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Upcoming Events

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Weekly Pastors Support Group

Mondays, 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Monthly Dover Pastors & Ministry Staff

Prayer Gathering

Tuesday, June 1, 10 a.m., Zoom

A/V & Tech Support Network

Tuesday, June 1, 6:30 p.m., Zoom

Special Called Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 8, 7-8:30 p.m.,

Hunton Baptist Church & Zoom

Pastors Health Network - Book Discussion

"A Burning in My Bones" by Winn Collier

Tuesday, June 15, 12 p.m., Dover Office & Zoom

Paper Shred Day

Tuesday, June 15, 1-3 p.m.,

Dover Baptist Association Office

Dover WMU Planning Day

Saturday, June 19, 9 a.m., Dover Office

Mission Trip to Standing Rock

June 26-July 3, North & South Dakota

Notice of Special Executive Committee

A Special Executive Committee meeting is called for the purpose of hearing a recommendation from the Dover Search Committee and approve the calling of the new Executive Director for Dover Baptist Association.

The Special Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for:

Tuesday, June 8, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Hunton Baptist Church & Zoom*

11660 Greenwood Road, Glen Allen.

All Executive Committee members are encouraged to attend.

*The meeting will also be available on Zoom – but you must register by Monday, June 7.

Zoom Registration: www.doverbaptist.org/executive-committee

Remembering Dr. Bob Dale

The Dover Baptist Association expresses their deepest sympathy to the family of Rev. Dr. Robert Dale upon his passing Friday, April 30, 2021. Dr. Dale served as professor and mentor to many of our Dover pastors and ministers. Dr. Dale assisted our association through the years by leading workshops, discussion groups, and most recently served as Interim Co-Director with Rose Mary Stewart. We are grateful for his ministry that challenged us all to imagine the church of the future.

Please keep his wife, Carrie, and his children, Amy and Cass, in prayer.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, May 4th, at Sandston Baptist Church. Due to COVID, a private graveside service will be held. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

The family invites anyone who would like to continue Bob's legacy of education, to make a donation to the Rev. Dr. Robert D. Dale Educational Fund that has been set up through the Virginia Baptist Foundation. Online giving is available at vbfinc.org – select "Donate Now", click on "Designation" dropdown box – it will be the second option in the list.



Watson Mission Offering: Ministry Emphasis

The Fix Ministry

The Fix Ministry is faith-based, Christ centered program that provides comprehensive, long-term assistance to people from all walks of life with serious life controlling issues.

The purpose of The Fix Ministry is to save lives. We show young people how to change their lives by furthering their relationship with Jesus Christ along with their education in the areas of social and biblical studies. This, along with our vocational and in-action discipleship training properly prepares them for a future in the job market or ministry as well as general self-sufficiency.

The areas of training at our residential facility are educational, vocational, managerial, family, and spiritual with the emphasis on personal change and improvement. We maintain a disciplined, structured environment where people are given a genuine chance at a new beginning.

A unique facet of our facilities is the ability to train and educate young men and women who may have had a difficult background or a previous experience involving drugs or alcohol abuse. Regardless of their past, we believe that men and women who are serious about change will receive vital skills necessary for a complete change of life. This will enable them to become positive, productive members of their families and communities, inevitably, strengthening both.

We also believe in teaching our students to give back. We have a unique outreach, The Fix Lighthouse, that meets at least twice a week in downtown. This urban ministry, provides food, clothes, love and encouragement to many

broken people. By sharing the love of Christ, students are able to experience and witness God's grace and redemption.

For us recovery describes the journey we make between being lost and being found, from darkness to light, from broken to in-repair. By focusing first on their relationship with Christ, students have a model for forgiveness and repair. Relationships are restored, and hope for the future is restored. Rebuilding our students' identities on the foundation of Jesus Christ allows for ongoing transformation and lifelong growth.

God has truly blessed The Fix Ministry and is providing ways for us to reach more lost and broken people. It is our hope that through local support we are going to be able to expand the men's residential home and provide a secure and safe place for women to receive the same life saving benefits of an introduction to a life with Jesus Christ. We would not be able to do any of this without such support. Our Mission at The Fix is to reach the lost and broken, Teach biblical skills for productive living and Send men and women into the harvest to reach others who are lost and broken.

