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Ministers' Open House

Dover ministers are invited to a Christmas Open House on Tuesday, December 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Dover office.

Please RSVP to dover.info@doverbaptist.org or call (804) 550-1980 by Monday, December 3

2018 Annual Church Profiles

The 2018 Annual Church Profiles will be sent out January 2019. The deadline to receive them at the Dover office is the first week of February. You may also complete the Annual Church Profile online.

Office Holiday Schedule

The Dover office will be closed Monday, December 24 through Tuesday, January 1, 2019 for the holidays.

"As the angel choir withdrew into heaven, the shepherders talked it over. 'Let's get over to Bethlehem as fast as we can and see for ourselves what God has revealed to us.' They left, running, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. Seeing was believing. They told everyone they met what the angels had said about this child. All who heard the shepherders were impressed.

Mary kept all these things to herself, holding them dear, deep within herself. The shepherders returned and let loose, glorifying and praising God for everything they had heard and seen. It turned out exactly the way they'd been told!" Luke 2:8-20 (MSG)

In memory of Eugene Peterson (1932-2018)

We thank God for you! Merry Christmas!

***Bob, Rose Mary, Sam, Sandy,
Jacquie, Sue, and Steve***

DOVER'S 235th ANNUAL MEETING: BUSINESS AND MISSIONS

A big THANK YOU to all who helped make Dover's 235th Annual Business Meeting, featuring the meal packing mission project, a huge success. Through partnership with The Outreach Program, the monetary support of various sponsors and donors, and the participation of more than 150 volunteers, a total of 45,000 dried non-perishable macaroni and cheese meals were packaged for the geographic area around Dover churches.

On Sunday afternoon, October 28, following the Business Meeting, the Broadus Memorial Baptist Worship Center was abuzz with laughter, chatter, and upbeat music. Fifteen groups of ten to twelve people gathered around the fifteen meal packing stations to measure, weigh, pour, seal, label, and pack macaroni and cheese meals. Amid the sea of hairnets and aprons, others were busy restocking work stations, stacking, organizing, and labeling the boxes designated for the local food pantries. Families, church groups, the young and the not-so-young, from different Dover and non-Dover congregations as well as different associations came together in one space and in one accord to help our local communities meet food insecurity needs. It was a "love your neighbor moment."



Dover Association desires to be a blessing to our local communities.

Did You Know?

(According to the *World Food Programme* and *USDA Research Service*)

- Hunger is the world's number one health risk. Hunger kills more people every year than AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis combined.
- 1 in 7 people in the world will go to bed hungry tonight.
- 1 out of 4 children in developing countries are underweight.
- 925 million people do not have enough to eat; 88% of them are in developing countries.
- Even in the United States, 1 in 6 households with children were impacted by food insecurity in 2017.

Did You Know?

It takes a village, all of us working together, to organize a large ministry project. Every single person brings gifts of value to the effort --- money, time, and talent. We are thankful for the many and varied gifts that allowed Dover to provide 45,000 meals to our local food pantries. Thanks to our mission village:

- Pastor Phil Peacock and the leaders of Broadus Memorial Baptist Church for hosting and assisting all who participated in our Annual Meeting.
- Buddy Crawford, building supervisor at Broadus, was gracious in making sure both the Community Center and Worship Center were set up and ready for the Annual Meeting.
- WMU helped register meal packing participants.

- Bobby and Michelle Polito, The Outreach Program's directors, directed the process, provided the equipment and food items, and trained meal packers.
- Bill Holliday served as Master of Ceremonies and kept the energy level high as we worked.
- John Bragg captured a record of the event with photographs.
- Greg Soult shared via an inspirational video message why he appreciates opportunities of working with others through Dover Baptist Association.
- First Baptist Ashland's Josh Hayden, Daniel Peyton, and Sherry Bryan brought their prior meal packing experience to the planning process.
 - More than 150 volunteers completed the meal packing process and readied the boxes for the food pantries.

Did You Know?

This mission project presented an opportunity for Dover to reach out and invite others in the community to partner with us to meet local food insecurity needs. The funding village included businesses, churches, individuals, and anonymous contributors:

- Bible Fellowship at Rockville
- Antioch Baptist Church
- Virginia Baptist Foundation
- Darlene Herod
- JW Canaday Trucking
- Jim & Margie Elliot
- Pamper Salon & Day Spa
- Steve & Maureen Smith
- Anonymous

Did You Know?

Eleven local food pantries benefitted from our meal packing ministry:

- Beaverdam Baptist Church
- Community Kitchen by Feedmore
- Eastern Henrico FISH
- Hanover Evangelical Friends Church
- Kentwood Heights Baptist Church
- Lamb's Basket
- MCEF (Mechanicsville's Churches Emergency Functions)
- New Hope Pantry
- Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Pantry
- RBA Richmond South Baptist Center
- The Way Outreach Food Pantry

These food pantries serve varied people groups across Dover's ministry area.

What God Can Do!

We never know how our best mission efforts will work out. We trust God to take our efforts and use them for His Kingdom purposes.

The decision to pack 45,000 meals for hungry neighbors was a step of faith. At the end of the 235th Annual Meeting, we saw God taking the efforts of our faith village and using them as witness of God's love at work in our midst. Amen!

