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Daylight Savings Begins March 8 "Spring Forward"

Workshop: "Legal Hotspots and Risk Management Issues for Churches"

Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m.-11 a.m.

continental breakfast at 9 a.m.,
workshop begins at 9:30 a.m.

Facilitator: Erika E. Cole, Esq.

(partner with Whiteford, Taylor, Preston, LLP)

Location: Hunton Baptist Church

11660 Greenwood Road, Glen Allen VA 23059

Cost: \$10 Early Bird (until March 13), \$15 at the door. Visit www.doverbaptist.org/event or call (804) 550-1980 to register.

Save the Date

Dover Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, May 5 — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Antioch Baptist Church

3868 Antioch Church Road, Sandston

Featuring: The Virginia Gospel Singers

More details coming soon!

NASCAR Race Weekend

Saturday, April 18 and Sunday, April 19

All volunteers or anyone interested in learning more about this ministry are required to attend an orientation/training session on **Tuesday, April 7 at 7 p.m.** - The River City Faith Network of the Richmond Baptist Association, 3111 Moss Side Avenue, Richmond.

April 17 - Friday: Set-up

1 Shift: Noon-3 p.m.

April 18 - Saturday: Hospitality Ministry & Family Fun Corner

Shifts: 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; 12:00 p.m.-6 p.m.; 6 p.m. to ? (Lost & Lonely)

April 19 - Sunday: Hospitality Ministry & Family Fun Corner

Shifts: 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; 12:00 p.m.-6 p.m.; 6 p.m. to ? (Lost & Lonely)

Take-down: 6 p.m. until completed

God provides opportunities to minister at Richmond Raceway. Dover, River City Faith Network of the Richmond Baptist Association, Middle District Baptists may respond.

Pray for the ministry. Bake cookies. Invite someone to volunteer with you. Please bake cookies. Place 2-3 medium sized cookies in clear ziplock-style bags. Label each bag "Compliments of _____ Baptist Church." (*No tracts, please.*) Bring the cookies to the Dover Office April 13-16, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Food Allergy Alert: CVRM appreciates all the cookies, but, if you use peanuts or a peanut product in your cookies, please note that on the bag. Call Sam Duenckel at (804) 550-1980 or e-mail info@varacewayministries.org and tell him you want to be a part of this ministry.

Dover Baptist Association Semiannual Meeting

Sunday, April 26, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Registration opens at 2:30 p.m.

Kentwood Heights Baptist Church, 2607 New Kent Highway, Quinton 23141

Dover churches may send voting messengers to this meeting (see below). In addition to voting messengers, the Association invites any Dover Baptist and their guests to share in this inspiring meeting.

Elect your Messengers! Article 4 of Dover's Constitution states:

Each member church shall be entitled to send two messengers to Annual, Semiannual and special Called Association Meetings. A church that contributes at least \$400 to the General Fund during the Association's previous fiscal year shall be entitled to have three (3) messengers. An additional messenger is added for each additional \$400 contribution to the General Fund up to a maximum of seven (7) messengers for any church.

FIRST-PERSON: Chinese American churches react to coronavirus

Editor's Note: This article first appeared in Baptist Press on February 6, 2020. Reprinted with the author's permission.

It has felt like a ghost town at church for the last two weeks. The normal hustle and bustle, the loud chattering and warm greetings were noticeably missing from our Friday evening gatherings and Sunday Service.

Since the news of the coronavirus broke out in early January, we have seen our church attendance decrease by nearly 40 percent on Sunday mornings. I expect attendance to continue to decrease as more and more cases are reported worldwide and in America. Fear is one driving factor for the decrease in attendance, while good old precautionary common sense is the other.

Fear is a powerful emotion indeed. When our Elder and Deacon Board issued an official statement asking church members to self-quarantine if they had been to China recently, it sparked mixed reactions. On one hand, it assured the members that leadership is taking active precautionary steps to avoid contributing to the spread of coronavirus. On the other hand, it created suspicion and irrational fear in others to stay away from the church at all costs.

In comparison, the Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that this season alone has seen at least 19 million flu illnesses, 180,000 hospitalizations and 10,000 deaths from flu. That seems to be more of a dire threat to American Chinese churches than the coronavirus.

