



Dover Diary

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Upcoming Events

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

Monthly Dover Pastors & Ministry Staff

Prayer Gathering

Tuesday, March 2, 10 a.m., Zoom

A/V & Tech Support Network

Tuesday, March 2, 6:30 p.m., Zoom

Ministry Idea Exchange Among Children & Youth Ministers/Leaders

Thursday, March 4, 10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

10 a.m.: Dover Center (**max. 8 people**) & Zoom

6:30 p.m.: Zoom only

Dover Council

Tuesday, March 9, 10 a.m., Dover Center & Zoom

Mission Dialog for Churches

Thursday, March 11, 10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

10 a.m.: Dover Center (**max. 8 people**) & Zoom

6:30 p.m.: Zoom only

Pastor Health Network

Tuesday, March 16, 12 p.m.

Dover Center (max. 8 people) & Zoom

Sunday School Director Network

Monday, March 29, 6:30 p.m.

Contact Steve Smith: (804) 241-8944

Monthly Dover Pastors & Ministry Staff

Prayer Gathering

Tuesday, April 6, 10 a.m., Zoom

A/V & Tech Support Network

Tuesday, April 6, 6:30 p.m., Zoom

Dover Baptist Association Semiannual Meeting

Sunday, April 25, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Registration opens at 2:30 p.m.

**Glen Allen Baptist Church, 3028 Mountain Road, Glen Allen 23060
& on Zoom**

Dover churches may send voting messengers to this meeting (see below). In addition to voting messengers, the Association invites any Dover Baptist and their guests to share in this inspiring meeting.

Plan to attend by Zoom? Please register: www.doverbaptist.org/semiannual

Elect your Messengers! 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.

Dover Workshops & Conversations

Prayer Gathering

Prayer is foundational to all ministry efforts and a key focus for the Dover Association.

Ministers and church leaders are invited to join us for prayer via Zoom each month on the First Tuesday at 10 a.m. or 7 p.m.

Please join us Tuesday, March 2

Register online: www.doverbaptist.org/workshops

Ministry Idea Exchange

Find encouragement and support among your colleagues in ministry as we share ideas for youth and children's ministry.

Join us Thursday, March 4 at 10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. on Zoom by registering online at www.doverbaptist.org/workshops

Mission Dialog

How can the church move from their seats to the streets to connect with their community? Join us for a mission dialog on Thursday, March 11th at 10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. to explore where God might be leading us.

Register online at www.doverbaptist.org/workshops

Lessons from Life on the Prairie

By: Maria Lynn

My husband and I just returned from a trip to the Standing Rock Reservation and a visit with our mission partners at Tipi Wakan. Each time I visit I return with a renewed sense of the ways God works in and among us and the church through prayer, community and our flexibility.

Prayer: As missionaries charged with living the gospel and growing as disciples, prayer becomes a non-negotiable practice. In a desolate place like the Dakotas there is a tangible reliance on God in the everyday work of ministry. Praying with and for our Dover Baptist churches has been a key focus in 2021 as we've engaged in weekly regional prayer gatherings via Zoom. As we've met with Pastors from each of our Dover regions, we've celebrated the work God is doing in their congregations during COVID-19. New people joining the church, new Christians requesting baptism, ordaining new deacons and finding new ways to worship are included in the celebrations. We've prayed together about the stress and challenges that come with staying engaged with members, providing pastoral care from a distance, and navigating pastoral transitions in this season. **We will continue offering monthly prayer gatherings for our Dover Pastors and ministry staff on the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. and at 7 p.m.**

Community: Serving alone is lonely. On the reservation, a simple task we might accomplish here in 5 minutes may take all day or several days out there to complete. More often than not, ministry requires us to ask for help or invite people

to share in the work. The same is true in associational work. As we individually navigate the ministry in our own churches, it is encouraging to know there are folks doing the same in their church. Networking with others provides support, an exchange of ideas and resources, and a peek into what God is doing among us. In February, Dover's Associate for Missions, Sam Duenckel, launched a new network for Audio/Visual ministry volunteers. Their first meeting engaged a dozen or so people in conversation regarding the technical aspects of keeping their congregations engaged in worship and spiritual formation. **This network will continue to meet the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.** Beginning on March 4th, we will offer periodic Ministry Idea Exchanges to build community among our ministry leaders. **Please join us for a Youth and Children's Ministry Idea Exchange at 10am and 6:30 pm on March 4th.**

