



*Celebrates
240 Years!*

DOVER DIARY

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Don't Forget: REGISTER NOW!

Click [here](#) or call the Dover office at (804) 550-1980

240th Anniversary Celebration, Annual Meeting, & Missions Fair

**Sunday, October 22, 2023 | Check-in 2:30 p.m. with program from 3-5 p.m.
New Bethesda Baptist Church | 9019 New Bethesda Rd, Mechanicsville
www.newbethesdabaptistchurch.org | **Featured Speaker: Bobby Ukrop****

Come celebrate the Dover Baptist Association's 240th Anniversary and meet our missions & ministries partners! The Dover Annual Meeting will begin with our program and business meeting followed by a Missions Fair. The Missions Fair will feature many of the partners supported by your Watson Mission Offering. The now-second-annual Mission Fair will provide an opportunity to see firsthand many of the organizations in our communities that your church can connect with and get involved in. **Can't wait to see YOU!**



240 YEARS! CELEBRATING THE PAST BY LIVING FOR THE FUTURE



Early photograph of the Old Dover Meeting House

This year I have walked on hallowed grounds. In the Spring, I walked in the footsteps of Jesus. I walked in Bethlehem where perhaps Jesus took His first baby steps. I walked in Cana and stood beside a stone waterpot, carbon dated to the time that Jesus would have stood there ordering the servants to fill them with water, and He would miraculously turn into the finest wine. I walked down the Via Dolorosa (Latin for Way of Suffering), where many theologians believe Jesus stumbled along in agony through the Old City of Jerusalem, on His way to the Cross.

Last week, I once again walked where Jesus walked, or perhaps more accurately, His Holy Spirit walked, or hovered or roamed or moved about in whatever way the Holy Spirit moves, among God's people. I stood on the hallowed grounds, where once stood the old meetinghouse of the Dover Baptist Church. It was there that twenty-two charter member churches began what would become The Dover Baptist Association.

For over 240 years, the Dover Baptist Association and its member churches, pastors & staff, lay leaders and faithful flocks have served to make a difference for the Kingdom and strived to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I have been told by those who have studied our history, that it was from a Dover church, that God called the first American missionary to Africa. I find it divinely ironic that more than two centuries later, God called an African pastor to plant our newest Dover church. I was informed by a Virginia Baptist historian that the Dover Baptist Association was one of the first, if not the only Southern Baptist

collective of churches to advocate for the abolition of slavery before the Civil War. I am honored to now serve an association that now honors, advocates and partners with churches representing multiple races and ethnicities.

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14 NKJV

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This month on Sunday, October 22, we will celebrate The Dover Baptist Association's 240th anniversary. As wonderful as that is, and as faithful as our people have been, my prayer is that we commit to celebrating the past by living for the future. The Apostle Paul, moved by the same Holy Spirit that moved those faithful founding fathers of Dover back in 1783, wrote, "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." May our mission, vision and passion be to pray, discern and engage with our God-given talents, resources, individual and collective roles in the Dover Baptist Association, and then press on to the upward call in Christ Jesus – For His Kingdom. For His Glory. God bless.

— Rev. A. Win Davis, Executive Director of Missions

DBA Upcoming Events & Deadlines

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

Weekly Minister Support Group, Dover Office
Mondays, 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

DWMU Council Meeting, home of Beth Watson Ward
Saturday, October 7, 1 p.m.



DWMU Kathleen Sanderson Culpepper Group, TBA
Monday, October 9 or 16, 7:00 p.m.

Dover Executive Committee Meeting, Dover Office
Tuesday, October 10, 7:00 p.m.

Baptist World Alliance's World Day of Prayer,
Mechanicsville BC
Host: DWMU, Saturday, October 14, 10:00 a.m. to noon

Prayer Council, Dover Office
Monday, October 16, 10:00 a.m.

DWMU Area I Meeting and Lunch, Dover BC
Tuesday, October 17, 10:30 a.m.

VA Church Library Conference, North Run BC
Saturday, October 21, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Dover Annual Meeting, New Bethesda BC
Sunday, October 22, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday School Director Meeting, Dover Office
Monday, October 30, 7:00 p.m.

Watson Annual Missions Offering Closes
Tuesday, October 31

Looking Ahead...

