



Dover Diary

Newsletter of Dover Baptist Association

"a resource and ally for churches and their leaders"

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Leslie and Hazel Watson Association Missions Offering

Goal: \$39,500

Received as of June 21: \$9,715.28

Thank You!

Summer Feast & Fest

Wednesday, July 11 -- 5:45 pm
Black Creek Baptist Church
6289 McClellan Road,
Mechanicsville 23111

Special Music provided by Len Archer and
Kathy Evans.
For more information call the church office at
(804) 781-0330.

Music Camps

July 23-27 — 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
First Baptist Church, Ashland
800 Thompson Street, Ashland
Children K– 6th grade
Registration: www.firstbaptistashland.com

August 5-12 - 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Pioneer Baptist Church
3140 Darbytown Rd, Henrico
Students Grades 3rd - 9th
More information, call (804) 795-1051.

Independence Day Holiday

Dover Office Closed July 4

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 July 13.

We promise to use that information only to send them the packages and help connect them with Baptist Collegiate Ministries. E-mail each student's name, home address, e-mail address, and the name of the college or school he/she will attend to ridgeeducation@comcast.net or mail it to our Student Ministries Council at the Dover office. Thank you!

BGAV'S "EMPOWER COACHING" CLASSES ARE COMING TO DOVER!

Dover Baptist Association recognizes that our church leaders need "thought partners" to walk with us in ministry. Therefore, Dover has partnered with Empower, the BGAV's Coaching Network, as a host site for training. Here, we will learn to serve as objective and confidential friends, guiding others' next steps in God's will.

Coaching is becoming a pivotal skill set for congregational ministry. You can hone these important skills this summer and fall here at Dover's office location. BGAV's Ken Kessler, Coaching Network Director of Empower, will teach two classes:

- August 27-28: "Foundation for Christian Coaching," Empower Class 501
- October 29-30: "Establishing a Dynamic Coaching Relationship," Empower Class 502

These two classes and others to be offered in 2019 will enrich your personal ministry and can qualify you to become a professionally certified leader coach.

Because of scholarships from the BGAV and Dover, the 2018 classes will cost only \$100 each for the first five Dover leaders who sign up for the classes. Dover leaders who register later will receive a BGAV scholarship and pay \$300.

Here's what you need to do now:

- Save the dates.
- Registration is already open on the BGAV website. Sign up before all of the seats are gone.
- Request a Dover scholarship from Bob Dale, call (804) 814-1463 or email bob.dale@doverbaptist.org. Only a limited number of scholarships are available, so apply as soon as possible.

Dover's Churches—Past, Present, Future—Stronger Together

Celebrating the Past --- Looking for the Future

Dover has a rich heritage in ministry and missions. We have many strengths to build on as we look forward to the future. We have resources to steward, and we have faithful leaders who make a difference. Our current local outreach spans an eighty mile by forty mile geographical area. Some of our Central Virginia areas are experiencing slow and steady growth, while some are poised for new residential expansion and business growth. Dover is well positioned for the future. We are at a good place for thinking about the challenges and opportunities ahead for ministry and missions.

Understanding the Present --- Looking for the Future

Looking toward the future there are several things we know. For one thing, we know that the world is not static. It is constantly changing. In today's world, changes are coming at what seems to be an ever increasing speed. Likewise, we also know that Baptist associational and denominational ministries are changing rapidly too. Most importantly, we know that Dover's churches are always stronger together.

As the context for ministry and missions surely will continue to change, Dover's future will also be distinctively different from its past and present. If we think seven years out to 2025, what are the potential challenges and opportunities that lay ahead of us? This interim period of preparing for the transition to new associational leadership offers a good time for Dover's churches to come together to discern God's guidance for the Association as we seek to be ready to serve God and His Kingdom in the context of tomorrow's world. To do so, we must collectively be intentional about our discovery process.

Discerning the Future

Some of the most pressing questions are:

- How will God use Dover Baptist Association for His kingdom in the future?
- How will Dover empower and develop church leaders for twenty-first century challenges and opportunities?
- How will Dover equip leaders to support their congregations' spiritual health, growth, and vitality?
- What is the shared calling of Dover's churches?
- How will Dover support its family of churches in that common mission?
- How will Dover help its churches join hands and hearts together for greater impact in neighborhood missions and ministries across Central Virginia and beyond?

