



# DOVER DIARY

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## Watson Association Missions Offering 2023

The Leslie & Hazel Watson Association Missions Offering supports the ministries of local and international organizations. None of the funds contributed to this offering go towards the Dover General Operating Budget.

The Leslie & Hazel Watson Offering is named in memory of an amazing couple who were strongly dedicated to God and His Missions. The Watsons were long-time Dover Baptists as well as missionaries serving in Japan and other places.

For WAMO Grant Guidelines, the 2023 Prayer Guide, the Leslie and Hazel Watson Story, & videos, please visit: [www.doverbaptist.org/resources/amo](http://www.doverbaptist.org/resources/amo)

**“We Are God’s Fellow Workers”  
The Leslie and Hazel Watson Offering  
for Dover Baptist Association Missions  
2023 Goal: \$35,000.00**

## DBA May Events & Deadlines

Visit [www.doverbaptist.org](http://www.doverbaptist.org) or call the Dover office: (804) 550-1980 for more information.

**Weekly Pastors Support Group**, Dover Office  
Mondays, 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

**Dover Prayer Council**, Dover Office  
Monday, May 8, 10 a.m.

Please send any prayer concerns (subject: Prayer Council) to [Dover.info@doverbaptist.org](mailto:Dover.info@doverbaptist.org)

**2024 Budget Request Deadline** to the Finance Committee by Monday, May 15. Send to [info@doverbaptist.org](mailto:info@doverbaptist.org) Attention: Finance Committee

**Sunday School Director’s Virtual Meeting**  
Monday, May 22, 7 p.m.  
Interested in joining? Contact Steve Smith, [steve.smith@doverbaptist.org](mailto:steve.smith@doverbaptist.org)

**Pastor Health Network**, Dover Office  
Tuesday, May 23, Noon —2 p.m.

**Financial Class: Session 4** on Thursday, May 25, from 10 to noon. See page 3 for more information.

**Dover Office Closed** for Memorial Day Holiday on Monday, May 29.

## Save The Date...

**Dover Council Meeting**, Dover Office  
Tuesday, June 13, 1:00 p.m.

**Pastor Health Network**, Dover Office  
Tuesday, June 20, Noon —2 p.m.

### Ministry to our Baptist Community<sup>1</sup>

Inner City	\$2,500
Famaden Memorial Inst. Partnership	\$5,000
Standing Rock Reservation Ministry	\$1,500
Ministry to Ministers and Families	\$1,000
Raceway Ministries	\$500
Partnership Missions	<u>\$1,000</u>

**Base Goal** **\$11,500**

### Ministry to our Faith Community<sup>2</sup>

Vulnerable/At-Risk Ministries	\$3,000
Investing In Our Youth (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$500
Jail Ministries	\$1,000
Medical Ministries	\$3,000
Pregnancy Ministry	<u>\$1,000</u>

**Faith Goal** **\$20,000**

### Ministry to our Greater Community<sup>3</sup>

Community, Benevolent, Housing And Other Ministry Grants	<u>\$15,000</u>
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**Hallelujah Goal** **\$35,000**

<sup>1</sup>When gifts total \$11,500, these items will be paid.

<sup>2</sup>When gifts total \$20,000 these items will be paid.

<sup>3</sup>Once the Offering has closed (October 31, 2023) then *Dover’s Association Missions Offering Team* will consider recipients nominated by Dover churches for possible grants.

Any contributions received after October 31, 2023 will be applied to the 2024 offering.



# Sharing & Serving CHRIST in The New Normal (Whatever That Is?)

—Win Davis, Executive Director of Missions



“Our churches are overflowing, and our phones are ringing off the hook!” This is the sentiment I have received lately from a few churches. Sounds great, right? Perhaps, but probably not in the way you’re thinking. The challenge, hopefully opportunity, is these folks aren’t overflowing into the pews on Sunday morning, but through the clothes closet lines, and the numerous calls are asking, “What time does the food pantry open?” We may or may not be living in the Last Days, but many are living in tough times.

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The plethora of issues during these tough times have been labeled many things, including a “near recession,” “post-pandemic era,” “The Great Divide,” “The New Normal” and more. The proliferation of politics and the pandemic, over the last few years, have divided and desolated too many churches. Many are seeking solutions and new ways to engage their communities, and especially, reach the lost.

On Sunday, April 23, several pastors, leaders, members and mission partners of the Dover Baptist Association gathered for our Semi-Annual Meeting. The theme of the event was aptly titled, “Sharing & Serving Christ in The New Normal (Whatever that is).” Our focus was on those things that unite us, including our obedience to God’s Great Commandment, Christ’s Great Commission, and the admonition of our Lord Jesus, that “whatever you did for the least of these, My brothers, you did for Me.”

