



# Dover Diary

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## Upcoming Events

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

### Area 1 Ministers Prayer Gathering

Thursday, January 7, 2021 - 10 a.m. or 7 p.m.  
In-person location: TBD, or on Zoom

### Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 - 7 p.m.  
Hunton Baptist Church\* (might shift to Zoom)

### Area 2 Ministers Prayer Gathering

Thursday, January 14, 2021 - 10 a.m. or 7 p.m.  
In-person location: TBD, or on Zoom

### Area 3 Ministers Prayer Gathering

Thursday, January 21, 2021 - 10 a.m. or 7 p.m.  
In-person location: TBD, or on Zoom

### Community Conversations: Developing a Leadership Cohort & Ministry incubator among younger adults

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 - 10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.  
In-person location: TBD, or on Zoom

### Area 4 Ministers Prayer Gathering

Thursday, January 28, 2021 - 10 a.m. or 7 p.m.  
In-person location: TBD, or on Zoom

### Associational Mission Trip Orientation

Saturday, January 30, 2021 - 10 a.m.  
In-person location: TBD, & on Zoom

### Area 5 Ministers Prayer Gathering

Thursday, February 4, 2021 - 10 a.m. or 7 p.m.  
In-person location: TBD, or on Zoom



## Associational Mission Trip to Standing Rock Required Orientation Meeting

When: Saturday, January 30, 2021

Time: 10 a.m.-Noon

Location: in-person TBD & on Zoom

Dover is planning an associational mission trip to the Standing Rock Reservation (in North & South Dakota) in the Summer 2021. This orientation is required for anyone who plans to go either with a church group or individually. **Registration:** [www.doverbaptist.org/mission-trip](http://www.doverbaptist.org/mission-trip)

## 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\*

\*Depends 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 to meet that requirement.

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](http://www.doverbaptist.org/future-church)

Learn more: [www.freshexpressionsus.org/futurechurchsummit](http://www.freshexpressionsus.org/futurechurchsummit)

# New Year, New Opportunities!

Happy New Year! Hoping your celebration of Christmas blessed you and that the New Year will bring you joy and new steps in your discipleship journey. I appreciate the changing of the seasons and the rhythm of the church year - the ebb and flow of mission activity, celebrations of God's work in us and the reflection and remembrances of Christ's presence and call in our lives. Each New Year brings the opportunity to reflect on God's revelation in us over the last year and anticipate how God might work in the coming year.

As the Dover Association begins 2021, we anticipate the selection of an Executive Director and with that a new vision and energy for the work of the association. In the meantime, there is opportunity to build connections among our churches, strengthen our cooperative mission work, and invest in the future of ministry leadership. Beginning in January, we will begin a concerted effort to connect with each of our Dover churches through regional Prayer Gatherings, Community Conversations, Dover Cares workshops and Church Resource Workshops.

## Regional Ministers Prayer Gatherings

The Dover Field staff will host gatherings online for each of the 5 areas (regions) of the association. These gatherings with ministers will include listening to the needs and celebrations of the churches, building relationships among the churches in the region and spending time in prayer together.

- Area 1: Thursday, January 7
- Area 2: Thursday, January 14
- Area 3: Thursday, January 21
- Area 4: Thursday, January 28
- Area 5: Thursday, February 4

Morning sessions: 10 a.m.  
Evening sessions: 7 p.m.

To learn which region your church is in, please visit: [www.doverbaptist.org/regions](http://www.doverbaptist.org/regions) or call the Dover office at (804) 550-1980.



## Community Conversations

Each monthly conversation will explore an area of associational ministry in need of development and will include committee, council or team members, ministers and congregational leaders interested in the topic.

**January 26:** Developing a leadership cohort and ministry incubator among younger adults.

**February 25:** Building relationships cross-culturally and having courageous conversations about race.

**March 4:** Ministry idea exchange among children and youth ministers/leaders.

Morning sessions: 10 a.m. - Noon

Evening sessions: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

## Congregational Leadership Workshops

These workshops are designed to offer training and information for church ministry groups or committees.

**February 11:** Navigating the Interim and Pastor Search Process

**March 11:** Mission Dialog for Churches

Morning sessions: 10 a.m. - Noon

Evening sessions: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

## Dover Cares Workshops

These workshops will be scheduled as we respond to the needs, we learn about during our prayer gatherings. Workshops will be led by professionals who minister in these areas. For example: Dementia, Grief, Substance Use Disorder Recovery, etc. could be among the topic.

We wish that all these events would be in-person events, but recognize most of them will be virtual or hybrid gatherings. You may register for these events online at [www.doverbaptist.org/workshops](http://www.doverbaptist.org/workshops). Zoom links will be sent after you register.

May joy be yours in the New Year!

-Maria Lynn

## THANK YOU!!

### 268 bags collected for children in foster care

A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped collect bags for children moving around in foster care. 268 bags of all types and sizes were delivered to the Dover office over the past few weeks. Thank you for helping meet this need in our community.

