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Office Holiday Schedule

The Dover office will be closed Thursday,
December 23, 2021 through Friday,
December 31, 2021 for the holidays.



Drop the Blanket!

Make sure you click on the *"Merry Christmas Charlie Brown"* link to enjoy a classic!

Songwriter Jason Soroski was watching the animated special [Merry Christmas Charlie Brown](#), for the umpteenth time when he observed something previously unnoticed. In the scene when Charlie Brown's best friend Linus, recites Luke 2: 8-14, right when he says, "Fear not" (verse 10), he literally drops the one thing he holds most precious in the world – his security blanket.

Reflecting on the symbolism of Linus dropping the blanket, Soroski writes, "The birth of Jesus allows us to simply drop the false security we have been grasping so tightly and learn to trust and cling to Him instead."

As I re-read Luke's account, re-watched the cartoon clip, and reflected on Soroski's observation, it made me think how, even we Christians, tend to cling to the temporal things of this world. Whether it's our possessions, politics, position, personal well-being, etc., it's difficult for us to fully embrace the Word and Will of God when we're clinging to our own security blankets i.e., those things that give us a false sense of security and self.

In three scripture passages associated with the Christmas story (Luke 1:30, Matthew 1:20, and of course Luke 2:10) the angel of the Lord tells Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds to "Fear not!" In other words, "Drop the blanket Mary! What man says is impossible, God has spoken into existence." "Drop the blanket Joseph! Let go of your doubt, your reputation, your good standing in the community and know in all things God works for the good of those who love Him and who have been called according to His purpose." "Drop the blanket Shepherds (and any other laborers working the night shift)! Let go of the notion that you are somehow unworthy to receive God's favor because of your social status, your race, your age, your... (you fill in the blank) and know that God has a plan and purpose for your life." "Drop the blanket, people of God" Let go of your preconceived ideas and your tendency to put God in a box."

As we prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas, and the uncertainty of another year, let's resolve to "Drop the Blanket," and instead, cling tightly to the promises and certainty of God's Word and Will for our lives in Christ Jesus.

We thank God for you! Merry Christmas

Win, Sam, Sandy, Steve, and Sue

Positions Available

Visit 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. To apply, email: personnel.berea@gmail.com with your resume.

The Child Care Center at Cool Spring Baptist Church is accepting applications for highly motivated, nurturing individuals interested in working in a positive environment while engaging and growing relationships with the children at our center! Available positions: Cook (part-time) (8:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.); Afternoon (2:30-6:00 p.m.) Lead Teacher with elementary school children. Great starting pay and perfect resume builder for teachers! For more information, email childcarecenter@coolspring.org or call (804) 746-4179.

Dover Baptist Church seeks a youth and children's director (part-time) to work with our young people ages 10-18. To learn more about the position and how to apply, please visit our website: www.doverbc.org/youth-childrens-director-job-description

Hopeful Baptist Church seeks a Youth Minister (part-time). In partnership with their parents and families, the Youth Minister of Hopeful Baptist Church will lead the development of biblical content, activities, and plans for middle/high school students and college-age young adults. Visit www.doverbaptist.org/youth-minister-part-time-3 for more information and/or apply.

Mount Olivet Baptist Church seeks a Pastor (full-time). The candidate should have graduate theological training in an accredited seminary; five or more

years of successful experience as Pastor of a Southern Baptist Church, or in a significant denominational leadership position. Visit www.doverbaptist.org/pastor-full-time-2 for more information and/or apply.

Shalom Baptist Church seeks a Family Minister (full-time). The Family Minister will give primary focus to youth and serve as primary speaker. Will also provide general oversight to all ministries that minister to children from birth to 12th grade.

Oversight will require seeking, equipping, empowering and evaluating of ministry leaders for all children's ministries and outreaches (Nursery, Sunday School, Wednesday night ministries and event planning).

Overall Goal: Coordinate and oversee activities for teens, children and families that promote fun, fellowship, spiritual development and ministry involvement. Visit www.shalombaptist.net/employment for more information.

Sharon Baptist Church seeks a Music Director (part-time). Responsibilities include playing piano for worship services, directing choirs, providing music for special events, etc. If interested please email your resume to jwhjuice@aol.com or mail to J. Hulbert 2399 Enfield Rd., Aylett, VA 23009.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church seeks a Minister to Families and Youth (full-time) to assist the pastor with supporting and innovating youth and children's ministries. Visit www.doverbaptist.org/category/jobs for more information.

Dover WMU News

Update on Recycling Challenge

Goal: 500+ pounds

Received as of November 15: 485.7 pounds

Keep up the Great work. Let's go beyond the minimum amount. We have till Feb. 27, 2022 to turn in amounts.

Visit www.doverbaptist.org/wmu for more details.

Associational Mission Trip to Standing Rock Orientation Meeting for Interested Participants

When: Saturday, January 29, 2022

Time: 10 a.m.-Noon

Location: Dover Baptist Association office or on Zoom

Dover is planning an associational mission trip to the Standing Rock Reservation (in North & South Dakota) in the Summer 2022. This orientation is for anyone who plans to go or wants to know more about going.

Registration: www.doverbaptist.org/mission-trip



Dover Baptists gave \$28,888.27 to the 2021 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 2021 Association Missions Offering supported local ministries. It also provided Dover churches the opportunity to nominate other ministries they deem worthy of our support.

Goal: \$30,000.00
Received: \$28,888.27

Ministry to Our Baptist Community

Inner City Ministry.....	\$3,000
Tipi Wakan Ministries Partnership.....	\$5,000
Ministry to Ministers and Families.....	\$1,500
Central Virginia Raceway Ministries.....	\$500
Partnership Missions Scholarships.....	\$1,200
HopeTree Family Services.....	\$900
ReEstablish Richmond.....	\$900
Good News Jail and Prison Ministry.....	\$500
The Pregnancy Resource Center of Metro Richmond.....	\$1,000
Cross Over Healthcare Ministry.....	\$625
National Alliance on Mental Illness (Central VA).....	\$625
The Fix Ministry (addiction & mental illness).....	\$625
The McShin Foundation.....	\$625

Hallelujah Grant Recipients

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Greater Richmond.....	\$1,000
Cornerstone Community Development (King William)....	\$1,888.27
Eastern Henrico FISH.....	\$3,000
Moments of Hope Outreach Ministries.....	\$3,000
Western Hanover Emergency Action Team (WHEAT).....	\$3,000

Your generosity makes a difference for the ministries that received a gift from the 2021 offering. Thank you!

The 2022 Leslie and Hazel Watson Mission Offering Goal is \$28,500

Pray For These

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

December 5: **Western Hanover Church**
without a pastor

December 12: **West Point, First Baptist Church**
Jim Goebel, Pastor; Sandra Mauney, Francine Adler

December 19: **Westhunt Baptist Church**
Jillian Andrzejewski, Pastor; Joanna Barnes,
Barry Burijon, Wendy Price

December 26: **Antioch Baptist Church**
Greg Soult, Pastor; Connie Lambert

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

Arabic	Hopewell	New Bethesda
Beulah	Indian View	Taylorville
Dover	Mechanicsville	Western Hanover
Hardy Central	Mount Olivet	

Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to the family of Jimmy Reeves, who passed away on October 27. Jimmy was the father of Kelly English and father-in-law of Greg English, the Strategy and Development Minister at **Cool Spring Baptist Church**.

Congratulations

...to **New Life Baptist Church** as they celebrated the installation of their pastor, Lee Mitchell, and the installation of two Associate Pastors—Ronald Baylor and Willie McKind on November 7.

...to Thomas and Helen Lane on the birth of their daughter, Eva Rose, on November 2. Steve and Martha Crane are the grandparents. Steve is the Pastor of **Poplar Springs Baptist Church**.

...to Greg and Sara Marble, the proud parents of James "Duke" Marble, born October 25. Greg is the Worship Associate at **Cool Spring Baptist Church**.

Personnel Changes

- **Gwathmey Baptist Church** welcomed Mike Cauthorne as their Lead Pastor on November 1.
- Bob Collins concluded his service as Intentional Interim for **Gwathmey Baptist Church** on October 31.
- **Shalom Baptist Church** welcomed Dan McFaden as their Associate Pastor on October 18.
- **Northside Baptist Church** welcomed Ashley Boschen as their Associate Pastor of Family Ministries on October 16.



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Steve Smith, Associate for Ministry to Church Leaders

You've Got Mail—Still want to?

While Dover continues to revise and update the mail list for the Dover Diary, we need your help! If you wish to continue receiving the Dover Diary by Mail—please respond let us know by February 1, 2022. You can call us at (804) 550-1980 or email: dover.info@doverbaptist.org. If we do not hear from you by February 1, 2022, you will no longer receive the Dover Diary by USPS Mail.

Greetings from Famaden Memorial Institute Liberia, Africa

Editor's Note: Dover Baptist Association officially began a new partnership with the Famaden Memorial Institute in Brewerville, Liberia (Africa) at the Annual Meeting on October 24, 2021. Joe Reeves is the Director of the Famaden Memorial Institute and the Pastor of the Tabernacle of Praise Ministries International in Richmond, Virginia (member of Dover). We will continue to provide more information about the opportunities and ways that you can be involved.

The Famaden Memorial Institute in Brewerville, Liberia is changing lives by providing quality education and sharing the True Gospel of Jesus Christ. The school is also reaching out to less fortunate kids, Muslims and other religious groups; some of who accepted Jesus as their personal Savior.

Keep us in your prayers as we have many students hanging around who cannot go to school because of lack of financial support. Included in the Famaden Memorial Institute are a clinic, vocational program, and outreach activities.



Upcoming Events

Visit 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.

Dover Youth Ministers Lunch Meeting
Thursday, December 2, Noon to 1 p.m.
Dover Conference Center

Dover Ministers Open House
Monday, December 13, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Dover Conference Center

Dover Council
Tuesday, December 14, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Dover Conference Center & Zoom

A/V Tech Support Group
Not meeting in December, join us again on
January 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Pastors Health Network - Book Discussion
Not meeting in December, join us again in
January 2022 at Noon. Date TBD.

Annual Church Profile Update

If you have not completed your church's Annual Church Profile (ACP), there is still time to complete it. Questions? Please contact Sue Hall at the Dover office: sue.hall@doverbaptist.org or call (804) 550-1980. Thank you!