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Save the Date:

The Gathering:

A regional Youth Worship, Fellowship & Discipleship Event

Hosted by Mount Vernon Baptist Church

11220 Nuckols Road, Glen Allen

Friday Evening, April 22 & All-day Saturday, April 23

For more information contact: Matt Boschen (mboschen@mvbcnow.org) or the Dover office.

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 Youth Ministers' Lunch

Thursday, February 3, 12:30 p.m.

Mount Vernon Baptist Church—Youth Room

Pastors Health Network - Book Discussion

"Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to

Holy Friday", by: Amy-Jill Levine

Tuesday, February 15, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Dover Office & Zoom

Sunday School Directors' Meeting

Monday, February 28, 7 p.m.

Contact Steve Smith for more information.

Dover Council

Tuesday, March 8, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Dover Office & Zoom

Dover WMU Retreat

Saturday, March 12, 9 a.m. to Noon

North Run Baptist Church

(See page 3 for more information)

Scholarships Applications Due in March

The Paul Hepler Scholarship is due on Tuesday, March 15.

Please see page 2 or visit www.doverbaptist.org/resources/grants-and-scholarships/hepler-scholarship for more information and/or apply.

The Carolyn Hollins Memorial Scholarship is due on Friday, March 25.

Please see page 3 or visit www.doverbaptist.org/wmu for more information and/or apply.

2022 Mileage Rate Increase

On January 1, 2022, the standard mileage rate increased to 58.5 cents per mile for business miles driven. For more information, visit: www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-issues-standard-mileage-rates-for-2022.

Church & Clergy Tax Seminar

February 24, 2022 - 9:30 a.m. until Noon

Location: Virginia Baptist Resource Center

2828 Emerywood Parkway, Henrico 23294

Register: www.bgav.org/events

All aspects of compensation will be covered to help minimize your risk and potential for substantial penalties resulting from non-compliance with State and Federal Tax Laws.

Cost for BGAV-member church: \$15/non-BGAV-member church: \$30.

Contact Angela House, angela.house@bgav.org

or (804) 915-5000 ext. 5293 for more information.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
(Romans 12:17-21 NIV)

Mike, Mark, My Dad & Me: A Race Relationship Story

by: Win Davis, Dover DoM

In the fall of 1977, I suffered a concussion playing high school football. I don't remember much, but my mother still recounts the story, noting that when she arrived at the emergency room, I was singing and slurring, at the same time. She also recounts an event following those Friday Night Lights so powerful that it carved an image that is still etched in her rapidly decreasing memory more than four decades later – the night a black boy stayed at our house.

Mike Ford was our high school's star running back. He is also a good friend who embraces me each year I return to my high school homecoming game, where I watch him, still excelling on the field, but now as a seasoned coach, instead of a gifted player. As you've probably surmised, Mike is that "black boy" my mother still remembers, who would not leave my side following my injury. As my mother recounts the story, she offered to make up a bed for Mike on the couch in our small two-bedroom home, but my friend refused, insisting that he sit by my side all night. I can only imagine what my deeply rooted Southern prejudicial parents thought as they retired for the night, knowing as they slept, a young black man stayed in their home, drank from their glasses, and used their one and only bathroom. What I would like to think happened, is they began to judge my friend, not by the color of his skin, but by the content of his character.

Fast forward 20 years. My father is now in New York City for the first time since he arrived at New York Harbor after serving in World War II. I have invited him to stay with me while I attend a conference and coincidentally it's the week of Veteran's Day. He is about to meet another black friend of

mine, who like my friend Mike, has gained much notoriety, but on a national scale. My friend is award winning journalist and co-host of CBS This Morning, Mark McEwen. After Mark wraps up the show, he comes out and I introduce him to my dad. We chit chat for a few moments and I let him know this



is my dad's first time in New York since he came home from the war. Mark extends his hand and gives my father a firm and warm handshake, while telling him, "Mr. Davis, it is a pleasure to meet you. Thank you so much for serving our country." Probably making more time for us than his busy schedule allowed, Mark bids us goodbye. As my dad and I walked away from Studio 57 and through

downtown Manhattan, my father stopped, looked me in the eyes, and said, "You know, I may have to change my thinking about some things."