## Pray For These

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

January 3: **Arabic Baptist Church**

without a pastor; William Khalil

January 10: **Ashland, First Baptist Church**

Josh Hayden, Pastor; Rachel Pierce, Tom Lynch, Jimmie Miles, Laura Ross, Lisa Reckley

**Atlee Church**

Jeff Boggess, Lead Pastor; Sandy Batten, Jason Mallory, Evelyn Boggess, Trey Critzer, Tonya Carey, Chatham Dorton, Ras Peel, Sarah Harper, Jonathan Harper, Rhonda Kelley, Bruce McKay, Wendy Scheller, Daniel Kenny, Bill Oyler, Stephanie Johnson, Natalie Waring, Grace Young, Josh Henry, Charles Fitzgerald, Michael Lawhorne

January 17: **Berea Baptist Church**

John Baldwin, Pastor; Peggy Peck, Paul Rozecki, Mary Trapani, Amy Jones, Sharon Condrey, Brande Rakes, Jim Housknecht, Andrea Hollins

**Beulah Baptist Church**

Ed Shepard, Pastor; Judy Shepard

January 24: **Biltmore Baptist Church**

Ken Wright, Pastor; Marsha Ann Worsham

**Black Creek Baptist Church**

Ken Stalls, Interim Pastor; Dawn Parker

January 31: **Broadus Memorial Baptist Church**

Phil Peacock, Pastor; Karen Tucker, Tyson Banks, Jamie Cosley, Carl Monfalcone, Jeff Poythress, Carol Golden

**Colosse Baptist Church**

Jeff Mills, Pastor; Gaynell Smith, Marian Carnell, Rose Rice

## Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to the family of Bob Fleming who passed away on November 24, 2020. Bob was a pastor of Tuckahoe Baptist Church, a former Dover church, (1985-1989), and later served as the Pastor of Visitation and Senior Adults for **New Highland Baptist Church** (2009-2015). Bob was also a member and leader at **Westhunt Baptist Church**.

Bob's daughter, Phyllis Coffman, and son-in-law, Bob Coffman, serve on staff at **Ridge Baptist Church**.

...to the family of Edna Mae Allmond who passed away on November 25, 2020. Edna was a member of **Samaria Baptist Church**. Edna's daughter, Rose Mary Stewart, served as a Co-Intentional Interim Executive Director of Missions for **Dover Baptist Association**.

...to the family of Mary Van Ness who passed away on November 26, 2020. Mary was the granddaughter of Dan and Ann McFaden. Dan is the Interim Pastor at **Walnut Grove Baptist Church**.

...to the family of Kenneth Smith who passed away on November 27, 2020. Kenneth's son, Kerry, is the Minister for Education and Outreach at **North Run Baptist Church**.

...to the family of Pat McFaden who passed away on December 11, 2020. Pat's wife, Nancy, served as an Office Assistant for **Dover Baptist Association** (2008-2010). Pat's brother, Dan McFaden, serves as the Interim Pastor at **Walnut Grove Baptist Church**.

...to the family of Dan Rowe who passed away on December 13, 2020. Dan's daughter, Susan Gaskins, is a member of North Run Baptist Church, and son-in-law, Tom Gaskins, is the Pastor Emeritus at **North Run Baptist Church**.

## Personnel Changes

**Pioneer Baptist Church** called Linda Shortt as their Ministry Assistant on December 13.

## Positions Available

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

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

Visit [www.doverbaptist.org/worship-coordinator-part-time](http://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](http://www.doverbaptist.org/interim-youth-leader-part-time)

**Pioneer Baptist Church** seeks a Pastor (full-time).

For more information and/or apply, contact [pbsearch1051@gmail.com](mailto:pbsearch1051@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:personnel@newbethesda.org).

**Walnut Grove Baptist Church** seeks a Minister to Families (part-time) to assist the pastor with supporting and innovating in-reach and outreach to children, youth and young adults. A heart for youth and their families, experience with these age groups, and a desire to equip volunteers for team leadership are essential to fulfilling this position. Call (804) 746-5081 for more information or email resumes to [office@wgva.church](mailto:office@wgva.church)



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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

## Executive Director of Missions Search

The Dover Baptist Association is in the process of seeking God's will for a new permanent Executive Director of Missions. Visit [www.doverbaptist.org/executive-director-search](http://www.doverbaptist.org/executive-director-search) for more information and/or apply. Deadline to apply: February 1, 2021

## Inclement Weather Policy

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

## Office Closed for Holiday

The Dover office will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021, in observance of Martin Luther King Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 19.

## 2021 Hepler Scholarship Applications Due by March 15

Paul Hepler served as Dover Baptist Association's second Director of Missions. Dover awards an annual scholarship in his name, to a Dover Baptist student pursuing a college or graduate degree.

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

## Who Can Apply for the Hepler Scholarship?

### **I'm glad you asked.....**

This scholarship fund is available to any person who is a member of a Dover Association Baptist church for at least one year prior to his/her application being submitted.

The application must be approved by the church.

The applicant must be planning to pursue a baccalaureate or graduate degree in an accredited college, university or seminary. Seminary students must attend a college accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The school may be denominational or non-denominational in Virginia or a Baptist institution out of state.

Applications are due in the Dover Office by Friday, March 15, 2021.

For more information, visit: [www.doverbaptist.org/resources/grants-and-scholarships/hepler-scholarship](http://www.doverbaptist.org/resources/grants-and-scholarships/hepler-scholarship)