

MAY IS THE WATSON ANNUAL MONTH OF PRAYER & OFFERING EMPHASIS FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

“We Are God’s Fellow Workers” The Leslie & Hazel Watson Offering for Dover Baptist Association Missions 2024 Goal: \$33,000.00

Ministry to Our Baptist Community*

Inner City.....	\$2,500
Famadren Memorial Inst. Partnership....	\$5,000
Standing Rock Reservation Ministry.....	\$1,500
Ministry to Ministers and Families.....	\$1,000
Raceway Ministries.....	\$500
Partnership Missions.....	\$1,000
Faith Goal.....	\$11,500

Ministry to Our Faith Community**

Vulnerable/At-Risk Ministries.....	\$3,000
Investing in Our Youth.....	\$500
Jail Ministries.....	\$1,000
Medical Ministries.....	\$3,000
Pregnancy Ministry.....	\$1,000
Faith Goal.....	\$20,000

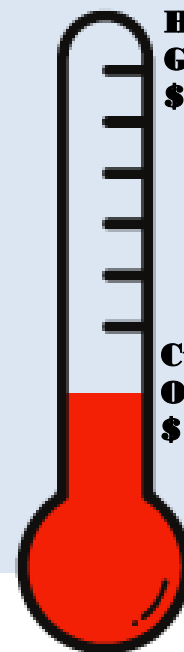
Ministry to Our Greater Community***

Community, Benevolent, Housing, and Other Ministry Grants.....	\$13,000
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Dover Baptists observe a Month of Prayer for Association Missions in May annually. We share specific prayer requests and aim to inform the churches about the role and work of the association. The Month of Prayer helps call attention to and connect Dover Baptists to a variety of local missions and ministries.

You can download the Watson Annual Missions Offering Prayer Guide here: www.doverbaptist.org/wamo

WAMO offering envelopes for emphasis at your church are available at the Dover Baptist Association office.



**Hallelujah
Goal:
\$33,000**

**Current
Offering:
\$11,182.96**

*When gifts total \$11,5000, these items will be paid.

**When gifts total \$20,000, these items will be paid.

***Once the Offering has closed (October 31, 2024) then Dover’s Association Missions Offering Team will consider recipients nominated by Dover churches for possible grants.

Lessons from the Gospel and Spider-Man

When I was a little boy, I lived with my grandparents on their small farm. During that time, my grandmother insisted that I go to the little country church with her in Flint Hill, Virginia. When I was not in my granny’s church, I was often in my room reading Marvel and DC Comics, so it’s probably not surprising that the initial appeal of the Bible, to me, as a child, was that it’s chock-full of superheroes.

I remember my Sunday school teacher, Miss Mable, reading the story of a young boy named David, who saved his people by slaying a giant, named Goliath. As we snacked on her homemade gingerbread cookies, we learned that David had previously killed lions and bears, so God had already prepared him to face Goliath with sling and stones in hand.

As my Bible wisdom and I have grown together, I have learned that God has prepared each of us to face our own giants with metaphorical sling and stones in hand. He often provides the physical, mental, emotional, and most importantly, spiritual resources we need at the time. His Word clearly states that each of us are equipped with God-given talents, and that our Lord expects us not to squander those gifts and resources.

In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus encourages His followers to be faithful and wise managers, always prepared. He notes that “From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.” I remember the first time I ever read those words, as a young

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—Luke 12: 48 (NIV)

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DBA Upcoming Events & Deadlines

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

May is the Month of Prayer Emphasis for Watson Annual Missions Offering.

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

DWMU Annual Event and Dinner, Mt Olivet Baptist Church
Thursday, May 9, 6 p.m. dinner & 7 p.m. event (details below)

Pastor Health Network, Dover Office
Wednesday, May 22, noon—2 p.m.

Looking Ahead...

Dover Council, Dover Office/Zoom
Tuesday, June 11, 1—3 p.m.

Discipleship/Sunday School Leader Dialogue, Dover Office
Monday, June 17, 7 p.m.

Missions Awareness Event, Grace Chinese Baptist Church
Saturday, June 22, 10 a.m.—noon (details below)

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

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.*

ANNUAL DWMU DINNER & EVENT

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024 @6 p.m. (dinner) & 7 p.m. (event)
Mt Olivet Baptist Church | 15583 Coatesville Road | Beaverdam, VA 23015 (15 minutes from downtown Ashland)

Guests are invited to the DWMU Annual Event on Thursday, May 9th at 7 p.m. at Mt Olivet Baptist Church. A 6 p.m. dinner (\$10) is being served, but reservation is required before May 2nd to DWMU Treasurer Cathy Williams (804) 752-2339. Cash or checks payable to "Ruth Evening Circle" may be paid at arrival.

Save the Date

Missions Awareness Event, Grace Chinese BC
Saturday, June 22, 10am - noon, bring your own bag lunch

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

Spiritual Awareness Event, location TBA
Thursday, August 15, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. event
Featured Speaker: Deborah James Winans, "MK" and missionary

ATTENTION CAMPERS!

Request a scholarship to attend Camp CrossRoads from DWMU Director Beth Watson Ward at (804) 709-8395.



CROSSROADS

Dover Expresses Our Sympathy

To daughter and son-in-law Angela and Peter Adkins of Tipi Wakan Ministries and the other family and friends of Diane Adkins Canaday, beloved member of Samaria Baptist Church and the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, who passed away on April 8, 2024.

