



Dover Diary

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Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life. (1 Timothy 1:15-16 NIV)

Epitaph of a Jester in The King’s Court

by: Win Davis, Executive Director of Missions

I’ve been thinking a lot about death lately - not in a fearful way, but in a hopeful way. Perhaps that’s because, like most ministers, I’m generally at arm’s length and not locked in death’s grip. Between Advent and Ash Wednesday, I’ve mourned the deaths and celebrated the lives of some very special people, both those deeply personal and a few good folks in our Baptist association. The deaths have been both triumphant and tragic, and yet each have left behind remembrances of good people and the joyful belief that the departed from earth have been united with Christ in Heaven.

This is also the five-year anniversary of the passing of another beloved Baptist, Dr. Billy Graham. Following his death, Dr. Graham’s son Franklin, recalled his father’s words that “Someday you will read or hear that Billy Graham is dead. Don’t you believe a word of it. I shall be more alive than I am now. I will just have changed my address. I will have gone into the presence of God.”

We Baptists often attend services that merge the before and afterlife, calling them “Celebrations of Life,” and “Home-goings.” As I reflect on the words spoken and comfort offered to families and friends, as well as the legacy of Dr. Graham, I can’t help but think of how undeserving I am of what I know lies ahead when my race, as the Apostle Paul noted, has been finished.

I want to set the record straight before anyone stands up at my home-going and gushes. Please, do not be fooled by the fake news that might suggest a fervent faith. Don’t be conned by my contribution to the Christian conversions I just happened to be at when the Holy Spirit split hardened hearts and souls were saved. Don’t be persuaded by the position or the plaques collecting dust in my office, for as Scripture promises, it will be from dust I will return.

You see secretly (Well, I guess, not anymore.), I continue to stumble forward since asking Jesus to

forgive me of my sins 50 years ago. I am still, as the Apostle Paul proclaimed, the worst of sinners. I deserve the lowest position in the Kingdom, a jester in the royal court of King Jesus.

Graham’s simple epitaph reads, “Billy Graham - November 7, 1918 – February 21, 2018 Preacher of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ - John 14:6”

My demise’s summary, in comparison, should be patterned more after those tombstones at Disney World’s Haunted Mansion, with epitaphs such as “Here Lies Good Old Fred. A Great Big Rock Fell On His Head.” Similarly, my tombstone should probably read,



“Here lies Win, such an imperfect husband, dad & friend. Don’t be sad dear, his soul ain’t here. His new life is just beginning, because Jesus died for all his sinning.”

As we prepare our hearts and minds for Easter, may each of us reflect on just how great the divide is between our impeccably perfect God and our imperfectly sinful selves. May we be reminded just how far Jesus had to stretch out His arms on the cross to cover that divide. During this time of year, when more unchurched folks are receptive to the Gospel of Jesus, may we be moved mightily by the words of our Savior to “Go and make disciples,” before both our epitaph and legacy is etched in stone. God bless.

Dover Baptist Association Semiannual Meeting

Sunday, April 25, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Registration opens at 3:00 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.

Megsmiles

women's conference



Saturday, March 25, 2023

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM | Cost: \$60
Nicole Unice, Keynote Speaker
"Finding Joy Always"

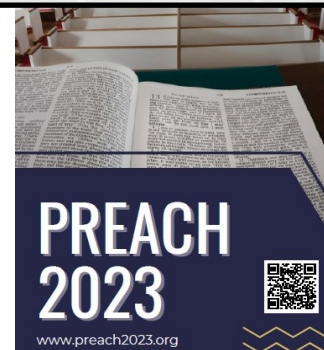
Cool Spring Baptist Church
9283 Atlee Station Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

For more info, please visit:
<https://www.run4meg.com/2023conf>



**March 12-14,
2023**
Eagle Eyrie
Conference Center
Lynchburg, VA

The purpose of this gathering is to spend time with other pastors in worship and reflection about the important work of proclaiming the gospel. The conference will begin on Sunday evening, March 12, and go through Tuesday lunch, March 14. We will have break-out sessions covering a variety of topics, as well as time for worship and rest. Visit www.preach2023.org to register!



DOVER WMU SAVE THE DATE!



Mental Health Awareness Program

March 18, 9AM to 12:30PM

Admission: **Free**

Mount Olivet Baptist Church

15583 Coatesville Rd, Beaverdam, VA

Topics Include:

Depression/anxiety and the effects of COVID
Mental Wellness
Trauma informed Care
Alzheimer's/Dementia
ADHD
Addiction
Suicide

HOPE WMUV provides mission education and response around challenges our churches face in the real world.

CHURCH ACCOUNTING TRAINING



Facilitator
Steve Law
MBA, M.Div.

