



# Dover Diary

## Newsletter of Dover Baptist Association

*"a resource and ally for churches and their leaders"*

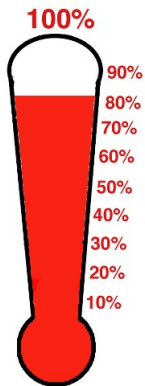
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### Leslie and Hazel Watson Association Missions Offering



Goal: \$30,000

Received as of  
October 23:

\$23,606.60

Thank You!!

### Needed: New & Gently Used Suitcases/Duffle Bags

A local children's home is in need of new or gently used duffle bags and suitcases for children as they return home or go to their foster home. They often only have paper bags and trash bags to transport belongings. Donations can be dropped off at the Dover office Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Deadline: Friday, December 4th.



### Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Collection Schedule

Dover Baptist Association  
11006 Lakeridge Parkway, Ashland

Mon, Nov. 16: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Tue, Nov. 17: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Wed, Nov. 18: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Thu, Nov. 19: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Fri, Nov. 20: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sat, Nov. 21: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Sun, Nov. 22: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Mon, Nov. 23: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Mount Vernon Baptist Church  
11220 Nuckols Road, Glen Allen

Mon, Nov. 16: 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Tue, Nov. 17: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Wed, Nov. 18: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Thu, Nov. 19: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Fri, Nov. 20: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Sat, Nov. 21: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Sun, Nov. 22: 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Mon, Nov. 23: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

New Bethesda Baptist Church  
9019 New Bethesda Road, Mechanicsville

Mon, Nov. 16: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Tue, Nov. 17: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Wed, Nov. 18: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Thu, Nov. 19: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Fri, Nov. 20: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Sat, Nov. 21: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Sun, Nov. 22: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Mon, Nov. 23: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

### Dover WMU News

The Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer is  
Monday, November 2, 2020.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will not meet in-person this year. Prayer guides and other resources are available online:  
[www.bwawd.org/day-of-prayer-this-year](http://www.bwawd.org/day-of-prayer-this-year)

# Interim Executive Director's Report

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Interim Executive Director! The first 3 months have involved building relationships with our associational churches, staff, and partners and keeping the association moving forward during an extended transition between directors. You can expect me to lead transparently, to engage pastors and churches within our association and to challenge our leadership to reimagine the ministry of the association.

## *Ministering to Churches and Church Leaders*

My initial effort has been getting to know the people that make up the association and hear their successes and challenges in ministry. Opportunities have included:

- Attending Minister's Support groups which have provided insight into the variety of challenges pastors are facing in this pandemic and election season.
- Visiting worship services in-person and online and appreciating the variety of gifts and styles of each church.
- Sending notes of encouragement to 12 Churches of the Week and notes to 25 pastors on their service anniversaries.
- Listening sessions with individual pastors and touring their church facilities. These sessions have been holy ground as pastors have shared their calling, their love for their congregations and communities, and their hopes for the Dover Association.
- Celebrating the ministry of two pastors as they retire and assisting their churches with the transition

**Goal for 2021: Create opportunities to develop relationships among the churches of the association through regional prayer gatherings, community conversations and cooperative mission efforts.**

## *Leader of the Association*

As the leader of the association, I have had opportunity to participate in:

- Finance Committee meeting and 2021 budget preparation. I appreciate Finance Chair, Wayne Gray's effort toward aligning our expenses with our income.
- WMU Board Meeting: We are reminded that the missional needs never shut down. There is always something we can do to help others know the love and hope of Christ. Their generosity has been astounding.

I am appreciative of the Dover Associational Office and Field Staff and the hard work they have done pulling together following the departure of the previous Interim Directors. Not only did they cover the regular tasks to be done but were able to adapt during the Covid-19 shut-down. They have been welcoming and patient with me as I learn my role, the association and adjust to their workflow.

Sam Duenckel, Associate for Missions, has worked extraordinarily hard in terms of staying up to date regarding Covid-19 and communicating that information to our churches; developing webinars to help parents navigate the challenges of Virtual/Online School; and for taking on the

overwhelming task of creating, recording and compiling all the online videos for the CVBM Leadership Development Conference in September.

