



Dover Diary

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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.

Dover Youth Ministers' Lunch

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

Mount Vernon Baptist Church—Youth Room
Contact Matt Boschen at (804) 517-3207 or
mboschen@mvcnow.org to RSVP.

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 4 for more information)

Pastors Health Network - Book Discussion

"The Lord's Prayer", by Adam Hamilton

Tuesday, March 22, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Dover Office & Zoom

Sunday School Directors' Meeting

Monday, March 28, 7 p.m.

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

Dover Baptist Association Semiannual Meeting and Hands-on Ministry Opportunity

Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Registration & Brunch begin at 9:30 a.m.

Mount Vernon Baptist Church, 11220 Nuckols Rd, Glen Allen 23059

You're invited to join your Dover Baptist family for our Semiannual Meeting. This year we've included a time of fellowship (brunch) before and ministry with our youth after our meeting. Dover churches may send voting messengers to this meeting (see below). In addition to voting messengers, the Association invites any Dover Baptist and their guests to share in this inspiring meeting and ministry event.

Elect your Messengers! Article 4 of Dover's Constitution states:

Each member church shall be entitled to send two messengers to Annual, Semiannual and special Called Association Meetings. A church that contributes at least \$400 to the General Fund during the Association's previous fiscal year shall be entitled to have three (3) messengers.

An additional messenger is added for each additional \$400 contribution to the General Fund up to a maximum of seven (7) messengers for any church.



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

Register: www.mvbcnow.org/gathering

Whether you have 1 or 100 in your youth group, you're invited!

The Gathering begins, Friday, April 22 with check-in at 7 pm, followed by worship and teaching by renowned Christian speaker Dr. Scott Pace.

For more information, visit www.mvbcnow.org/gathering

Pray For These

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

March 6: East Gate Baptist Church

Catherine Lee, Pastor; Griendora McDowell, Georgia Kelly

Elon Baptist Church

Randy Secrist, Pastor; Beth Reed, Sharon Secrist

March 13: Emmaus Baptist Church

Tim Madison, Pastor; Sylvia Coates, Heather Torrence

March 20: Fort Lee Baptist Church

Michael Jordan, Pastor; Michelle Hancock, Susan Nowell

Four Mile Creek Baptist Church

Mike McMeniman, Pastor; Susanne Ricks, Diana Pepler

March 27: Glen Allen Baptist Church

Melissa Fallen, Pastor; William Crowder, Jr., Sharon West,

Glenn West, Janet Kessler, Debbie Gordon, Kay Landry,

Debbie Mitchell, David Miller, Cheryl Ender

Gochland Baptist Church

Curt Kruschwitz, Pastor; Jennifer Russell

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

Arabic

Hopewell

New Highland

Beulah

Indian View

Taylorsville

Dover

Mechanicsville

Western Hanover

Hardy Central

New Bethesda

Pray for Ukraine



Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 13

Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to the family of Fred Allison, who passed away on February 12. Fred was the father of Rick Allison, who serves as Pastor of **Deep Run Baptist Church**.

Daniel then said to the guard whom the chief official had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, "Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food and treat your servants in accordance with what you see." So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days. At the end of the ten days, they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. (Daniel 1:11-15 NIV)

David, Daniel, and The Practicality of Biblical Discipline

by: Win Davis, Dover DoM

In his book "David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants," bestselling author Malcolm Gladwell offers a practical explanation for David's historic defeat of odds-on favorite and "Philistine fall guy" Goliath. "First," Gladwell observed, "David's sling is a devastating weapon, one of the most feared in the ancient world. "The stone that comes from his sling had the stopping power equivalent to a bullet from a .45 caliber pistol," Gladwell notes. In addition, David wasn't just some sheepish sheep herder, but, as the Bible notes, experienced in defending his flock against ferocious beasts. David was already experienced in preserving a population from potential annihilation. The only difference is that the frightened sheep and bloodthirsty beast now walked and prowled on two feet instead of four.

As I was thinking about the practicality of God's Word, I thought about how God has designed our bodies, minds, and spirits to react positively to spiritual discipline. As a former professional foodie, I have often thought about the practicality of Daniel abstaining from King Nebuchadnezzar's royal food and wine - meats and fermented beverages, that were neither

prepared nor preserved with the food safety practices of today. I've thought about how the royal food would have been foreign and spiritually defiling to the kosher constitutions of these perfect young physical specimens (Daniel 1:4). I've thought about how limiting their diets to a routine that already included regular fasting to accompany their prayers, may have been their healthiest option.

Theologians and even secular psychologists and nutritionists have touted the distinct advantages of prayer, fasting and (Christ-centered) meditation. Multiple scientific studies continue to validate the physical, mental, and spiritual benefits of Biblical spiritual discipline.

As you begin to prepare your hearts, minds, and bodies for the celebration of Christ's resurrection, this Easter, I want to encourage you in your regular time of prayer, fasting, and meditation. I encourage you to honor what the Apostle Paul called "temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God (1 Corinthians 6:19)." It's both practical and pleasing to God.