Pray for These

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

December 2: **Walnut Grove**

Brock Goetsch, Craig Simpson, Megan Mines, Danny Minton, David Kim, Mary Pollard, Pam Burris, Kisti Bowles

Prayer: That we will continue to reach the youth in our community.

Praise: "The Grove Teen Worship" held at Walnut Grove Baptist Church on Sunday Evenings at 6:00 PM. We started 5 weeks ago with 10 youth in attendance and on October 28th we had 32 youth in attendance.

December 9: **Western Hanover**

Lonnie Brawley, Michael Shiflett

Prayer & Praise: God is Good, we are thankful for His provision through 2018. We meet for worship every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Thank you for your prayers.

December 16: **West Point, First**

Jim Goebel, Sandra Mauney, Leslie Elliott, David Neff

Prayer: Pray for the ministries and leaders of West Point, First Baptist Church.

December 23: **Westhunt**

Anna Miller, Nancy Stanton McDaniel, Barry Buriyon, Wendy Price

Prayer: For God's leadership in guidance through transition on our staff.

Praise: For our beautiful Celebration of our 50th anniversary.

December 30: **Antioch**

Greg Soult, Connie Lambert

Prayer: That God would continue to lead us to find new and effective ways to reach people for Christ.

Praise: Two new Deacons were ordained in October.

Notice: The prayer guides will be e-mailed to the Church of the Week instead of being sent through the U. S. mail.

Church News

Visit www.doverbaptist.org for all the Church News!

Personnel Changes

Chet Smith concluded his ministry as Interim Pastor at Biltmore Baptist Church.

Jeremy Smith began his ministry as Pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church on November 1.

Ken Wright began his ministry as Pastor of Biltmore Baptist Church on November 1.

DWMU News

Lottie Moon Christmas Tea

Sponsored by the Dover WMU

Sunday, December 2nd 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

New Highland Baptist Church

9200 New Ashcake Road, Mechanicsville

The event is free. Please make reservations with DWMU

Treasurer, Anita Roy (804) 843-4147 by

Friday, November 30.

Positions Available

Antioch Baptist Church seeks a part-time Music Director. For more information, please call Pastor Greg Soult at (804) 737-0500 or email bowtiepastor@gmail.com

Black Creek Baptist Church seeks a part-time Director of Worship Ministries. For more information, visit www.bit.ly/blackcreekmusicapp

Deep Run Baptist Church seeks a full-time Director for their Child Development Center. Please e-mail resume to pastordrbc@gmail.com.

Glen Allen Baptist Church has a part-time opening for an Office Manager/Bookkeeper. Qualified individuals should send resume to jmeltongabc@aol.com

Mount Olivet Baptist Church seeks a part-time Children's Minister (20 hours per week). Visit the church website: www.mtolivetbaptist.org for more information, or call (804) 883-5950.

New Bethesda Baptist Church seeks a part-time accompanist. Please e-mail resume and references to personnel@newbethesda.org.

North Run Baptist Church seeks a full-time Senior Pastor. Visit www.NorthRunBaptistChurch.org and/or email nrbsearchteam@gmail.com for more information.



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Dover Baptists gave \$30,608.56 to the 2018 Leslie and Hazel Watson Offering for Dover Baptist Association Missions!

Each year Dover Baptists promote a local missions offering. Dover named its missions offering for Leslie and Hazel Watson, two faithful missionaries who served Christ and Southern Baptists in Japan for many years. When they returned to the United States, the Watsons served in this area, taking an active role in their local church and in Dover Baptist Association.

Our 2018 Association Missions Offering supported local ministries. It also provided Dover churches the opportunity to nominate other ministries they deem worthy of our support.

Goal: \$39,500.00
Received: \$30,608.56

Ministry to Our Baptist Community

Inner City Ministry.....	\$3,000
Tipi Wakan Ministries Partnership	\$5,000
Ministry to Ministers and Families	\$3,000
Central Virginia Raceway Ministries	\$500
Partnership Missions Scholarships	\$2,500
The Beckett Center for Christian Understanding Of Islam	\$750
Richmond Christian Leadership Institute	\$500
Virginia Center For Restorative Justice	\$500
Good News Jail and Prison Ministry.....	\$500
GraceInside Virginia's Prison Chaplain Service	\$500
The Pregnancy Resource Center of Metro Richmond.....	\$1,000
Cross Over Healthcare Ministry.....	\$666.67
Health Brigade (formerly Fan Free Clinic)	\$666.67
The Doorways (formerly Hospital Hospitality House)	\$666.66

Hallelujah Grant Recipients

Deep Run Baptist Church Backpack Ministry	\$1,500
Eastern Henrico FISH	\$2,500
MCEF.....	\$2,500
Moments of Hope Ministries (homelessness ministry).....	\$2,500
Western Hanover Emergency Action Team (WHEAT).....	\$1,000
Child Evangelism Fellowship of Greater Richmond.....	\$858.56

Your generosity makes a difference for the ministries that received a gift from the 2018 offering. Thank you!

The 2019 Leslie and Hazel Watson Mission Offering Goal is \$35,000