Our local relationships are our backbone along with a strong desire and dedication to being obedient the leading of Jesus. Thank you to all who have seen the value of a Ministry like The Fix and have supported through your generous giving of resources and time.

May God bless you and keep you,
The Fix Ministry

Dover Health Network

Nearly five years ago when I began my journey as a pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, I also started to make connections with Dover Baptist Association. I began attending one of the two weekly Pastor Support/Encouragement groups. It was about six months later a fellow minister invited me to participate in the Dover Health Network. I had some questions initially thinking it may be a group of pastors who exercised together. I was wrong about the exercise part, but this group has been a place of mutual learning and growing in faith and practice with those who participate.

What is the Dover Health Network? The Health Network is a group of pastors and ministers engaged in monthly conversations around a book/subject and engage in mutual learning. The books come from a wide range of topics such as leadership, self/soul care, history, biography, mission, ministry, church health, current issues, theology, and best practices. Members of the group make book suggestions and the group decides which of these are of interest and plan out so that the upcoming book can be picked up at the current month's meeting.

Several years ago, I called the Dover Office and learned the leader moved away. I was sad that this ministry and opportunity may not continue. A few days later I was asked

to be a co-leader of the group. At first, I thought how can I do this? It was then I remembered that beauty and strength of this group is we are all leading and learning together. I agreed to help facilitate our conversations and have been blessed by the community of conversation and practice.

Why do I come? I believe it is important for me to continue to grow and learn through a community of practice. I am grateful as we read, study, learn, encourage, and challenge one another to grow. The book readings are enriched by conversations, communal wisdom, and practical engagement. Currently we are offering a hybrid format to join in person or by zoom. Our hope is that you may want to join in these conversations with us.

Our next conversation will be June 15, 2021 from noon to 2 p.m. If you would like to join the conversation or have any questions, please contact me at the email listed below. The book we are currently reading is *A Burning in My Bones: The Authorized Biography of Eugene H. Peterson* by Winn Collier. Several copies are available for pick up at the Dover Office.

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Pray For These

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

June 6: **Manakin, First Baptist Church**

Anthony Jones, Jr., Pastor; Travis Harris,
Elizabeth Howell

June 13: **Mattaponi Indian Baptist Church**

Kevin Watkins, Pastor; Denese Davis

June 20: **Mechanicsville Baptist Church**

Without a Pastor; Jean Dart, Leslie Luck,
Melvin Anderson

June 27: **Mount Olivet Baptist Church**

Larry Frakes, Intentional Interim Pastor;
John Dille, Karen Morris, Alice Rusher

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

Arabic	Gwathmey	New Bethesda
Black Creek	Mechanicsville	Mount Olivet

Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to the family of Howard Baldwin, Jr. who passed away on May 15. Howard was a former pastor of **Ragland Memorial Baptist Church** from 1998-2002.

...to the family of Roger Foster, who passed away on May 12. Roger was the brother of Sharon McKinley, who served as the Moderator (2015-2016) for **Dover Baptist Association**, and Dover WMU Director (2009-2014); Sharon is a member of **Berea Baptist Church**.

...to the family of Francis Coffman, who passed away on May 9. Francis was the father of Bob Coffman, Music Ministry Director for **Ridge Baptist Church**, and the father-in-law of Phyllis Coffman, Church Accompanist for **Ridge Baptist Church**.

...to the family of Suzanne Buckingham, who passed away on May 6. Suzanne was the wife of Lytle Buckingham, former pastor of **Sharon Baptist Church**.

...to the family of Bob Dale, who passed away on April 30. Bob was the former Co-Intentional Interim Executive Director of Missions for **Dover Baptist Association**.

Positions Available

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

Berea Baptist Church seeks an Administrative Assistant (Part-Time). The role of the administrative assistant is to provide positive support to the Senior Pastor and Administrator to ensure sufficient operation of the office. This position will provide general office duties to support the church as a whole; including staff, congregants, and committees. For more information, visit www.doverbaptist.org/category/jobs. To apply, email resume to personnel.berea@gmail.com

Berea Baptist Church seeks a Children's Assistant (Part-Time). This position must convey a sense of hospitality to our children and parents and will be committed to providing active and loving care for our children. During Sunday School and Worship, the Children's Assistant will provide flexible assistance to a wide range of age groups from birth to 5th grade as determined by the Nursery Leader or Children's Leader. Visit www.doverbaptist.org/category/jobs for more information. Email: personnel.berea@gmail.com with your resume to apply.

