



# Dover Diary

## Newsletter of Dover Baptist Association

*"a resource and ally for churches and their leaders"*

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### Student Addresses Wanted!

Many new high school graduates from Dover churches will seek more education. Baptist Collegiate Ministry provides a Christian community in higher education settings. We need your help! Dover's Student Ministries Council wants to send a care package and information about Baptist Collegiate Ministry to every Dover high school graduate. Will you help us get their names and contact information?

If someone in your family or your church family is graduating high school and will continue their education, please send the names and contact information to us.

It would really help us to have the names and contact information by Friday, July 12.

We promise to use that information only to send them the packages and help connect them with Baptist Collegiate Ministries. Email each student's name, home address, email address, and the name of the college or school he/she will attend to [ridgechurcheducation@gmail.com](mailto:ridgechurcheducation@gmail.com) or mail it to our Student Ministries Council at the Dover office. Thank you!

### Partnership Missions:

#### Community Day in Cannon Ball, North Dakota

Take a cloud-free, sunny day, a cooling breeze and 150-200 enthusiastic new and old friends and you get the picture of Community Day at the North Campus of Tipi Wakan Church in Cannon Ball, North Dakota. As part of a group sharing in our Dover missions partnership with Tipi Wakan Church, I had the privilege of joining with Sam Duenckel, from Ridge Baptist Church and the Dover staff, Nathanael Blessington Thadikonda from Deep Run Baptist Church and volunteers from Herndon, VA, Harrisonburg, VA and the Bismarck, ND area to share the love of Christ with our friends on the Standing Rock Sioux reservation.

I wondered how our interaction with the community would be. Pete and Angela Adkins, Pastor Boots Marsh, his wife Jackie and the other missionaries and volunteers have planted wonderful seeds of friendship and hope with their neighbors in Cannon Ball. We just came to join in alongside them and offer whatever help was needed. What a blessing to work with our Standing Rock partners and mission teams to share the love of Christ!



The Dover team flew out to Bismarck on Thursday, May 30. We spent the day on Friday getting around the reservation before joining our partners to set up the huge tent which would provide shelter on Saturday. After a wonderful, spontaneous time of worship after we finished setting up the tent, we rested for the main event on Saturday.

Children and their parents started filtering in even before the Community Day was supposed to begin and by the time we had the "Bounce House" filled, the grills fired up and the games set up, there was a good crowd already gathered. Through the course of the afternoon, people continued to filter through, although most of the crowd stayed for the entire event.

People who had participated in the event last year said the residents who came to Community Day in 2019 were much more receptive to the efforts put forth in their behalf than they had been in the two years previous. The fact that friends all the way from Virginia keep coming back to see them means a great deal to the folks on the reservation. Pete and Angela Adkins are wonderful servants representing Christ and Dover Baptists on the reservation.

I hope you will all consider taking advantage of this marvelous opportunity to serve in Cannon Ball as we partner with our friends in North Dakota!

—Alan Ray, Partnership Missions (Chair)  
Senior Pastor, Ridge Baptist Church

# WHAT'S NEXT FOR DOVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION?

What's next for Dover? How can we thrive in the future?

Dover, with many strengths, is now faced with new challenges and fresh opportunities. Gratefully, Dover is a sturdy, anchored association. We have faithful leaders and generous resources. We have churches in our larger region who wish they were part of Dover.

But, Dover can't afford to rely only on its past legacy in a fragmenting, fast-changing world. It's a different time for us, and we have some catching up to do. It's time to be innovative. We have a redemptive future to claim.

Even in the current religious culture, local faith families -- like some associations --- are poised to grow. We know needs and situations. We want to unify in the Gospel, not divide. We hope to thrive in Christ, not merely survive. We intend to cooperate with each other, not compete.

What is Dover's calling now and next? How can we move into the future?

- **First and foremost, Dover will focus intently on our core mission to participate in God's kingdom on earth.** Our calling? **Dover Baptist Association will empower leaders, equip churches, and engage in missions and ministries. That's our mission, our call to serve Christ here.** To pursue that Kingdom calling, we will imagine new ministry pathways that extend our good past --- and use that as a beginning point to do much more. We will narrow our focus in order to think and act strategically.