**\$50/class
Registration Fee**

10 Sessions will cover everything from financial policies & procedures to balance sheets, designated funds & budgets.

March 23, 2023

10.00 AM - 12.00 PM

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

Registration Link:

www.doverbaptist.org/church-accounting

Church Accounting Training: Session 3

March 23, 2023 | 10 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Legal matters; IRS Relationship and 501(c)(3)
Ruling Letter; Incorporation status

Dover church members & staff receive a **20% discount**

Pray For These

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

PRAY FOR THESE

- March 5: **East Gate Baptist Church**
Griendora McDowell, Senior Pastor;
Georgia Kelly
& **Elon Baptist Church**
Randy Secrist, Senior Pastor; Beth Reed,
Sharon Secrist
- March 12: **Emmaus Baptist Church**
Tim Madison Senior Pastor, Sylvia Coates,
Heather Torrence
- March 19: **Fort Lee Baptist Church**
Michael Jordan, Senior Pastor, Susan Nowell
- March 19: **Four Mile Creek Baptist Church**
Tom Gaskins, Interim Pastor, Susanne Ricks,
Diana Pepler
- March 25: **Glen Allen Baptist Church**
Melissa Fallen, Senior Pastor,
William Crowder, Jr., Daria Lee, Ann Carter,
Janet Kessler, Kim Cotton, Glenn West,
Debbie Gordon
- March 25: **Goochland Baptist Church**
Kurt Kruschwitz, Senior Pastor,
Sharon Condrey

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	

Personnel Changes

- Atlee Community (Scottsville Campus): Chad Rice, Technical Director
- Black Creek Baptist Church: Grayson Parker, Music Director
- Cool Spring Baptist Church: Morgan Baylor, Social Media/Website
- Deep Run Baptist Church: Melody Gulywasz, Children's Minister; Fran Wayand, Worship Administrator
- Glen Allen Baptist Church: Ann Carter, Youth/Music; Daria Lee, Associate Pastor for Children's Ministry
- Mt. Vernon Baptist Church: Gary Robertson, Associate Pastor for Missions/Evangelism; Jeff Randolph, Associate Pastor for Students

Upcoming Events

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

Inclement Weather Policy



Whenever Hanover County Public Schools close due to weather conditions, the Dover Association Office may also close or change office hours.

Print to PDF?

Help us save postage and printing costs so we can steward outreach and support ministries! In a nonprofit based in our joyful offerings, every cent counts. Please send us your email if you are requesting to receive this Dover Diary regularly by email. Thank you so much!

2023 Hepler Scholarship Applications Due by Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Who Can Apply for the Hepler Scholarship? I'm glad you asked.....

This scholarship fund is available to any person who is a member of a Dover Association Baptist church for at least one year prior to his/her application being submitted.

The application must be approved by the church.

The applicant must be planning to pursue a baccalaureate or graduate degree in an accredited college, university or seminary. Seminary students must attend a college accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The school may be denominational or non-denominational in Virginia or a Baptist institution out of state.

Applications are due on Wednesday, March 15, 2023.

For more information, visit: www.doverbaptist.org/resources/grants-and-scholarships/hepler-scholarship



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Sandy Weakley, Executive Assistant
Sue Hall, Ministry Assistant
Steve Smith, Associate for Ministry to Church Leaders

2023 Mileage Rate Increase

On January 1, 2023, the standard mileage rate increased to 65.5 cents per mile for business miles driven. For more information, visit: www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-issues-standard-mileage-rates-for-2023-business-use-increases-3-cents-per-mile.

Positions Available

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

Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church seeks a Church Pianist (part-time). For more details, visit www.doverbaptist.org/jobs

Corinth Baptist Church seeks an Administrative Secretary (part-time). For more details, visit www.doverbaptist.org/jobs

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). Visit www.doverbaptist.org/jobs for more information and or apply.

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

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). For more details, visit www.doverbaptist.org/jobs

North Run Baptist Church seeks a Youth Minister (part-time). For more details, visit www.doverbaptist.org/jobs
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. For more information, visit www.doverbaptist.org/jobs

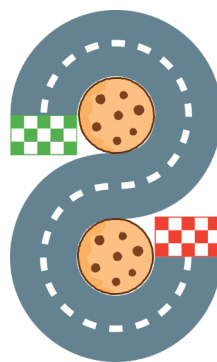
West Point, First Baptist Church seeks an Office Manager (part-time). Hours are 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Must possess computer skills to include work publisher, word, etc. Interested applicants should contact Connie Peay at (804) 513-9297.

Central Virginia Raceway Ministries Needs Volunteers, Cookies, & RVs

Central Virginia Raceway Ministries (CVRM) is gearing up for race weekend: Saturday, April 1 and Sunday, April 2. CVRM helps race fans, vendors, workers, and others know Christ is present. We need many volunteers to make this ministry possible. If you can help set up the site, greet guests, give away cookies and water, act as a chaplain, or otherwise share your talents, then help us engage a multitude of people one by one.

CVRM Volunteers are required to attend the Worker Training Session on Saturday, April 1 at 9:00 a.m. located at the Richmond Raceway (Gate 7).

WE NEED COOKIES!! CVRM invites you to participate and asks for your help by making cookies:



CVRM leaders ask that church mission groups, Sunday School classes, youth groups, and individuals make "homemade" cookies. Please bag these in small clear lock-style plastic bags, 2-3 medium sized cookies per bag. Put a label on the outside of each bag "compliments of _____ Baptist Church." (Dover Baptists may bring their bags of cookies to the Dover Office, March 27-30, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)

FOOD ALLERGY ALERT: CVRM appreciates all the cookies, but, if you use peanuts or a peanut product in your cookies, please note that on the bag.

SEEKING RVs FOR OUTREACH: If you have a camper or motor home you would like to park at RR for the race weekend either for your own occupancy or for someone else from CVRM to occupy, we would love to hear from you regarding our resident outreach to camper race fans during the race weekend.

CONTACT:

Please call 804-601-4463 and/or contact Charles Ward at (804) 262-3612 or info@varacewayministries.org for more information on any of these opportunities.
www.varacewayministries.org