Berea Baptist Church seeks a Choral Director (Part-Time). The candidate shall be a person of faith who has experienced a call by God to minister to the congregation through music. The individual shall possess a level of spiritual maturity that would inform his or her leadership in all facets of the ministry. The Director of Choral Music shall have an awareness that the music of the church will have a great impact on the life of the church in worship, discipleship, devotion, mission, and service. For more information, visit www.doverbaptist.org/

category/jobs. Email: personnel.berea@gmail.com with your resume to apply.

Gwathmey Baptist Church seeks a Pastor (Full-Time).

The candidate should have the following qualifications:

- Biblical (and not to be superseded). The qualifications for a Pastor are presented to the Body of Christ in Acts 20:28-32; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 1 Timothy 5:17; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4.

- Gwathmey Baptist Church recognizes that the term "Pastor, Elder and Bishop" all refer to the same position within the church and are equivalent to the term of Overseer.

Expectations:

- The Pastor serves under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the Church Body and both provides counsel to and receives counsel from the Deacons who serve the congregation.

- The Pastor will be responsible for being a template for fellow believers, leading the church body as witnesses for Jesus Christ both locally and globally in missions and evangelism.

- The Pastor will support the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and fully endorse the Baptist Faith and Message Statement as written by the SBC (2000).

- The Pastor will be responsible for the preaching of the Gospel in Sunday morning Worship and teaching the truths of God's Word in Wednesday night bible study.

- The Pastor will guide Gwathmey Baptist as it functions as a New Testament Church. For more information, visit www.doverbaptist.org/category/jobs



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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

Paper Shred Day

Tuesday, June 15 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.
 Dover Baptist Association Office
 Bring up to 3 grocery bags of paper to shred.

Personnel Changes

- Ted Dougherty concluded his service as Pastor of **Taylorsville Baptist Church** on May 30.

Congratulations

...to Melissa Haley who was ordained into the gospel ministry on May 25. Melissa serves as the Youth Minister at **Taylorsville Baptist Church**.
 ...to Tim Madison and **Emmaus Baptist Church**. The church celebrated an installation service for Tim Madison as Pastor on May 23.

Dover Women are Relentlessly on Mission

The Dover WMU Annual Meeting at North Run Baptist was AWESOME! Those in attendance seemed genuinely excited to be together after two years! From the opening hymn, "Set My Soul Afire", to the closing "Victory in Jesus" the Spirit of God filled that sanctuary. The theme of the meeting, "relentless" was shared so powerfully and clearly shared through Michelle Brown and Dr. Valerie Carter-Smith, who inspired us to be relentless in our pursuit to serve Christ in and out of our church buildings.

Cathy Banton shared about the upcoming mission trip to Standing Rock and our women gave generously to the mission project this summer. If you have not yet given the needed items for the Standing Rock Reservation in North Dakota, I hope you will. You have a few more weeks to collect items and then deliver them to either the DBA office

or WMU office in the BGAV building in Richmond.

During the business session, 47 participants contributed an offering of \$510 to be split between the Carolyn Hollins Camp Fund (25%) and the Watson Missions Offering (75%) for Dover Baptist Association missions. A slate of officers was presented and approved. In keeping with the tradition, Michelle pinned Beth Ward as our new director and Beth pinned Darlene Herrod as our new assistant director.

Throughout the evening the message was clear: There is a 'story' we need to be relentlessly telling both in word and in action as we live the Love of God to all with whom we come in contact. As our guest soloist reminded us that we may seem like "Nobody, but we need to be trying to tell Everybody about Somebody, who saved our soul." We need to be "relentlessly' on mission for our Lord.



Michelle Brown, former Director of the Dover WMU, places the pin on the new Director, Beth Ward.

Valerie Carter, Executive Director/Treasurer of the Virginia WMU, shares a powerful and energizing message.

