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COLLEGE
WORSHIP
NIGHTS

ALL RICHMOND AREA COLLEGE STUDENTS
ARE INVITED. 7:30 PM-END

June 7th at Mount Vernon Baptist Church
July 12th at Grace Chinese Baptist Church
August 2nd at Cool Spring Baptist Church

Schedule & Locations:

Worship Begins at 7:30 P.M.

Locations:

Tuesday, June 7 @ Mount Vernon Baptist Church
11220 Nuckols Road, Glen Allen

Tuesday, July 12 @ Grace Chinese Baptist Church
850 Broad Street Road, Manakin-Sabot

Tuesday, August 2 @ Cool Spring Baptist Church
9283 Atlee Station Road, Mechanicsville

Contact Matt Boschen: mboschen@mvcnow.org
for more information.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

**MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19, 2022**



**5:15-8:30 PM
HUGUENOT ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH**

10525 W. Huguenot Road
North Chesterfield, VA 23235

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(804) 314-0294

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. (1 Corinthians 13:11 NKJV)

Fathers, Mentors, and The Desperate Need for Men to Step Up

by: Win Davis, Dover DoM

As I was reflecting on this month of June, I thought about the various celebrations, and how this month often marks the beginning of a new chapter in so many lives. Looking around the malls, eateries, and gourmet coffee shops, I've noticed an influx of young adults as college students are returning home for the summer. As a pastor, friend and relative, my mailbox has gotten a little fuller with announcements for graduations and Baccalaureate services. June also generally increases the number of wedding invitations as the tradition of "June brides" can be traced all the way back to Greek and Roman times.

June also marks one of the most bittersweet observations and holidays of the year, Father's Day. For many, Father's Day is a celebration of Dad, often the unsung hero of the family, whose participation and presence impacts both the positive present and potential future of every member of the household. For others, Father's Day, like Mother's Day, brings a flood of challenging and often negative emotions. These stem from a number of factors including abuse, abandonment, and absenteeism, often with bad dads leaving their responsibilities and good dads leaving loved ones behind in death.

One of the most eye-opening observations of the impact of men in the home comes from The National Fatherhood Initiative, which reports, "There is a father factor in nearly all social ills facing America today." The research from this organization, and multiple others, reveal that the statistics are undeniable. Young men and women in this country who do not have a father, father-figure, positive male presence, mentor, etc., are at greater risk — greater risk of suicide and drug abuse, greater risk of disruptive behavior and maladjustment in society, greater risk of unwanted pregnancy, and homelessness. The odds are twenty times greater that a child will be involved in crime, gangs, and incarceration than those with a father or strong male influence in their lives.

When we adopted our youngest daughter, we were told of the tragic reality of children, who go through the system until they age out at 18. Most return to the system. In other words, children who aren't placed in loving homes (with almost always a father-figure present) often return "to the system" as incarcerated adults, dependent on the social welfare system, in drug and alcohol rehab and/or other societal barriers. As Christian men, we can't completely solve society's ills, but we can certainly influence society for the positive by helping fill the voids.

The Bible records the words of the Apostle Paul, who wrote, "When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things." In this day of sexual confusion and men too often refusing to embrace manhood, what our society desperately needs are more Christian men to step-up; step-up as men, as husbands, as fathers and sons, as older brothers, mentors, and as ambassadors and representatives of Jesus Christ.

It's time we men put away childish things and reclaim our manhood. There's nothing wrong with enjoying recreation. It's certainly a good idea to take some well needed time to relax and recharge. There is something wrong however, when our 'me time,' negatively impacts our involvement in the ministry and mission of the local church. As Christian writer and evangelist Daniel Ritchie notes, "Let love, service and truth define your manhood, not your hobbies."

As Christian men, we need to set the example in the giving of our time, talents, and financial resources. As Christian men, we need to put our faith, families, and those in need ahead of our own selfish wants and desires. We have the greatest examples of Father, Man, Mentor, Brother, Child, Servant Leader, and more to draw upon in God's Holy Word. Let's open that Book, show up for church, step-up, and seize the role God has called us to play as men.



Dover WMU "Benchmark" Event

Dover's WMU collected over 500 pounds of recyclable plastic which was used in the material to make a new bench at Camp CrossRoads. The dedication took place, Saturday, May 21. Congratulations Dover WMU on a job well done!

Pray For These

The leaders of **Famaden Memorial Institute**, our **Dover Staff**, **Karen Mills (former Clerk)**, and in **Dover's churches**:

June 5: **Manakin, First Baptist Church**

Anthony Jones, Jr., Pastor; Travis Harris,
Elizabeth Howell

June 12: **Mattaponi Indian Baptist Church**

Kevin Watkins, Pastor; Denese Davis

June 19: **Mechanicsville Baptist Church**

Bruce Queen, Intentional Interim Pastor;
Leslie Luck, Melvin Anderson

June 26: **Mount Olivet Baptist Church**

Benjamin Boyd, Pastor; Karen Morris,
Alice Rusher, Claudia Phillips

A special prayer for the following churches that are in **transition** (either currently without a pastor or have an interim/intentional pastor):

Arabic	Hopewell	Taylorsville
Beulah	Indian View	Western Hanover
Dover	Mechanicsville	
Hardy Central	New Highland	

Pray for Ukraine



Correction:

The May 2022 Dover Diary omitted that Hannah Brown is a citizen of the Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe. We apologize for this omission.