Operation Christmas Child Collection Week,
November 13-20, various locations

Lottie Moon Christmas Tea, Cool Spring BC
Saturday, December 2, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

NOTICE: EVENT CHANGE

Due to an outpouring of love and donation of feminine products filling their storage facility, the Dover [Sylvia's Sisters](#) packing event scheduled originally for Thursday, September 21, 2023 has been postponed to November date TBA, details to come.

DWMU News

The **Woman's Missionary Union (WMU)**, founded in 1888 as an auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention, is the world's largest Protestant women's missions organization.

The fall meeting of Dover Woman's Missionary Union's Olive Riddell Group, Area I, will be held at Dover Baptist Church at 635 Manakin Road, Manakin-Sabot, VA at 10:30am on October 17, 2023. Michelle Robertson will be the speaker. She is a retired missionary who served in Malawi and South Africa for IMB. The meeting will end with lunch. Please bring a canned good for The Goochland Food Pantry. — Group Leader Cathy Williams

Lottie Moon Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 2, 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

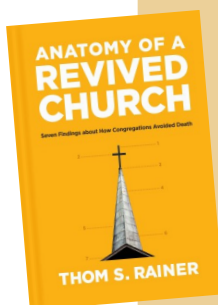
Cool Spring Baptist Church || RSVP by Nov. 24th
Speakers are an IMB missionary couple. Spots limited!
Contact: Wendy Shaw, wshaw@coolspring.org

All are welcome to WMU events: women, men, and children!

Pastor Health Network: October

Our October Meeting will be Wednesday, October 11, following the Pastor Support Group Meeting which begins at 10:30 a.m. The October Book is *Anatomy of a Revived Church: Seven Findings about How Congregations Avoided Death*, by Thom S. Rainer. Please get your own books and turn in the receipt to Dover for a partial reimbursement. Please bring your own lunch. Hope to see you there.

—Greg Soult, bowtiepastor@gmail.com



Watson Annual Missions Offering Grant Application Guidelines and the 2023 WAMO Prayer Guide
Reminder! Offering closes October 31st. Please visit: www.doverbaptist.org/resources/wamo

Pray For These

The leaders of Famaden Memorial Institute, our Dover Staff, and all Dover's churches:

- October 1 Ridge
Alan Ray (Senior Pastor),
Jonathan Howard, Phyllis Coffman,
Robert Blaylock, Deanna Jenns,
Lindsay Ray, Neven Kalda
- October 8 Samaria
Jay Hurley (Senior Pastor),
David Adkins, Donna Turner
- October 15 Second Liberty
Sean Young (Senior Pastor),
Audrey Christian
- October 22 Shalom
Mark Miller (Senior Pastor),
Jeffrey Farrier, Nate Puller, Kathy Seay,
Jean Dart, Kelly Bittler
- October 29 Sharon
B. J. Crowder (Interim Pastor),
Lynne Uzel, Lisa Nault, Luke Fisher,
Kristen Fisher

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

Arabic	Indian View	Sharon
Corinth	Mechanicsville	Taylorsville
Four Mile Creek	Pamunkey Indian	

Dover Expresses Our Sympathy

Correction: In our September Dover Diary, we published a misspelling of Nancy and Rev. Marvin Kerby's last name with an "i." We apologize for this error.

Personnel Changes

A hearty Dover welcome to ...
Pastor Mark Simpson (pictured with family), new Associate Pastor of Youth and Discipleship at Mt Olivet Baptist Church of Beaverdam, Virginia.



Several of our Dover churches have already set up ways to help the victims of the devastating fires in Hawaii. The need right now is financial support to get water and supplies to the families. Please read the following short articles and consider the following reputable Christian organizations for your support if your church has not set up a way to help.

Come Celebrate

Pioneer Baptist Church's
180th Anniversary &
100th Anniversary with the
WMU!

October 8, 2023 from 10 a.m.—noon
Pioneer Baptist Church
3140 Darbytown Road, Varina, VA 23231

Luncheon to follow. Please RSVP by calling the church at (804) 795-1051.



hopeWELL BAPTIST CHURCH  **Annual Homecoming Sunday October 1, 2023**

Share in the celebrations—guest gospel-singing group, *The Foresters*, will be sharing during the Sunday morning worship service (10:45am) as well as evening, Sunday through Wednesday at 7 p.m.



