



Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. - John 14:27

## “The” Walk for Peace

There's a lot going on, in the name of peace, these days. Since I started writing this blog, athletes from around the world walked in symbolic unity during the Parade of Nations to open the Winter Olympics. A Super Bowl commercial featured rock star Lady Gaga singing her version of Fred Rogers' "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" AI tells me it was to emphasize community, kindness, and neighborly connection in a polarized world. The cynical side of me thinks it was a multi-million-dollar investment to promote the sponsor's brand.

As I'm typing, nineteen Buddhist monks and their dog, are walking just a few hundred yards from my office. For hours, people have been lining up, setting up folding chairs, and wading in the snow to get a glimpse of what has been titled, the "Walk for Peace." The stated goal for this journey, which began in Texas, and concludes in our Nation's Capital, is "to raise awareness of inner peace and mindfulness across America and the world." Peace is certainly a worthwhile goal. Our country and world could use a little inner (and outer) peace right now.

Unwittingly, these men, like the athletes of the Olympic games and Gaga, have become celebrities. Over a million people have lined up along their 2,300-mile path. Thousands have packed into the venues in which their leader has addressed the crowds.

Unfortunately, most of those who need to heed and internalize their mission of peace have not. During their journey of a couple thousand miles, thousands of lives have still been lost to violence. No war has waned. No protest paused. No division diverted.

Over two thousand years ago, a lone figure also took a painstakingly long walk. Upon His shoulders, he carried both the weight of the Cross, and the weight of the world. In the fourteenth century, Franciscan monks named this path, the Via Dolorosa, Latin for "Way of Suffering." Symbolic markers point out the "Stations of the Cross," commemorating the events of Christ's last day as He walked from condemnation to crucifixion.

As we prepare our hearts for Easter, and reflect on our Savior's sacrificial walk, death, burial, and resurrection, may we too pray for peace. Pray for the peace, the Bible promises, surpasses all understanding. Pray for the peace Jesus promised to leave and give to His followers. Pray for the peace given, not as the world, not as men, monks, or even ministers give. Pray for the peace of Christ.

I also pray that each of us will take our own walk for peace. Perhaps it's a walk out of our way to mend a tattered relationship. Perhaps it's a walk up to that person to ask for or extend forgiveness. Perhaps, it's a walk around our neighborhoods, schools, or government buildings to pray for God's intervention. Most of all, I pray we internalize "the" walk for peace our Savior endured for your sins and mine. God bless.

*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.  
Weekly Women in Ministry Support Group, Dover Office & Google Meet, Thursdays, 1:15 p.m.

**March 3** - Central VA Raceway Ministry - 9-11 a.m.

**March 6** - Employee Appreciation Day

**March 8** - Daylight Savings Time (1-hour forward)

**March 15** - Hepler Scholarship Deadline

**March 17** - St. Patrick's Day

**March 17** - Dover Council, 1-3 p.m.

**March 23** - Dover WMU Night Group, 7-8:30 p.m.

**March 29** - Palm Sunday

### LOOKING AHEAD:

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

**April 5** - Easter

**April 7** - Central VA Raceway Ministries, 9-11 a.m.

**April 13** - Prayer Council

**April 14** - Executive Committee\*, 7-8:30 p.m.

**April 22** - Administrative Professional's Day

**April 26** - Semi-Annual Meeting\*\*, 3-5 p.m.

**May 1** - Watson Missions Month of Prayer

**May 5** - Senior Adult's Luncheon, Location TBD

**\*Dover's Next Major Meeting is April 14th**

\*Dover's Next major meeting requiring member church representation is the Executive Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Meeting on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Dover Office and via Zoom. Details are posted closer to the meeting date on our website: [www.doverbaptist.org/upcoming-meeting-info](http://www.doverbaptist.org/upcoming-meeting-info)



**\*\*SAVE THE DATE: DOVER SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Antioch Baptist Church**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026**  
**at 3 p.m.**

## We humbly request that you PRAY FOR THESE

**Our Dover Staff and all Dover churches, with weekly emphasis this month for:**

### March 1:

**East Gate:** Rev. Griendora McDowell,  
Georgia Kelly, Angela Moore

### March 8:

**Elon:** Rev. Randy Secrist, Beth Reed,  
Sharon Secrist

### March 15:

**Emmaus:** Dr. Tim Madison, Sylvia Coates,  
Heather Torrence

**Famaden Memorial Institute:** Rev. Joe Reeves

### March 22:

**Fort Lee:** Pastor Daniel McFaden (Interim),  
Susan Nowell

### March 29:

**Four Mile Creek:** Rev. Buddy Burgess,  
Martha Ligon

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

**Berea**      **HopeWELL**  
**Kentwood Heights**      **Northside**  
**Oak Hall**      **Pamunkey Indian**  
**Ridge**

## Dover WMU Night Group Meeting

**Monday, March 23, 2026**

**6:30-8 PM @ Dover Office**

*"When an alien resides with you in your land[...]You are to love him as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God." Leviticus 19:33-34*



### Will Cumbia from ReEstablish

**Richmond** will be speaking at the Dover WMU Night Group meeting on Monday, March 23, 2026. The session will be held at the Dover BA Office from 6:30-8 PM. First Ashland's International

Ministries volunteers will be working with ReEstablish Richmond during the Refugee and Immigrant Volunteer Summit. Mark your calendar and come learn how to support newcomers in the Richmond area.