These are the things that Dover's leaders are trying to discern now. Where is God taking us next?

While mission fields have moved to our front doors, emerging generations and some people groups are less friendly to our churches than ever before. We're located in a

setting where many newcomers and longer-term residents are still unchurched. To seize our opportunity for ministry, our churches must ready themselves to reach out in creative ways. We must go to where our neighbors are and not wait on them to find us. We must be prayerful. In the past, in the present, and in the future, we are always stronger together.

As we prayerfully and patiently seek God's guidance we will discover new pathways ahead for innovative ministry and missions. We will discern God's ways for us to stay healthy and to grow. We will listen to God's leadership. We will ask Him to use us in mighty ways to glorify Him. To that end, we will identify Dover's shared calling as a family of churches and focus our associational resources on that central mission as we move ahead.

How Can You Be an Active Participant in Discerning Dover's Future?

We're glad you asked. Welcome to Dover's discernment process as it stands today.

We have prepared a fifty-eight page report that provides context (past, present, and future) for the discernment process.

Several groups of leaders have already explored the report from the perspective of 2025. Some ministry themes are beginning to emerge from our early conversations. But, keener discernment still awaits us.

Your insights are needed now. We need your voice, your imagination, and your faith. Here's an invitation to you.

- Reserve either July 12 or July 24 for a "Pizza and Possibilities" conversation with other Dover leaders. We'll meet at the Dover office from 11AM until 12:30PM.
- Call the Dover office at (804) 550-1980 or email dover.info@doverbaptist.org to reserve your place at the family table.
- Ask that your copy of the report be emailed to you before our group conversation.
- Read the report carefully in advance of the meeting you plan to attend.
- Pray over it thoughtfully in advance of our conversation.

If these weekday dates aren't available to you, other conversations will be planned later for Saturdays and evenings.

Always Stronger Together

Whether or not you can attend any of the planned discernment conversations, please pray for Dover's future. We are always stronger together.

Encourage other members of your church to join Dover's discernment process. We are always stronger together

Thanks in advance for all of the ways you keep Dover healthy and on mission. We are always stronger together.

—Rose Mary Stewart and Bob Dale

Pray for These

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

July 1: **Mount Olivet**

Dale Ashley, Claudia Phillips, Cindy Weston, Felicia Taylor, Alice Rusher

Prayer: Pray for our search committee who are searching for a new part-time youth minister and a part-time children's minister.

Praise: Those who volunteered, and gave many hours of preparation, for our VBS and who blessed and ministered to the children.

July 8: **Mount Pleasant**

Earl Kirby

Prayer: Pray For the young people at church.

Praise: holding VBS in July, a revival in August and Homecoming in October.

July 15: **Mount Vernon**

Donald Runion, Clayton Carnall, Jimmie Miles, Cameron Dahl, Kim Gilbert, Anne Winston, Gravis Sung, Jean Grubbs, Dee Yarbrough, Bob Boteler, Ken Stalls, Jessica Benson, Rod Roberts, Lynn Madden, Susan Sharon, Clara Epperly, Randy Markel, Kimberly Braine-Tillem, Karen Willoughby, Darie Lee, Tara Logwood, Michelle Ives

Prayer: Pray for continuing to be where the passion and purpose for Christ intersect, for growth as a community and for search for our next Senior Pastor.

July 22: **New Bethesda**

Todd Combee, Caleb Bittler, Lynne Uzel, Shirley Mitchell

Prayer: Pray that our VBS will reach children in our community with the love of Christ.

Praise: Six people going to Standing Rock, youth going to Fusion Mission Camp and starting a Parenting Ministry.

July 29: **New Highland**

Rusty Mullins, Jennifer Mullins, Paul Rozecki, Page Marriner, Kristi Garstang, Tiffany Miller

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

Hopewell Baptist Church welcomes Melody Peacock as their Youth Summer Intern.

Mount Vernon Baptist Church welcomes Michelle Ives as their Children's Ministry Assistant.

Mount Vernon Baptist Church welcomes Ken Stalls as their Interim Pastor for Pastoral Care.

Congratulations

...to Dr. Ed Shepard on his 35th anniversary as Pastor of **Beulah Baptist Church** on Sunday, June 3.

Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to the family of Janice Ashley who died Thursday, May 31. Janice Ashley was the mother of Dale Ashley, Pastor of **Mount Olivet Baptist Church**.

