



# Dover Diary

## Newsletter of Dover Baptist Association

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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.

#### *Weekly Pastors Support Group*

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

#### *Luncheon for Ministry Assistants*

Tuesday, August 10, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Dover Conference Center  
Contact Sandy Weakley for more details:  
[sandy.weakley@doverbaptist.org](mailto:sandy.weakley@doverbaptist.org) or call  
(804) 550-1980.

#### *Pastors Health Network - Book Discussion* *"Healthy Church: Ten Spiritual Practices for* *Healthy Believers and Churches"*

by: *Craig Tackett*

Tuesday, August 17, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.  
Dover Office & Zoom

#### *Sunday School Directors*

Monday, August 23, 6:30 p.m., Dover Office

#### Save the Date

### Dover Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, October 5 — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Antioch Baptist Church  
3868 Antioch Church Road, Sandston  
Music, Food, & Prizes  
More details coming soon!



## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE!

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

5:15-8:30 PM

MOUNT VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH

11220 Nuckols Road  
Glen Allen, VA 23059

[WWW.BAPTISTLEADERS.ORG](http://WWW.BAPTISTLEADERS.ORG) (804) 314-0294

Theme: "A Hopeful Future"

Keynote Speaker: Dr. John Upton, Executive Director,  
Baptist General Association of Virginia

#### Schedule:

5:15 p.m.-6:25 p.m.—Dinner (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00 p.m.-6:25 p.m.—Keynote Address (Fellowship Hall)  
6:35 p.m.-7:30 p.m.—Break-out 1  
7:35 p.m.-8:30 p.m.—Break-out 2

Break-out session leaders and details coming soon. Please check the website:  
[www.baptistleaders.org](http://www.baptistleaders.org) or call (804) 314-0294 for more information.

Registration: \$15 (no early-bird rate this year)

#### Menu:

Spinach and lettuce salad with mandarin orange & poppy seed dressing,  
breaded pork baked in gravy, macaroni and cheese, scalloped potatoes,  
country style green beans, rolls/butter, Hershey syrup cake with ice cream

#### Gluten Free options:

Salad, baked pork, scalloped potatoes, green beans

#### Vegetarian options:

Salad, green beans, vegetarian lasagna

Catered by: Mount Vernon Baptist Church

### Personnel Changes

• **Mount Vernon Baptist Church** welcomed Dale Shull as their  
Food Service Director on June 7.

# With A Grateful Heart

A year ago, you invited me to serve as your Dover Interim Executive Director – Someone joked that I'd be the IED – and I promised not to blow the place up!

**Staff** Humor is hallmark of the Dover Staff and it's been a joy serving alongside them in this transition. We've enjoyed numerous meals together and a special outing to Carter Mountain last Fall. The staff serve diligently and faithfully and have a real heart for the Lord and his work among the churches of Dover Association.

**Listening Sessions** We began with a dozen heartfelt conversations – meeting with staff and others - listening to the hurt and hoping for healing during this extended interim season.

**Dover concerns** At our first Dover Council we identified your concerns for the association and areas for potential growth.

Identity – Who are we as an association?

Engagement – How do we engage more people/ churches and especially the next generation in the work of the association?

Mission – What's our purpose? Why are we here and how do we accomplish this together?

**Pastors** Through the year our pastors have shared joys and struggles as we met in Ministry Support groups – masks or no masks? We've prayed together at our monthly minister's prayer gatherings and learned together at our monthly Pastor's Health Network Book Discussion group. We socialized and took a moment for renewal at our Advent Mini-Retreat.

Our church leaders have had a number of community conversations regarding the development of a leadership pipeline and cohort, selecting scholarship recipients, exchanging ideas for children and youth ministry.

We've been challenged to adapt to the needs of the post-Quarantine church and searched out answers at the Future Church Summit and Resilient Church Academy.

## Missions Giving and Going

Our Dover family of churches has been generous with their mission offering supporting multiple ministries in the Richmond area. Our volunteers and WMU have supported the collection of 1859 shoeboxes for OCC, 270 suitcases for the children's home and numerous hygiene kits, activity bags and backpacks for Standing Rock.

We invested in our mission partnership with Tipi Wakan by providing funds for kitchen equipment, media equipment and window replacement in their facilities.

We led a Dover Mission team to the reservation in June – we climbed a butte, met with native pastors, wrestled with historic harms, and envisioned new opportunities for mission partnership.

**Administratively** we've made forward progress in setting up a database, developing our technology capabilities to host an online conference, prayer gatherings, conversations, and hybrid meetings. We've worked toward reducing our office expenses in the next budget, nominated 15 new folks to committees and councils, and explored potential new mission partnerships.

**Church support** Together we've been able to support the needs of churches and pastors in times of sorrow. We've helped four pastors' families through our emergency relief fund, grieved the losses of loved ones, and prayed through some difficult transitions with others.

