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The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.—Matthew 28: 5-6

What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. —James 4:14

If I'm being honest, I confess I was annoyed. Not that "You're standing on my last nerve," annoyance, but more, the annoyed I get when the grocery store express check-out line says No More Than Twelve Items, and the guy in front of me clearly has exceeded his dozen, by a lot. It was supposed to be a simple drop-off. I pulled into the parking lot of the post office with a single envelope to put in the mail slot, but the car in front of me stopped abruptly in the lane that clearly says No Parking or Waiting at Any Time! (There's not really an exclamation point, but there should be.) I swerved around the car and pulled in the first open parking spot, thinking "Should I say something or not?" As I bounded out of my truck, and walked in the building, the car was still just parked. No one got out. No one got in. As I walked out, I felt my heart sink, and my guilty conscience kick into overdrive, because as I looked into the vehicle a very elderly couple sat there. I hadn't noticed that the handicapped parking slots were full. The old man struggled to get out. He shakily pulled his mask up to cover his nose and mouth and clamped his hand on the railing to steady himself as he navigated down the steep steps. Attempting to ease my guilt, I smiled and asked, "How are you doing, sir?" "I'm still here," he replied, as he continued his arduous journey to walk the 15 or so yards to drop off his single envelope.

"I'm still here." Ever since my encounter with that man, I've been haunted by the Holy Ghost to revisit the question why God has me here, at this time. Like you, God has put people in front of me who are hurting, weary, *exhausted* from not seeing the fruits of their labor. Almost daily, God puts people in our paths, who have never felt the love of Jesus and calls us to be His ambassadors. Every day, God opens wide the gates of opportunity to show love and compassion to the server who brings us the wrong order, the guy with too many items in the express check-out line, the elderly couple parked in the No Parking zone.

**I'm
Still
Here**



Recently, I had dinner with a group of Christian leaders to discuss how our respective organizations could lead like Jesus together. As we fellowshiped, a single waitress worked fervently to accommodate our every request. As she moved to check on each guest, the Holy Spirit moved among us, and a single question was asked, "How might we pray for you?" A little choked up, the waitress asked us to pray for her son, who had just enlisted in the military. We got up, encircled her, and prayed for her son's safety and for her, the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. Every person we encounter needs to know, "How can I pray for you?"

At the end of this month, we will celebrate the most significant event in human history, the sacrificial death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In this day of mass media and digital communication, it has been proven over and over that the most effective way we can get others to experience Easter Sunday is to personally invite them to worship.

This Easter the Dover Baptist Association is working with our Central Virginia Raceway Ministries and Richmond Raceway to invite NASCAR fans to a special afternoon Easter worship service before the race. They will hear well-known drivers and their wives share their testimonies. Our prayer is that for every Christian who comes, they will invite an unbeliever, or hurt, once-was-a-believer, to hear how God loves them so much, He gave His one and only Son for them. This month we will also announce new mission opportunities to serve the lost, and those Jesus called, the least of these. This month, as we continue to prepare our hearts and minds for Easter, it would be a great time to pray, "I'm still here. Lord, what would you have me to do?" God bless.—Arnold 'Win' Davis, Executive Director

For more information about Richmond Raceway's Easter Service and Mission Opportunities, see page 3 and visit:

<http://fevo-enterprise.com/event/CentralVirginia>

DBA Upcoming Events & Deadlines

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

Weekly Pastor/Minister Support Group, Dover Office
Mondays, 9:30 a.m. and Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

DWMU Event: ILC Tour* Int'l Learning Center, Rockville
Saturday, March 2, 10 a.m.—noon
*optional lunch to follow

Dover Council Meeting, Dover Office
Tuesday, March 19, 1 p.m. ****DATE CHANGE****

Pastor Health Network, Dover Office
Wednesday, March 13, noon—2p.m.

Deadline for Dropoff Items for Central VA Raceway Ministries, Dover Office
Thursday, March 28, 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

EASTER Service & Race, Richmond Raceway
Sunday, March 31, 2024, 3 p.m. Worship Service & 7 p.m. NASCAR Race (Get discounted tickets [here](#))

To access our public calendar please check out our website homepage: www.doverbaptist.org

Save the Date

2024 Dover WMU Council Meetings, Dover Office
April 22, July 22, & October 14, 6:30 p.m.

TEEN GIRLS: SHINE CONFERENCE

Registration: <https://www.wmuv.org/events/shine2024>



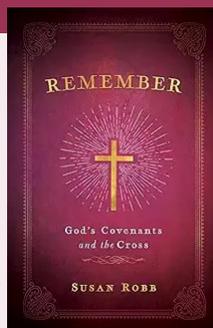
Join the WMUV March 22-24 at Shine, a weekend for girls grades 6-12 @CrossRoads Camp & Conference Center! The weekend begins with worship on Friday at 7:30 p.m. and conclude on Sunday before lunch. We'll explore how God calls us to be His children, taken from Ephesians 4:1, "I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling you have received."

