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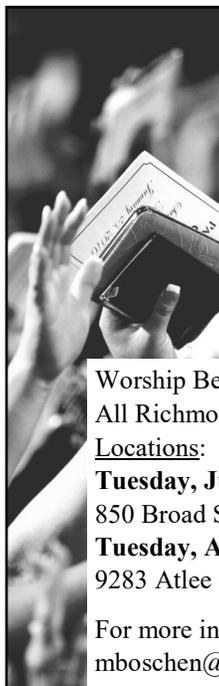
Central Virginia Raceway Ministries Needs Volunteers and Cookies

Central Virginia Raceway Ministries (CVRM) is gearing up for race weekend: Saturday, August 13 and Sunday, August 14. CVRM helps race fans, vendors, workers, and others know Christ is present. We need many volunteers to make this ministry possible. If you can help set up the site, greet guests, give away cookies and water, act as a chaplain, or otherwise share your talents, then help us engage a multitude of people one by one.

CVRM Volunteers are required to attend an Essential Update Meeting on Thursday, July 28 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom (or in-person at the Dover Conference Center). Please contact Charles Ward at (804) 262-3612 or abcdward73@yahoo.com for more information.

WE NEED COOKIES!! After an almost two year pause due to COVID, CVRM invites you to participate and asks for your help by making cookies. CVRM leaders ask that church mission groups, Sunday School classes, youth groups, and individuals make "homemade" cookies. Please bag these in small clear lock-style plastic bags, 2-3 medium sized cookies per bag. Put a label on the outside of each bag "compliments of _____ Baptist Church." (Dover Baptists may bring their bags of cookies to the Dover Office, August 8-11, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)

Food Allergy Alert: CVRM appreciates all the cookies, but, if you use peanuts or a peanut product in your cookies, please note that on the bag. Please visit www.varacewayministries.org for more information.



COLLEGE
WORSHIP
NIGHTS

Worship Begins at 7:30 P.M.
All Richmond Area College Students Are Invited
Locations:
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

For more information, contact Matt Boschen:
mboschen@mvbcnow.org

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.

2022 Mileage Rate Increase

On July 1, 2022, the standard mileage rate increased to **62.5 cents per mile** for business miles driven. For more information, visit: www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-increases-mileage-rate-for-remainder-of-2022

Dover Office Closed July 4

The Dover office will be closed on Monday, July 4 for the holiday, and will reopen on Tuesday, July 5.

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(1 Thessalonians 5: 21-23 KJV)

Sex, Sports & Spiritual Leadership: An Uneven Playing Field

by: Win Davis, Dover DoM

As I write this month's blog, sadly, sex, sports and spiritual leadership are front and center in our nation's news. A star athlete has recently garnered headlines by signing a multi-year, multi-million-dollar contract. Generally, that's not really breaking news, except this time, said sports star has simultaneously grabbed national attention for allegedly grabbing, groping and sexually abusing several young women who he and his professional team hired for massage therapy, a common treatment for sports injuries, rehabilitative and athletic well care. With over two dozen accusations, and multiple lawsuits growing, news outlets have reported the athlete's encounters of some kind with over sixty-five massage therapists in just over a year and a half. Despite declaring his innocence, just the overwhelming appearance of impropriety has damaged the athlete's reputation.

At the same time, both secular and religious news outlets have headlined the report of hundreds of cases of sexual abuse claims that were "ignored, denied and deflected" by members of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee. As tragic as these allegations are, they are compounded by the news that a small group of Baptist leaders attempted to stonewall the investigation and subsequent release of its finding by the independent investigation firm Guidepost Solutions. Regardless of their reasons, just the overwhelming appearance of impropriety has damaged our denomination's reputation.

Fortunately, a majority of Southern Baptist church pastors and members attending this year's Southern Baptist Convention voted overwhelmingly to approve strict abuse reforms and the establishment of a public database to identify potential abusers before they can infiltrate churches and tear

apart the Body of Christ.

As both a former pastor and former athlete, I was reminded of the coaching I received from both spiritual and sports mentors, that essentially "You are almost always on an uneven playing field." This means that if you are in a position of authority, respect and/or influence, you have an unfair advantage and are often in a position to manipulate those who are emotionally, physically, spiritually or otherwise drawn or attracted to you. Unfortunately, we see this manipulation in all walks of life. In business, politics, education, sports, religion and even families, as those in authority are often guilty of taking advantage of those who are not.

As leaders, especially Christian leaders, in all walks of life, the onus is on us to be above reproach. The Apostle Paul wrote, *Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly...*

As leaders, especially Christian leaders, we need to be champions for the underdogs, voices for the voiceless, defenders of the Faith, and especially the abused and marginalized. As Christian leaders, we need to help level the playing field.

Bloggers addendum – If you have been the victim of sexual abuse by clergy or church staff, please report this crime by contacting Guidepost Solutions at (202-864-5578) or SBChotline@guidepostsolutions.com

If you are a pastor or church leader and need to develop your church's anti-harassment/sexual abuse policy, please contact the Dover Baptist Association at (804) 550-1980 or dover.info@doverbaptist.org.

Upper Mattaponi Tribe Host Pow Wow

The Upper Mattaponi Tribe (located near Central Garage in King William County) hosted their first Pow Wow in over two years on May 28 & 29. Most of the members of **Indian View Baptist Church** are also members of the Upper Mattaponi Tribe. Other tribes in the area participated, including the Chickahominy Tribe (and members of **Samaria Baptist Church**). It was an absolutely gorgeous weekend and plenty of people joined in the fun.