Personnel Changes

- **Pioneer Baptist Church** welcomed Mary Lou Kline as their Pianist on February 6.
- Kelly Anderson concluded his service as the Minister to Students at **Goochland Baptist Church** on February 6.
- **Dover Baptist Church** welcomed William Tuck as their Interim Pastor on February 1.
- Rusty Mullins concluded his service as the Senior Pastor for **New Highland Baptist Church** on January 31.
- Jennifer Mullins concluded her service as the Associate Pastor for **New Highland Baptist Church** on January 31.
- **Grace Chinese Baptist Church** welcomed David Kim as their Student Director on January 1.

Scholarships Applications Due in March

The Paul Hepler Scholarship is due on Tuesday, March 15. 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. Visit www.doverbaptist.org/wmu for more information and/or apply.

Positions Available

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

Berea Baptist Church seeks an Associate Pastor for Congregational Life (full-time). The candidate will work closely with the Senior Pastor, Deacon Board, Staff, and Church Committees to coordinate, oversee, and implement the various dimensions of congregational care ranging from developing inter-generational initiatives designed to meet the discipleship and personal needs of a growing congregation, pastoral care, and media operations at the church. For more information and/or apply, visit www.berea-baptist-church.org/job-opportunities

Berea Baptist Church seeks a Church Administrative Manager (full-time). The candidate will provide general administrative support to church members, staff, and committees, provide financial reporting assistance, and support facility and grounds matters as necessary. For more information and/or apply, visit www.berea-baptist-church.org/job-opportunities

Beulah Baptist Church seeks a caring, engaging and knowledgeable Pastor (full-time). To find out more about Beulah, please visit www.beulahbaptistva.org.

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

Goochland Baptist Church seeks a Minister to Families (part-time). The candidate will have exciting opportunities to plan and oversee ministry to all age groups, giving particular focus to children and students. This position is a part-time, 20 hour/week job. Goochland Baptist Church is a loving church family with a real desire to bless our community. If you're interested in applying for the Minister to Families position, please send a resume to goochlandchurch@gmail.com. For the full job description, visit www.goochlandchurch.org/employment

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 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

Mechanicsville Baptist Church seeks an Interim Contemporary Worship Leader (part-time, 12-14 hours per week). Requirements include experience leading within a musical group composed of musicians and singers. Please send resumes or inquiries to judi.culver@gmail.com.

Mount Vernon Baptist Church seeks a Childcare Worker (part-time). For more information and/or apply, please visit www.mvbcnow.org/jobs

Shalom Baptist Church seeks a Family Minister (full-time). For more information and/or apply, visit www.shalombaptist.net.

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) to assist the pastor with supporting and innovating youth and children's ministries. Visit www.doverbaptist.org/category/jobs for more information.



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NASCAR Race Weekend Friday, April 1 through Sunday, April 3

All volunteers or anyone interested in learning more about this ministry are required to attend an orientation/training session on Tuesday, March 22 at 7 p.m. - Dover Baptist Association, 11006 Lakeridge Pkwy, Ashland, and on Zoom*.

God provides opportunities to minister at Richmond Raceway. Dover, Richmond, and Middle District Baptists may respond. **Pray for the ministry. Invite someone to volunteer with you. NO COOKIES NEEDED FOR THIS RACE WEEKEND.**

Call Charles Ward at 804-262-3612 (please leave a message: name and number and Charles will call back) or e-mail abcdward73@yahoo.com and tell him you want to be a part of this ministry.

*To register for Zoom, contact: sam.duenckel@doverbaptist.org

Spiritual Care Training (A BGAV Chaplaincy Training Event)

Dates: April 24-27
 Location: Baptist General Association of Virginia
 2828 Emerywood Pkwy, Henrico, VA 23294

Baptist Chaplaincy Relations will host a Spiritual Care Training Event on April 24-27 at BGAV for church leaders/staff. (Courses/registration information available at www.texasbaptists.regfox.com/2022-bgav-spiritual-care-training). The Dover Baptist Association will provide ten \$50 matching scholarships for the first 10 pastors/leaders who sign up and turn in a copy of their registration. If you combine that with \$50 from the BGAV, participants would only need to pay \$50 for training that often costs over \$400 when offered outside the Spiritual Care Training event. Contact Sam Duenckel at Dover to reserve your scholarship before registering for the conference; by email: sam.duenckel@doverbaptist.org or call (804) 550-1980.

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).

Reservations: Contact Michelle Brown at dmbrown6068@aol.com or (804) 928-2927 to sign up by Friday, March 4th.

WMU Recycling Challenge:

We have earned Crossroads a recycling Bench!
 Everyone is invited to a Dedication event for the Bench at Camp CrossRoads on May 21, 2022

Time: 11:15 a.m.

Location: Camp Crossroads
 2247 Little Piney Road, Lowesville 22967

Lunch at 12 p.m.

Cost: age 3 and under: free, age 4 to 7: \$5, age 8 and up: \$10

Visit www.doverbaptist.org/wmu for information and to download the flyer. You may pay online or by check.

DEADLINE: Sunday, May 1 — non-refundable.

Collection by church/group:

Berea	595	Walnut Grove	64.35
Mount Olivet	200.8	WMU Council	17.5
Antioch	145	Colosse	13.65
North Run	88.5	New Bethesda	10.2

Total during Challenge = 1,135 pounds

Come be part of the dedication and see what

Camp CrossRoads has to offer for you and your church groups!