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Upcoming Events

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

Weekly Pastors Support Group

Mondays, 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

A/V Tech Support Group

Tuesday, September 7, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Zoom only. Contact Sam Duenckel to join.

Central Virginia Raceway Ministries

Friday, September 10-Saturday, September 11
Richmond Raceway
(see page 3 for more information)

Dover Council

Tuesday, September 14, Noon to 2 p.m.
Dover Office & Zoom

Leadership Development Conference

Monday, September 20, 5:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Mount Vernon Baptist Church
(See page 2 for more information)

Pastors Health Network - Book Discussion

"Kingdom Politics" by: Kristopher Norris
Tuesday, September 21, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Dover Office & Zoom

Sunday School Directors

not meeting in September

A Divine Distraction

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8 NIV)

I often tell a true story about two church members, who were about as politically polar opposite as could be. One leaned largely left, while the other tilted far right. They attended the same church, served faithfully and ministered to those Jesus called the least of these. They were occasionally seen cordially conversing with one another after church.

Once they left and reconnected via social media, however, it was a totally different story. The unfiltered, free reigning platform of Facebook gave them a boldness, and occasional mean-spiritedness for all the world – saved and unsaved alike – to see. They often bashed each other's political parties and opinions, so much that their pastor blocked their comments from appearing on his Facebook page.

Through a unique set of circumstances, an opportunity came up for their church to go on mission to an orphanage in Africa. After some strong interest from several church members, ironically (and I would attest Divinely), only these two men were able to go. They boarded the plane together, sat side-by-side for over 20 hours and arrived at the small village where the orphanage was located. For the next week, they held parentless children, fed them, played games with them, prayed beside them, and assured each child they were made in the image of God. No Internet, thus no Facebook, national news, naysayers nor negative people to fan the flames of their dissenting political opinions.

Each came back from their mission trip a better man, humbled by the assurance of Scripture that "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world (James 1:27)," and the promise of Jesus that "whatever you did for the least of these, you did for Me (Matthew 25:40)."

The point being that missions, in the name of Jesus, is a great distraction from the politics, poisonous people and potential to be polluted by the world. As Dover's new Director of Missions, I see one of my roles as not only to help direct, but to cheer on and promote the many opportunities we have to be on mission. I've begun to outline a vision I have called the Acts 1:8 Missions Initiative to promote and support Dover's local, regional, reconciliatory, national and international missions. I would ask for your most fervent prayers that the Holy Spirit would lead us where God would have us serve and your role in being a witness for Jesus Christ in your Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and outer most parts of the world. These days, I think most of us could use a Divine Distraction. God bless.

~Win Davis, Dover DOM

Dover Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, October 5 — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Antioch Baptist Church, 3868 Antioch Church Road, Sandston

Featuring the Virginia Gospel Singers (Bluegrass) & a boxed lunch.

More details coming soon!

*We will continue to monitor the COVID guidelines and procedures, we will let you know of what changes affect this program.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

**MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021**

5:15-8:30 PM

MOUNT VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH

11220 Nuckols Road, Glen Allen, VA 23059

WWW.BAPTISTLEADERS.ORG - (804) 314-0294

**DINNER, BREAKOUT SESSIONS, AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
DR. JOHN UPTON
"JOURNEY INTO THE UNKNOWN"
(GENESIS 12: 1-4A/HEBREWS 11: 8-10)**



BREAKOUT SESSIONS:



"A Proper Sense of Who We Are"
- John Upton



"One Church - The blending of online and in-person congregations."
- Tom Lewis



"Reclaim. Reimagine. Reignite ministry for minors."
- Chris Wondree



"Church Branding on a Budget: Telling your church's story"
- Alison Fallecker



"Crisis Care in the Post-Covid Church"
- Kristen Curtis



"Bridging Racial Divides through Worship & Discipleship"
- Randell Williams & Josh Hayden



"Live Streaming: Tools Anyone Can Use to Become a Pro"
Panel Discussion: Ed Baber, Jim Barbour, and Lindsay Ray

***the LDC Planning Team is monitoring the COVID Guidelines and will provide an update to any changes in the conference format.**

Pray For These

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

September 5: **Parham Road Baptist Church**
Spencer Dillard, Pastor; John Gilliam,
Dack Axselle, Frances Whitlock
September 12: **Pioneer Baptist Church**
Ron Shortt, Pastor; Linda Shortt

September 19: **Poplar Springs Baptist Church**
Steve Crane, Pastor; Shirley Adkins, Martha Crane
September 26: **Rappahannock Indian Baptist Church**
Ron Nicholls, Pastor; Faye Nicholls

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
Beulah	Mechanicsville	Taylorsville
Black Creek	Mount Olivet	

NASCAR Race Weekend

Friday, September 10 & Saturday, September 11
NO COOKIES NEEDED FOR THIS RACE WEEKEND

Raceway Ministries will need volunteers for Saturday only (the race on Friday is much shorter and fewer fans expected). Saturday shifts are 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Opportunities to serve under guest services, chaplains, and more. If you are interested in volunteering, or for more information, please contact Charles Ward at (804) 262-3612.

