

“Remember the days of old. Consider the years of many generations. Ask your father, and he will show you; Your elders, and they will tell you: (Deuteronomy 32: 7 NKJV)

HISTORIC FOOTSTEPS

My family and I are big hikers. We’ve trekked trails in the Grand Canyon, Grand Tetons and Grandfather Mountain. We’ve climbed inclines in the Canadian and US Rockies and escalated up the elevated shorelines of the Channel and Hawaiian Islands. We’ve waded and walked in Wild Wonderful West Virginia’s streams and paths, wandered down into Death Valley and got a good number of steps in, in the Badlands. Along the way, we always seem to stumble into a local gift shop with T-Shirts and sweatshirts with the same admonition –

***“Take Only Memories.
Leave Only Footprints.”***

Other than taking a few hundred pictures to capture the memories, we pretty much leave everything else alone.

The Dover Baptist Association, our churches, and members have also left footprints over the years, historic footprints. Before there was a Southern Baptist Convention, Virginia state Baptist associations, or state of Virginia, the Dover Baptist Association and our churches

were proclaiming the Gospel and serving as the hands, heart, feet and voice of Jesus. Before our great state became part of a great nation, declaring its independence over 250 years ago, Dover congregations had already formed the body of Christ, known as the local church.

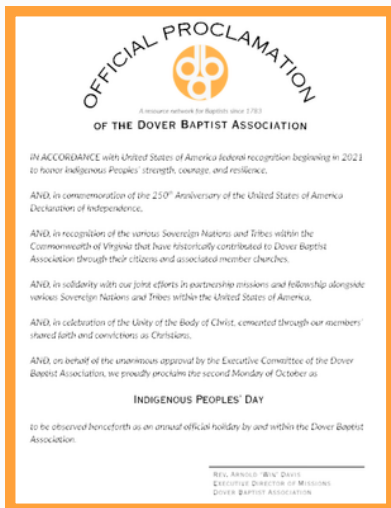


(Dover churches began before the birth of our nation.)

Before the first Baptist pastor preached God’s Word on our nation’s soil, tribal nations of indigenous peoples stewarded God’s creation. Many of their descendants are now key leaders in our Indian Baptist churches, Dover Baptist and Virginia Baptist Associations.

On October 25th, our Dover Baptist Association will celebrate these historic footprints. We’ll recognize our historic churches and formally recognize Indigenous People’s Day as one of our association’s holidays. More important than our past, however, is our future. We’ll report on the positive and powerful impact of our missions, ministries, and new initiatives. We’ll share on our partnerships to protect children, provide resources for our pastors and churches, and reach our communities, nation and world with the Gospel of Jesus. From Appalachia to Africa, your Dover Baptist Association of churches continues to leave historic footprints that will impact generations to come. I encourage you to attend our Annual Meeting and Missions & Ministry Fair, learn about our historic past, and be part of our historic future. God bless.

*Arnold “Win” Davis,
Executive Director of Missions*



DBA Upcoming Events & Deadlines

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

Weekly Pastor/Minister Support Group, Dover Office & Zoom. Mondays, 9:30 a.m. and lunch at Roma's first Wednesday of each month at noon.

October 5 - DWMU Council, 6:30 p.m.

October 6 - CVRM, 9-11 a.m. on Zoom

October 12 - Prayer Team, 10-11 a.m.

October 13 - Dover Exec Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

October 25 - Dover Annual Meeting, Samaria Baptist, 3 p.m.

November 3 - CVRM, 9-11 a.m. on Zoom

December 5 - Lottie Moon Christmas Tea, 2-4 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD:

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

Lottie Moon Christmas Tea
hosted by Shalom Baptist Church
December 5, 2026, 2-4 p.m. Registration is
October 22 to November 15 or
until registration reaches 100



Men's Conference 2026

The Importance of Community

October 17, 2026 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

(Breakfast and Lunch provided)

Shalom Baptist Church

8116 Walnut Grove Rd. Mechanicsville VA

Deadline for Registration is October 10

DOVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
ENCOURAGE | EQUIP | EMPOWER

