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SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE & INVITATION

The 2024 Dover Baptist Association Semi-Annual Meeting is, pending Executive Committee approval, rescheduled from Sunday, April 28, 2024 to Saturday, April 27, 2024, to allow participants to observe and/or engage in a hands-on “Missions Immersion Event” sponsored by the host, Biltmore Baptist Church and other Dover mission and ministry partners.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

HOST: Biltmore Baptist Church | 1300 New York Avenue | Glen Allen, VA 23060

9:00 a.m.—Missions Immersion Event w/ Breakfast Options (Both volunteer- and observer-friendly)

11:30 a.m.—1 p.m. Semi-Annual Meeting

Elect your Messengers!

Dover churches may send voting messengers to this meeting. In addition to voting messengers, the Association invites any Dover Baptist and their guests to share in this inspiring meeting and ministry event. 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.”

Come, Join the Harvest!

This Missions Immersion Event is an opportunity to either serve or observe the fruits of our co-laboring in Christ. The construction of Biltmore Baptist Church’s Clothes Closet was funded in part by \$10,000 from Dover Baptist Association as empowered by the collective faithful giving of our churches and their members like you.

SPECIAL NOTE: If you have proficiency in Spanish, please especially consider attending our Missions Immersion Event as the vast majority of those who come to the closet speak only Spanish.

Am I Part of the Solution or System?

“Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’” - Matthew 25:37-40 (NKJV)

It was certainly a beautiful day for a walk and perfect weather to just sit on the front porch. Our guest did both. He began by strolling around our Dover Baptist Association building, and then casually plopped down on the wooden bench on our front entrance porch. Anticipating our doorbell to ring, I waited, and waited, but our guest didn’t move, seemingly content to enjoy the Day our Lord hath made. I finally stepped outside, introduced myself and exchanged pleasantries with “Mr. F.” Mr. F said he had hitchhiked down from New York to escape the

cold, and “God has blessed me [with a beautiful day].” He had spent the night here in the office park (perhaps on our bench, but I didn’t ask). When I asked, he said he was hungry and thirsty. He politely passed on my offer to share my peanut butter and jelly sandwich, but promptly ate every remaining snack in our office and downed two bottles of Gatorade, and a few more bottles of water.

I asked Mr. F if he had a place to stay. He did not, so I began making calls to our Dover ministry partners. The good folks from Moments of Hope were the first to respond. I put Maureen from MoHope on speaker, and she began the intake process, but ran into a glitch when Mr. F let us know he neither had a cell phone nor any form of identification. She continued, and based on Mr. F’s interview, he was fifty-nine, from Texas and had briefly attended Prairie View University, an HBCU in the state. Mr. F was pleasant and articulate, but as the intake interview continued, I

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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.

Prayer Council Meeting, Dover Office
Monday, April 8, 10 a.m.

Dover Executive Committee Meeting, Dover Office/Zoom
Tuesday, April 9, 7 p.m.

DWMU Area V Group Meeting, Samaria Baptist Church
Thursday, April 11, 10:30 a.m. (details below)

Discipleship/Sunday School Leader Dialogue, Dover Office
Monday, April 15, 7 p.m.

Pastor Health Network, Dover Office
Wednesday, April 17, noon—2p.m.

DWMU Council Meeting, Dover Office
Monday, April 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Semiannual Meeting & Missions Immersion Event,
Biltmore Baptist Church
Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m. Event; 11:30 a.m. Meeting

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.*

SAMUEL CLOPTON GROUP V SPRING MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024 @10:30 a.m.

Samaria Baptist Church | 8130 Lott Cary Road | Providence Forge, VA 23140

“People to People Sharing the Hope of Christ” by guest speaker, Rev. Ed Preston of Tsena Commocko Baptist | Special music: Somer Zitta. Please bring a donation of coffee, sugar, sweetener, or creamer, etc. for Rev. Joe Reeves and The Tabernacle of Praise Ministries in their weekly ministry to the homeless and less fortunate. This meeting is open to everyone – not just WMU members. It is a time of mission awareness, encouragement and inspiration. Encourage your church pastor, family and friends to come and be “mission inspired.” Lunch will be provided following the meeting. Contact: Peggy Grivetti, Group V Area Director, (804) 754-6124

