



DOVER DIARY

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Dover Baptist Association Semiannual Meeting & Missions Dinner

Sunday, April 23, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Registration opens at 3:00 p.m.
Missions Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Colosse Baptist Church,
23945 King William Road
West Point, VA 23181
& on Zoom

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.

Plan to attend by Zoom? Please register: www.doverbaptist.org/semiannual

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

Each member church shall be entitled to send two messengers to Annual, Semi-annual 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.

Missions Dinner — Our Speaker is Ezra Bae, IMB Asian Church Mobilization Strategist and a former missionary to China. Please RSVP by Monday, April 17 to Dover Office if you wish to attend the Missions Dinner. There's no cost for the Missions Dinner but any donation is appreciated. **Please RSVP at:** www.doverbaptist.org/semiannual

Don't miss it! An Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Giveaway will also take place at the Meeting.

DBA Upcoming Events

Visit 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, April 10, 10 a.m.
Please send any prayer concerns (subject: Prayer Council) to Dover.info@doverbaptist.org

Sunday School Director's Meeting, via phone call
Monday, April 24, 7 p.m.
Contact Steve Smith, steve.smith@doverbaptist.org

DOVER BAPTISTS WISH YOU A BLESSED EASTER

We at the Dover Baptist Association want to wish everyone a blessed Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Wim, Sandy, Sue, & Steve

In honor of Good Friday, our Dover office will be closed Friday, April 7th.

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.

DWMU Contact: Beth Ward, Director
(804) 262-3612 | wardbeth73@yahoo.com

Dover WMU Annual Meeting



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.

100 YEARS
Congratulations!



Happy 100-year Anniversary to
Pioneer Baptist Church-WMU

May God honor your legacy for His Glory!

Holy Ground, Holy Water (A Pilgrimage Through the Holy Land)

by: Win Davis, Executive Director of Missions

***“He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.”
(Matthew 28: 6 NKJV)***

AS I begin writing this month’s blog, I am literally standing, or I suppose, sitting on Holy Ground. I watch in amazement as a perfect sunrise begins peering over the horizon and onto the Sea of Galilee. The radiant light slowly shimmers across the calm waters and seemingly toward me. “Is this what the Disciples of Jesus saw,” I wonder, when Jesus got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” (Mark 4: 39)

My mind is racing with all the stories I can remember from Scripture, recorded about Jesus and His followers, on, in and around this, one of the most famous bodies of water in human history. I think about Peter getting out of the boat, and walking toward Jesus before fear and doubt pulled him down into the water’s depth. Inspired, I get up, walk to the edge of the small dock nearby, and begin to step out onto the water as I imagine Peter doing from the edge of the boat. Unlike Peter, I don’t even make the first step. I slip off the wet dock and stumble into the Sea of Galilee, but just like Peter, I sink, plummeting below the chilly water. Two imperfect knuckleheads, Peter, and me, stumbling, sinking, plummeting in both the water and in life, before being rescued by our Savior.

I write, walk, and weep as my pilgrimage through the Holy Land continues. I visit the sites I’ve so often read about: Tiberias, Capernaum, Caesarea Philippi, the Garden of Gethsemane, Bethlehem, and several other stops and steps where Jesus walked, taught, touched, healed, and laid His sweet head.



Tears flow as we visit the site of the wedding at Cana on my mother’s birthday. I think about how Jesus honored His mother with the first recorded miracle, changing water into wine. “Happy Birthday Mom,” I whisper to the Heavens, knowing that because of “Mary’s Boy,” I will eventually celebrate an eternity of birthdays with those Believers I have loved and lost. We visit Nazareth, where the Angel Gabriel also visited and delivered the news to Mary, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you, so the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God.” (Luke 1:35)

“Here or near,” our guide quips, knowing that if the place I’m standing on, isn’t the exact spot of this New Testament tourist attraction, it was surely nearby, and thus a good chance that I’m standing where Jesus stood.

On Sunday morning, before heading to Jerusalem we stop along the Jordan River where several folks have asked to be baptized in the same river as our Savior. I am one of a half-dozen ministers who attempt to emulate John the Baptist (although I’m donning a white surfer’s rash guard as opposed to camel hair and leather belt). As I lower both new and old believers into the Jordan, I exclaim, “Buried with Him in Baptism!” and lifting them up, shout, “Raised to walk in newness of life!” (Colossians 2:12)


We visit the Garden Tomb, an ancient burial site discovered in 1867. Theologians continue to debate whether Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus placed Jesus in this grave or another one. Regardless of whether it was “here or near,” we know the most important fact, “He is not here. He is risen.” (Matthew 28:6)

On the last night of our stay in Jerusalem, most of our group gathers for their last supper in the restaurant of our hotel. My wife and I forego the meal and trek a little over 5 miles to revisit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, where many Biblical scholars and archeologists believe Christ was crucified after walking the famed Via Dolorosa (Sorrowful Road) from Pilate’s court to Golgotha. The previously bustling Crucifixion site is now practically empty, save a young couple who translates the passionate words of a Christian, whose nationality

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we can't discern. He points to a crack separating the rock below the Crucifixion site. He tells us this was caused when the earthquake erupted after Jesus breathed His last words, "It is finished!" "The blood of Jesus flowed down into the ground and down here," he points, inches away from me, "into the earth where this rock split." I can't hold back the tears as the reality hits home of what Christ did for me, that day, on that cross at Calvary.