Stronger Together for His Kingdom

Rest FROM THE Stress

A PASTOR & SPOUSE RETREAT
REST • RECONNECT • RENEW

MEANINGFUL SESSIONS

COUPLE CONNECTION

FUN & ADVENTURE

Come away by yourselves to a quiet place and rest a while.
MARK 6:31

FRIDAY, APRIL 2
6:00 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 3
4:00 PM

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9275 Barnes Rd.
Toano, VA 23168

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION
\$50 PER COUPLE
THROUGH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

REGULAR REGISTRATION
\$100 PER COUPLE
AFTER OCTOBER 25

PASTORS | SPOUSES | STRONGER TOGETHER

243rd

Historic! Annual Meeting

Wear your Red, White & Blue and Join us at **Dover's 243rd Annual Meeting and Missions & Ministry Fair** on Sunday, October 25, beginning at 3 p.m. at Samaria Baptist Church.

Our theme this year is "Historic!" as we celebrate our nation's 250th birthday, and the Dover churches, members and tribes who are part of Dover, and our nation's founding fabric. Special \$250 drawing to wish a Happy Birthday to our Historic Dover Churches and Nation!

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

Send your prayer requests to our Prayer Team at prayers@doverbaptist.org

We humbly request that you PRAY FOR THESE

Dover Staff and all Dover churches, with emphasis for:

October 4: Pioneer: Pastor Ron Shortt, Linda Shortt

October 11: Poplar Springs: Rev. Dr. Malcolm "Mac" Jordan, Rev. Ron Lindquist, Shirley Adkins

October 18: Rappahannock Indian Baptist Church family as they seek a pastor.

October 25: Ridge: Rev. Greg Hetherington, Robert Coffman, Phyllis Coffman, Eliana Trojbiecz, Hannah Hawkins

Lift a special prayer for these churches in transition:

Berea
Hopeful
HopeWELL
Kentwood Heights

New Highland
Oak Hall
Pamunkey Indian
Pioneer

Congratulations & Condolences

Congratulations to Pastor Leroy Davis (and wife Cathy) on his retirement from Hopeful Baptist Church after 16 years of faithful service & 47 years in ministry.

Condolences to the family of Christian servant leader **James E. "Jim" Ukrop**, whose family has been part of the fabric of the Dover Baptist Association for almost a century. Mr. Ukrop, who passed on September 25, 2026, was a former member of Poplar Springs Baptist Church.

Protecting His People. Preparing His Church.

The Faith Based Security Network (FBSN) brings together like-minded men and women committed to helping churches become more intentional, prepared, and effective in protecting the people God has entrusted to their care. Want to learn more or get your church connected?



Steve McLane (Parham Road Baptist)

FBSN Region 3 Leader

Ready, Willing & Able

sbmclane.prbc@gmail.com

804-837-3332

HOW CAN THE WOUNDS OF OUR HEARTS BE HEALED?

A Small Group for Bible-based Trauma Healing

This healing group uses the proven and time-tested model of the Trauma Healing Institute at American Bible Society. Using applied Scripture and best mental health principles, we can help you address spiritual and emotional wounds caused by trauma of war, violence, natural disasters, serious accidents, and abuse.

The group will use the book *Healing the Wounds of Trauma: How the Church Can Help*. It is in use in over 100 countries with more than 194 language groups in Africa, Asia, the Pacific and the Americas. To learn more about the model, the Trauma Healing Institute, and its work in equipping and supporting a global community of workers in trauma care, please visit TraumaHealingInstitute.org.

To register, call 804-746-7253 for Mechanicsville Baptist Church by October 17, 2026.



global missions trip partnership opportunities

Famaden Memorial Institute, a Dover Missions Partner in Liberia, seeks long and short term missionaries!

Contact: j8reev@gmail.com

Operations at Famaden include a school from nursery to high school, a clinic for students and senior citizens, Bible school, churches, and church planting with facilities to attract people for the sharing of the true gospel. They are in definite need of short and long term missionaries, and have a guesthouse to host them. "Hit Pastor Joe Reeves up" if God is calling you to help spread the Gospel and for detailed information at his WhatsApp numbers: 804-437-4986/ 0881235721. You can also email him at j8reev@gmail.com or message him on Facebook Messenger. **WE NEED TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL NOW!!!**

GOOOOOOAL!!!