—Darlene Herod



## 2025 Watson Annual Missions

### Offering Recipients

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." - Matthew 25:35-36

**TOTAL OFFERING AMOUNT: \$34,000**

**\$14,400 given to EXISTING EFFORTS**

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| \$2,000 | Tipi Wakan Ministries (Standing Rock Reservation) |
| \$1,600 | Famaden Memorial Institute (Liberia)              |
| \$1,500 | Inner City Richmond Baptist Centers (RCFN)        |
| \$1,100 | HopeTree Family Services                          |
| \$1,100 | Moments of Hope Outreach                          |
| \$1,100 | Pregnancy Resource Center of Metro-Richmond       |
| \$1,100 | Grace Inside (Prison and Jail Ministry)           |
| \$1,100 | VA Center for Restorative Justice                 |
| \$1,100 | CrossOver Healthcare Ministry                     |
| \$1,100 | The Fix Ministry                                  |
| \$1,100 | The McShin Foundation                             |
| \$500   | Central Virginia Raceway Ministries               |

**\$19,600 given to HALLELUJAH GRANTS**

Recipients through nominating church granted \$1,400:

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| 28:19 Ministries/Cornerstone                             | Brown Bag Ministry/Goochland                               |
| Night to Shine RVA/Cool Spring                           | Henrico County Food Bank/Ridge                             |
| Backpack Ministry/Deep Run                               | Eastern Henrico FISH/Fort Lee                              |
| Food Pantry Ministry/Colosse                             | Pappy's Pantry/Oak Hall                                    |
| Sylvia's Sisters/Biltmore                                | Wakpala Ministry/Cool Spring                               |
| WHEAT (Western Hanover Emergency Action Team)/Mt. Olivet | MCEF (Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Fund)/Walnut Grove |
| International Ministry of Ashland/FBC Ashland            | Harbour Square Food Ministry/Northside                     |

### ATTENTION, CHURCH TREASURERS!

Dover has acquired a free resource for 2026 Federal Reporting Requirements. Email our office to request the download. You may also wish to [view the free Guidestone webinar recording regarding 2026 Taxes](#).



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

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

**Matagalpa, Nicaragua: July 25-Aug 1 with The Hope Project International**

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



Join PreachVA for Transformed, a preaching conference created to encourage and equip pastors in every stage of ministry. This conference is more than just an event; it's an opportunity to step away from the demands of daily ministry and experience renewal through Christ-centered worship and fellowship.

**March 8-10, 2026 | Lynchburg, Virginia**

**Eagle Eyrie Conference Center**

**Register before March 1st at**

**[www.preachva.org](http://www.preachva.org)**

## Congratulations



**Congratulations** to Strategy and Development Minister Greg English and his wife of Cool Spring Baptist Church as they move to Maine to open a bed and breakfast, hoping to continue sharing the Gospel through hospitality. Best wishes to he and his family in this transition!



**Congratulations** to Beulah Baptist Church and **Welcome** to Rev. Mark Townsend as he began his service as Senior Pastor on February 1, 2026. We are excited for this new season of leadership!



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## Positions Available

**Berea Baptist Church** seeks a Senior Pastor (full-time), Pianist (part-time), Facilities Manager (part-time), 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) and a Youth Minister (part-time). Send résumé to Personnel Committee, 5351 Pole Green Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116. Or, cover letter and résumé sent to [broadus\\_mechanicsville@broadusmbc.org](mailto:broadus_mechanicsville@broadusmbc.org) (for Sr. Pastor) or [phil@broadusmbc.org](mailto:phil@broadusmbc.org) (for Youth Minister).

**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)

**Hunton Baptist Church** seeks a Ministry Assistant, part time. To be considered for this position, please send your resume to [office@HuntonBC.org](mailto:office@HuntonBC.org) by March 15, 2026.

**Mount Vernon Baptist Church** seeks Child Care Workers (part-time). For more info and/or apply: <https://mountvernon.church/careers/>

**New Highland Baptist Church** seeks an Associate Pastor (full time). To apply, please send your résumé, cover letter, and references to [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 (full-time) and Director for Senior Adult Ministry (part-time). Send résumé and statement about your call as a Senior Pastor or Director for Senior Adult Ministry to [Northsidejobs7600@gmail.com](mailto:Northsidejobs7600@gmail.com)

**Oak Hall Baptist Church** seeks a Pianist (part-time). For more info and/or apply: [info@oakhallbc.org](mailto:info@oakhallbc.org) or call 804-737-5812.

**Parham Road Baptist Church** seeks a Choir Director/Pianist (part-time). Please send résumé to [churchofficeprbc@gmail.com](mailto:churchofficeprbc@gmail.com) Attn: Elaine Lane.

**Pioneer Baptist Church** seeks 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.

## Non-Dover Baptist Association Opportunities

**Branch's Baptist Church** seeks an Office/Worship Assistant. For more info, call office at (804) 276-5000.

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

**Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church Richmond** seeks a pianist/worship leader. For more info call Tom Williams at (804) 490-1071.

**Hatcher Memorial Baptist church** seeks an Office Administrator (part-time). Visit <https://www.hatcherchurch.org/>

**Richmond's First Baptist Church** seeks a Director of Stewardship and Development (full-time). Visit: [www.fbcrichmond.org/about/careers](http://www.fbcrichmond.org/about/careers)

**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)



**¡Hola! We are hosting a Senior Adults Luncheon on Cinco de Mayo, May 5th.**

Email our office if your church would be a willing church location. Registration, details and cost per plate TBD.  
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