...to the family of Chief Gene Adkins who died Sunday, June 3. Chief Adkins was the husband of Arnette "Red Wing" Bradby Adkins. Chief Adkins was a member of **Tsena Commocko Baptist Church** and a member of the **Executive Committee of the Dover Baptist Association**.

DWMU News

Missions Leadership Workshop

Saturday, July 28 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Dover Baptist Association

11006 Lakeridge Parkway, Ashland

Lunch will be provided.

This will be a time to receive information on how to lead a mission group, get resources and hear about mission project ideas. Please come and get help and inspiration on how to get "On Mission for the Lord". Call Michelle Brown for questions and to make reservations at (804) 928-2927.

This event is sponsored by the Dover WMU.

Spiritual Enrichment Retreat

Thursday, August 9, 2018

North Run Baptist Church

2100 Lydell Drive, Richmond

Speaker: Rev. Rose Mary Stewart

(Dover Baptist Intentional Interim Director of Missions)

Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. Program starts at 7:00 p.m.

Menu: Ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, carrots, rolls, and desserts

Cost-\$5.00-Dinner Reservations Required with DWMU Treasurer, Anita Roy by Thursday, July 26th. Make check to Dover WMU and mail to Anita Roy, P. O. Box 1182, West Point, VA 23181.

Please add church name, contact person, address, phone number, and number of dinner tickets. For questions call Anita Roy at (804) 843-4147.



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 Elizabeth Bradley, Ministry Assistant
 Steve Smith, Associate for Ministry to Church Leaders

Positions Available

Antioch Baptist Church seeks a part-time Music Director. Send resume to Antioch Baptist Church, c/o Pastor Greg, 3868 Antioch Church Road, Sandston, VA 23150 or bowtiepastor@gmail.com.

Colosse Baptist Church seeks a full-time Pastor. Send resume and references to Pastor Search Committee, 23945 King William Road, West Point, VA 23181 or cbcpastorsearch959@gmail.com.

Cool Spring Baptist Church seeks a full-time High School Student Minister. Please e-mail resume to HR@coolspring.org.

Deep Run Baptist Church seeks a part-time teacher for their Child Development Center. Please e-mail resume to deepruncdc@gmail.com.

Four Mile Creek Baptist Church is seeking a Senior Pastor. Please send resume to search@fmcbbaptist.com or mail to Four Mile Creek Baptist Church, att. Search Committee, 2950 New Market Road, Henrico, VA 23231.

Hunton Baptist Church seeks a part-time Minister to Youth. Contact Danny Kennedy, Personnel Committee Chair at dkennedy3509@gmail.com.

Mechanicsville Baptist Church seeks a full-time Minister of Music and Worship. Please e-mail resume and references to Leslie Luck at schmookie@comcast.net.

Mount Olivet Baptist Church seeks a part-time Children's Minister. Send resume to children.minister.search@mtolivetbaptist.org or Children Minister Search Committee, Mount Olivet Baptist Church, 15583 Coatesville Road, Beaverdam, VA 23015.

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

New Highland Baptist Church seeks a part-time Minister to Children. E-mail resume and references to Mike Barmer, Personnel Committee Chair at blueangel7g@comcast.net.

North Run Baptist Church seeks a full-time Senior Pastor. For more information, visit www.NorthRunBaptistChurch.org and/or email northrunsearchteam@gmail.com.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church seeks a Senior Pastor. Send resume to Pastor Search Committee, 7001 Cornfield Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23111 or email pastorsearch@walnutgrovebaptist.com.

Westhunt Baptist Church seeks a part-time Music Minister. Please e-mail resume with references to personnel@westhunt.com.

CHURCH SAFETY WORKSHOP

PRESENTED BY: ALAN WARE
 CHURCH SAFETY AND SECURITY INSTRUCTOR



JULY 31, 2018 | 6-8 PM
DOVER CONFERENCE CENTER
 11006 LAKERIDGE PKWY, ASHLAND, VA 23005

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RSVP BY JULY 24!!

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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE!

MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

5:15-8:30 PM
FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH ASHLAND

800 THOMPSON STREET

ASHLAND, VA 23005

WWW.BAPTISTLEADERS.ORG

(804) 314-0294



DINNER, BREAKOUT SESSIONS, AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

MATT THORNHILL

"FUTURE TRENDS FOR THE CHURCH"