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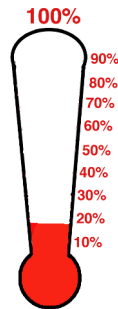
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Leslie and Hazel Watson Association Missions Offering

Goal: \$30,000

Received as of
June 25:
\$5,750.36

Thank You!!



Paper Shred & Cool Treats

Tuesday, August 11 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Dover Baptist Association Office
Bring up to 3 grocery bags of paper to shred.
Enjoy a cool treat and awesome community.

Dover Office Closed July 3

The Dover office will be closed on Friday, July 3 for the holiday, and will reopen on Monday, July 6.

Location Change for the Executive Committee Meeting on July 14, 2020

Tuesday, July 14, 2020 — 7:00 p.m.
Hunton Baptist Church
11660 Greenwood Road, Glen Allen

Due to social distancing requirements, the July Executive Committee will meet at Hunton Baptist Church. Please wear your mask in the building.

The October Executive Committee may also be moved to Hunton Baptist Church; however, we will make that call closer to that date. Likewise, we will evaluate the status of the Annual Meeting, currently scheduled for October 25th at Walnut Grove Baptist Church closer to that time.

We greatly appreciate your flexibility and support during this time of uncertainty and ever-changing situations.

Webinar—"Legal Hotspots: How the Virginia Values Act Affects Churches"

Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020
Time: 2:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Erika E. Cole, Esq.

(partner with Whiteford, Taylor, Preston, LLP)

Cost: FREE

Registration: The registration link is not available yet. Please contact Sam Duenckel if you are interested, by email sam.duenckel@doverbaptist.org or call (804) 550-1980.

A new law goes into effect on July 1, 2020 in the Commonwealth of Virginia that may directly impact your church. This law, known as the Virginia Values Act, was signed into law by Governor Northam to extend protections to LGBTQ persons, and appears to apply to churches and other nonprofits. The penalties for associated with violating this law are steep.

Erika Cole, Esq., The Church Attorney®, will share about the legal considerations related to this law. You will learn:

1. How the Virginia Values Act may affect churches;
2. What concerns many churches have raised about this new law;
3. What you can do to best prepare for this new law.

What the devil means for evil, God can change it for something good!

Editor's Note: Tabernacle Praise Ministries International (TPMI) is a Dover church located in South Richmond. Joe Reeves is the pastor of this dynamic and missional congregation.

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic hit everyone hard. The entire world shutdown. Offices shutdown. Even airports and traveling in and out of countries became difficult. The place where many could go in such a time as this, the church, also shutdown. I wondered if the Church could survive in such crisis.

Our church, Tabernacle Praise Ministries International, started going on Facebook live to share our messages. Then we reached out to the less fortunate in our church community by serving breakfast and dinner outside of the Church. We could no longer worship inside our church building and began worshipping outside. This move made it possible to reach out to people we never would have reached if we continued worshipping inside. Some expressed that if it had not been for the seed of the gospel sown in their lives because of our gatherings during these services life could have been worse.

On one occasion, while we gathered outside to feed and share the gospel, it started raining. We had no choice but to stop the outdoor gathering. As we prepared some plates for people to take out, some of the people that came said they could not leave without hearing a word from the Lord. They stood outside, and when the rain stopped, listened to the word of God.

God used this time of crisis, with the closing of the Churches to reach a community in need of the gospel. Since we were locked behind closed doors before, we could not reach them. The church has reached people in different parts of the world through social media. We have reached souls in parts of Africa, Europe, Pakistan and the United States. As we gathered on our Prayer-line six days a week for months. God has done amazing things during these time when it was least expected!

The greatest news is that souls are still being saved even during the time where churches are unable to gather because of the virus. God uses what the devil means for evil for His glory and honor. He has the power to do anything!

—Joe Reeves, Pastor
Tabernacle Praise Ministries International



Personnel Changes

Black Creek Baptist Church welcomed Ken Stalls as their Interim Pastor on April 26.

Darie Lee concluded her service as Child Enrichment Center Director at **Mount Vernon Baptist Church** on June 5.

Mount Vernon Baptist Church welcomed Laura Cottrell as their Director of the Child Enrichment Center on June 22.

Pray For These

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

- July 5: **Mount Pleasant Baptist Church**
Earl Kirby, Pastor
- July 12: **Mount Vernon Baptist Church**
Joshua Franklin, Pastor; Clayton Carnall,
Jerry Parker, John Sullivan, Matt Boschen,
Michelle Ives, Jonathan Vandermark, Jr.,
Jessica Benson, Cathy Dayton, Kim Gilbert,
Jean Grubbs, Laura Cottrell, Tara Logwood,
Lynn Madden, Ted Milby, Radford Moneymaker,
Susan Sharon, Ken Sledd, Nancy West,
Karen Willoughby, Anne Winston, Dee Yarbrough
- July 19: **New Bethesda Baptist Church**
Todd Combee, Pastor; Caleb Bittler,
Shirley Mitchell, Eve Minter
- July 26: **New Highland Baptist Church**
Rusty Mullins, Pastor; Jennifer Mullins,
Eric Smith, Matt White, Page Marriner,
Kristi Garstang, Karen Hastings

Student Addresses Wanted!

Many new high school graduates from Dover churches will seek more education. Baptist Collegiate Ministry provides a Christian community in higher education settings. We need your help! Dover's Student Ministries Council wants to send a care package and information about Baptist Collegiate Ministry to every Dover high school graduate. Will you help us get their names and contact information?

