

## NO COMPROMISE

I've been thinking a lot about compromise lately. When we should, and when we shouldn't. Thousands of government and supporting workers are back on the job because a Virginia politician compromised. He now faces backlash from his own party. Thousands of marriages have been saved because husbands and wives have compromised. Others will fail because one or both spouses choose not to. More prisoners of war returned. More ceasefires on and off. Even more cars and houses sold, all because of compromise.

In a few weeks, pundits, preachers and messengers at the Southern Baptist Convention will, once again, undoubtedly contest the roles of women in ministry. Some will suggest compromise, while others will choose conviction over compromise. Undoubtedly, more Southern Baptist churches will leave or be asked to leave the denomination.

Almost daily, each of us makes a decision about compromise. Recently, I sat by the hospital bed of someone in hospice care. I walked her through the plan of salvation to affirm and/or encourage her faith in God, and trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior. Shortly after she passed, a relative reached out to me about the funeral I'd been asked by the departed to officiate. "We don't want this to be a church service, they instructed, "so please limit 'the religious stuff' to a prayer and a reading from the Psalms you mentioned at the hospital."

I politely informed them that, I needed to honor not only the person, but also God. I let them know that, in order to do that, I felt it was important to let everyone know that God had, in her words "restored her soul" as the Psalmist wrote. My hope, I explained, was that others would have the same peace as the departed, knowing she was now in a place where the Bible promises God "will wipe every tear, and there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain."

I offered to step aside, if that wasn't acceptable, and they quickly took me up on it. This saddened me greatly. Although it would have required me to drive several hours as well as prepare for the service, I was looking forward to honoring this lovely woman and sharing the Gospel.

I have come to realize, that the love of Jesus is not always received lovingly. What I do know is Jesus is very specific about compromise. We are to acknowledge Him before men. We are to do it, in both our words and actions, and more often than not, our actions speak louder than our words. My prayer is that the Holy Spirit gives us the discernment to know the difference between our passions and preferences, and His plan, for our lives, our church, and the lost. No compromise.

*Arnold 'Win' Davis, Executive Director of Missions*

## DBA Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Visit [www.doverbaptist.org](http://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 Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

### JUNE IS THE DOVER WOMAN'S MISSION UNION FOOD BANK MISSION PROJECT DRIVE!

**June 2** - Central VA Raceway Ministries, 9-11 a.m.

**June 14** - Flag Day

**June 16** - Dover Council, 1-3 p.m.

**June 19** - Juneteenth

**June 21** - Father's Day

**July 4** - Independence Day

**July 13** - Prayer Team, 10-11 a.m.

**July 21** - Hepler Scholar Ice Cream Social, 5:30 p.m.

**July 21\*** - Quarterly Exec Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

**\*PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE!**

#### LOOKING AHEAD:

To access our Dover calendar, please check out our website homepage: [www.doverbaptist.org](http://www.doverbaptist.org)

**August 12** - Last day for Cookie Dropoff for Raceway

**August 14-15** - NASCAR Raceway volunteer days

## DWMU Annual May 18 Recap



What a wonderful gathering at the Dover WMU Annual Meeting, hosted by First Baptist Church Ashland! New DWMU officers were given capes and hailed as spiritual superheroes by Pastor Mark Miller of Shalom Baptist Church, who brought an encouraging message. See the new officers for 2025-2026 and learn about the DWMU on our website:

[www.doverbaptist.org/dwmu](http://www.doverbaptist.org/dwmu)

#### JUNE DWMU MISSION PROJECT FOCUS:

Please support your local food bank through your church's WMU during the month of June. Most area schools close at the end of May, therefore increasing food insecurity for many children and teachers.



## PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

Send your prayer requests to our Prayer Team at [prayers@doverbaptist.org](mailto:prayers@doverbaptist.org)

### We humbly request that you PRAY FOR THESE

**Dover Staff and all Dover churches, with emphasis for:**

**June 7: Indian View** - Dr. Carol McCann, Brenda McKinney

**June 14: Kentwood Heights** -Rev. Dr. Ray Franklin (I), Nick Eason, Jenne Bickett, Jennifer Ezzell, Kendall Ezzell

**June 21: Little Elam** - Rev. Daniel "Danny" Patterson, Rev. Doreen Cephus, Rev. Maxine Jones, Julene Branch, LaWanda Christian, Davon Jones, Michael Jones, Wilbert Jones, Jr., Douglas Tabb, Whitney Branch

**June 28: First Baptist, Manakin-Sabot** - Rev. Anthony Jones, II, Norman Harper, Renee Price

**Lift up a special prayer for these churches in transition:**

Berea  
Broadus Memorial  
HopeWELL  
Kentwood Heights

New Highland  
Oak Hall  
Pamunkey Indian

## Congratulations

... to **Ridge Baptist Church** on their calling of their new pastor, Rev. Greg Hetherington, who will be installed June 21st.

... to **Hunton Baptist Church** members and Dover's current Moderator and his wife, **Vance & Tanya Shearin**, upon the birth of their granddaughter Eloise Mae Loudermilk, born 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 3, 2026.

