



*Celebrates
240 Years!*

DOVER DIARY

Newsletter of Dover Baptist Association

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Anniversary Celebration, Annual Meeting, & Missions Fair

Sunday, October 22, 2023 | Check-in 2:30 p.m. with program from 3-5 p.m.
New Bethesda Baptist Church | 9019 New Bethesda Rd, Mechanicsville
www.newbethesdabaptistchurch.org | Featured Speaker: Bobby Ukrop

Come celebrate the Dover Baptist Association's 240th Anniversary and meet our missions & ministries partners! The Dover Annual Meeting will begin with our program and business meeting followed by a Missions Fair. The Missions Fair will feature many of the partners supported by your Watson Mission Offering. The now-second-annual Mission Fair will provide an opportunity to see firsthand many of the organizations in our communities that your church can connect with and get involved in. **Can't wait to see YOU!**



Quite some years ago, DC Talk, the contemporary Christian rock & rap trio, which spawned the incredible careers of The Newsboys and TobyMac, opened one of their energy-packed concerts with the Beatles classic "Help!" The song begins, "Help! I need somebody, not just anybody. Help! I need someone. Help!" The predominantly Christ following crowd exploded in cheers and applause, because they caught the parallel meaning and intension of DC Talk's rendition. The Somebody, they, we, you, me need is Jesus Christ.

critical learning, and sharing about church safety and crime prevention. A few of our pastors even volunteered to serve these honored guests who do so much for our churches. Shortly thereafter, our wonderful Dover WMU gathered together for dinner and an evening of Spiritual Enrichment at North Run Baptist Church. Almost everyone of these ladies are volunteers, and yet serve tirelessly to serve, equip, pray, and help bring attention to the plight, perils, progress, and passionate faith of our missionaries.

HELP!

...appreciated

The guest missionary, referred to, only by the letter "S" (to protect her identity from the Christian hostile mission field she serves), gushed about the guidance, encouragement and support she received from her Dover WMU and church.

On a personal level, I have thanked my Lord for answered prayer as volunteers and part-time staff have stepped up to help with the myriad of needs necessary to keep our association office running smoothly in order to help and support our churches, pastors, partners, leaders, and the communities they serve.

Next month we will show appreciation for another group of servants, our pastors, as we celebrate Pastor Appreciation month in October. This month, however, this Dover Baptist Association office celebrates each of you, who have stepped up to help your pastors, churches, communities, and association. Thanks for all you do! God bless.

- Rev. A. Win Davis, Executive Director of Missions



I've been praying that one-word exclamation lately. *Help! Help me, Lord, represent you with honor. Help me Lord, lead and support this incredible association of churches. Help me Lord to stay calm and steadfast amidst the storms of change. Help us Lord, stay united, as Baptists, amidst the myriad of challenges we face as a denomination.*

In response, God did what He often does, answers prayer, but not in the way we expect. In my case, my Lord answered by showing me the existing and ongoing wave of help he has already provided in His people. This past month our Dover office and churches have been flooded with mostly volunteers and part-time staff, who have showed up to learn, listen, share, and of course, help.

A wonderful turnout of Dover administrative assistants graced our Dover office for a time of food, fellowship,

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. (1 John 3:18)





DBA Upcoming Events & Deadlines

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

Weekly Minister Support Group, Dover Office
Mondays, 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Week of Prayer for State Missions & Alma Hunt Offering
September 10th—17th

Dover Council, Dover Office
Tuesday, September 13, 1:00 p.m.

Leadership Development Conference, Shalom BC
Monday, September 18, 5:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sunday School Director Meeting, Dover Office
Monday, September 25, 7:00 p.m.

DWMU Council Meeting, home of Beth Watson Ward
Saturday, October 7, 1 p.m.

DWMU Kathleen Sanderson Culpepper Group, TBA
Monday, October 9 or 16, 7:00 p.m.

Dover Executive Committee Meeting, Dover Office
Tuesday, October 10, 7:00 p.m.

Baptist World Alliance's World Day of Prayer,
Mechanicsville BC
Host: DWMU, Saturday, October 14, 10:00 a.m. to noon

Prayer Council, Dover Office
Monday, October 16, 10:00 a.m.

DWMU Area I Meeting and Lunch, Dover BC
Tuesday, October 17, 10:30 a.m.

VA Church Library Conference, North Run BC
Saturday, October 21, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Dover Annual Meeting, New Bethesda BC
Sunday, October 22, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday School Director Meeting, Dover Office
Monday, October 30, 7:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead...

Lottie Moon Christmas Tea, Cool Spring BC
Saturday, December 2, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Watson Annual Missions Offering Grant Application Guidelines and the 2023 WAMO Prayer Guide

Please visit:

www.doverbaptist.org/resources/wamo

Leadership Development Conference



"...and love your neighbor as yourself." Mark 12:31

Monday, September 18, 2023
www.baptistleaders.org

Shalom Baptist Church
8116 Walnut Grove Rd
Mechanicsville, VA

Tentative Schedule:

5:15—6:15 p.m. Dinner
6:30—7:30 p.m. 1st Breakout Session
7:30—8:30 p.m. 2nd Breakout Session



TEN featured speakers and leaders!

Early Bird Rate
until Sep. 4

DWMU News

The **Woman's Missionary Union (WMU)**, founded in 1888 as an auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention, is the world's largest Protestant women's missions organization.