- We will assemble a "dream team" of our most creative and spiritually sensitive leaders to keep us looking ahead for new ways to serve God.
- We will remember that the kingdom of God was the theme Jesus mentioned most often, the truth of His parables and future stories.
- Using our 2018 "**Frameworks for Dover's Discovery and Discernment for Leaders, Churches, and Partners**" futures' report, we will scout for open doors to emerging ministries.

- **Second, Dover will purposefully train our leaders for new challenges.** We've already begun helping our leaders prepare for the future. We're already training ministry coaches and future shapers. We're ready to do remote video conferencing and training. We've dug into some of the key missions and ministry issues of the day. Next, in our special Round Tables in June, September, and November, we will provide solid information and sensitive training on three ministry challenges:

- Leading small-to-midsize congregations, the group size that's most common among Dover's churches,
- Practicing wise safeguards to protect against sexual abuse, a challenge to every church's witness, and

- Caring for refugees here in Central Virginia, a growing concern for churches in our region.

- **Third, Dover will carefully streamline our structures, staff, and communications.** We're updating documents, policies, and mailing lists. We're identifying and archiving some inactive committees and work groups. We're maintaining the highest administrative standards. We're gearing up to help churches do background checks for new hires and volunteers. We're exploring new funding sources. Now, it's time to upgrade our communications and steward our staff energies toward Dover's primary calling on our team. We, along with you, are missionaries for Christ, leaders every day in support of your church's calling.

- **Four, Dover will act on "new" and "next."** Our Central Virginia region is perfectly located for entrepreneurial growth. A hub for transportation, government, medicine, education, and innovation, Dover spans two interstate highways and two beltways. This geographic feature is to our advantage, since America's interstates, making up only 3% of our roadways, carry 90% of our nation's traffic. New opportunities are beckoning daily, and our world is more connected than ever before. There are new ministries for Dover to launch, new generations to engage, new mission projects to begin, new people groups to reach, new neighborhood ministry clusters to form, new partners to join, and new churches to plant.

## Dover's Future Story

**In the words of the classic missionary hymn, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations!" The refrain of that powerful testimony pronounces that "Christ's great kingdom will come on earth, the kingdom of love and light." With God's help, may Dover always be a witness!**

**Dover serves Christ as a faith family in Central Virginia, gladly opening our arms to God's kingdom as it blossoms in our midst. Dover grows leaders, energizes churches, and lives out our missional calling from God. We share our time and treasure and we pledge our creativity and energy toward inviting our neighbors and nations to Christ. One in Christ and always stronger together, Dover joyfully joins in His redemptive work of making the whole world new.**

**Dover's good past is invaluable --- but insufficient --- as a launch pad for tomorrow. With strong faith and a loving spirit, we reach out to a growing region and beyond. We will be salt, leaven, and light as followers of Christ. We will always serve as partners with God in His work.**

**Are you and I ready for what's new and next in Dover's service for God? We have a Gospel story to tell!**

—Bob Dale

## Pray For These

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

### July 7: **Mount Pleasant Baptist Church**

Earl Kirby, Pastor

*Prayer:* Pray that the youth will grow closer to God in their walk.

*Praise:* We are blessed with the attendance at our Bible studies.

### July 14: **Mount Vernon Baptist Church**

Joshua Franklin, Pastor; Clayton Carnall, Jerry Parker, Cameron Dahl, Kim Gilbert, Gravis Sung, Jean Grubbs, Ken Sledd, Dee Yarbrough, Jessica Benson, Lynn Madden, Susan Sharon, Karen Willoughby, Kimberly Braine-Tillem, Michelle Ives, Ted Milby, Radford MoneyMaker, Darie Lee, Tara Logwood, Anne Winston

*Prayer:* We are looking forward to launching AWANA in the fall, which is a huge undertaking for any church. Please pray that the Lord use this ministry to help ground children in God's Word and further reach our community's children and parents this next year.

*Praise:* We praise the Lord for Dr. Donald Runion, Senior Pastor for 37 years, who retired last September. His vision, strength and pastor's heart blessed us so much as a congregation, and we praise God for his impact here at Mount Vernon.

### July 21: **New Bethesda Baptist Church**

Todd Combee, Pastor; Caleb Bittler, Lynne Uzel, Shirley Mitchell, Eve Minter

*Prayer:* Pray for our Mission Team to Kazhakstan as they lead an English Camp for children (the last two weeks of June), and our students as they participate in Impact Virginia at Bluefield (the last week of June), and for our VBS (July 8-12).