In addition, we have also seen fear driving a rise in racism and xenophobia against people of Chinese descent. I see more and more news articles on this topic daily. Unfortunately, this hit a little too close to home for my middle school daughter. She mentioned a boy in her school teased her by calling her "Coronavirus!"

In spite of fear, I have also seen our church readjusting to the new normal. Although many small groups are no longer meeting at church, they have started using video conferencing as an alternate way to gather, pray and encourage each other. There are also ongoing conversations regarding the possibility of live streaming small group meetings, church leadership meetings and Sunday services. We desire church members to participate even though they are not physically at church. It is encouraging to me that God's people will always find creative ways to worship despite their circumstances.

I would also like to extend an appreciation to Amos Lee, the executive director of the Chinese Baptist Fellowship of Southern Baptist Convention. In the wake of this tragedy, Rev. Amos proactively sent out precautionary guidance to SBC Chinese churches and forwarded personal prayer requests from our brothers and sisters in Christ from within Wuhan, China. As I read those prayer requests, I could not help but let my tears flow. It broke my heart to read of God's people suffering in China. May God's light shine it's brightest in such dark times.

As this tragedy continues to unfold, we clearly see broken humanity and broken creation. It never ends. A new strain of the virus is always on the verge of breaking out. If it's not coronavirus today, it's Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) or Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) from a decade or two ago. The good news is, most people infected with coronavirus can expect to recover, but all people plagued by sin have no escape from death. There is no cure, except the gift of salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus our Lord and Savior. May this terrible tragedy drive people to the arms of Jesus.

—Carter Tan, Pastor
Grace Chinese Baptist Church

So Who Benefits from the Watson Offering Grant? I'm glad you asked...

Any Dover church that contributes to the association's General Budget may apply on behalf of a tax-exempt ministry or organization that provides services to a people group in the community the church serves.

Nominating church sends a letter to Dover Baptist Association requesting the grant and includes:

- church minutes verifying the church acted on the request
- description of ministry/organization, contact information and a description of how the grant will be used
- amount requested up to \$3,000.00
- most recent annual report of the ministry/organization

The deadline to submit a grant request is Friday, October 30, 2020.

For more information, visit www.doverbaptist.org/resources/amo/watson-mission-offering-grant-guidelines or call (804) 550-1980.

DWMU News

Women's Mini-Retreat

Saturday, March 14, 2020—9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Ridge Baptist Church, 1515 Eastridge Road, Henrico

Cost: Free

Special guest: We will have a speaker from CARITAS to come and talk to us about the new facility and how our churches can get involved to help those that are homeless in our city.

There will be a time to participate in a mission project, experience spiritual enrichment, fellowship, and have fun with other women in your association.

Breakfast will be served and snacks will be provided. Each attendee may bring individually packaged Matchbox cars that will be given out at the Family Fun Corner at the April NASCAR race. In lieu of bringing cars, you may bring a monetary donation for the Family Fun Corner.

Contact Anita Roy at (804) 843-4147 to make a reservation by Friday, March 6th. This event is sponsored by the Dover WMU.

Personnel Changes

Hunton Baptist Church welcomed Cathy Truslow as their Director of Music for Children & Youth on January 1.

Hillcrest Baptist Church, Jeremy Slagle concluded his service as the Youth Minister on January 26.

Mount Vernon Baptist Church welcomed Jonathan Vandermark, Jr. as their Director of Technical Arts on February 3.

Deep Run Baptist Church welcomed Dreama Hill as their Child Development Center Director on February 18.

Pray For These

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

March 1: **Deep Run Baptist Church**

Rick Allison, Pastor; Napoleon Brito Coronel, Nathanael Thadikonda, Dreama Hill, Wilma Carwile, Ronnie Harris, Terry Jones, Andrea Mason

Dover Baptist Church

Todd Kube, Pastor; Donna Martin, Randall McGuire

March 8: **East Gate Baptist Church**

Catherine Lee, Pastor; Griendora McDowell, Georgia Kelly

Elon Baptist Church

Randy Secrist, Pastor; Beth Reed, Sharon Secrist

March 15: **Emmaus Baptist Church**

Michael Poole, Interim Pastor; Sylvia Coates, Robin Johnson, Heather Torrence

Faith Baptist Church

Scott Moffatt, Interim Pastor

March 22: **Fort Lee Baptist Church**

Michael Jordan, Pastor; Michelle Hancock, Jared Jimenez, Susan Nowell

Four Mile Creek Baptist Church

Mike McMeniman, Pastor; Sandy Rutledge, Susanne Ricks, Nancy Foster, Jackie Horst

