



Dover Diary

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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, October 5, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Zoom only. Contact Sam Duenckel to join.

Prayer Council Meeting

Friday, October 8, 10:00 a.m., Dover Office

Dover Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 12, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Dover office & Zoom. Contact Sam Duenckel to join.

Pastors Health Network - Book Discussion

"Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas" by: Adam Hamilton

Tuesday, October 19, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Dover Office & Zoom

Dover Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 24, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Poplar Springs Baptist Church & Zoom.

Sunday School Directors

Monday, October 25, 7:00 p.m., phone conference

Contact Steve Smith to join.

Watson Mission Offering Deadline

Friday, October 29

Funds received after the deadline are applied to the 2022 Watson Mission Offering.

Dover Baptist Association Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 24, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Registration opens at 2:30 p.m.

Poplar Springs Baptist Church & Zoom*

5270 Charles City Road, Henrico

Register for Zoom: www.doverbaptist.org/annual-meeting

Theme: Dover Cares

As we prepare our hearts and minds for our Annual Meeting in which we will review and discuss key components of our association, including budget, nominations for key positions, new missions and ministry partnerships, etc., my prayer is that the Holy Spirit will continue to lead our efforts and our caring hearts as we make an impact for the Kingdom, often one life at a time. (Please see "Dover Cares" on page 2)

Dover churches may send voting messengers to this meeting (see below). In addition to voting messengers, the Association invites any Dover Baptist and their guests to share in this inspiring meeting.

Elect your Messengers! Article 4 of Dover's Constitution states:

Each member church shall be entitled to send two messengers to Annual, Semiannual and special Called Association Meetings.

A church that contributes at least \$400 to the General Fund during the Association's previous fiscal year shall be entitled to have three (3) messengers. An additional messenger is added for each additional \$400 contribution to the General Fund up to a maximum of seven (7) messengers for any church..

**Sunday, October 10
Clergy Appreciation Day**

Youth Ministers' Lunch

Thursday October 21, Noon — Panera at Bell Creek

7320 Bell Creek Road, Mechanicsville

All youth ministers are invited to join in this networking opportunity.

Reminder: Videos for Leadership Development Conference are Available

Visit www.baptistleaders.org to view all the videos.

Dover Cares

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' (Matthew 25: 35-40 ESV)

"It began as does many seemingly insurmountable challenges, with prayer. "Lord, what is my role as a Christian? What is our role, as an association, as a Body of Christ, the term given by the Apostle Paul for the church? This could certainly be the introduction to a myriad of ministry and mission quandaries and prayer petitions, but these prayers were specific to the current crisis in Afghanistan, for the families of those service men & women who gave their lives helping with the evacuation, for those Christian believers who will be left behind as the Taliban assumes complete control, for the thousands of Afghan refugees coming to America, and for those of us who feel called to minister to them.

On August 26, I began by inviting our Dover family & friends to join me in 24 hours of prayer & fasting. I began this day of prayer on September 1 at midnight Kabul, Afghanistan time (3:30 pm our time) as the final wave of troops withdrew from that country. On September 8, Dover Missions Associate Sam and I had a meeting via Zoom with Kate Ayers, Executive Director of ReEstablish Richmond (a Watson Missions partner). Kate and her team are working with other agencies to help reestablish and resettle Afghan families. This meeting led to another larger forum via Zoom on September 16 as Kate participated in a panel of leaders including For Richmond, the International Rescue Committee, and Commonwealth Catholic Charities (who has helped Baptist families with adoption and foster care). The forum was also attended by clergy, lay leaders and compassion advocates. We discussed needs which included housing, legal services, employment, education, and other things many of us take for granted.

One of the immediate needs that surfaced was what was initially referred to as "school supplies" for twenty

"unaccompanied refugee children." As I dug a little deeper, I learned these specific children were separated from their parents while they escaped out of Afghanistan and the status (the life and whereabouts) of their parents is currently unknown. The "school supplies" are for art therapy sessions to help these children cope with the trauma and uncertainty of knowing whether they will ever see their parents again.

On Monday, September 20, I announced an initiative with the working title **Dover Cares** to begin the process of ministering to Afghan refugees. I purchased the first set of art therapy supplies, with the hope that others will follow suit to help these children heal from the trauma of war.

My hope and prayer is that **Dover Cares** evolves into a resource for Dover churches and members who are ministering to those Jesus called the least of these. Although I know this initial step is just a drop in the bucket, as Christians, I thought, that's how we often roll isn't it, one life at a time? Whether it's an immediate act of kindness to another living being, or an act of obedience that hopefully will lead to the saving of an eternal life, the key is to act, because we care.

(Director of Missions note: We'd like to collect enough art therapy supplies for the first group of unaccompanied refugee children coming to Richmond. You can purchase one or more items by going to www.doverbaptist.org/dover-cares and deliver them to Dover Baptist Association by our October 24th Annual meeting. If you have any questions, want to join our ministry efforts and/or planning a mission or ministry event, please let us know at dovercares@doverbaptist.org.)