Steve Smith, Associate for Ministry to Church Leaders, is a consummate encourager! He is regularly texting, calling and connecting with Pastors, Sunday School/ and discipleship leaders in addition to leading the Ministry Support groups. He is always checking on our staff as well and certainly pastors us with grace and humor. We celebrated Steve's 4th anniversary serving Dover in August.

Sandy Weakley, Executive Assistant, keeps us all on track in the weekly routine, tracks our finances and makes working together fun! I am appreciative of the way Sandy functions as a pastor to our Dover Ministry Assistants and encourages them regularly. Her devotion to Operation Christmas Child comes from her heart's desire to make Christ known.

Sue Hall, Ministry Assistant, celebrates her 39th year serving Dover Baptist this month. Sue has been a steady presence and encouragement to those who engage with Dover and serves as my resident historian!

**Goal for 2021: Work toward alignment of budget and governing documents based on purpose and function. Work with office staff to update constituent database and communication methods and procedures.**

## *Mission Strategist*

My first question for the Dover Association "What is the identity of the Dover Association"? We support pastors and congregations well. Through our Ministry support groups, encouraging notes, calls, we provide a place for pastors to find support and encouragement. We also provide assistance for churches with financial, legal, pastor search, and Covid questions and other matters. These resources support the churches in their effort to be on mission for God's Kingdom. But what brings us together as an association?

At the September Dover Council meeting, we determined there are three areas of concern for the Association:

- Identity: Who are we? What do we do?
- Involvement: Congregational, generational, cross-cultural
- Investment in Future: Decline in leadership, finances and mission focus

**Goal for 2021: Host community conversations regarding identity and mission, leadership pipeline and structure, cooperative mission efforts and inviting thought partners to help us relate cross-culturally within our association.**

Dover Baptist Association has 237 years of healthy cooperation among her churches and an opportunity for a longer future if we clarify our purpose, simplify our structure, position ourselves to be a ministry incubator for church leadership, and learn how to relate in a remarkably diverse world!

—Maria Lynn

## Pray For These

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

November 1: **Sharon Baptist Church**

James Sevon, Pastor; Lynn Buker, Luke Fisher, Kristen Fisher

November 8: **Tabernacle of Praise Ministries International**

Joe Reeves, Pastor

**Taylorville Baptist Church**

Ted Dougherty, Pastor; Debbie Taylor, Melissa Haley, Betsy Hawkins

November 15: **Tree Ridge Community Church**

Brad Harris, Pastor; Craig Suiter

November 22: **Tsena Commocko Baptist Church**

Ed Preston, Pastor

November 29: **Walnut Grove Baptist Church**

Dan McFaden, Interim Pastor; Craig Simpson, Jane Crawford, Eric Schlaud, Mary Pollard, Kristi Bowles, Pam Burris

## Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to the family of Nancy Burks who passed away on September 20. Nancy served as a Ministry Assistant for **Dover Baptist Association** from 2006-2007.

## Interest Meeting: Associational Mission Trip to Standing Rock Reservation

Dover Baptist Association is planning an association-wide mission trip to the Standing Rock Reservation next summer and hope you will join us! Dover has partnered with Tipi Wakan Ministries for the last 5 years and several of our churches make the trip to North and South Dakota each summer. Increased interest has led us to consider a trip if COVID-19 restrictions allow us to go. The interest meeting is for those who would like to know more about the ministry happening on the reservation and what is involved in serving on a mission team to Standing Rock.

We hope you will join us!

Please RSVP for one of the interest meetings by calling the Dover office at (804) 550-1980 or email: [dovertbaptist.org](mailto:dovertbaptist.org)

Please let us know if you plan to attend in-person or on Zoom.

**Thursday, November 5, 2020**

*Meeting Option 1: 10 - 11 AM*

Location: the Dover office\* or Zoom

\*the Dover office is limited to the first 15 people

*Meeting Option 2: 6-7 PM*

Location: Ridge Baptist Church or Zoom

1515 Eastridge Rd, Henrico 23229

## Partnership Missions Focus

Like everyone else this pandemic has impacted our ministry. We typically have teams from Virginia and Texas that come during the summer months of June and July to hold VBS for the children and other events for the men and women of Cannon Ball. This will be the first time in ten plus years that no-one has come and the community has deeply missed them.