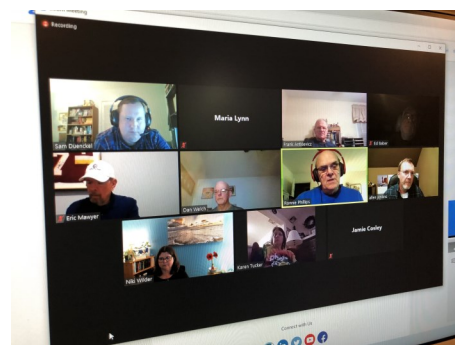
Flexibility: If you have ever been on a mission trip you know the importance of flexibility. What we plan to do doesn't always go as we intended. The beauty of this is that God always engages us in ways that better suit His plan and doesn't waste our time or effort. On the reservation, our mission partners at Tipi Wakan have adapted their food pantry ministry by making it a Drive-thru pantry. As you consider the mission activities of your church, how might you need to adapt or be flexible? **Join us for a Mission Dialog discussion on March 11th at 10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.** Thank you for all the ways you engage and support the work of Dover Baptist Associational Churches!



Preparing 130 food boxes for the residents of Cannon Ball, ND.



Thanks to your Watson Associational Mission Offering gifts, Tipi Wakan was able to purchase new kitchen equipment for their ministry center kitchen.



Dover launches their first AV Network.



Dover WMU News

The **Dover WMU Council** will have several vacant positions in May 2021. Please contact Michelle Brown (dmbrown6068@aol.com) or (804) 928-2927 if you are interested in serving on the Dover WMU Council. We need you to help keep our WMU going for the future generations. Please pray about being a part of this important Dover ministry. All you need is to love the Lord and have a desire to be On Mission for Him.

Carolyn Hollins Memorial Scholarship

Application deadline is Friday, March 26.

Visit www.doverbaptist.org/wmu to apply, or contact Michelle Brown at (804) 928-2927 for more information.

Dover WMU Council Meeting

The Dover WMU Council will meet on Thursday, March 18 at 6 p.m. in the Dover conference room.

Come to the Table:

A Virtual Conference to help you Move by Mission

Saturday, March 13 | 10-11:30 a.m.

Whether you're serving in missions leadership or just passionate about what God is doing in your community, join us at the virtual table on Saturday, March 13 from 10-11:30 a.m. to learn about WMUV and how to "Move by Mission" in an unpredictable time. This event will feature regional missions spotlights, breakout sessions with our mission strategists, door prizes, and a panel to help reenergize your mission.

Register: www.wmuv.org/come-to-the-table

Positions Available

Visit www.doverbaptist.org for all of the job openings.

Black Creek Baptist Church seeks a Pastor (full-time). The ideal candidate should have at least 5-10 years of pastoral experience. For more information and/or apply, please contact jgrowe@live.com

Corinth Baptist Church seeks an Administrator (full-time). This person is responsible for supporting the day-to-day functions of the church office at the direction of the ministerial staff. For more information and/or apply, visit www.doverbaptist.org/administrator-full-time

Four Mile Creek Baptist Church seeks a Worship Coordinator (part-time).

Visit www.doverbaptist.org/worship-coordinator-part-time for more information and/or apply.

Mount Olivet Baptist Church seeks an Interim Youth Leader (part-time). This is a temporary position that would serve the church until a permanent Youth Pastor is found. For more information, visit: www.doverbaptist.org/interim-youth-leader-part-time

Mount Vernon Baptist Church seeks a Director of Communications (full-time). The candidate should be a strong Christian individual with experience and knowledge to oversee and implement an overall strategy for communicating the mission and ministries with church members and the community. For more information and/or apply, visit www.mvbcnow.org/jobs

Mount Vernon Baptist Church also seeks a Director of Technical Arts (full-time). The candidate should be a strong Christian individual who is committed to the ministries and mission of the local church. This person will have the proper experience and knowledge to oversee and implement audio, visual (including video)

and lighting requirements for the church. This position will be the technical director for all Sunday worship services and special worship services. They will also be the lead facilitator for training on all AVL systems. The right candidate should have experience in live sound reinforcement, projection software, IMAG, stage lighting equipment and software, and live video streaming. For more information and/or apply, visit www.mvbcnow.org/jobs

From our neighbors:

Hope Church seeks a Finance Associate (full-time).