Pastor Health Network

Meets March 13th, noon—2 p.m.
Remember: *God's Covenant and the Cross*
By Susan Robb

Currently available on Amazon \$17.99 and Cokesbury & Christian Book Distributors \$13.40.

Group Contact: Rev. Greg Soutl,
bowtiepastor@gmail.com



Personnel Changes Please Welcome

...Rev. Spencer Dillard, who has accepted the call to serve as Senior Pastor at **Cornerstone Community Church** in West End Henrico.

...David "Dack" Axelle as the new Worship Leader at **Walnut Grove Baptist Church** in Mechanicsville.

...Zachary Perkins as the new Director of Worship and Music at **Poplar Springs Baptist Church**.



Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

The staff at Dover Baptist Association wishes you a very happy Easter! May you always remember Our Lord thinks you are to die for (Romans 5:8).

Blessings, Win, Sue, Steve, & Claire

refuel ONE DAY CONFERENCE

April 9, 9 a.m.—2 p.m. @Kingsland Baptist Church
8801 Perrymont Road, Richmond, VA— FREE!

Register: <https://libertychurchnetwork.com/event/refuel-one-day-richmond-va/>

Regional Missions Trip Opportunity

**8-10 Churches
Needed for
Missions Trip
Work Between
Now & September**

The Need:

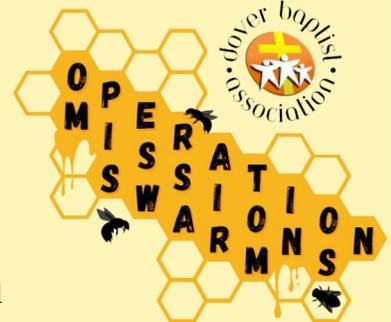
The Bruce Outreach Center, Westernport, Maryland owns an old high school and is in need of facility assistance in order to make their dream of a Christ-centered addiction treatment center and homeless shelter for their community a reality!

The Details:

BOC Pastor David will assign facility project(s), determine supply of materials for the project, and complete overall planning. For volunteer lodging, BOC has A/C/heated rooms to sleep in, a kitchen for meal preparation, shower facilities, a gym for evening fun and games, and an auditorium and meeting rooms for worship and Bible studies.

CONTACT

Colosse Baptist Church's Pastor Jeff Mills at 804-338-9615 or pastorjmill@gmail.com



Pray For These

The leaders of **Famaden Memorial Institute**, our **Dover Staff**, and all **Dover churches**:

March 3

East Gate — Rev. Griendora McDowell (Senior Pastor), Georgia Kelly

Elon — Rev. Randy Secrist (Senior Pastor) Beth Reed, Sharon Secrist

March 10

Emmaus — Dr. Tim Madison (Senior Pastor), Sylvia Coates, Heather Torrence

March 17

Fort Lee—Rev. Michael Jordan (Senior Pastor), Susan Nowell

Four Mile Creek—Rev. Tom Gaskins (Interim Pastor), Susanne Ricks, Diana Peppler

March 24

Glenn Allen—Dr. Melissa Fallen (Senior Pastor), Darie Lee, Ann Carter, Janet Kessler, Kay Landry, Debbie Mitchell, Debbie Gordon

Goochland—Dr. Curt Kruschwitz (Senior Pastor), Sharon Condrey

March 31

Grace Chinese—Pastor Ro Penaranda (Senior Pastor), Peter Li, Evelyn Yao, David Kim

Grace Community—Dr. Chris Jones (Senior Pastor), Rev. Jared Snead, Julie Newton, Brenda Burnett

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

Arabic	Indian View	Parham Road
Four Mile Creek	Mechanicsville	Sharon
Hillcrest	Pamunkey Indian	

Dover Expresses Our Sympathy

To the family and friends of Bonnie King, wife of former Dover messenger Bob King of Berea Baptist Church, who passed away on February 10, 2024.

To the family and friends of Brenda Baldwin, mother of Pastor John Baldwin of Berea Baptist Church, who passed away on February 14, 2024.

To the family and friends at Walnut Grove Baptist Church in the passing Evelyn Branham on February 19, 2024.

To the family and friends at Walnut Grove Baptist Church in the passing of Randy Worrell, age 61.



YOU can help us reach the fans at the Richmond Raceway!