Perhaps all of us need to change our thinking about some things, now and then. The key to building stronger race relations, is not tearing down those who don't quite yet get it, but building strong personal relationships with those who don't look like us. Looking back, I can't say my friends Mike and Mark completely rooted out my father's racial prejudices, but I know they struck a blow against bigotry as they heaped burning coals of kindness, care, and respect on my father's headstrong perceptions. I also believe that this spirit of love they exemplified helped open my father's heart to another man of color, who he also rejected for much of his life – Jesus Christ.

2022 Hepler Scholarship Applications Due by Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Who Can Apply for the Hepler Scholarship? I'm glad you asked.....

This scholarship fund is available to any person who is a member of a Dover Association Baptist church for at least one year prior to his/her application being submitted.

The application must be approved by the church.

The applicant must be planning to pursue a baccalaureate or graduate degree in an accredited college, university or seminary. Seminary students must attend a college accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The school may be denominational or non-denominational in Virginia or a Baptist institution out of state.

Applications are due in the Dover Office by Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

For more information, visit: www.doverbaptist.org/resources/grants-and-scholarships/hepler-scholarship

Pray For These

The leaders of **Famaden Memorial Institute, our Dover Staff, and in Dover's churches:**

February 6: **Cool Spring Baptist Church**

Brad Hoffmann, Senior Pastor; Wayne Smith, Ted Tussey, Greg English, Bryan Dupuis, Brenda Kidd, Derek Nicksich, Jill Baughan, Sharon Neeley, Nicole Moore, Candace Nahodil, Laurie Spiers, Linda McNally, Kim Young, Shane Standlick, Melvin Terry, Mark Billups, Tammy Billups, Tyler English, Wendy Shaw, Glen Bohannon, Pam Cross, Greg Marble, Alexandra Freed, Morgan Baylor, Mark Grumbles, Marty Rowe, Steve Rowe, Jen Willard, Chama Elliott

February 13: **Corinth Baptist Church**

Ben Caldwell, Pastor; Tony Vines

February 20: **Cornerstone Christian Church**

Carla Dillard, Pastor; Pam Hughes, Jim Hargrove

February 27: **Deep Run Baptist Church**

Rick Allison, Pastor; Dreama Hill, Wilma Carwile, Terry Jones, Andrea Mason, Ken Nett

Dover Baptist Church

without a pastor; Donna Martin, Randall McGuire, Janice Gordon

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

Arabic	Hopewell	Taylorville
Beulah	Indian View	Western Hanover
Dover	Mechanicsville	
Hardy Central	New Bethesda	

Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to the family of Lori Taylor, who passed away on January 7. Lori was the Ministry Assistant at **Kentwood Heights Baptist Church.**

...to the family of Rev. Bill Ellis, who passed away on January 4. Bill was a former Associate Pastor at **Ashland, First Baptist Church.**

Personnel Changes

- Rev. Abbie Duenckel concluded her service as the Minister for Christian Discipleship and Outreach at **Ridge Baptist Church** on January 2.

Dover WMU News

Women's Mini-Retreat

Saturday, March 12 — 9:00 a.m. to Noon
North Run Baptist Church
2100 Lydell Drive, Henrico, 23228

Special guest speaker: Theresa Mills
(Radio Host- WPER: Contemporary Christian Radio Station)

Cost: Free (Breakfast & snacks will be provided). This will be a time for spiritual enrichment, study, music, missions, fellowship, and lots of fun.

Reservations: Contact Michelle Brown at dmbrown6068@aol.com or (804) 928-2927 to sign up by Friday, March 4th. Please give your name, your phone number, and the name of your church when you make the reservation.

Theme: RELENTLESS

“But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.” (Hebrews 10:39)

This event is sponsored by the Dover WMU.

Carolyn Hollins Memorial Scholarship

Application deadline is Friday, March 25.
Visit www.doverbaptist.org/wmu to apply, or contact Beth Ward at (804) 262-3612 for more information.