Dover Announces the 2022 Paul Hepler Scholarship Recipient: Hannah Brown



Hannah Brown, a member of **Indian View Baptist Church** and the Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe citizen, was awarded this year's Paul Hepler Scholarship. An outstanding student, Hannah attends James Madison University, majoring in Education. She is the Social Outreach Leader for Rise Campus Ministry and Native American Student Association historian at JMU. As a member of the Crochet Club, Hannah often makes stuffed animals and distributes them around campus with encouraging messages and information regarding mental health resources. Congratulations Hannah!

Student Addresses Wanted!

Many new high school graduates from Dover churches will seek more education. Baptist Collegiate Ministry provides a Christian community in higher education settings. We need your help! Dover's Student Ministries Council wants to send a care package and information about Baptist Collegiate Ministry to every Dover high school graduate.

If someone in your family or your church family is graduating high school and will continue their education, please send the following information to us:

Student's name, Home address, Email address, and Name of college or school attending

Email information to: dover.info@doverbaptist.org

or mail it to our Student Ministries Council at the Dover office.

Thank you! Please send in the names and contact information by Wednesday, July 13. We promise to use that information only to send them the packages and help connect them with Baptist Collegiate Ministries.

Upcoming Events

Visit www.doverbaptist.org or call the Dover office: (804) 550-1980 for more information.

Weekly Pastors Support Group

Mondays, 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Dover Council

Tuesday, June 14, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Dover Office

Pastors Health Network - Book Discussion

"Celebration of Discipline", by Richard J. Foster
Tuesday, June 28, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Dover Office

Sunday School Directors' Meeting

Monday, June 27, 7 p.m.

Contact Steve Smith for more information, call (804) 241-8944 or steve.smith@doverbaptist.org

Raceway Ministries Essential Update Meeting

[formerly known as Orientation]

Thursday, July 28, 7 p.m., Zoom only. To register, contact Sam Duenckel: sam.duenckel@doverbaptist.org



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Dover WMU News

Missions Awareness Day

Thursday, July 21 — 10:00 a.m.

Ridge Baptist Church, 1515 Eastridge Road, Henrico, 23229
 More details coming soon.

Spiritual Awareness Day

Thursday, August 18

New Bethesda Baptist Church
 9019 New Bethesda Road, Mechanicsville

Dinner: 6 p.m. *Cost is \$7, Please make dinner reservation by calling Pat Chalkley at (804) 737-3125 by August 10th.
 Program begins at 7 p.m. featuring Valerie Carter Smith, Executive Director/Treasurer of the Virginia WMU. Valerie is well known for giving powerful testimonies that can change your life! All are welcome to attend.

Personnel Changes

- **Kentwood Heights Baptist Church** welcomed Jennifer Ezzell as their Secretary on May 23.
- **New Highland Baptist Church** welcomed Mary Ann Dalton as their Administrative Assistant/Financial Secretary on May 23.
- **Northside Baptist Church** welcomed Debbie Scott as the Interim Director of Senior Ministries [serving in this capacity while Karen Mills awaits a liver transplant] on May 1.

Congratulations

...to Caleb Bittler on graduating with a Master of Divinity from Southeastern Theological Seminary on May 13.
 Caleb serves as the Pastor of **New Bethesda Baptist Church**.

Positions Available

Visit www.doverbaptist.org for all of the job openings.

Corinth Baptist Church seeks an Executive Director (full-time). Visit www.doverbaptist.org/executive-director-full-time for more information.

Dover Baptist Church prayerfully seeks a Pastor (full-time). Visit www.doverbc.org/pastor-position for more information and/or apply.

Fort Lee Baptist Church seeks an Associate Pastor (full-time). The Associate Pastor will assist our Senior Pastor to conduct the business of the church, promote vision for the church, and build and help facilitate the growth of our church in our community. This person will also share general pastoral duties, preach on occasion and be committed to being part of our team. The Associate Pastor will have strong relationship building gifts and skills. Our new Associate Pastor should be an entrepreneurial person with a heart and call to ministry, and with a strong and distinct "pioneering" heart and spirit to reach new families and add to our church through "Spirit led" evangelism and discipleship. Visit www.doverbaptist.org/associate-pastor-full-time for more information.

Goochland Baptist Church seeks a Minister to Families (part-time). Visit www.goochlandchurch.org/employment for more information.

Hopeful Baptist Church seeks a Youth Minister (part-time). Visit www.doverbaptist.org/youth-minister-part-time-3 for more information and/or apply.

Kentwood Heights Baptist Church seeks an Associate Pastor for Children & Youth (full-time). For more information, visit www.kentwoodheights.org for full job description under "Job Openings".

Mechanicsville Baptist Church seeks an Interim Contemporary Worship Leader (part-time, 12-14 hours per week). Please send resumes or inquiries to judi.culver@gmail.com.

Northside Baptist Church seeks an Office Administrator (part-time). This position is considered a 26 hour per week position. The hourly rate is \$20.00. For more information, please contact the church office at 804-746-4952.

Shalom Baptist Church seeks a Family Minister (full-time). Visit www.shalombaptist.net for more information.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church seeks a Minister to Families and Youth (full-time or part-time). For more information, visit www.doverbaptist.org/category/jobs