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Upcoming Events

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

A/V & Tech Support Network

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

Area 4 Ministers Prayer Gathering

Thursday, February 4, 10 a.m., Zoom

Leadership Workshop: Navigating the Interim & Pastor Search Process

Thursday, February 11, 10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.
10 a.m.: Dover Center (**max. 8 people**) & Zoom
6:30 p.m.: Zoom only

Area 3 Ministers Prayer Gathering

Thursday, February 18, 11 a.m., Zoom

Community Conversation: Courageous Conversations about Race

Thursday, February 25, 10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.
10 a.m.: Dover Center (**max. 8 people**) & Zoom
6:30 p.m.: Zoom only

Future Church Summit (details —>)

Friday, February 26 & Saturday, February 27
Dover Center (**max 8 people**) & Zoom

A/V & Tech Support Network

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

Community Conversations: Ministry Idea Exchange

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

2021 Mileage Rate Decrease

On January 1, 2021, the standard mileage rates decreased to 56 cents per mile for business miles driven. For more information, visit: www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-issues-standard-mileage-rates-for-2021.

COVID-19 Vaccine Information

The VDH has now posted a link to pre-register for the COVID-19 vaccine. For more information, visit: www.vdh.virginia.gov/covid-19-vaccine

Future Church Summit

"A guided planning retreat for becoming the congregation of tomorrow" (hosted by: Fresh Expressions US)

When: Friday, February 26 & Saturday, February 27, 2021.

Where: In-person and on Zoom*

*Depending on the COVID-19 restrictions near the date of the conference. If in-person is allowed, then Dover will cap the number of in-person participants

Free Registration! Dover is a host site and will offer this event free for Dover churches. You must register through Dover to receive the free access. A Zoom link will be sent closer to the event date.

Register: www.doverbaptist.org/future-church

Learn more: www.freshexpressionsus.org/futurechurchsummit

Schedule:

Friday Evening, 7 p.m., Resurrecting Church

SESSION 1: Better Days Ahead: A Thriving Mission in a Polarized, Post-Pandemic, Hyper-Connected World - Michael Beck

SESSION 2: Minefields and Goldmines: What to Anticipate in the New World - Len Sweet

Saturday Morning, 9 a.m., Reevaluating Mission

SESSION 3: The Plans I Have for You: Why Your Church's Destiny Lies in its History - Tod Bolsinger

SESSION 4: Church has Left the Building: Re-Vitalizing Congregations from the Outside-In - Shannon Kiser

Saturday Afternoon, 12:50 p.m., Releasing Potential

SESSION 5: A New Kind of Local Church: How Experimental

Communities and Established Liturgies can Renew the Local Congregation - Matt Lake

SESSION 6: Reclaiming the Spirit: The Power to Become the Church of Tomorrow Today - Keisha Polonio

Moving Through the Interim

INVOLVEMENT, engagement, participation, collaboration, partner, and connection are words to describe the way our Dover churches put into action the mission of God. We have begun the New Year with an intentional focus on *involving God* in the ministry of the association and our churches through prayer. These weekly regional prayer gatherings via Zoom have connected us with the work God is doing in your churches, drawing people to faith, and developing new ministries here and abroad. Please join us for one of the upcoming prayer gatherings:

Prayer Gatherings

February 4	10 a.m.	Area 4
February 18	11 a.m.	Area 3

An email with the Zoom link has been sent to Pastors. A list of the Dover 'areas' or 'regions' can be found on our website doverbaptist.org.

We have begun the conversation related to *engaging the next generation* in ministry leadership. Developing a leadership cohort and ministry incubator will be the first steps in creating an environment to grow new leaders for our churches and association.

Join the Conversation!

If you missed the first conversation on January 26, please email: maria.lynn@doverbaptist.org about joining the ongoing dialog.

February will bring more opportunities to *partner with our churches* in navigating pastoral transitions. Equipping our churches with the tools and resources to help the pastor-church relationship begin and end well will strengthen us all.

Navigating the Interim & Pastor Search Process Workshop

February 11, 10 a.m., Hybrid*
*Dover Center (max 8) & Zoom
6:30 p.m., Zoom Only
Register at doverbaptist.org

Connecting our churches with one another is vital to creating relationships that bring together cultures and races that foster collaboration for God's Kingdom building work. It is time for us to begin the courageous conversation about race in a manner that builds bridges and not walls. Our first conversation will involve learning how to have courageous conversations. I hope you will pray about joining us for this community conversation:

Courageous Conversations about Race

February 25 10 a.m., Hybrid*
*Dover Center (max 8) & Zoom
6:30 p.m., Zoom Only
Register at doverbaptist.org

As we look to the future and what the church will look like post-COVID-19, we recognize that we will not emerge the same as we entered the pandemic lockdown. The digital world is the new front porch/door of the church and we will need help in navigating both an analog and digital form of church. Balancing the personal with the electronic means of communicating and worshipping will be a challenge. It will require imagination and innovation and an ability to read the signs of the times, known as contextual intelligence. Dover Association has registered to host a virtual conference, The Future Church Summit, that will help our churches explore the world of ministry after COVID-19. Please join us for this two-day conference!

Future Church Summit

February 26	7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
February 27	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

~ Maria Lynn

Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to the family of Leroy Williams who passed away on January 22, 2021.

Leroy was a member of **New Bethesda Baptist Church**, and served as the Chairman of the Properties Committee (2006-2015), and on the Disaster Relief Team (2000-2015) for **Dover Baptist Association**.