*Praise:* We are blessed to have a fruitful summer of ministry in our church and community!

### July 28: **New Highland Baptist Church**

Rusty Mullins, Pastor; Jennifer Mullins, Page Marriner, Kristi Garstang, Tracy Pendleton, Tiffany Miller

*Prayer:* Pray for our youth and young adults Mission trip as they travel to Myrtle Beach in July.

*Praise:* We will be baptizing 11 on July 7. What a joyous day that will be!

## Congratulations

Kelly and Bill Hartland welcomed a daughter, Iris Acadia, on May 25. Grandparents are Steve and Kathy Allsbrook. Steve is a former Executive Director of Missions for **Dover Baptist Association**.

Lee and Erica Mitchell welcomed a daughter, Madeline Elizabeth, on June 6. Lee is the Interim Pastor of **New Life Baptist Church**.

## Personnel Changes

Eric Fulcher concluded his service as Associate Pastor for **Hunton Baptist Church** on May 26.

**Walnut Grove Baptist Church** welcomed Aaron Fehlen as their Director of Music Ministries and Assimilation on May 26, and Mark Shideler as their Minister to Families & Media on May 30.

Bill Ellis concluded his service as Pastor of Senior Life for **Ashland, First Baptist Church** on May 31.

## Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to the family of Teressa M. Peacock who passed away on May 28. Teressa was the mother of Phil Peacock, pastor of **Broadus Memorial Baptist Church**, and Leslie Caldwell. Leslie's husband, Ben, is the pastor of **Corinth Baptist Church**.



Central Virginia Baptist Ministries

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE**

SAVE THE DATE!

**MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019**

5:15-8:30 PM  
HUGUENOT ROAD  
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Early Bird Rate \$10 until September 16

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## Dover Office Closed July 4-5

The Dover office will be closed on Thursday, July 4 for the holiday, and will reopen on Monday, July 8.



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## Deadline For Watson Grant Application: Wednesday, July 31

Visit [www.doverbaptist.org](http://www.doverbaptist.org) 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.

## Dover WMU: Spiritual Enrichment Retreat Thursday, August 8 New Highland Baptist Church 9200 New Ashcake Road, Mechanicsville

Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. Make dinner reservations with WMU Treasurer, Anita Roy at (804) 843-4147 by Friday, August 2. Make check to Dover WMU and mail to Anita Roy, P. O. Box 1182, West Point, VA 23181.

Menu: Chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes, Jello salad, rolls, and a variety of pies.

Cost: \$7.00 for adults and \$4 for children 10 & under.

Please add church name, contact person, address, phone number, and number of dinner tickets.

Program begins at 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Jocelyn Henry-Whitehead

(WMUV - Hope Team- Domestic Violence)

\*Please bring Matchbox Cars for the Raceway Ministries. We will put a Bible verse on the back of the package and give them out to the children that come to the September Race in Richmond.

## Positions Available

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

**Antioch Baptist Church** seeks a part-time Youth Director. Candidates should have a heart for working with youth in the middle school and high school and the ability to work with younger children as well. The Youth Director's primary ministry area will be for the middle and high school-aged youth, with additional commitment in some children's programs. For more information, visit [www.antiochsandston.org](http://www.antiochsandston.org) or call (540) 397-4494.

**Hunton Baptist Church** seeks a part-time Children's Ministry Director. Visit [www.doverbaptist.org/tag/church-jobs](http://www.doverbaptist.org/tag/church-jobs) for more information, or call (804) 266-0100.

**The Day School at New Highland Baptist Church** seeks a Preschool Director. This 20-hour/week position oversees the administration, education program, fiscal responsibilities and safety compliance for the preschool. Interested candidates please send resume and references via email to Joan Purdy at [richarda.purdy@comcast.net](mailto:richarda.purdy@comcast.net)

**Mount Vernon Baptist Church** seeks a full-time Associate Pastor to Students. This person will have a heart for relational youth ministry within the overall church vision. The role of the Associate Pastor to Students is to lead the church in cooperation with the Associate Pastor for Discipleship in developing and implementing a comprehensive program of ministry for all students sixth grade through college. For more information, or apply, please contact Clayton Carnall via email [ccarnall@mvbcnow.org](mailto:ccarnall@mvbcnow.org)