Dover Ministry Assistants Luncheon

All Ministry Assistants are invited to attend!
Tuesday, August 9, 2022 — 11:30 am-1:30 pm
Dover Conference Center, 11006 Lakeridge Pkwy, Ashland

We'll enjoy fellowship, lunch, and also have a demonstration about fire safety!
Since you are probably in the building more than anybody...
Do you know the location of all the church's fire extinguishers?
Ever had to use a fire extinguisher?

Come and see a demonstration!
RSVP by Tuesday, August 2. Call (804) 550-1980 or email: sandy.weakley@doverbaptist.org

Pray For These

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

July 3: **Mount Pleasant Baptist Church**

Earl Kirby, Pastor

July 10: **Mount Vernon Baptist Church**

Joshua Franklin, Pastor; Clayton Carnall, Jerry Parker,
John Sullivan, Matt Boschen, Michelle Ives,
Jessica Benson, Cathy Dayton, Kim Gilbert, Brian Mahne,
Ashley Jones, Lynn Madden, Ted Milby, Susan Sharon,
Ken Sledd, Karen Willoughby, Dee Yarbrough, Kim Roll,
Dale Shull, Anne Winston

July 17: **New Bethesda Baptist Church**

Caleb Bittler, Pastor; Shirley Mitchell,
Tiffany Talley, Steve LaCombe

July 24: **New Highland Baptist Church**

Larry Frakes, Intentional Interim Pastor;
Matt White, Page Marriner, Marianne Dalton,
Karen Hastings

July 31: **New Life Baptist Church**

Lee Mitchell, Pastor; Cathy Rodwell, Kyle Eaddy,
Asher Purvis, Ron Baylor, Willie McKind

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
Dover	Mechanicsville	
Hardy Central	New Highland	

Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to the family of Joan Bloomer, who passed away on June 20. Joan served on the Nominations Committee for **Dover Baptist Association**, and was a member of **Cool Spring Baptist Church**. Joan was the wife of Jeff Bloomer, who recently served as the Chairman of the Executive Director of Missions Search Committee for **Dover Baptist Association**.

...to the family of George Condyles, IV who passed away on June 12. George represented **Broadus Memorial Baptist Church** on the Executive Committee.

...to the family of Rev. Berkeley Garnett, who passed away on June 2. Berkeley was a former pastor of **Sharon Baptist Church, Colosse Baptist Church, and Hopeful Baptist Church**. After retiring and serving in several interim pastor roles, Berkeley was a member of **Berea Baptist Church**.

...to the family of James Beith, who passed away on June 1. James was the son of Paul and Sharon Beith; Paul is a former Pastor of **Pioneer Baptist Church**.

...to the family of Nellie Holmes, who passed away on May 23. Nellie was the mother of Audrey Holmes, who served as a Trustee for **Dover Baptist Association** and a member of **Samaria Baptist Church**.

Dover WMU News

Missions Awareness Day

Thursday, July 21 — 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Ridge Baptist Church, 1515 Eastridge Road, Henrico, 23229

The speakers are Lydia in Central Asia and Kelly with Asian Pacific Rim Peoples.

Registration: Please register the number of attendees and indicate the number and ages of the children. Activities for children will be available as part of the program. Contact Darlene Herod at (804) 289-8435 or kingherod@earthlink.net

The host church will provide beverages and desserts. Attendees should bring their own box/bag lunch.

Spiritual Enrichment Retreat

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, giving her your name and the name of the church you attend. All dinner reservations requested need to be paid for at the door.

Program begins at 7 p.m. featuring Valerie Carter Smith, Executive Director/Treasurer of the Virginia WMU. All are welcome to attend.

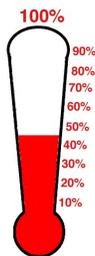
Leslie and Hazel Watson Association Missions Offering

Goal: \$28,500

Received as of June 20:
\$12,478.54

Thank You!!

Visit www.doverbaptist.org/resources/amo or call us at (804) 550-1980 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

WWW.BAPTISTLEADERS.ORG

(804) 314-0294



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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.

Pastors Health Network - Book Discussion

"Celebration of Discipline", by Richard J. Foster
Tuesday, July 26, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Dover Office

Raceway Ministries Essential Update Meeting [Orientation]

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

Personnel Changes

- **Indian View Baptist Church** welcomed Paul McDaniel as their Pastor on June 1.
- **Gochland Baptist Church** welcomed Sharon Condrey as their Minister to Families on June 12.
- **Western Hanover Church** welcomed Teresa Kannan McRoberts as their Pastor on June 1.

Positions Available

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

Black Creek Baptist Church seeks a Minister of Music (part-time). Visit www.doverbaptist.org/category/jobs 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 (part-time). Visit www.doverbaptist.org/associate-pastor-part-time 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

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.

North Run Baptist Church seeks a Youth Minister (part-time). Visit www.doverbaptist.org/youth-minister-part-time-north-run for more information and/or to apply.

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.

Ridge Baptist Church seeks an Associate Pastor (full-time). The Associate Pastor shall assist the Senior Pastor in matters related to the pastoral leadership of the church. For more information, visit www.ridgechurch.org [scroll to bottom of the page].

Shalom Baptist Church seeks a Family Minister (full-time). Visit www.shalombaptist.net/employment for more information. Shalom is also seeking an Administrative Position to Support Children & Youth (part-time). Visit www.shalombaptist.net/employment for more information and/or apply.

Taylorsville Baptist Church is prayerfully seeking a Pastor (full-time). For more information, visit www.taylorsvillebaptist.org/careers.

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