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.

HOPE: Depression and Suicide Awareness Conversation

Have you or someone you know ever suffered from depression? Have you wondered how the church can respond? Come join our conversation as we discuss

depression and suicide, learn about resources, and talk about how individuals and the church can missionally respond.

We will hold this conversation on Saturday morning, February 20th at 10:00 am.

Registration:

www.us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZercu6gqT0tGNR-6flhMYTG-AiI3RhpK3ET

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Hope you can join us! Contact Laura Davis for information on HOPE Conversations at ldavis@wmuv.org

Pray For These

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

February 7: **Cool Spring Baptist Church**

Brad Hoffmann, Senior Pastor; Wayne Smith, Ted Tussey, Greg English, David Moore, Bryan Dupuis, Brenda Kidd, Derek Nicksich, Jill Baughan, Sharon Neeley, Nicole Moore, Candace Nahodil, Laurie Spiers, Linda McNally, Kim Young, Shane Standlick, Jen Willard, Melvin Terry, Mark Billups, Tyler English, Wendy Shaw, Glen Bohannon, Pam Cross, Greg Marble, Alexandra Freed

February 14: **Corinth Baptist Church**

Ben Caldwell, Pastor; Tony Vines

February 21: **Cornerstone Christian Church**

Carla Dillard, Pastor; Pam Hughes, Jim Hargrove

February 28: **Deep Run Baptist Church**

Rick Allison, Pastor; Dreama Hill, Wilma Carwile, Terry Jones, Andrea Mason, Ann Wilton

Dover Baptist Church

Todd Kube, Pastor; Donna Martin, Randall McGuire

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
Emmaus	Mount Olivet	Walnut Grove

Personnel Changes

Sandy Finan retired as the Financial Coordinator at **Cool Spring Baptist Church** on December 31, 2020.

Mount Olivet Baptist Church welcomed Larry Frakes as their Intentional Interim Pastor on January 3.

New Bethesda Baptist Church welcomed Tom Gaskins as their Interim Pastor on January 3.

Four Mile Creek Baptist Church welcomed Diana Peppler as their Church Administrator on January 4.

Oak Hall Baptist Church welcomed Judy Pugliese as their Secretary on January 4.

Tim Madison concluded his service as Pastor for **Mechanicsville Baptist Church** on January 31, and will begin serving as Pastor of **Emmaus Baptist Church** in February.

Helping Others in 2021!

In these unique and challenging times, what have we been able to do to help others and hope to do in 2021?

During our usual times, we have found ourselves doing community events, going to homes, nursing facilities, hospital rooms, providing food, clothing, special services, and so much more. During these times with COVID-19, we have greater limits with personal contact.

Therefore, we face new challenges. But, in many ways, they have and can become new and challenging opportunities. For we know that the needs of others in our community still exist and we have and can find new ways of providing some help needed.

A few examples from Dover churches:

The food pantry at **Kentwood Heights** is their major ministry to community. A large donation given will help encourage them to do small group ministries, as needs arise and/or when possible. Also being discussed is providing meals for those who come by the Church for COVID-19 testing, which they have been doing and hope to do in the future.

Pastor Ro at **Grace Chinese** shared that they are helping Goochland Cares. This is a combination of medical clinic, food pantry, clothing closet and more. The Church has also been sending large numbers of masks to hospitals. The plan is to continue through Goochland Cares and helping individual families, as needs arise and/or when possible.

Mount Vernon provided bag lunches for homeless persons, hand delivered 300 gift cards with encouraging notes to teachers in area schools, 125 gift cards to police officers, and they prepared Thanksgiving Food Baskets plus a gift card to give to families in need. This represents just a few of their ministries they share with others.

The deacons at **Hopeful** did a number of things including: family care, Brotherhood ministry, wheelchair ramps and other home modifications, yard work, and sharing the gospel.

These are just a few examples from our Churches of some of their ministries of which they are involved. There is much more being done throughout Dover through all of our Churches, where and when possible.

What might be your testimony of HELPING OTHERS in community and/or Church during these challenging times? What new challenging ways have you discovered to share ministry with others in these days and throughout 2021?

As we remember what Jesus said "whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." I would also add a word from Paul in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Therefore, whatever we do for others, it is for Jesus. Whatever we do, it is through Christ, who gives us the strength. May God bless us everyone, as we plan ahead and help others, in Jesus Name.

~Steve Smith



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Sandy Weakley, Executive Assistant
Sue Hall, Ministry Assistant
Steve Smith, Associate for Ministry to Church Leaders

2021 Hepler Scholarship Applications Due by March 15

Applications for the 2021 W. Paul Hepler Scholarship must be received in the Dover Office no later than 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.

Carolyn Hollins Memorial Scholarship

Application deadline is Monday, March 29.

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

Inclement Weather Policy

Whenever Hanover County Public Schools close due to weather conditions, the Dover Association Office may also close or change office hours.

Positions Available

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

Atlee Church seeks a Technical Director (full-time). The Technical Director is responsible for all aspects of sound, lighting, media and video presentations for the Mechanicsville Location. The Director will work closely with the Visual Media Director to create environments that are appropriate for our Sunday morning event. They will also oversee our Children's Ministry and Atlee Student Ministry technical needs. For more information, please visit: www.doverbaptist.org/technical-director-full-time

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

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

New Bethesda Baptist Church seeks an Accompanist (part-time), for approximately 10 hours per week. To apply, email resume and contact information to personnel@newbethesda.org.