WMU Recycling Challenge:

During the month of December 418 pounds were collected.
Thank you: Antioch, Berea, Colosse, Mt. Olivet, New Bethesda, North Run, Walnut Grove, and WMU Council
Sept. to Dec. Total = **994 pounds**
More information will come on the event for the dedication at CrossRoads Camp. We are going to do our best to have every Church that took part in the recycling challenge name on the plaque and placed on the bench.



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Sam Duenckel, Associate for Missions
Sandy Weakley, Executive Assistant
Sue Hall, Ministry Assistant
Steve Smith, Associate for Ministry to Church Leaders

Positions Available

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

Beulah Baptist Church located in beautiful, rural King William County, VA seeks a caring, engaging and knowledgeable Pastor (full-time). The Pastor should have a gift for preaching as well as be able to perform other duties involving pastoral care, spiritual care, and leadership. We seek a pastor who will help promote and encourage our church mission: "to reach, lead, and grow people in experiencing the love and salvation of God in Jesus Christ." Seminary degree and at least five years experience preferred. To find out more about Beulah, please visit www.beulahbaptistva.org. Please send resumes to:

beulahbaptistpastoralsearch@gmail.com

Dover Baptist Church seeks a youth and children's director (part-time) to work with our young people ages 10-18. To learn more about the position and how to apply, please visit our website: www.doverbc.org/youth-childrens-director-job-description

Hopeful Baptist Church seeks a Youth Minister (part-time). In partnership with their parents and families, the Youth Minister of Hopeful Baptist Church will lead the development of biblical content, activities, and plans for middle/high school students and college-age young adults. Visit www.doverbaptist.org/youth-minister-part-time-3 for more information and/or apply.

Kentwood Heights Baptist Church seeks a Secretary (part-time). This is an hourly position, approximately 15-20 hours per week Mon.-Thur. For more information, visit www.kentwoodheights.org for full job description under "Job Openings". To apply, send resumes to smitty5263@kentwoodheights.org

Kentwood Heights Baptist Church seeks an Associate Pastor for Children & Youth (full-time). The candidate should have a God-given passion for children and youth and a desire to minister to their families. Compensation range: \$45-\$55k. For more information, visit www.kentwoodheights.org for full job description under "Job Openings". To apply, send resumes to smitty5263@kentwoodheights.org

Pioneer Baptist Church seeks a pianist /organist (part-time: approximately 4 hours a week). Must be able to work with Pastor and music director. Must be able to work every Sunday morning for worship service, Wednesday night choir practice and any special events during the year like sing-spirations and etc. If interested please contact Pioneer Baptist Church, 3140 Darbytown Road, Henrico, VA 23231 or call (804) 795-1051.

Shalom Baptist Church seeks a Family Minister (full-time). The Family Minister will give primary focus to youth and serve as primary speaker. Will also provide general oversight to all ministries that minister to children from birth to 12th grade. For more information and/or apply, visit www.shalombaptist.net.

Taylorsville Baptist Church is prayerfully seeking a Pastor (full-time) who can effectively preach/teach the Word of God. The candidate must also be able to fulfill the spiritual needs of the church through engaging pastoral ministries and effective outreach programs. For more information, visit www.taylorsvillebaptist.org/careers.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church seeks a Minister to Families and Youth (full-time) to assist the pastor with supporting and innovating youth and children's ministries. Visit www.doverbaptist.org/category/jobs for more information.

From our neighbors:

Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church seeks a Pastor (part-time). Request our Church Profile and send resumes to: pastorsearch@cabcvva.org by January 15, 2022.

Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church seeks a Church Organist or Pianist (part-time). The position is part-time, estimated to require an average of 4 hours per week. Resumes may be sent to: musicsearch@cabcvva.org

Tomahawk Baptist Church seeks a Worship Leader (part-time) for our 'blended style' worship service. Please send resumes or inquiries to apply@tomahawkchurch.org

The Virginia Baptist Foundation seeks a Controller (full-time) to join their team. For more information, visit www.doverbaptist.org/controller-full-time.