and let us know what you think.



## *Prayer Requests:*

Pray for the following churches searching for a pastor:

- **VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**, Jefferson, MD
- **ADAMSTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**, Adamstown, MD
- **GREENBRIER BAPTIST CHURCH**, Boonsboro, MD

**Pray for safety and a quick decrease of the threat from the Covid-19 virus** and variants that have plagued our world and nation. Pray that our local leaders would seek God's

**Pray for the preparations that are beginning for the summer BRBA mission trip to help a small struggling church in rural southern WV.** In April we will begin asking our churches how they can support this outreach to help a sister church to revitalize in their community. The church already has an affiliation with the local volunteer Fire Department, so fire and rescue folks from our area are more than welcome to go on these mission trips.

**Pray for peace in Ukraine. Pastor Phil Graves and his wife Kristie, from First Baptist Church of Brunswick, are anxiously awaiting news of court and travel dates so they can go complete the adoption of their daughter.**







## Coming Events

### April

April 22 - 23 - Women's Indescribable Retreat  
Camp Wo-Me-To

April 24 - Disaster Relief Anniversary  
Faith Baptist Church @ 10:45 am

April 30 - Pathways: Prevention & Protection  
Cresthill Baptist Church  
<https://bcmd.org/pathways>

### May:

May, 2022 @ 9 AM at IHOP in Charlestown, WV  
BRBA Pastor's FellowShip Breakfast



May 14 @ 9:00 am Disaster Relief Training  
Faith Baptist Knoxville, MD  
2212 Jefferson Pike, Knoxville, MD 21758

### June:

June 12 - 15 SBC Annual Meeting  
Anaheim, CA  
<https://sbcannualmeeting.net>



MOUNT AIRY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## JOIN OUR GROWING TEAM!



### **POSITIONS FOR 2022-23:**

Lower School Principal

Lower School Classroom Teachers

Art K-12 (full time)

Computers Teacher

STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art Math) Teacher

Bible (Secondary)

Guidance / Counselor / SEL (Social Emotional Learning)



LEARN MORE: [MACAMD.ORG/ABOUT/CAREER-OPPORTUNITIES](https://macamd.org/about/career-opportunities)

### **Mt. Airy Baptist Church seeks a Secretary**

The secretary will be responsible for:

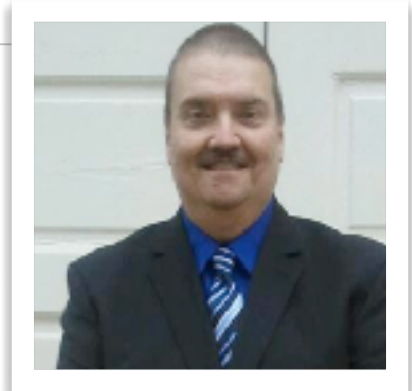
- Seeing to the day-to-day tasks that ensure that the ministry and activities of the church continue unhindered.
- Supporting the pastoral staff and freeing them up to focus on personal ministry
- Providing information for, and interacting with, all who call or stop by the church

Contact Pastor Josh Vogt at [pastorjosh220@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjosh220@gmail.com)

# DOM SIGHTINGS

DOM sightings have included:

- Multiple trips / visits with Adamstown Community Church & Greenbrier Baptist.
- Meetings with credentials & Constitution & Bylaws revision committees.
- DOM gathering & meeting with candidate for BCM/D Exec. position.
- 25 meetings with various pastors and church leaders



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