We paused meeting together for adult worship for six weeks or so and resorted to posting the sermons on our FaceBook page, but we have resumed meeting together again. Our average attendance had dropped but is starting to pick back up. We have not resumed meeting with the children on Sunday afternoons as we don't have a space large enough to "socially distance" the 40-60 children that we normally average in attendance. We hope to start the weekly evening bible study for the children and ladies again soon.

We have continued to do our twice per month food pantry changing from a "walk-in" to a "drive-thru" pantry. The demand for the pantry has increased from an average of 100-110 households served to an average of 120-140 served. But God is faithful and has provided the resources to meet the increased demand.

Even though the children in Cannon Ball are distance learning at this time we had our annual backpack distribution in August. We had a "drive-thru" distribution, and with the support of a couple of churches in ND & several churches in VA, we gave out 211 backpacks.

We're grateful for the opportunity to continue to minister to the community of Cannon Ball and grateful for God's mercies that are new every day.

Christmas Gifts for Cannon Ball Community

As part of Dover's partnership with Tipi Wakan Ministries, we're asking Dover Baptist to sponsor a child/adult for \$25.00 or whatever you feel led to give. The cost of shipping gifts is expensive and the monies can be better used to purchase gift items. We request sending the funds by November 15th to:

Tipi Wakan Ministries

PO Box 246

Cannon Ball, ND 58528

Tipi Wakan Ministries will purchase the gifts locally. If gifts have already been purchased, please feel free to send them. For more information, contact: Pete and Angela Adkins, (701) 854-3607

—Peter and Angela Adkins



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Maria Lynn, Interim 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

## Positions Available

Visit [www.doverbaptist.org](http://www.doverbaptist.org) for all of the job openings.

**Berea Baptist Church** seeks a Church Administrator (part-time), to provide general administrative and personnel oversight; to promote the ministries of the Church; to provide financial reporting assistance. The Administrator actively supports the church's core values, mission statement, vision and various ministries; oversees Church operations; provides administrative assistance for staff and members. Using problem solving skills, the Administrator proactively identifies methods to improve efficiency and effectiveness of the Church ministries, as well as ways to support the goals of the congregation, Senior Pastor, other staff and Deacons. Visit: [www.doverbaptist.org/church-administrator-part-time](http://www.doverbaptist.org/church-administrator-part-time), or call (804) 749-3597, for more information.

**Corinth Baptist Church** seeks an Administrative Secretary (part-time) for approximately 16 hours per week. If interested and to apply, email resume and contact information to [office@corinthbaptist.us](mailto:office@corinthbaptist.us) Please note ATTN: Personnel in the subject line.

**Emmaus Baptist Church** seeks a pastor (full-time). The Pastor and Church profiles along with a Pastor Position Description are on our website at [www.emmausbapchurch.com](http://www.emmausbapchurch.com) under the Pastor Search heading. Inquires and resumes may be directed to: [pastorsearchcommittee2020@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsearchcommittee2020@gmail.com)

**Pioneer Baptist Church** seeks a Pastor (full-time) and a Music Director (part-time). For more information and/or apply, contact [pbsearch1051@gmail.com](mailto:pbsearch1051@gmail.com)

**Walnut Grove Baptist Church** seeks a Minister to Families (part-time) to assist the pastor with supporting and innovating in-reach and outreach to children, youth and young adults. A heart for youth and their families, experience with these age groups, and a desire to equip volunteers for team leadership are essential to fulfilling this position. Call (804) 746-5081 for more information or email resumes to [office@wgva.church](mailto:office@wgva.church)



Register: [www.wmuv.org/events/get-away-i](http://www.wmuv.org/events/get-away-i)



## Personnel Changes

Dwight Hedges concluded his service as Minister to Students at **Mechanicsville Baptist Church** on September 6.

William Shaw concluded his service as Associate Pastor of Worship and Education at **Corinth Baptist Church** on September 29.