



A healthy and successful community partnership.

When you think of church, what may come to mind are prayer breakfasts, Bible studies, youth groups, and worship on Sundays. But did you know that churches can also be places that promote and inspire health ministry?

At Clinton Baptist Church, Pastor Colin Pugh believes in not only advocating for spiritual health but also the health of the mind and body. That's why for the past four years, he and his congregation have partnered with MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center to build a healthy community partnership—one that puts congregants and the Clinton community on a path to living healthier lives.

"Our mission statement at Clinton Baptist Church is 'we grow, we serve, we love.' Meeting the health needs of the people in our community, right where they are, is one way we demonstrate growth, service, and love. Ministering to and supporting our community is so important, and we are beyond grateful to MedStar Southern Maryland for helping us fulfill our mission," says Pastor Pugh.

"The partnership with Clinton Baptist Church made perfect sense for MedStar Southern Maryland, and further supported our mission to serve our patients, those who care for them, and our communities," explains Jessica Gamero, program coordinator for MedStar Southern Maryland's Community Health department.

Letter from the president.

At MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center, "community" can be found in many places. In this report, we highlight a special partnership with Clinton Baptist Church. Our outreach to the people we serve is vitally important, and meeting needs right in the heart of the community is especially gratifying for us. At Clinton Baptist Church, we provided screenings for prostate cancer and blood pressure and resources for overall wellness and diabetes prevention and treatment. It's through this connection, that we touch our neighbors and help them thrive spiritually, emotionally, and physically.

In good health,

Stephen T. Michaels, MD
President,
MedStar Southern Maryland
Hospital Center