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drop-off Locations

National Collection Week is November 13–20, 2023.

Dover Member Churches who are OCC Drop-off Locations include:

First Baptist Church, West Point

Mount Vernon Baptist Church (Henrico, Glen Allen)

New Bethesda Baptist Church (Hanover, Studley-Woodlawn)

New Highland Baptist Church (Hanover, Atlee-Elmont)

Sharon Baptist Church (King William)

To find all locations inside and outside of Dover along with drop-off dates and hours, please check this link following October 1st:

<https://www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations/>

[Impact Missions Movement](#)

[Send Relief](#)

[Red Cross](#)

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Dover Baptist Association
PO Box 6128
Ashland, VA 23005

“A Resource Network for Baptist Churches since 1783”

Non-Profit Organization
 US Postage Paid
 Permit No. 3022
 Richmond, VA

Positions Available

Visit www.doverbaptist.org/jobs for all openings or click hyperlinks below in electronic newsletter.

Dover Baptist Church seeks a Youth & Children’s Director (part-time) for ages 10-18. Send résumés to: laurajbwright@gmail.com

Ferry Farm Baptist (Fredericksburg) seeks a Children & Youth Pastor. Send cover letters and résumés to: cyfpastor-search@ferryfarmbc.org

First Baptist Church, Richmond seeks a Payroll/Accounts Payable Coordinator (full-time). For more info, visit www.fbcrichmond.org/about/careers

First Baptist Church, West Point seeks an Office Manager (part-time). Hours are 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Must possess computer skills (Publisher, Word, etc.). Interests inquire: office@fbwestpoint.org

Four Mile Creek Baptist Church seeks a Music Coordinator (part-time), and a Pastor (full-time). Music Coordinator interests, send résumés to ChurchAdmin@FMCBaptist.com. Pastor interests, send résumés to pastorsearch.fmc@gmail.com

Gravel Hill Baptist Church of Richmond seeks a Church Pianist/Keyboardist (part-time). Send résumés to: kcyj.gravelhill@gmail.com

Hillcrest Baptist Church seeks a Director of Music Ministry (part-time). Send résumés to: hbcmusicsearch@gmail.com

Hopeful Baptist Church seeks an Assistant Pastor (full-time). Interests inquire: HBC.assistantpastorsearch@gmail.com

Mechanicsville Baptist Church seeks a Senior Pastor (full-time). Send résumés to: searchteam.mbc@gmail.com

Mount Olivet Baptist Church seeks a Music Minister (part-time). For more info, visit www.mtolivetbaptist.org

Mount Vernon Baptist Church is seeking Child Care Workers. For more info and/or apply, visit www.mvbcnow.org/jobs

New Highland Baptist Church seeks a Children’s Ministry Director (part-time). Send résumés to rjparrett@gmail.com with subject “Children’s Ministry Director.”

Samaria Baptist Church seeks a Sunday and event A/V Technician (part-time). Call 804-829-2280 for more info.

Taylorville Baptist Church is seeking a Pastor (full-time). For more info, visit www.taylorvillebaptist.org/careers

Winfree Church seeks a part-time Minister of Congregational Care. Send résumés to winfree.search@gmail.com

In Case You Missed It

CELEBRATING 250 YEARS | DOVER BAPTIST CHURCH



Congratulations!
 We are forever indebted to our cherished namesake, Dover Baptist Church, and we were delighted to be represented by our Executive Director Win Davis at your historical celebration on September 17, 2023. Here’s to 250 more years!
Glory to God!

Congratulations to our missions partner [Famaden Memorial Institute](#) of Brewerville, Liberia, on the wonderful achievement of its class of 2023!



Thank You to participants in the Central Virginia Baptist Ministries’ Leadership Conference held Monday, September 18th at Shalom Baptist Church.

We hope you feel more equipped to always “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mark 12:31).



VCLA: 65th Anniversary & Fall Conference

Saturday, October 21, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. | North Run Baptist Church | Meal registration deadline: October 14th

The Virginia Church Library Association fall conference is for church librarians, library workers, and those interested in church library work. Conference information, registration form, and scholarship application will be available soon and can be found on our website under the upcoming events tab www.vacla.org/upcoming-events.