March 29: **Glen Allen Baptist Church**

Melissa Fallen, Pastor; William Crowder, Jr., Sharon West, Janet Kessler, Donna Stacy

Goochland Baptist Church

Curt Kruschwitz, Pastor; Jennifer Russell, Kelly Anderson

Additional Prayer Concerns:

Annie Armstrong Offering (North American Mission Board)
Coronavirus victims and those caring for them

CHAPLAIN AND SPIRITUAL CARE TRAINING

Sunday, April 19—Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Virginia Baptist Resource Center

2828 Emerywood Parkway, Henrico 23294

The 2020 BGAV Chaplain and Spiritual Care Training event will host 16 hours of Continuing Education for pastors, chaplains, their spouses, and invited guests. Training highlights include coaching, leadership, disaster spiritual care, and Baptist distinctives.

Visit www.texasbaptists.org/events/2020-bgav-chaplain-and-spiritual-care-training to learn more and register.



MARY MCDONALD
COMPOSER WEEKEND

CHORAL WORKSHOP
4/25/20

Register online at
Northsideva.org



Location: Northside Baptist Church

7600 Studley Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Note: You may also call Northside Baptist Church at (804) 746-4952.



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vacant, Executive Director of Missions
Sam Duenckel, Associate for Missions
Sandy Weakley, Executive Assistant
Sue Hall, Ministry Assistant
Steve Smith, Associate for Ministry to Church Leaders
Jacquie Alleva, Office Assistant

Positions Available

Visit www.doverbaptist.org for all of the job openings.

New Bethesda Baptist Church has an exciting vacancy for a **Minister of Music (part-time)**. This position will average 15-20 hours per week. Primary duties include planning, coordinating, promoting and evaluating the Music Program of New Bethesda. Interested applicants email their cover letter and resume to personnel@newbethesda.org or contact the church office at 804-779-2101.

Pioneer Baptist Church seeks an **interim pastor (full-time)**, a **music director (part-time)**, and a **pianist (part-time)**. For more information and/or apply, contact Steve Davis at (804) 318-1344 or email Office@pioneerbaptist.comcastbiz.net

Walnut Grove Baptist Church seeks a **Minister to Families (part-time)**. Responsibilities include: overseeing and leading in the development and implementation of comprehensive ministries for the children, youth and young adults. Visit www.doverbaptist.org/minister-to-families-part-time, or call (804) 746-5081 for more information.

From our neighbors:

Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church seeks an **Organist/Pianist (part-time)** for the Traditional Service.

Visit: www.hatcherchurch.org for more information.

Send resumes to: office@hatcherchurch.org to apply.

Partnership Missions

Saturday, June 6, 2020

Cannon Ball, North Dakota

Tipi Wakan Ministries Community Day Event

Tipi Wakan Ministries needs up to 25 people to help with this exciting opportunity. Volunteers are needed to help with games, preparing and serving meals, and whatever else needs to be done. There will be plenty of opportunities to love and connect with the families living in the Cannon Ball Community.

For more information, please contact Alan Ray by calling (804) 288-5805 or email partnership@doverbaptist.org

2020 Hepler Scholarship Applications Due by March 13

Paul Hepler served as Dover Baptist Association's second Director of Missions. Dover awards an annual scholarship in his name, to a Dover Baptist student pursuing a college or graduate degree.

Applications for the 2020 W. Paul Hepler Scholarship must be received in the Dover Office no later than Friday, March 13.

To apply online, visit www.doverbaptist.org/resources/grants-and-scholarships/hepler-scholarship or contact the Dover Office for more information.

Youth Game Night - Family Feud

Dover Youth Groups are invited to a friendly family feud game night and fellowship on:

Saturday, March 28, 2020 - 7 pm

Dover Conference Center, 11006 Lakeridge Pkwy, Ashland.

Each participant is asked to bring a \$1 - the winning team chooses the ministry/organization that the collection of money will benefit. For more information, contact Sam Duenckel at sam.duenckel@doverbaptist.org or call (804) 550-1980.

Inclement Weather Policy

Whenever Hanover County Public Schools close due to weather conditions, the Dover Association Office may also close or change office hours.