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Joy to  
the World



O death where is Thy Sting? O grave, where is thy victory...For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior who is Christ the Lord. (1 Corinthians 15:55, Luke 2:1)

## Because of His Birth, O Death Where is Thy Sting?

by: Win Davis, Dover DoM

As I write this blog, I find myself seated somewhere different than the familiar comfort of my desk or seat on my deck. I'm not listening to the birds chirping outside my home. I'm not watching the fall leaves swirl and land upon what use to be my freshly raked back yard. Instead, I'm listening to the gentle rapid breaths and watching the rise and fall of my 92-year-old mother's chest as I sit by her bedside. The caring hospice workers who have left for the evening, tell me that my mother is "transitioning" from life to death, and it shouldn't be much longer. I gently correct them, letting them know that she is just waiting for her Savior to come and take her home.

Earlier in the day, when the facility is fully staffed with nurses and CNA's helping residents walk, shuffle, inch along on their walkers, or roll along in rollators and wheelchairs, I hear Christmas music blaring from the dining room. I peek out to see several seniors singing carols, remembering, and reciting every lyric, even though many can't even remember the names of their children, who like me, have come by just to spend time with the one who raised them before it's time to say goodbye.

*Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth*

I've been a Christian for more than a half-century, and yet, perhaps more clearly than ever, I now see the link between my Savior's birth, earthly death, and eternal life.

Because of His birth I can proclaim, "O death, where is Thy Sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" Because of His birth, I have more empathy for those who use their social media platforms to wish their late loved ones "Merry Christmas in Heaven!" Because of His birth, I will sleep peacefully tonight knowing that when my mother's earthly sleep ends, her new life in Heaven with Jesus will begin. Because of His birth, one day my children will have the same assurance. My hope and prayer are that you may have and share that peace as well. God bless and Merry Christmas.

# Recap of the 239th Annual Meeting of the Dover Baptist Association

by: Win Davis, Dover DoM



On Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, messengers and members from many of our Dover Baptist Association churches congregated at Hillcrest Baptist Church for our 239<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. It was a wonderful afternoon of listening and learning as leadership addressed key issues including 2023 budget, incorporation/501c3 status, and new committee members.

In addition, attendees were given the opportunity to meet face-to-face and hear the powerful stories of God's love at

Dover's first Missions & Ministry Fair, as over two dozen of our Watson Mission Offering partners and other ministry alliances set up table-top exhibits and distributed information.

New pastors were recognized and Dover honored Anita Roy, Karen Mills and Pam Cross for their long-time volunteer service. A big thanks to Dr. Clarke Hawkins and the wonderful folks at Hillcrest Baptist Church for hosting this great gathering of our Dover family and friends.



## Dover Baptists Award \$10,000 Grant for Local Missions

During the Executive Committee Meeting on October 11, Dover's New Work Grant was awarded to Biltmore Baptist Church to build additional storage sheds to hold their surplus of donated clothes. Biltmore's thriving clothes closet ministry was featured in the Richmond Times Dispatch on August 22, 2022.

*On the first Saturday that the Biltmore Clothes Closet was open, the racks were about 1/3 full. Fourteen people came. Five years later the number of racks has tripled and are filled to capacity. Volunteers spend two mornings a week hanging 50-75 bags and boxes of clothes-most donated by those outside of Biltmore. Many weeks volunteers are forced to stop before finishing because the racks are too packed to hang anymore.*

*Most Saturdays now more than 200 people come for clothes. Most days, people wait in a line extending into the parking lot to go inside. All clothes are free, and many families leave with two or three large bags.*



## Dover Baptists gave \$34,988.78 to the 2022 Watson Mission Offering!

Each year Dover Baptists promote a local missions offering. Dover named its missions offering for Leslie and Hazel Watson, two faithful missionaries who served Christ and Southern Baptists in Japan for many years. When they returned to the United States, the Watsons served in this area, taking an active role in their local church and in Dover Baptist Association.

Our 2022 Association Missions Offering supported local ministries. It also provided Dover churches the opportunity to nominate other ministries they deem worthy of our support.

**Goal: \$28,500.00**  
**Received: \$34,988.78**

### Ministry to Our Baptist Community

Inner City Ministry.....	\$2,500
Famaden Memorial Institute Partnership.....	\$5,000
Standing Rock Reservation Ministry Opportunities.....	\$1,500
Ministry to Ministers and Families.....	\$1,000
Central Virginia Raceway Ministries.....	\$500
Partnership Missions Scholarships.....	\$1,000
HopeTree Family Services.....	\$500
ReEstablish Richmond.....	\$500
Good News Jail and Prison Ministry.....	\$500
The Pregnancy Resource Center of Metro Richmond.....	\$1,000
Cross Over Healthcare Ministry.....	\$400
The Fix Ministry (addiction & mental illness).....	\$1,000
The McShin Foundation.....	\$600

### Hallelujah Grant Recipients

Biltmore Baptist Church:

Backpack & Clothes Closet Ministry.....	\$3,000
Child Evangelism Fellowship of Greater Richmond.....	\$ 900
Deep Run Baptist Church: Backpack Ministry.....	\$1,500
Eastern Henrico FISH.....	\$3,000
Henrico Community Food Bank.....	\$3,000
Mechanics of Faith.....	\$3,000
Western Hanover Emergency Action Team (WHEAT).....	\$1,588.78
Westhunt Baptist Church: Weekend Nutrition Program.....	\$3,000

Your generosity makes a difference for the ministries that received a gift from the 2022 offering. Thank you!