2024 Richmond Raceway Dates

March: Sat. 30 & **EASTER SUNDAY 31**

August: Sat. 10 & Sun. 11

We need help to:

- Distribute homemade cookies & **EASTER EGGS!** 2-3 cookies per bag with a label including if they are nut-free and “compliments of [your church].” Non-taped, plastic eggs need *wrapped* candy. Please ensure cookies are labeled as nut-free if applicable and note from the church providing them. Candy in eggs should be factory-sealed (e.g. No: loose jellybeans, Yes: fun size M&Ms packet). Please do not tape eggs shut.
- Set-up under the tents and in Lot F.
- Transport the tables and chairs, igloos, etc. to be used during the race times
- Distribute the "cup of cold water," lemonade, and cookies.
- Maintain tables where we give out free Bibles, tracts, New Testaments, etc.
- Hand out flyers before races to advertise worship services and big celebration Sunday afternoon.
- Guide the fans around the track.
- Run games/matchbox car races, paint faces, & serve snow-cones and popcorn at our Kids Corner locations.

To volunteer or ask questions, please call Charles Ward at 804-317-0094 to get info for your short online, self-paced training. Cookies/Easter eggs do not require training and can be dropped off **no later than March 28th** at the Dover Baptist Association Office.

DWMU News

The **Woman's Missionary Union (WMU)**, founded in 1888 as an auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention, is the world's largest Protestant women's missions organization.

Easter Egg and Cookies Mission Project

Drop-off at Dover Baptist Association prior to March 28

We need not only bags of cookies for Central Virginia Raceway Ministries (CVRM), but also stuffed plastic Easter eggs for the Easter egg hunt at Richmond Raceway! Please see directly above CVRM section for instructions.



Mechanicsville Baptist Church, 8106 Atlee Rd.

FREE event

Refreshments and snacks will be available for cash-only purchase.



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Positions Available

Visit www.doverbaptist.org/jobs for all openings or click hyperlinks below in electronic newsletter.

Black Creek Baptist Church seeks a [Musical Accompanist \(part-time\)](#). Any potential applicants can reach out to bliz0204@yahoo.com.

Four Mile Creek Baptist Church seeks a [Music Coordinator \(part-time\)](#) and a [Pastor \(full-time\)](#). Music Coordinator interests, send résumés to ChurchAdmin@FMCBaptist.com. Pastor interests, send résumés to pastorsearch.fmc@gmail.com

Gravel Hill Baptist Church of Richmond seeks a Church [Pianist/Keyboardist \(part-time\)](#). Send résumés to: kej.gravelhill@gmail.com

Hillcrest Baptist Church seeks an [Interim Pastor](#). Send résumés to: Hillcrest804search@gmail.com.

Hopeful Baptist Church seeks an [Assistant Pastor \(full-time\)](#). To inquire: HBC.assistantpastorsearch@gmail.com

Mechanicsville Baptist Church seeks a [Senior Pastor \(full-time\)](#). Send résumés to: searchteam.mbc@gmail.com

Mount Vernon Baptist Church is seeking [Child Care Workers](#). For more info and/or apply: <https://mountvernon.church/careers/>

Pamunkey Indian Baptist Church seeks a [Pastor \(full-time\)](#). Email Aindian02@aol.com.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church seeks a [Minister to Youth and Families \(full-time\)](#). Please send résumés to Office@wgva.church.

Non-Dover Baptist Association Opportunities

Ferry Farm Baptist (Fredericksburg) seeks a [Children & Youth Pastor](#). Send cover letters and résumés to: cyfpastor-search@ferryfarmbc.org

First Baptist Church, Richmond seeks a [Payroll/Accounts Payable Coordinator \(full-time\)](#). Visit: www.fberichmond.org/about/careers

Gayton Baptist Church (Short Pump) seeks a Worship [Pastor \(full-time\)](#). Send résumés to: wpsearch@gayton.church before March 17th.

Hatcher Memorial Baptist (Henrico) seeks a [Church Office Administrator/Communications Coordinator \(part-time\)](#). Send resumes to office@hatcherchurch.org ATTN: Personnel Chair

Oakland Baptist Church (of Goshen Baptist Association) seeks a [Pastor \(full-time\)](#). Send inquiries and/or résumé and cover letter to Denise Brooking, joand Denise57@gmail.com

Skipwith UMC (Henrico) seeks an [Organist/Accompanist \(part-time\)](#). Please contact Donald Myers, Director of Music Ministries, donald.myers@mindspring.com.

Winfree Church (Midlothian) seeks a [Minister of Congregational Care \(part-time\)](#). Send résumés to winfree.search@gmail.com



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