We learned about a new initiative, called Dinner Church, from the Fresh Expressions movement, which began in the UK. Thousands of people who have been hurt by the church and/or just don’t feel comfortable in Sunday morning pews are now filling church fellowship halls to break bread and hear the Gospel message. Homeless veterans, single moms, those in recovery, and those with special needs are just a few groups, who are experiencing the love of Christ, served up by those churches hosting a meal.

## Paul Hepler Scholarship 2023 CONGRATULATIONS to Preston Edmonds



of Cool Spring Baptist Church, who was awarded the Dover Baptist Association Paul Hepler Scholarship at the Semi-Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 23rd. Preston will be attending Liberty University in the fall.

Left photo, from left: Win Davis, Preston Edmonds, and Dave Chrisman (Hepler Scholarship Chairman).



*See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. - Isaiah 43:19 NIV*

Mechanics of Faith, founder, and Cars for Christ pastor, Jason Wells, convinced our mostly traditional Baptist crowd that his tattooed-sleeved arms have opened a few doors to those non-church goers who notice he’s a bit different than most Baptist preachers. Mechanics of Faith (A Dover Watson Mission Partner) provides free oil changes and basic maintenance to those who are struggling financially. “People shouldn’t have to decide whether or not they can afford to fix their car to get to work, or pay their rent, or feed their kid,” he tells us. Cars for Christ is a weekly worship and Bible study on Tuesday nights that often begins with a car show. Both allow Pastor J to share and serve Christ in the new normal.

We closed the night with a missions dinner hosted by Colosse Baptist Church. The event’s guest speaker was Ezra Bae, a former Korean Baptist pastor and IMB missionary to China. Bae, who now shares the love of Christ with Asian communities in America, stressed that the mission field is now at arm’s length. “Just go to Costco,” he reminded us, “and you will see many people from many different races, religions and countries who don’t know Jesus.”

In between our focus on sharing and serving Christ in the new normal, we still managed to do a few traditional things, such as conduct the business of the association, award college scholarships, give an update on upcoming ministries & missions, announce upcoming revivals in our Dover churches and of course, pray. Those are just a few of the many things our Dover Baptist Association has been doing since 1783 to now, in The New Normal. *God bless.*



## WMU News

**Woman's Missionary Union (WMU)**, an auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention founded in 1888, is the largest Protestant missions organization for women in the world.

### Dover WMU Annual Event



**Thursday, May 11, 2023**  
**Shalom Baptist Church & Zoom**  
8116 Walnut Grove Road,  
Mechanicsville, Virginia 23111

**Dinner at 6:00 p.m. | Program at 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.**  
**Guest Speakers:** Elva Hunt “The Chalk Lady” and Mildred Adkins of Samaria Baptist will speak on Standing Rock and the ministry of Pete and Angela Adkins.


### DWMU Missions Awareness Day

*Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a missionary? Do your prayers make a difference to a missionary? What does a missionary do? Is it hard to be a missionary?*



**Saturday, June 24, 2023**  
**Oak Hall Baptist Church**  
1877 Old Hanover Road  
Sandston, VA 23150

**10:30 a.m. – Noon** | Please bring a bag lunch. Desserts and beverages provided. Missionary Speakers will be Brandon Hembree, church planter, and Penny Reese, an IMB missionary. Open to **all** ages! Children's activities planned.



**Church Accounting Training: Session 4**  
**May 25, 2023 | 10 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

**Basic Accounting: Can I change my church's accounting records? Cash versus accrual accounting, creating a standard and simple chart of accounts, external and internal audits**

**Dover church members & staff receive a 20% discount**

**\$50/class Registration Fee**

10 Sessions will cover everything from financial policies & procedures to balance sheets, designated funds & budgets.

**Registration Link:**  
[www.doverbaptist.org/church-accounting](http://www.doverbaptist.org/church-accounting)

Dover Baptist Association - Conference Room  
11006 Lakeridge Pkwy, Ashland, VA 23005

### Dover Expresses Our Sympathy

...to Nancy Sizemore and family in the death of her husband, **Cotton Sizemore** on March 26. Cotton was a member of **Mechanicsville Baptist Church** and served Dover in the Men In Ministry for many years including President from 2011- 2022.

...to Steve and Kathy Allsbrook in the death of his mother, **Joyce Vaughan** of Scotland Neck, NC on Monday, April 24. Steve served Dover as Director of Missions from 1997 – 2017.

### Personnel Changes

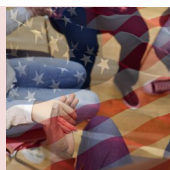
Rev. Vance Shearin concluded his service as Pastor of **Pamunkey Indian Baptist Church** on April 23, 2023.