Congratulations

...to Todd & Susan Combee, the proud grandparents of Oliver James Combee, born August 11 to son Jacob and Shannon Combee. Todd is a former pastor of **New Bethesda Baptist Church**.

...Theresa and Rodney Altland, the proud grandparents of Oliver Steven Altland, born July 29 to son Eric and Kali Altland. Theresa is a former Church Secretary for **Ridge Baptist Church**.

Dover WMU News

Dover WMU AREA I Meeting

Tuesday, October 5—10:30 a.m. to Noon
Mount Olivet Baptist Church
15583 Coatesville Road, Beaverdam
A special guest speaker will be there.
No lunch will be provided. For more information, contact
Cathy Williams (804) 752-2339

Save the Date

World Day of Prayer

Monday, November 1—10:00 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Mechanicsville Baptist Church
8016 Atlee Road, Mechanicsville

Dover WMU Recycling Challenge

September 1, 2021-February 15, 2022

How the Challenge Works?

- Collect recycled items (all plastics must be clean, dry, and free of food residue)
- Put all plastic collections in a CLEAR garbage bag
- Weigh the full CLEAR garbage bag.
- Deliver the collected plastic film to a participating retailer—NexTREX BOX (please contact store with larger amount)
Virginia retailers: Food City, Food Lion, Giant, Harris Teeter, Kohl's, Kroger, Martins, Shop'n Save, Safeway, Sprouts Farmers Market, Wegmans, Weis Markets

- Email Sharon McKinley (WMUmission@aol.com) with weight, church/group name, and questions
*Subject heading: "recycling bench"

GOAL

- Collect 500 or more pounds to receive a Trex Bench for Camp Crossroads
- Church/group with most pounds—name will be placed on the bench.

Visit www.doverbaptist.org/wmu for more information.



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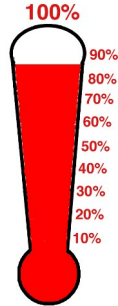
Win Davis, Executive Director of Missions
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 Sandy Weakley, Executive Assistant
 Sue Hall, Ministry Assistant
 Steve Smith, Associate for Ministry to Church Leaders

Leslie and Hazel Watson Association Missions Offering

Goal: \$30,000

Received as of August 19:
 \$25,499.63

Thank You!!



Visit www.doverbaptist.org/resources/amo or call us at (804) 550-1980 for more information.

Deadline For Watson Grant Application: Friday, October 29

Visit www.doverbaptist.org/resources/amo or call the Dover office at (804) 550-1980 for more information. Nominations for this grant must come from Dover churches on behalf of ministries and organizations of their choice.

Office Closed for Holiday

The Dover office will be closed on Monday, September 6, in observance of Labor Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 7.

Positions Available

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

Berea Baptist Church seeks a Children's Assistant (part-time). For more information for each of the positions, visit www.doverbaptist.org/category/jobs. To apply, email: personnel.berea@gmail.com with your resume.

Gwathmey Baptist Church seeks a Pastor (full-time). For more information, visit www.doverbaptist.org/category/jobs

Kentwood Heights Baptist Church seeks an Associate Pastor for Children & Youth (full-time). For more information, visit www.kentwoodheights.org for full job description under "Assoc. Pastor Search". To apply, send resumes to office@kentwoodheights.org

The Day School at New Highland Baptist Church, a licensed half-day preschool for children ages 2½ to 5, is seeking a Preschool Director (part-time). This position oversees the administration, education program, fiscal responsibilities and safety compliance for the preschool. The successful candidate should meet the requirements set forth by the Virginia Licensing Standard 22VAC40-185-190. Interested candidates, please send your resume

and references to: New Highland Baptist Church, Attn: Preschool Committee, 9200 New Ashcake Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116, or via email at dayschoolatnhbc@gmail.com.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church seeks a Minister to Families and Youth (part-time) to assist the pastor with supporting and innovating youth and children's ministries. A heart for youth and their families, creative thinking, experience with these age groups, and equipping volunteers for team leadership are essential to fulfilling this position. The potential for growth in this community is considerable, and this position could lead to full-time employment as the ministries increase. For more information, visit www.doverbaptist.org/category/jobs
Accompanist/Worship Leader (part-time) for Sunday morning worship services and weekly rehearsals with the Praise Team who is comfortable with planning and leading the congregation in both traditional and contemporary music. Call (804) 746-5081 or email resumes to the church at office@wgva.church.