If someone in your family or your church family is graduating high school and will continue their education, please send the following information to us:

- Student's name
- Home address
- Email address
- Name of college or school attending

Email information to: ridgechurcheducation@gmail.com or mail it to our Student Ministries Council at the Dover office. Thank you!

Please send in the names and contact information by Wednesday, July 15.

We promise to use that information only to send them the packages and help connect them with Baptist Collegiate Ministries.

Update from a Former Hepler Scholarship Recipient

My name is Jordan Brown and I am the 2017 Hepler Scholarship recipient. Before I received the Hepler Scholarship, I participated in Impact Virginia, CARITAS, Operation Inasmuch, Rise Against Hunger, and various other mission projects through my church, New Highland Baptist Church. My church not only taught me about the role of Christ in my life, but it also taught me how to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We had a sign near the exit of our church parking lot that said you are now entering the mission field. I have been doing mission work with my family since I was born. My mom sang in the choir and I quickly developed a passion and love for music. I sang in the children's choir and went on to be in all of my school choirs. My love for music continued to grow stronger.

Funds from the Hepler Scholarship supported my academic endeavors at Christopher Newport University where I began classes to receive a music education degree to teach. I loved music and I thought I wanted to teach that love of music to children. However, God led me in another direction. After one year at Christopher Newport University, I was given the opportunity to audition for a school in New York for an open spot in their new music program. People from all over the country were competing for this one spot. I did the audition and interview online. After I had completed them, I told my parents what I had done. I really never actually thought that they would pick me, but I wanted to see how they would evaluate me and my voice. I made it to the top 5 and my family and I had to

make a trip to New York for the final interview. I was so scared and very uncertain about what was going to happen next. I asked God to reveal to me what His will was for me at this point in my life. Then I had to listen for His direction. They chose me! My mom cried and I jumped up and down. This had to be God's will. I wasn't meant to teach, but I was meant to perform on the stage. I left Mechanicsville and headed to the New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts in New York City. My dream of being on the stage was on its way to coming true.

When I got to New York, I felt like I was in another world. There wasn't a Baptist church in sight. My roommates were from all over the United States. It was going to be tough to stand for Christ in such a "foreign" land. My strong faith and the love and support of my family was the force that would sustain me and allow me to be in the world, but not of it. My hope was always that the difference people saw in me wasn't my red hair or the fact that I was from the south, but that I was a follower of Christ. The program was tough, but I persevered and now I have completed my associates degree. I am ready to perform on Broadway. My plan is to live in New York and audition for a Broadway Company. It is so hard to believe that when I started out I was going to teach music and now I am going to perform music on the stage. Only God knows where my career in music is going to take me. I will just continue to listen for Him to guide me. Thanks to the Hepler Scholarship I was able to pursue my dream.



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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

Positions Available

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

Gwathmey Baptist Church is looking into a Youth Pastor (part-time), please send resume to Tracy Bradley, 11232 Gwathmey Church Road, Ashland, VA 23005

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 a Pastor (full-time) and a Music Director (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 senior pastor (full-time) to lead this historic Baptist Church, established in 1841. We currently have 100 active members. We are associated with the Virginia Baptist Association, the Dover Baptist Association, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the Southern Baptist Convention. We affirm the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message. We are seeking a spiritually mature preacher who is an effective communicator of well-prepared sermons, is a personable leader, is supportive of women in leadership and can relate to a diverse group of all ages. The successful candidate must have a minimum of five years of ministerial experience with a proven ability to develop, train and work with church staff and lay leadership. They must have a master's degree from an accredited Seminary. A doctorate in ministry or theology would be a plus.

Please send your resume by July 15, 2020 to pastorsearch@wgva.church or mail your resume to: Walnut Grove Baptist Church – P.O. Box 360 – Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Resource Highlight: Fairmount Baptist Scholarship

The Fairmount Baptist Scholarship was established out of a very generous gift from the former Fairmount Memorial (later Spring Run) Baptist Church. When the church officially dissolved in 2017, Dover was one of the recipients of the remaining funds. The gift was intended for the creation of a new scholarship for ministry education.

The Fairmount Baptist Scholarship provides funds for an individual or groups from Dover churches seeking training for traditional or nontraditional ministry. Funds from this scholarship are also available for an individual pursuing an opportunity to explore or expand his or her ministry calling.

Applicants must be a member of a Dover church for at least a year. He or she must be seeking training for traditional or nontraditional ministry or pursuing an opportunity to explore or expand his or her calling. Priority will be given to new initiatives. Priority will be given to registration and training expenses. Transportation and lodging expenses will be considered.

The maximum annual amount a recipient or group may receive is \$1,500.

Application Requirements:

*Description of how the training will be used to explore and or enhance their ministry or call to ministry

*A letter of recommendation from the pastor, a staff minister, or lay leader which demonstrates the applicant's leadership in the ministries of the church.

Recipients of this scholarship must provide a written report no later than six months following the time the funds were used. In this report, the recipients must share how the funds were used, how they are applying this training to their lives, and if/how the effectiveness of the training could be improved. This feedback will be used by the Fund Team to help evaluate future requests for the similar training.

Visit www.doverbaptist.org/resources/grants-and-scholarships/fairmount-baptist-scholarship for more information and an online application.