Thank you Dover churches and individuals who helped make this year's Watson Mission Offering goal! Support for our 2026 WAMO ministries continues to Oct. 31st.



Current 2026 Giving:

\$41,906

towards

2026 GOAL: \$40,000

Q: How do I apply for a Watson Missions Grant?

A: Applications are due prior to October 31st. The 2026 application form and requirements have been **updated** on our website:

doverbaptist.org/watson-missions-grant

Returning applicants, thanks for your patience in the necessary changes to the application made to steward accountability and clarity in our grant process. If you are a 2025 recipient applying for 2026, please do not forget to submit your required 2025 report to our office outlining how the awarded grant was used in order to maintain your eligibility.



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Positions Available

Berea Baptist Church seeks a Senior Pastor (full-time), a Praise and Worship Leader - 8 a.m. Contemporary Service and an Organist (Part-Time). For info or to email résumé: personnel@bereabaptistva.com

Deep Run Child Development Center seeks Teachers/Assistant Teachers (full- and part-time). Send résumé to dmdrbc@gmail.com

Faith Community Academy Elementary (Berea) seeks a 2nd-Grade Elementary School Teacher and Substitute Teachers for the current 2025-2026 school year. For info and employment application, use [this link](#) or email the Academy Director at fca.elementary@bereabaptistva.com

Child Care Development Center, a ministry of First Baptist Church, Ashland, seeks a Director, Lead Teachers, and Assistant Teachers. Interested? Please send your resume to resumes@ashlandccdc.org

HopeWELL Baptist Church seeks a Senior Pastor (full-time). For more info, email the Pastor Search Committee at hbcnk.pastorsearch@gmail.com

Mount Vernon Baptist Church seeks Child Care Workers (part-time), an Audio/Visual Technician, and an Associate Pastor for Adult Discipleship. For more info and/or apply: <https://mountvernon.church/careers/>

New Highland Baptist Church seeks a Senior Pastor (full-time). For info, or to email résumé: seniorpastorsearchnhbc@gmail.com

Northside Baptist Church is seeking an Associate Pastor of Youth and Next Generation. Interested parties may send resumes to: jobs@northsidenext.org

Pioneer Baptist Church seeks a Pastor (full-time). Interested? Please email: office@pioneerbaptist.comcastbiz.net

Sharon Baptist Church seeks a Music Director (part-time). For info or to send résumé: sharonbc@verizon.net or call 804-769-2320

Taylorsville Baptist Church seeks a Youth Minister (part-time) responsible for teaching, nurturing, and encouraging the faith formation of youth in grades 6th - 12th. To apply, submit a brief cover letter, resume & three references to youth.taylorsvillebaptistchurch@gmail.com

Non-Dover Baptist Association Opportunities

Camp Alkulana seeks Camp Counselors (seasonal). Please see <https://alkulana.org/>

Ferry Farm Baptist Church in Fredericksburg seeks a Youth Ministry Coordinator. For more information, visit <https://ferryfarmbc.org/> Interested? Email resume and cover letter by September 20, 2026: ymc-search@ferryfarmbc.org

Gayton Baptist Church seeks a Piano Accompanist (part-time) for the worship band and choir. To apply, please send your resume and a brief cover letter to Office@Gayton.Church

Goshen Baptist Association seeks a Director of Missions (part-time). Interested candidates should submit a resume to gba587m@gmail.com

Mineral Baptist Church seeks an Associate Pastor/Youth Pastor (part-time). Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to searchteam@mineralbaptistchurch.org

Oakland Baptist Church seeks a Pianist. Interested? please call Lesley Alford at 804-512-3854 or Rev. Mark Davis at 540-292-4668.

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church (Clarksburg, WV) seeks a Pastor (full- or part-time). Please submit résumé to hmbcpastsearch@gmail.com