We've celebrated 2 pastoral installations and convened 2 ordination councils. We've walked alongside your search committees as they navigate their way to finding a new pastor. We've been there for the retirement recognitions of Dale Ashley, Todd Combee and Ed Shephard (40 – years!), a ground breaking ceremony at Hillcrest – envisioning the dawn of new ministry in the community, celebrating those who've come to Christ during Covid - river baptisms – one on a morning that was 42 degrees! And we celebrate the election of our new Executive Director Rev. Win Davis.

**Wow-** a lot has happened even in the time of Covid- a reminder that God's work doesn't quarantine.

**How do you measure a year?** As the Broadway musical says, 525,600 minutes are measured in seasons of love. Behind all these statistics are people. God's people in relationship with God and each other, serving the best way you know how and giving all you've got to advance God's kingdom with love.

## “Jesus Hands” by Melinda Mahand

I've heard the Bible stories about Jesus of Galilee  
How He used his hands to heal the sick and to make the blind man see.  
When the multitudes were hungry, compassionate hands gave them bread  
When broken hearts were grieving, loving hands raised the dead  
When his followers were frightened, mighty hands calmed the sea  
When Zacchaeus looked for him, friendly hands brought him out of the tree  
When the woman at the well searched for God, teaching hands showed her the way  
When his disciples needed strength or help, prayerful hands taught them to pray  
But I'd only heard the stories, I'd never seen the hands  
Till I saw you in the churches, then I began to understand  
Your hands are His hands, you've surrendered them to his will  
Now he works through your hands, and touches people still  
Thank you for the hands that teach, that lead, that give and love throughout the year  
And thank you for the chance to see, Jesus hands are working here.

*Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Interim Director!  
May God Bless you! ~Maria Lynn*

# Pray For These

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

**August 1: New Life Baptist Church**

Lee Mitchell, Interim Pastor; Cathy Rodwell,  
Kyle Eaddy, Asher Purvis

**August 8: North Run Baptist Church**

Adam Denny, Pastor; Kerry Smith, Morgan Day,  
Mindy Varner, Diamond Cotman, Tammy Salyers

**August 15: Northside Baptist Church**

Jeff Scott, Pastor; Nancy Schneider, Karen Mills,  
Marlene Bresee, Jennifer Gray, Donise Boone

**August 22: Oak Hall Baptist Church**

Eric Durden, Pastor; Agnes Loyall, Judy Pugliese

**August 29: Pamunkey Indian Baptist Church**

Vance Shearin, Pastor; Joyce Krigsvold

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	Taylorville
Black Creek	Mount Olivet	

# 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—NexTRES 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.





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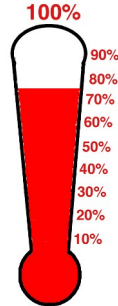
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 Sandy Weakley, Executive Assistant  
 Sue Hall, Ministry Assistant  
 Steve Smith, Associate for Ministry to Church Leaders

Leslie and Hazel Watson  
 Association Missions Offering

Goal: \$30,000

Received as of July 22:  
 \$22,141.86

Thank You!!



Dover's Leslie and Hazel Watson Offering for Dover Association Missions helps fund missions and charitable work outside of Dover's budgeted expenses. Association Missions Offering grants are intended to benefit work that complements, rather than duplicates, the work of Dover and its churches in keeping with our biblical values.

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

## Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to the family of Edith Rusher, who passed away on July 12. Edith was the mother-in-law of Alice Rusher (David), who serves as the Administrative Assistant at **Mount Olivet Baptist Church**.  
 ...to the family of Barbara Condrey, who passed away on July 11. Barbara was the mother-in-law of Sharon Condrey (Wade), who served as an intern at **Berea Baptist Church** and is an active volunteer leader.  
 ...to the family of Virginia Wermuth, who passed away on June 27. Virginia was a very active leader in **Dover Baptist Association** and the **Dover WMU**. She served on the Program Committee and made sure speakers knew their time limit. Virginia also served on the Prayer Council—she was an avid prayer warrior. Virginia was a faithful member of **Poplar Springs Baptist Church**.

## Positions Available

Visit [www.doverbaptist.org](http://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](http://www.doverbaptist.org/category/jobs). To apply, email: [personnel.berea@gmail.com](mailto:personnel.berea@gmail.com) with your resume.

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

**Kentwood Heights Baptist Church** seeks an Associate Pastor for Children & Youth (full-time). The candidate should have a God-given passion for children and youth and an overwhelming desire to witness the love of Christ. For more information, visit [www.kentwoodheights.org](http://www.kentwoodheights.org) for full job description under "Assoc. Pastor Search". To apply, send resumes to [office@kentwoodheights.org](mailto: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](mailto:dayschoolatnhbc@gmail.com).

**Northside Baptist Church** seeks a Nursery Worker (part-time) for our children ages 0 to 4 years of age. The hourly rate for the position is \$15.00 and requires five hours guaranteed per week; three on Sunday mornings and two for Wednesday evening activities. There may be opportunity for additional hours as needed. For more information, please contact the church office at (804) 746-4952.

**Walnut Grove Children's Learning Center** seeks a few energetic and dedicated people to join our team. A love for kids is a must. Training is provided. If you want to join our team, call (804) 730-6324 or email your resume to [office@wgclc.com](mailto:office@wgclc.com)