Congratulations to **Poplar Springs Baptist Church's** Pastor Steve and Martha Crane on their retirement! Steve served Poplar Springs for almost 16 years as Pastor, and Martha served for 7 years as Minister of Music. We wish Steve and Martha our best in retirement!



### Did you know?

**The US National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 4, 2023.**



### Pray For These

**The leaders of Famaden Memorial Institute, our Dover Staff, Karen Mills (former Clerk), and all Dover's churches:**

- May 7: **Hunton Baptist Church**  
Frank Goare (Senior Pastor), Paige Green, Tanya Shearin, Cheryl Douglas-Walker, Bruce Swartz, Cathy Truslow, June Eanes, Vi White, Evanne Benson
- May 14: **Indian View**  
Mark Holland (Interim Pastor), Brenda McKinney
- May 21: **Kentwood Heights**  
Dave Smith (Senior Pastor), Nick Eason, Jennifer Ezzell, Jenne Bickett
- May 28: **Little Elam**  
Danny Patterson (Senior Pastor), Daniel Wallace, Julene Branch, Tandra Jones

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

Arabic	Hopewell	Sharon
Corinth	Indian View	Taylorville
Four Mile Creek	Mechanicsville	Pamunkey Indian



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

## Positions Available

Visit [www.doverbaptist.org/jobs](http://www.doverbaptist.org/jobs) for all openings or click hyperlinks below in electronic newsletter.

**Berea Baptist Church** seeks a Church Assistant Treasurer (Part-time).

**Corinth Baptist Church** seeks an Administrative Secretary (part-time).

**Dover Baptist Church** seeks a Youth & Children’s Director (part-time) for ages 10-18.

**First Baptist Church, Richmond** seeks a Payroll/Accounts Payable Coordinator (full-time). For more details, visit [www.fbcrichmond.org/about/careers](http://www.fbcrichmond.org/about/careers)

**First Baptist Church, West Point** seeks an Office Manager (part-time). Hours are 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

Must possess computer skills to include work publisher, word, etc. Interested applicants should contact Connie Peay at (804) 513-9297.

**Four Mile Creek Baptist Church** seeks a Music Coordinator (part-time).

**Gravel Hill Baptist Church** seeks a Church Pianist/Keyboardist (part-time). Interests may send résumés to: [kcj.gravelhill@gmail.com](mailto:kcyj.gravelhill@gmail.com).

**Hillcrest Baptist Church** seeks a Director of Music Ministry (part-time). Interests may send résumés to: [hbcmusicsearch@gmail.com](mailto:hbcmusicsearch@gmail.com).

**Mount Olivet Baptist Church** seeks a Youth Minister (part-time), and a Music Minister (part-time).

**Mount Vernon Baptist Church** is seeking Child Care Workers. For more information and/or apply, visit [www.mvbcnow.org/jobs](http://www.mvbcnow.org/jobs)

**Northside Baptist Church** seeks an Associate Pastor of Family Ministries (full-time). Interests may send résumés with conversion or call to ministry statement to [Lauren7600@comcast.net](mailto:Lauren7600@comcast.net).

**North Run Baptist Church** seeks a Youth Minister (full-time). Interests may submit résumés to [nrbcyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:nrbcyouthministry@gmail.com).

**Taylorsville Baptist Church** is prayerfully seeking a Pastor (full-time). For more details, visit [www.taylorsvillebaptist.org/careers](http://www.taylorsvillebaptist.org/careers)

## Featured Events from Our DBA Churches

RIVER ROAD CHURCH BAPTIST presents...  
*a thoughtful faith*  
**The Virginia Baptist Male Chorale**  
**Dr. Michael Hawn, conductor**  
 Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.  
 Scan for Free Tickets  
 E. Carl Freeman Concert Series  
 RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST | 8000 RIVER ROAD, RICHMOND, VA 23229

## Virginia Church Library Association Spring 2023 Conference

*Transforming Lives Through Church Libraries*

Friday, May 5 & Saturday, May 6  
 Chester Baptist Church

4317 School Street, Chester, VA 23831



Conference information is available at [vacla.org](http://vacla.org), Facebook, & Instagram @vachurchlibrary

## Engaging Brain Change: Understand Dementia

Sunday, June 10, 2023,  
 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Mechanicsville Baptist Church

8016 Atlee Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23111



“Engaging Brain Change: Understand Dementia,” will be led by Missy Harden, MS, OTR/L, CPD in the MBC family life center. This is a free event but registration is needed. Sign up at [office@mechanicsvillebaptist.org](mailto:office@mechanicsvillebaptist.org) or 804-746-7253 by Wednesday, May 31 with your name, phone # and how many will be attending.