

DOVER DIARY

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For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

—Romans 10: 13-15 (NIV)

THIRTY FIVE YEARS AGO THIS FEBRUARY,

a young Christian (both physically and spiritually) set off to Jamaica with his pastor and a group of men from his church. For a week in the beating down sun upon the Blue Mountain Range of Jamaica, the team joined other Southern Baptist churches to repair buildings and replace roofs that had blown off churches and parsonages following the devastating effects of Hurricane Gilbert. Often at night the men slept on church pews peering up where ceilings once sheltered the sanctuary, and into God's matchless Heavens and endless stars before drifting off.

The young Christian and first-time short-term missionary received a crash course and got his first taste of international missions, disaster relief and youth ministry, as God provided opportunities to serve with what this young man saw as his limited talent and abilities. Over the decades, God would open more doors and place a call on his life.

Missions are often the door that opens the eyes of seekers and young believers to God's call on their lives. Missions often reinvigorate the tired and worn-out spirit of seasoned believers and faithful church members. For everyone, missions is a way for both giver and receiver to see God's love in action.

The Dover Baptist Association is partnering in 2024 to bring together our churches for what we are dubbing "Operation Mission Swarm." Originally coined as a mission swarm by Pastor Jeff Mills to the Bruce Outreach Center in Westernport, Maryland (see info on page 2), there are a number of opportunities locally, regionally, nationally and internationally for churches to serve. **We're encouraging everyone to be on mission this year.** In addition to the Bruce Outreach Center, other missions include, The Standing Rock Indian Reservation in North Dakota, Tabernacle Ministry of Praise homeless ministry on Hull Street in Richmond, Famaden Memorial Institute in Liberia, and others.

If you, your family and/or church are interested in being involved in being on mission with what we are now calling, "Operation Missions Swarm," please let us know by sending an email to Dover.Info@DoverBaptist.org. You never know, missions might be the first step God takes to call your future church leader, pastor or even Director of Missions. God bless — Rev. Arnold "Win" Davis, Executive Director



It's Small Church Week from January 29– February 2!

PRACTICAL TRAINING FOR THE EVERYDAY CHURCH: 100% free and focused on needs of real small church leaders, anyone can register to watch live or on demand: <http://freshexpressions.com/smallchurchweek>

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EXPRESSIONS

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.

Raceway Ministries Meeting, Zoom
Tuesday, February 6, 9 a.m.

Pastor Health Network, Dover Office
(Tentative) Wednesday, February 14, 12 p.m.

Looking Ahead...

DWMU Event: ILC Tour, Int'l Learning Center, Rockville
Saturday, March 2, 10 a.m.—noon, optional lunch to follow

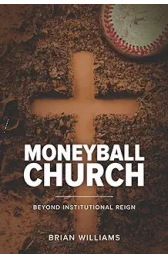
Dover Council Meeting, Dover Office
Tuesday, March 12, 1 p.m.

Richmond Raceway Easter Races
Saturday March 30 & Sunday March 31

EASTER, March 31, 2024

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

Pastor Health Network



Based on the true story of early-2000s Oakland As going from last place to making the playoffs by learning to understand the value in what they had, *Moneyball Church: Beyond Institutional Reign* challenges us to look at things differently, revaluing what holds value and so much more.

Contact Greg Sault, bowtiepastor@gmail.com

Men's Retreat 2024

A Weekend in the Mountains Encountering & Reflecting —Friday-Sunday, February 16-18
Eagle Eyrie Conference Center, 1 Eagle Eyrie Drive, Lynchburg

\$165 includes lodging, meals, snacks/drinks

Join your brothers in Christ, in a serene mountain setting where we strengthen our faith through fellowship and inspiration.

“Being a Christian in the Workplace”
- **Mick Weinholt** (Mechanicsville Christian Center)

“Doug's Cartoon Ministry & Testimony”
- **Doug Forshey** (Berea Baptist Church)

Event Contact: Dave Garrett at
David-Garrett@msn.com
(804) 314-1547

Personnel Changes

Please Welcome



...Claire McAuliffe (pictured with her husband) to our **Dover Baptist Association** staff! Claire was formerly serving DBA as a consultant (She puts together the *Dover Diary*) and is now our new Communications and Operations Manager.

Claire is a member and worship team member of Gayton Baptist Church in the West End of Henrico and was formerly on staff at Cambridge Baptist Church as Minister to Youth and Young Adults for seven years. She also serves as the Executive Director and a National Trustee for a Christian social sorority, Sigma Alpha Omega. Claire graduated from James Madison University with her Masters of Arts in Teaching and is currently pursuing a degree in Christian Leadership from Dallas Theological Seminary. We're glad to have her use her gifts and talents on our team! Send your welcome at: claire.mcauliffe@doverbaptist.org

...Pastor Kyle Dobyms (pictured with his family) as the new pastor of **Taylorville Baptist Church** of Doswell, VA as with his first Sunday on January 21, 2024.



...Pastor Richard Sandberg (pictured with his wife) as the new pastor of **Corinth Baptist Church** of New Kent, VA with his first Sunday on February 4, 2024.