## Our Sincere Condolences

... to **Peggy Grivetti**, a faithful leader of Dover WMU, and the family and beloved friends of **James "Ted" Grivetti**, lifelong member of **Four Mile Creek Baptist Church**, who passed May 12, 2026.



# global missions trip partnership opportunity

Dover Churches, join Corinth Baptist Church in sharing the Gospel in Central America!

Contact: [rsandberg@corinth.us](mailto:rsandberg@corinth.us)

Comayagua, Honduras: Nov 7-14 with WorldHelp and Jesus Friends of the Children

## Watson Missions Offering

The Leslie and Hazel Watson Missions Offering supports local, state, national and international organizations. Dover asks its member churches to emphasize prayer for these special groups and all our partnerships as they engage in Gospel mission.

Download the complete prayer guide brochure, nominate a ministry or mission organization, or simply find out more about Watson Missions on our website: [doverbaptist.org/wamo](http://doverbaptist.org/wamo)

### Q: How do I give my offering to Watson Missions?

A: Checks can either be made out to Dover Baptist Association directly or as part of your Dover member church offering with MEMO: Watson Missions. If you wish to give to Dover directly, our mailing address is:

Dover Baptist Association  
PO Box 6128  
Ashland, VA 23005

### 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](http://doverbaptist.org/watson-missions-grant)

## CONGRATULATIONS, 2026 HEPLER SCHOLARS!



Will Ashley  
Corinth Baptist  
Shenandoah



Emma McMillan  
Taylorsville Baptist  
Virginia Commonwealth



Emery Nuckols  
Berea Baptist  
James Madison



Lydia Robertson  
Mount Vernon Baptist  
Liberty



Erika Seay  
Shalom Baptist  
Randolph-Macon



Kensley Smith  
Mt Olivet Baptist  
William & Mary



Join us in congratulating our Hepler Scholars at our Ice Cream Social held July 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 prior to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Executive Committee Meeting at 7! See you there!

## Senior Adult Cinco de Mayo Luncheon



A hearty *muchos gracias* to all who participated in our Dover Senior Adult Luncheon on May 5<sup>th</sup>! From learning about the mission of Virginia Center for Restorative Justice to swatting pinatas filled with candy, from dining from the catered Qdoba buffet to scratching heads with Mexico-themed trivia, fun was certainly had! We especially appreciated **Mechanicsville Baptist Church** in hosting and providing friendly volunteers to serve.



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## Positions Available

**Berea Baptist Church** seeks a Senior Pastor (full-time), Praise and Worship Leader - 8 a.m. Contemporary Service and an Administrative Assistant (part-time). For info or to email résumé: [personnel@bereabaptistva.com](mailto:personnel@bereabaptistva.com)

**Broadus Memorial** seeks a Senior Pastor (full-time). Send cover letter and résumé to Personnel Committee, 5351 Pole Green Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116 or email them to [broadus\\_mechanicsville@broadusmbc.org](mailto:broadus_mechanicsville@broadusmbc.org).

**Cool Spring Baptist Church** seeks a Children's Associate (part time) to support elementary-aged children. To apply, submit your resume and a brief statement of interest to: [hr@coolspring.org](mailto:hr@coolspring.org)

**Deep Run Child Development Center** seeks Teachers/Assistant Teachers (full- and part-time). Send résumé to [admdrbc@gmail.com](mailto:admdrbc@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](mailto:fca.elementary@bereabaptistva.com)

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

**Mount Vernon Baptist Church** seeks and Ministry Assistant for Student Ministry, Child Care Workers (part-time) and a Children's Ministry Summer Intern. For more info and/or apply: <https://mountvernon.church/careers/>

**New Highland Baptist Church** seeks an Interim Pastor, (part-time). Interested persons should email a cover letter with resume to David Evers at [office@newhighland.org](mailto:office@newhighland.org).

**North Run Baptist Church** Pre-Kindergarten seeks a Teacher for 4 Year-Olds (part time). For more information, please call North Run Pre-K at 266-3076 ext. 310 or email [northrun.prek@gmail.com](mailto:northrun.prek@gmail.com).

**Northside Baptist Church** seeks a Senior Pastor. To apply, send a resume and a statement about your call as a Senior Pastor or interest in this position to [Northsidejobs7600@gmail.com](mailto:Northsidejobs7600@gmail.com). You may also learn more about the church at [www.northsideva.org](http://www.northsideva.org)

**Pioneer Baptist Church** seeks a Pastor (full-time) and a Pianist (part-time). Interested? Please email: [office@pioneerbaptist.comcastbiz.net](mailto:office@pioneerbaptist.comcastbiz.net)

**Sharon Baptist Church** seeks a Music Director (part-time). For info or to send résumé: [sharonbc@verizon.net](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>. To apply, submit a brief cover letter, resume & three references to [youth.taylorsvillebaptistchurch@gmail.com](mailto: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 June 1, 2026: [ymc-search@ferryfarmbc.org](mailto:ymc-search@ferryfarmbc.org)

**Mineral Baptist Church** seeks an Associate Pastor/Youth Pastor (part-time). Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to [searchteam@mineralbaptistchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto:hmbcpastsearch@gmail.com)