In Christ – *Win Davis, DOM*

Personnel Changes

- **Black Creek Baptist Church** welcomed Stephen Kendrick as their Senior Pastor on September 12.
- Ken Stalls concluded his service as the Interim Pastor at **Black Creek Baptist Church** on September 12.
- Joshua Lewis concluded his service as Pastor of **Indian View Baptist Church** on August 29.
- Todd Kube concluded his service as Pastor of **Dover Baptist Church** on August 31.

Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to the family of Gene Soult, who passed away on August 25. Gene was the grandfather of Greg Soult, who serves as the pastor of **Antioch Baptist Church**.

Dover Senior Adult Luncheon — CANCELLED

Out of an abundance of caution regarding COVID-19 and the Delta variant, the Senior Adult luncheon has been cancelled. We appreciate your support and will hopefully have the luncheon in May 2022.

Virginia Church Library Assoc. Conference

October 15-16—Cancelled

Pray For These

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

October 3: **Ridge Baptist Church**

Alan Ray, Senior Pastor; Abbie Duenckel,
Robert Coffman, Phyllis Coffman,
Robert Blaylock, Louise Crooks, Lindsay Ray,
Neven Kalda

October 10: **Samaria Baptist Church**

Jay Hurley, Pastor; Donna Turner, David Adkins

October 17: **Second Liberty Baptist Church**

Sean Young, Pastor

October 24: **Shalom Baptist Church**

Mark Miller, Pastor; Jeffrey Farrier, Jean Dart, Kelly Bittler

October 31: **Sharon Baptist Church**

James Sevon, Pastor; Lynn Buker, Kristen Fisher, Luke Fisher

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

Arabic	Gwathmey	Mount Olivet
Beulah	Indian View	New Bethesda
Dover	Mechanicsville	Taylorville

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

Hopeful Baptist Church seeks a Youth Minister (part-time). In partnership with their parents and families, the Youth Minister of Hopeful Baptist Church will lead the development of biblical content, activities, and plans for middle/high school students and college-age young adults. Visit www.doverbaptist.org/youth-minister-part-time-3 for more information and/or apply.

Mount Olivet Baptist Church seeks a Pastor (full-time). The candidate should have graduate theological training in an accredited seminary; five or more years of successful experience as Pastor of a Southern Baptist Church, or in a significant denominational leadership position.

Visit www.doverbaptist.org/pastor-full-time-2 for more information and/or apply.

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. Visit www.doverbaptist.org/category/jobs for more information.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church seeks a 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.

Dover WMU News

Dover WMU AREA I Meeting

Tuesday, October 5—Cancelled

Fall Night Group-West Meeting

Monday, October 25—Cancelled

Tour of ILC (International Learning Center)

Tuesday, October 26; 5 p.m.

Must let Beth Ward know soon that you intend to join the tour.
Call (804) 262-3612 to RSVP. No food will be served.

Update on Recycling Challenge

Goal: 500+ pounds

Received as of September 23: 109.4 pounds

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

World Day of Prayer

Monday, November 1—10:30 a.m. to Noon

Mechanicsville Baptist Church

8016 Atlee Road, Mechanicsville



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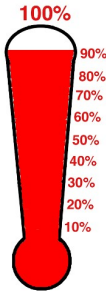
Win Davis, Executive Director of Missions
 Sam Duenckel, Associate for Missions
 Sandy Weakley, Executive Assistant
 Sue Hall, Ministry Assistant
 Steve Smith, Associate for Ministry to Church Leaders

Leslie and Hazel Watson Association Missions Offering

Goal: \$30,000

Received as of
 September 23: \$26,994.66

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.

Attention: Treasurers

Gifts for the 2021 Watson Association Missions Offering are due by: Friday, October 29
 Any gifts received after this date will be applied to the 2022 Offering. Thank you.

The Gathering

Thursday, October 21; 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Winfree Church, 13617 Midlothian Tpke, Midlothian
 Sponsored by: Middle District Baptist Association
 "Passions of the Christ: The Emotional Life of Jesus in the Gospels"
 Presenter: Dr. Scott Spencer
 Register for free: brenda@mdba.org or (804) 276-8481



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Drop Off Collection Centers

Dover Baptist Association
 11006 Lakeridge Parkway, Ashland

Mon, Nov. 15: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 Tue, Nov. 16: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 Wed, Nov. 17: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 Thu, Nov. 18: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 Fri, Nov. 19: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 Sat, Nov. 20: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 Sun, Nov. 21: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
 Mon, Nov. 22: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Mount Vernon Baptist Church
 11220 Nuckols Road, Glen Allen

Mon, Nov. 15: 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
 Tue, Nov. 16: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
 Wed, Nov. 17: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
 Thu, Nov. 18: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
 Fri, Nov. 19: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
 Sat, Nov. 20: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
 Sun, Nov. 21: 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
 Mon, Nov. 22: 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

New Bethesda Baptist Church
 9019 New Bethesda Road, Mechanicsville

Mon, Nov. 15: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 Tue, Nov. 16: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 Wed, Nov. 17: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
 Thu, Nov. 18: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 Fri, Nov. 19: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 Sat, Nov. 20: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 Sun, Nov. 21: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
 Mon, Nov. 22: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM