



DOVER DIARY

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Gather Nourish Share

Those are the three words that admonish folks as they enter the doors of the former New Covenant Baptist Church, which later served as a campus location for Bon Air Baptist. The irony, of course, is that this prominent encouragement in this building, comes from its new occupant, Ukrop's Market Hall, a popular grab-n-go destination, and eatery on Richmond's West End.

"It's about Humble Service in the Body of Christ, and Love in Action." This was the primary message conveyed by Bobby Ukrop, at the Dover Baptist Association's 240th Anniversary Annual Meeting & Missions Fair, hosted by New Bethesda Baptist Church. Bobby is a nationally acclaimed Christian business leader, who also shared he was baptized and began his faith journey with his family at a Dover church (Poplar Springs Baptist Church). He stated that these marching orders regarding humble service amongst Christians, and the commitment to love in action, were internalized early, when he was asked as a young student athlete at the University of Richmond, to speak at another Dover church. The Scripture he felt called to share was the Apostle Paul's admonition to serve faithfully, and humbly, with the gifts God has given each of us. "Fifty-four years later," Ukrop recounted, "I am still using the same Scripture passage from Romans" (i.e. Romans 12: 3-10).

Currently serving as the Chairman and CEO of Ukrop's Home-style Foods, Bobby also regularly opens Ukrop's corporate headquarters to host the Lead Like Jesus movement. Lead Like Jesus is a group of diverse pastors, lay leaders, businesspeople, and leaders of Para ministries and non-profit organizations, in and around Richmond. Based on the best-selling book, the mission of Lead Like Jesus is to "glorify God by inspiring and equipping people to Lead Like Jesus using their heart, head, hands, and habits."

Ukrop added, "My hope is that each of us will have three take-aways from my remarks:

1. **Recommit to using our individual gifts to glorify God. In other words, what can I do to serve others and help prepare the next generation of Christians for their spiritual journeys?**
2. **Think more about how to live and lead like Jesus.**
3. **Think more about how your church and Dover can have more impact on the body of Christ in the Richmond Region.**

As individuals, as church members, as Dover Baptists, and as Christians, non-believers are watching what we do."

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240TH ANNUAL MEETING



& 2ND ANNUAL MISSIONS FAIR



We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

—Romans 12: 6 – 10 NIV

Ukrop concluded with the wisdom of Dr. Bob Kelley, who served as Ukrop’s Vice President of Operations,

“People will listen to what you say, they will believe what you do.”

As I reflect on this historic 240th Anniversary, and “growing forward,” I believe our Dover Baptist Association and churches are poised to make an impact for the Kingdom of God. An essential component will be our continued passion to “Gather” as Believers, “Nourish” ourselves and others with the inerrant Word of God, and “Share” the love and Gospel of Jesus Christ, in word, action, and humble service. God bless.

—Rev. Arnold ‘Win’ Davis, Executive Director of Missions

DBA Upcoming Events & Deadlines

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

Weekly Pastor Support Group, Dover Office
Mondays, 9:30 a.m. and Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Health Network/Book Discussion, Dover Office
Wednesday, November 8, Noon (BYOLunch)

Watson Annual Missions Offering Meeting, Dover Office
Thursday, November 9, 1:00 p.m.

Operation Christmas Child Collection Week,
November 13-20, various locations

Sunday School Director Meeting, Dover Office
Monday, November 27, 7 p.m.
Contact Steve.Smith@DoverBaptist.org for details.

DOVER OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
November 23-24

Looking Ahead...

Lottie Moon Christmas Tea, Cool Spring BC
Saturday, December 2, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
All seats have been reserved. Thank you for your support!

Dover Council Meeting, Dover Office Conference Room
Tuesday, December 12, 1 p.m.



REMINDER: FALL BACK!

Don't forget that we GAIN an hour with Daylight Saving Time ending on Sunday, November 5th with clocks winding BACK one hour overnight.



ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 7TH

Please pray about your decision, then vote!

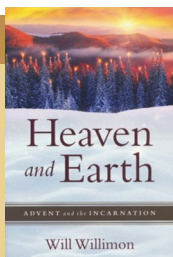
DBA on Mission with

Tipi Wakan Church



Our Dover crew experienced a powerful week of missions, fellowship, Biblical storytelling & drama, and working side-by-side with our Native brothers and sisters at **Standing Rock Indian Reservation and Tipi Wakan Ministries**. Mission Trip morning devotion from Luke’s Gospel was led by Pastor Boots of (Sacred Tent) Tipi Wakan Ministries (top left). The ranges and 3-tier sink in the fellowship center kitchen that serves the community were purchased through the generous donations of our Dover Baptist Association churches (right two photos).

Pastor Health Network: November



Our November Meeting will be Wednesday, November 8, Noonish, brown bag it for lunch. This will follow the Pastor Support Group Meeting which begins at 10:30 a.m. The November Book is Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation by Will Willimon. Please get your own books and turn in the receipt to Dover for a partial reimbursement. Hope to see you there.

—Greg Soult, bowtiepastor@gmail.com

Pray For These

The leaders of Famenen Memorial Institute, our Dover Staff, and all Dover's churches:

- November 5** **Tabernacle of Praise, Int'l**
Joe Reeves (Senior Pastor)
- November 12** **Taylorville**
Dale Ashley, Judith & David Bailey,
Melissa Miller-Hayley (Pulpit Supply
Ministers), Debbie Taylor,
Betsy Hawkins
- November 12** **Tree Ridge**
Brad Harris (Senior Pastor),
Craig Suiter
- November 19** **Tsena Commocko**
Ed Preston (Senior Pastor)
- November 26** **Walnut Grove**
Colby Whitaker (Senior Pastor),
Jeremy Meads, Craig Simpson,
Katie Baldacci, Mae Antkiewicz,
Kristi Bowles, Pam Burris

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

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

Correction

Rev. Dr. William "BJ" Crowder currently serves as the Pulpit Supply Pastor for Sharon Baptist Church and not as Interim Pastor as reported in our October volume. In addition, Kristen Fisher serves as Youth Director.

Dover Expresses Our Sympathy

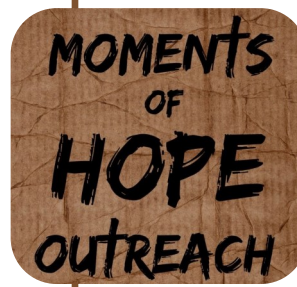
To the family of Joan Russell (Walnut Grove), who passed away September 30, 2023.

To Doug Frazier, former Pastor, Hopewell Baptist Church, and Dover Staff, and family on the death of Betsy Frazier, wife and mother who passed away on October 18, 2023.

Personnel Changes

A hearty Dover welcome to ...

Ms. Lillian Brown, Hunton Baptist Church's new Ministry Assistant!



THANKSGIVING MEALS

Moments of Hope Outreach ("Mohope") is providing an opportunity for you to share with others in Thanksgiving this year! On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23rd, to-go meals are needed in order to be served up at the Food Lion in the Brookhill-Azalea Shopping Center (5300 Chamberlayne Road, Richmond). To sign up to bring a complete to-go meal for one, please visit the [Moments of Hope Outreach Facebook Page](#) or this [Signup Genius link](#). You may sign up multiple times if you plan to bring more than one meal. Please drop off your donated meal(s) from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Meals should be fully-cooked and include: Turkey or Ham, Potatoes, Vegetable Side, Bread, Dessert, and a Bottled Water. Should you wish to provide a meal for a larger group (2-6), please package food together in a larger container with marked serving number. Please also mark if your meal donation contains "Ham."

www.mo-hope.org

Crisis Care Team Disaster Spiritual Care TRAINING



Registration closes
October 27, 2023

At Cool Spring Baptist Church
9283 Atlee Station Road
Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Training for anyone desiring to
provide spiritual encouragement
to
survivors in the aftermath of a
disaster or traumatic event

To register,
scan the QR code :



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Questions?
Contact Kristen Curtis
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Positions Available

Visit www.doverbaptist.org/jobs for all openings or click hyperlinks below in electronic newsletter.

- Dover Baptist Church** seeks a Youth & Children’s Director (part-time) for ages 10-18. Send résumés to: laurajbwright@gmail.com
- Ferry Farm Baptist (Fredericksburg)** seeks a Children & Youth Pastor. Send cover letters and résumés to: cyfpastor-search@ferryfarmbc.org
- First Baptist Church, Richmond** seeks a Payroll/Accounts Payable Coordinator (full-time). For more info, visit www.fbcrichmond.org/about/careers
- Four Mile Creek Baptist Church** seeks a Music Coordinator (part-time), and a Pastor (full-time). Music Coordinator interests, send résumés to ChurchAdmin@FMCBaptist.com. Pastor interests, send résumés to pastorsearch.fmc@gmail.com
- Gravel Hill Baptist Church** of Richmond seeks a Church Pianist/Keyboardist (part-time). Send résumés to: kej.gravelhill@gmail.com
- Hillcrest Baptist Church** seeks a Director of Music Ministry (part-time). Send résumés to: hbcmusicsearch@gmail.com
- Hopeful Baptist Church** seeks an Assistant Pastor (full-time). Interests inquire: HBC.assistantpastorsearch@gmail.com
- Mechanicsville Baptist Church** seeks a Senior Pastor (full-time). Send résumés to: searchteam.mbc@gmail.com
- Mount Olivet Baptist Church** seeks a Music Minister (part-time). For more info, visit www.mtolivetbaptist.org
- Mount Vernon Baptist Church** is seeking Child Care Workers. For more info and/or apply, visit www.mvbcnow.org/jobs
- New Highland Baptist Church** seeks a Children’s Ministry Director (part-time). Send résumés to rjparrett@gmail.com with subject “Children’s Ministry Director.”
- Poplar Springs Baptist Church** seeks a Worship Pastor (part-time). Contact Marvin Beck at MXB@copper.net if interested.
- Samaria Baptist Church** seeks a Sunday and event A/V Technician (part-time). Call 804-829-2280 for more info.
- Taylorsville Baptist Church** is seeking a Pastor (full-time). For more info, visit www.taylorsvillebaptist.org/careers
- Walnut Grove Baptist Church** seeks a Pianist/Praise Team Leader (Part-Time), Interests please send resumes to Office@wgva.church.
- Winfree Church** seeks a part-time Minister of Congregational Care. Send résumés to winfree.search@gmail.com

MAUI DISASTER RELIEF

Several of our Dover churches have already set up ways to help the victims of the devastating fires in Hawaii. The need right now is financial support to get water and supplies to families. Please read the following short articles and consider the following reputable Christian organizations for your support if your church has not set up a way to help.

- [Impact Missions Movement](#)
- [Send Relief](#)
- [Red Cross](#)



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drop-off Locations

National Collection Week is
November 13–20, 2023.

Dover Member Churches who are OCC Drop-off Locations include:

- First Baptist Church, West Point*
- Mount Vernon Baptist Church
(Henrico, Glen Allen)*
- New Bethesda Baptist Church
(Hanover, Studley-Woodlawn)*
- New Highland Baptist Church
(Hanover, Atlee-Elmont)*
- Sharon Baptist Church
(King William)*

To find all locations inside and outside of Dover along with drop-off dates and hours, please check this link following October 1st:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations/>