**The 2023 Leslie and Hazel Watson Mission Offering Goal is \$35,000**

## Pray For These

**The leaders of Famaden Memorial Institute, our Dover Staff, Karen Mills (former Clerk), and in Dover's churches:**

December 4: **Western Hanover Church**

*without a pastor*; Michael Shiflett

December 11: **West Point, First Baptist Church**

Jim Goebel, Pastor; Sandra Mauney, Francine Adler

December 18: **Westhunt Baptist Church**

Jillian Andrzejewski, Pastor; Joanna Barnes, Barry Buriyon, Wendy Price

December 25: **Antioch Baptist Church**

Greg Soult, Pastor; Connie Lambert

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

Arabic    Four Mile Creek    Mechanicsville    Taylorsville  
Corinth    Hopewell                    New Highland

## Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to Win Davis and family, on the passing of his mother Kathleen Nicholson on November 9. Win Davis serves as the Executive Director of Missions for **Dover Baptist Association**.

...to the family of Lane Lynch, who passed away on November 6. Lane was the father of Tom Lynch, who serves as the Pastor of Missions and Discipleship Strategies for **Ashland, First Baptist Church**.

...to the family of Barbara Boggs, who passed away on November 5. Barbara served as the Associate for Ministry to Church Leader Families for **Dover Baptist Association** from 2002-2012.

...to the family of Anna M. Smith, who passed away November 2. Anna was the mother of Maryanna Soult and the mother-in-law of Greg Soult, who serves as Pastor of **Antioch Baptist Church**.

## Personnel Changes

- Matt Boschen concluded his service as the Associate Pastor for Students at **Mount Vernon Baptist Church** on November 27.
- **Corinth Baptist Church** welcomed Danny Owens as their Intentional Interim Pastor on November 1.
- **Mechanicsville Baptist Church** welcomed Todd Combee as their Interim Pastor on November 1.



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## Office Holiday Schedule

The Dover office will be closed Friday, December 23 through Friday, December 30, 2022 for the holidays.

## Positions Available

Visit [www.doverbaptist.org](http://www.doverbaptist.org) for all of the job openings.

**Corinth Baptist Church** seeks an Administrative Secretary (part-time). For more details, visit [www.doverbaptist.org/jobs](http://www.doverbaptist.org/jobs).

**Mount Vernon Baptist Church** seeks an Associate Pastor for Students (full-time), a Children's Ministry Assistant (part-time) and a Ministry Assistant for Pastoral Care and Memorial Park (full-time). For more information, visit [www.mvbcnow/jobs](http://www.mvbcnow/jobs)

**Taylorsville Baptist Church** is prayerfully seeking a Pastor (full-time). For more information, visit [www.taylorsvillebaptist.org/careers](http://www.taylorsvillebaptist.org/careers).

**West Point, First Baptist Church** seeks an Office Manager (part-time). This is a part-time position, hours are 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Any interested applicants should contact Connie Peay at (804) 513-9297.

## Dover WMU Annual Lottie Moon Christmas Tea

**Saturday, December 3—2:00 p.m.**

**Colosse Baptist Church**

23945 King William Rd, West Point 23181

Sign up by: November 30 — limited seating & no walk-ins!  
 Register by calling Anita Roy at (804) 843-4137.

## Annual Church Profile Update

The Annual Church Profiles (ACPs) are in the mail, or you can complete the form online. Questions? Please contact Sue Hall at the Dover office: [sue.hall@doverbaptist.org](mailto:sue.hall@doverbaptist.org) or (804) 550-1980. Thank you!

## Church Accounting Training



10 Sessions starting in January 2023 covering a variety of topics for church accounting. The sessions are led by Steve Law, MBA, MDiv.



Sessions will cover everything from financial policies & procedures to balance sheets, designated funds & budgets.



Sessions will also cover audits, contributions & online giving. Credit cards, payroll, personnel files, financial reporting, stewardship campaigns, and more!

Location: Dover Baptist Association Conference Center.  
 Registration: [www.doverbaptist.org/churchaccounting](http://www.doverbaptist.org/churchaccounting) or call (804) 550-1980

The sessions are \$50 each session, or you can prepay for all 10 sessions and have unlimited expert access.