The robe-donned caretakers of the crucifixion site scold and chase us out, as obviously we have overstayed our welcome beyond closing time. As we walk back, breathing in the cool air where Jesus breathed his last, I am reminded that this Easter, and for the rest of my life, I will never read Scripture the same way again. The more important question, I (and perhaps all of us need to) ask, is, "Knowing what I know, and what others need to know, will I live my life differently, better, bolder, with more purpose in every step. Will I continue to walk in the footsteps of Jesus? Happy Easter and God bless.



Facilitator
Steve Law
MBA, M.Div.

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

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

Dover Expresses Our Sympathy

...to the family of **Gordon Harris**, who passed away on February 20. Gordon was a faithful member of **Emmaus Baptist Church** and served on the Dover Executive Committee.

...to the family of **Tim Smith**, who passed away on February 22. Tim was the father of Rev. Dave Smith, pastor of **Kentwood Heights Baptist Church**.

...to the family of **Gary Crane**, who passed away on March 5. Gary was the father of Rev. Steve Crane, pastor of **Poplar Springs Baptist Church**.

Personnel Changes

Grace Community welcomes Julia Newton, Children's Ministry Director (Formerly Kathleen Cantwell), and Greg Pinkard, Worship Leader (Formerly Stephen Ryan).

New Highland Baptist Church welcomed their new pastor, Rev. Derek Nicksich on March 5.

Shalom Baptist Church welcomed two new staff members, Nate Puller (Youth Minister) and Kathy Seay (Children's Ministry Director).

Congrats to two sister Baptist Associations!



Dr. Maria Lynn

River City Faith Network installed their new Executive Director Mission Strategist, Dr. Maria Lynn, on Sunday, March 19. **Middle District Baptist Association** installs their new Executive Director, Rev. John Sawyer, on Sunday, April 30th. Welcome Dr. Lynn & Rev. Sawyer!



Rev. John Sawyer

Pray For These

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

- April 2: **Grace Chinese Church**
Ro Penaranda (Senior Pastor), Peter Li, Evelyn Yao, David Kim
- April 2: **Grace Community Church**
Chris Jones (Senior Pastor), Greg Pinkard, Julia Newton, Brenda Burnett
- April 9: **Gwathmey Baptist Church**
Mike Cauthorne (Senior Pastor), Taylor Elizabeth Bigelow
- April 16: **Hardy Central Baptist Church**
Ken Arnold (Senior Pastor), Mary Paul, Charles Long
- April 23: **Hillcrest Baptist Church**
Clarke Hawkins (Senior Pastor), Debra Edwards
- April 30: **Hopeful Baptist Church**
Leroy Davis (Senior Pastor), Charles Waldrop, Cathy Waldrop, Connie Cover
- April 30: **Hopewell Baptist Church**
Rusty Mullins (Interim Pastor), Rhonda Boggs, Lena York, Rob Tucker, Mapp Tucker

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	

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Win Davis, Executive Director of Missions
 Sandy Weakley, Executive Assistant
 Sue Hall, Ministry Assistant
 Steve Smith, Associate for Ministry to Church Leaders

Positions Available

Visit www.doverbaptist.org/jobs for all openings.

Berea Baptist Church seeks an Administrative Manager (full-time), Administrative Assistant (part-time), Director of Children's Ministry (full-time), Director of Youth/Young Adults (full-time) and Financial Administrator (full-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. Visit www.doverbaptist.org/youth-childrens-director-job-description for more information and/or apply.

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

Hillcrest Baptist Church seeks a Director of Music Ministry (part-time). For more information, visit www.hillcresthanover.org/director-of-music-job-opening. Interested applicants please email your resume to 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 Administrative Assistant for Discipleship and Student Ministries (full-time), Administrative Assistant for Missions & Communications, and Child Care Workers.

For more information and/or apply, visit www.mvbcnow.org/jobs

Northside Baptist Church seeks an Associate Pastor of Family Ministries (full-time).

North Run Baptist Church seeks a Youth Minister (full-time). Interested individuals may submit a resume to nrbcyouthministry@gmail.com

Richmond's First Baptist Church seeks a Payroll/Accounts Payable Coordinator (full-time). For more details, visit www.fbrichmond.org/about/careers

Taylorville Baptist Church is prayerfully seeking a Pastor (full-time). Visit www.taylorvillebaptist.org/careers for more information and/or apply.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church's Children's Learning Center in Mechanicsville has an immediate opening for a Support Staff position.

West Point, First Baptist Church 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.

A One-Day Equipping Conference

Join Men Of All Ages (13 & up) To Be Sharpened

Saturday, April 15
Cool Spring Baptist Church
 9283 Atlee Station Rd,
 Mechanicsville, VA 23116



NOBLE WARRIORS.

- 2 Nationally-Known Keynote Speakers
- 16 Equipping Workshops
- Resources and Worship Specific To Men

Register at:

<https://brushfire.com/noblewarriors/events/548676>

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, Facebook, & Instagram @vachurchlibrary

Baptist Church Leaders & Staff Training

A BGAV Chaplaincy Training Event

Dates: April 16-19

Location: Baptist General Association of Virginia
 2828 Emerywood Pkwy, Henrico, VA 23294

Baptist Chaplaincy Relations will be hosting a Baptist Leadership Training Event on April 16-19 at BGAV for church leaders/staff. Dover Baptist Association is providing \$50 matching scholarships for the first 10 Dover pastors/leaders who sign up and turn in a copy of their paid registration.

Courses/registration information available at:

www.texasbaptists.org/events/chaplain-training-event

Email: dover.info@doverbaptist.org

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