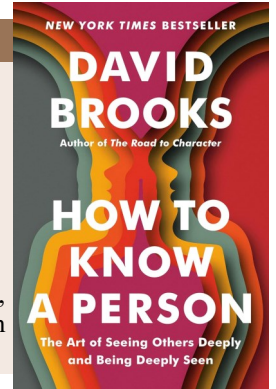
Pastor Health Network

Meets Wednesday, May 22 and June 26, noon—2 p.m. following Pastor Support Group

May Featured Book: *How To Know A Person* by David Brooks

Invite a friend and bring a lunch!

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



Personnel Changes

Please Welcome



...Rev. Dr. Gary Threatt as the new senior pastor at Mechanicsville Baptist Church, who began his ministry on Sunday, April 21, 2024. Here he is pictured with his wife Becky on left. Congratulations!

...Dr. Carol McCann (formerly of Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church) as Pastor of Indian View Baptist Church as called on Sunday, April 14, 2024. Here she is at the pulpit pictured on right. Congratulations!



Please Congratulate

...our **Administrative Assistant, Sue Hall** (Antioch) on her retirement announcement at the Semi-Annual Meeting on April 27, 2024. We are thankful for her over-40 years of ministry service to Dover and being the beloved "voice" of our office. She will truly be missed, but it's surely a retirement well-earned!



2023 Annual Binder and Book of Reports

The 2023 Annual Book of Reports is available on the Dover Baptist Association website for download.

To avoid extraneous spending and copies of printed Book of Reports and Annual Binder 2023 in the digital age, please download and/or print your own copies for personal use on our website: www.doverbaptist.org If this is not possible and you still wish to receive a hardcopy, you may request one from our office.

Pray For These

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

May 5: Hunton – Frank Goare (Senior Pastor), Paige Green, Tanya Shearin, Bruce Swartz, Cathy Truslow, June Eanes, Lillian Brown, Evanne Benson

May 12: Indian View – Carol McCann (Senior Pastor), Brenda McKinney

May 19: Kentwood Heights – Dave Smith (Senior Pastor), Nick Eason, Jennifer Ezzell, Jenne Bickett

May 26: Little Elam – Danny Patterson (Senior Pastor), Daniel Wallace, Julene Branch, Tandra Jones

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

Arabic	Hillcrest	Parham Road
Four Mile Creek	Pamunkey Indian	Sharon

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



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man, and harkened back to my childhood, sheepishly smiling, and recalling the iconic quote from Marvel Comics' Spider-Man, "...with great power, there must also come — Great Responsibility."

Many of us have been granted "great power." God has allowed us to be pastors, teachers, financial stewards, servant leaders, influencers, and unhindered proclaimers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As we enter this month of prayer emphasis on our association's Leslie and Hazel Watson Offering for Dover Baptist Association Missions, I encourage you to learn more about where your great power is being invested and needed most. From the inner city to international missions, from the Indian reservation to inside a lonely jail cell, Christian rehab facility, local food bank, or clothes closet, I promise, your Dover Baptist Association will always strive to be good stewards of the blessings you have provided.

Ultimately, our prayer is that your goal is the same as ours – to glorify and lead others to the real Superman, not the one who wore a cape, but the One Who wore a crown of thorns. God bless.

—Rev. Arnold 'Win' Davis
Executive Director of Missions

Thanks from Central VA Raceway Ministries

I would like to thank all the volunteers for helping in this ministry to the fans each time we have a race at Richmond Raceway. Also thanks to Helen Carter who heads up the Kids Corner and Debbie Carter Rasmussen for coordinating the Chaplain ministry and cart ministry.

Thank you, ladies of the Dover, River City, and Middle District Associations for the cookies/eggs/prayers for this ministry. We look forward to the next races on August 10 and 11, 2024. If you would like to volunteer please call me, and I would be glad to help you know what to do to help. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Charles Ward
CVRM Volunteer Coordinator, 804-317-0094

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...



The Dover Baptist Association "Serve or Observe" Missions Immersion Event and Semi-Annual Meeting took place Saturday, April 27th at host Biltmore Baptist Church.



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Positions Available

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

Berea Baptist Church seeks a [Pianist \(part-time\)](#) for the 11:00 am, Sunday traditional worship service and 7:00 pm Wednesday rehearsals. Send résumés to Bill Miller, millerw71@gmail.com.

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

Colosse Baptist Church seeks an Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper (part-time). Interests should contact Pastor Jeff Mills, 804-338-9615 or pastorjmills@gmail.com.

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

Gravel Hill Baptist Church of Richmond seeks a Church [Pianist/Keyboardist \(part-time\)](#). Send résumés to: [kcj.gravelhill@gmail.com](mailto:kcyj.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](#) and a [Special Needs Ministry Assistant for Students](#) (part-time).

For more info and/or apply: <https://mountvernon.church/careers/>

New Highland Baptist Church seeks an [Accompanist \(part-time\)](#). Send résumés to: djevers254@gmail.com

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

Parham Road Baptist Church seeks a [Choir Director/Pianist \(part-time\)](#). Please send résumés to Office@wgva.church with attention: Elaine Lane.

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.fbrichmond.org/about/careers

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, joandenis57@gmail.com

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



Help Us Save Green & Go Green— Currently, we publish over 1,000 mailed copies of the *Dover Diary*! In an effort to reduce this expense and “go green,” postal recipients will receive a postcard to mail back to Dover Baptist Association if they wish to continue to receive hard-copies or supply their email address. Otherwise, 5 hard-copies will be mailed to all member churches and all other contacts will receive digital copies. Thanks!