The Finance Associate will assist in the administration of financial and business functions of the Hope Church Finance Office. Visit www.hopecentral.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/FinanceAssociate-1.pdf for more information.

The Pregnancy Resource Center seeks a Receptionist (part-time). The receptionist is responsible for providing effective office management by performing clerical tasks, greeting clients, answering phones and data entry. If you sense that God might be calling you to this part-time position, please send your resume and a cover letter to Julie Hagen at jhagen@prcrichmond.org.

Oak Forest Baptist Church seeks a Music Director (part-time). Visit www.doverbaptist.org/music-director-part-time-5 for more information. Please send resumé to Rev. Kirby D. Smith, ksmithofbc@verizon.net, or for more information please call (804) 276-6547.



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Maria Lynn, Interim Executive Director of Missions
Sam Duenckel, Associate for Missions
Sandy Weakley, Executive Assistant
Sue Hall, Ministry Assistant
Steve Smith, Associate for Ministry to Church Leaders

Pray For These

**The leaders of Tipi Wakan Ministries, our Dover Staff,
and in Dover's churches:**

March 7: **East Gate Baptist Church**

Catherine Lee, Pastor; Griendora McDowell, Georgia Kelly

Elon Baptist Church

Randy Secrist, Pastor; Beth Reed, Sharon Secrist

March 14: **Emmaus Baptist Church**

Tim Madison, Pastor; Sylvia Coates, Heather Torrence

March 21: **Fort Lee Baptist Church**

Michael Jordan, Pastor; Michelle Hancock, Susan Nowell

Four Mile Creek Baptist Church

Mike McMeniman, Pastor; Susanne Ricks, Diana Pepler

March 28: **Glen Allen Baptist Church**

Melissa Fallen, Pastor; William Crowder, Jr., Sharon West,
Glenn West, Janet Kessler, Debbie Gordon, Kim Cotton,
Debbie Mitchell

Goochland Baptist Church

Curt Kruschwitz, Pastor; Kelly Anderson

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

Arabic	Gwathmey	New Bethesda
Black Creek	Mechanicsville	Pioneer
	Mount Olivet	Walnut Grove

Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to the family of Bob Buriyon who passed away on January 18. Bob was the father of Barry Buriyon, who serves as the Pianist for **Westhunt Baptist Church**.

...to the family of Ida Marian Johnson who passed away on February 14. Ida served on the Prayer Council (1992-2007) for **Dover Baptist Association**, and was a member of **Berea Baptist Church**.

...to the family of Mel Ross who passed away on February 16. Mel served as the Vice-Moderator (2008-2009) and Moderator (2009-2010) for **Dover Baptist Association**. Mel was a member of **Berea Baptist Church**.

...to the family of Betty Ellis who passed away on February 20. Betty was the widow of Dr. Jim Ellis, a former pastor of **First Baptist Church Ashland**.

Tipi Wakan Mission Trips

Small teams of 4-6 people are needed for the following:

Construction/Repairs Team

May 1-8, 2021

Mission Immersion/Team Leader Orientation Trip

June 26 – July 3, 2021

Please contact maria.lynn@doverbaptist.org for more information and to register

2021 Hepler Scholarship Applications Due by Monday, March 15

For the application and guidelines, visit www.doverbaptist.org/resources/grants-and-scholarships/hepler-scholarship contact the Dover Office for an application or more information.

Congratulations

Daniel & Kristen Peyton welcomed a daughter, Alice Rose, on February 1st. Peyton is the Missional Resident for **First Baptist Church Ashland**.

Personnel Changes

Jared Jimenez concluded his service as the Youth/Children Pastor at **Fort Lee Baptist Church** on January 16.

New Bethesda Baptist Church welcomed Tiffany Talley as their Minister of Music on February 3.

Cool Spring Baptist Church welcomed Chama Elliott as their Financial Manager on March 1.