Save the Date

Annual WMU Event, Mt. Olivet BC
May 9, Thursday, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. event

Missions Awareness Event, Grace Chinese BC
June 22, Saturday, 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
August 15, Thursday, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. event

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excused myself to speak to Maureen privately. Mr. F also stated that he was currently in the military on active duty and a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. This was enough information to shift gears, and to not only find housing, but also mental health support. We hung up so Maureen could make a few calls. She got back to me and asked if there was any way I could get Mr. F to one of Richmond's homeless shelters that also offered mental health evaluations. “I have a truck and an Uber App,” I chuckled. A couple of clicks on my iPhone, and soon thereafter, Farid, the Uber driver, pulled up in his pristine Toyota Corolla. “No bags?” Farid asked. “Nope,” I responded. I confirmed the address and soon Mr. F was being driven to the shelter in style.

I had just spent much of the day with a homeless man, who was obviously carrying more baggage than the well-worn backpack that I surmise held his life's possessions. I had done what I felt was the right thing, but I felt conflicted. I thought what a privilege it is to serve and support our Dover churches—churches who actively answer the call of Christ to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and visit the infirmed and imprisoned. I also pondered, “Am I part of the solution or system?” As a Baptist denomination, we adhere to a system of policies and procedures to be efficient stewards of our resources, and to defend our doctrinal beliefs, yet, more importantly, God often opens the door to allow us to be part of the solution, to live our faith, and to share the love of Jesus in word and deed.

On Saturday morning, April 27, pending an approval at our April 9th Executive Committee Meeting, we will have the unique opportunity to play a significant role in both the system *and* solution at our Semi-Annual Meeting. Encouraging reports highlighting our scholarships, ordinations, new pastors, ministry partners, budget & finance, and more will be presented. Prior to our business meeting, we will also be given the opportunity to observe and serve with our host—Biltmore Baptist Church—and a few of our ministry partners, in a hands-on Mission Immersion event, serving those Jesus called, the least of these. My prayer and hope are that you will join us, learn about the great things going on in your Dover Baptist Association, and be the hands, heart, feet, and voice of Jesus. God bless.

—Rev. Arnold “Win” Davis
Executive Director of Missions

Pray For These

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

April 7

Gwathmey – Mike Cauthorne (Senior Pastor)

April 14

Hardy Central – Ken Arnold (Senior Pastor), Mary Paul, Charles Long

April 21

Hillcrest – (Without a Pastor), Debra Edwards

April 28

Hopeful – Leroy Davis (Senior Pastor) Charles Waldrop, Cathy Waldrop, Connie Cover

Hopewell – Scott Adamsons (Senior Pastor),

Rhonda Boggs, Lena York, Audra Smith

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 former Dover messenger Bob King of Berea Baptist Church, who passed away on February 24, 2024.

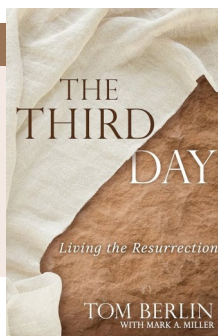
To son Pastor Jeff Boggess of Atlee Community Church and the other family and friends of Claude Chester Boggess, who passed away on March 8, 2024.

Pastor Health Network

Meets Wednesday, April 17,
noon—2 p.m.

Featured Book: *The Third Day* by Tom Berlin

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



Our Apologies

In our March issue, we incorrectly published Cornerstone Christian Church's name in the announcement of their new Senior Pastor Spencer Dillard. We apologize for this oversight!

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 pastorjmills@gmail.com



**Baptist Chaplaincy
Relations**
A Ministry of Texas
& Virginia Baptists

BGAV Chaplain Training Event |
April 14-17, 2024
BGAV Offices | Richmond, Virginia

Non-Dover Registrant Cost: \$150,
Spouses are free
First 10 Dover Church Registrants'
Cost: \$50 after \$100 rebate*

*contingent on filing receipts with
Dover Baptist Association

<https://www.texasbaptists.org/events/bgav-chaplaincy-training-event>

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/](https://libertychurchnetwork.com/event/refuel-one-day-richmond-va/)



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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.

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: kcj.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/>

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.

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.fbcrichmond.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, joandenise57@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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