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



Pray For These

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

February 4 Cool Spring Baptist Church
Rev. Dr. Brad Hoffman (Senior Pastor),
Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. Ted Tussey,
Rev. Greg English, Rev. Bryan Dupuis,
Brenda Kidd, Rev. Glen Bohannon

February 11 Corinth Baptist Church
Rev. Richard Sandberg, Chloe Keeton,
Dawson Bailey

February 18 Cornerstone Christian Church
(without a pastor), Pam Hughes,
Jim Hargrove

February 25 Deep Run Baptist Church
Rev. Rick Allison (Senior Pastor),
Dreama Hill, Melody Gulywasz,
Wilma Carwile, Terry Jones,
Andrea Mason

Dover Baptist Church
Rev. Hardin Crowder (Senior Pastor),
Donna Martin, Randall McGuire,
Rebecca Mills

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 of Mildred E. Adkins, 81, who was a long-time Dover WMU and beloved association supporter, of Samaria Baptist Church, upon her passing on December 31, 2023.

Church & Clergy Tax Seminar

February 22, 2024 - 9:30 a.m. until Noon
Location: Virginia Baptist Resource Center or Virtual
2828 Emerywood Parkway, Henrico 23294

Register: www.bgav.org/events

Seminar runs from 9:30 a.m. until noon. This seminar is designed for church staff and lay leaders who handle taxes and compensation. Attendees receive help with tax implications of compensation planning for church staff (including retirement and insurance), handling minister's taxes, and federal reporting requirements for churches. Those who cannot attend the seminar live have the option to receive a link to the seminar recording for future viewing.



YOU can help us reach the fans at the Richmond Raceway!

2024 Richmond Raceway Dates

March: Sat. 30 & **EASTER SUNDAY 31**
August: Sat. 10 & Sun. 11

We need help to:

- Distribute homemade cookies & **EASTER EGGS!** 2-3 cookies per bag with a label including if they are nut-free and "compliments of [your church]." Non-taped, plastic eggs need *wrapped* candy. Please ensure cookies are labeled as nut-free if applicable and note from the church providing them. Candy in eggs should be factory-sealed (e.g. No: loose jellybeans, Yes: fun size M&Ms packet). Please do not tape eggs shut.
- Set-up under the tents and in Lot F.
- Transport the tables and chairs, igloos, etc. to be used during the race times
- Distribute the "cup of cold water," lemonade, and cookies.
- Maintain tables where we give out free Bibles, tracts, New Testaments, etc.
- Hand out flyers before races to advertise worship services and big celebration Sunday afternoon.
- Guide the fans around the track.
- Run games/matchbox car races, paint faces, & serve snow-cones and popcorn at our Kids Corner locations.

To volunteer or ask questions, please call Charles Ward at 804-317-0094 to get info for your short online, self-paced training. Cookies/Easter eggs do not require training and can be dropped off no later than March 28th at the Dover Baptist Association Office. Thanks!

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.*

Saturday, March 2: A Day in the Life of a Missionary International Learning Center Tour
16492 MLC Ln, Rockville, VA 23146

10 a.m. – noon, optional lunch to follow

This FREE event is open to first graders to adults. Missionaries preparing to go to the field will share with us about their countries during a tour of the campus. Lunch option is \$6.50/person. Please contact Sharon McKinley at wmumission@aol.com by February 15 with your church's name, point of contact, and all attendee names. Please send check for lunches (no refunds) to "Dover Association WMU" to: Sharon McKinley, 105 Sunny Dr, Ashland, VA 23005.

Easter Egg and Cookies Mission Project

Drop-off at Dover Baptist Association prior to March 28

We need not only bags of cookies for Central Virginia Raceway Ministries (CVRM), but also stuffed plastic Easter eggs for the Easter egg hunt at Richmond Raceway! Please see directly above CVRM section for instructions.



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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 Church Office Assistant (full-time) and a Church Operations Manager (full-time). For more info, visit www.berea-baptist-church.org

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). For more info, visit www.fbcrichmond.org/about/careers

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 a Director of Music Ministry (part-time). Send résumés to: hbcmusicsearch@gmail.com

Hopeful Baptist Church seeks an Assistant Pastor (full-time). Interests 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 a Children's Ministry Director (part-time). Send résumés to rjparrett@gmail.com with subject "Children's Ministry Director."

Oakland Baptist Church (of Goshen Baptist Association) seeks a new pastor (full-time). Send inquiries and/or résumé and cover letter to Denise Brooking, joandenise57@gmail.com

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

Poplar Springs Baptist Church seeks a Worship Pastor (part-time).

Contact Marvin Beck at MXB@copper.net if interested.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church seeks a Pianist/Praise Team Leader (Part-Time). Interests please send resumes to Office@wgva.church.

Winfree Church seeks a part-time Minister of Congregational Care. Send résumés to winfree.search@gmail.com

Congratulations, First Baptist Church West Point!



First Baptist Church West Point began its year-long celebration of its 150th Anniversary on January 21, 2024 with a special Sunday service followed by a lunch. Pictured below from left: First Baptist Church West Point Pastor Rev. Dr. Jim Goebel, Virginia House Del. M.



Keith Hodges, West Point Mayor Jack Lawson, Dover Baptist Association Executive Director Rev. Arnold "Win" Davis, and BGAV representative Karl Heilman. The newly-bestowed commemorative mementos of public recognition were held up in display to honor the historic moment.



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