Week of Prayer for State Missions & Alma Hunt Offering

September 10th—17th || a video will be available to show your church via the WMUV.org website



Lottie Moon Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 2, 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
Cool Spring Baptist Church || RSVP by November 24th
Speakers are an IMB missionary couple. Spots are limited! Contact: Wendy Shaw, wshaw@coolspring.org

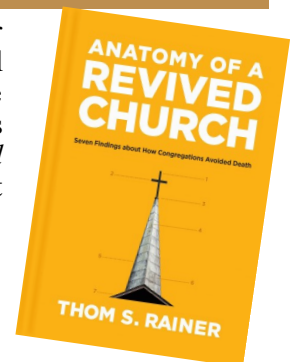
All are welcome to WMU events: women, men, and children!

Pastor Health Network: September & October



Our September Meeting will be Wednesday, September 13 and our October Meeting will be Wednesday, October 11, with your brown bag for lunch. Both will follow the Pastor Support Group Meeting which begins at 10:30 a.m. The September Book is *Becoming a Welcoming Church*, and the October Book is *Anatomy of a Revived Church: Seven Findings about How Congregations Avoided Death*, both by Thom S. Rainer. Please get your own books and turn in the receipt to Dover for a partial reimbursement.

Hope to see you there,
Greg Sault
bowtiepastor@gmail.com



Pray For These

The leaders of **Famaden Memorial Institute**, our **Dover Staff**, and all **Dover's churches**:

- September 3 Parham Road
Spencer Dillard (Senior Pastor)
Dack Axelle
Frances Whitlock
- September 10 Pioneer
Ron Shortt (Senior Pastor)
Linda Shortt
Mary Lou Kline
- September 17 Poplar Springs
Malcom "Mac" Jordan (Senior Pastor)
Shirley Adkins
Andrew Bowles
Samantha Bowles
- September 24 Rappahannock Indian
Ron Nicholls (Senior Pastor)
Faye Nicholls

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

Arabic	Indian View	Sharon
Corinth	Mechanicsville	Taylorville
Four Mile Creek	Pamunkey Indian	Hopewell

Dover Expresses Our Sympathy

...to the family in the death of **Nancy Kirby**, widow of Rev. Marvin Kirby, former pastor at **First Baptist, West Point** for many years.

...to our **Dover Executive Director Win Davis** and the family of his brother David, who passed on August 4, 2023.

Personnel Changes

Welcome, New Dover Shepherds, to...

...Poplar Springs's new Pastor Rev. Dr. Malcom "Mac" Jordan (pictured with family on right) of Conway, SC, who began August 21, 2023.



...HopeWELL's new Pastor Scott Adamsons (pictured with family below) of Eden, NC, who will begin October 1, 2023.

...First Baptist Ashland's new Youth Director Bethany Smith-Mullins.



Come Celebrate

Pioneer Baptist Church's 180th Anniversary & 100th Anniversary with the WMU!

October 8, 2023 from 10 a.m.—noon
Pioneer Baptist Church
3140 Darbytown Road, Varina, VA 23231

Luncheon to follow. Please RSVP by calling the church at (804) 795-1051.



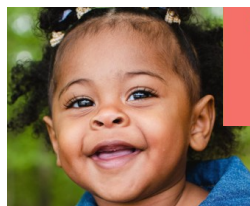
**NOTICE:
EVENT
CHANGE**



**Sylvia's
Sisters**

Due to an outpouring of love and donation of feminine products filling their storage facility, the Dover packing event scheduled originally for Thursday, September 21, 2023 has been postponed to October or November date TBA, details to follow.

Sylvia's Sisters is a local mission that provides quality period products to ladies, so they can thrive at home, school, and work without the added stress of healthfully managing their menstrual cycle every month. (<https://sylviassisters.org>)



Richmond is
For
Life

Richmond Is For Life 3rd Annual Forum

September 9, 2023 from
8:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Cool Spring Baptist Church
9283 Atlee Station Rd, Mechanicsville

Join East End Pregnancy Center as we host nine life-affirming ministries at a breakfast forum on September 9. Each organization will be giving a five minute overview as to how they partner with East End Pregnancy Center. Enjoy coffee and fellowship as we work together to protect life and love families.

RSVP required as space is limited to 200 guests. Questions? Please contact gloria@eastendpreg.org. Register Now at www.richmondisforlife.com



Share in the celebrations—guest gospel singing group, *The Foresters*, will be sharing during the Sunday morning worship service (10:45am) as well as each evening, Sunday through Wednesday at 7 p.m.



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Positions Available

Visit www.doverbaptist.org/jobs for all openings or click hyperlinks below in electronic newsletter.

Dover Baptist Church seeks a Youth & Children’s Director (part-time) for ages 10-18. Interests may send résumés to: laurajbwright@gmail.com

Ferry Farm Baptist (Fredericksburg) seeks a Children & Youth Pastor. Interests may send cover letters and résumés to: cyfpastor-search@ferryfarmbc.org

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

First Baptist Church, West Point seeks an Office Manager (part-time). Hours are 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Must possess computer skills to include Publisher, Word, etc. Interested applicants should contact office@fbcwestpoint.org

Four Mile Creek Baptist Church seeks a Music Coordinator (part-time), and a Pastor (full-time). Interests for the Music Coordinator, please send résumés to: ChurchAdmin@FMCBaptist.com Interests for the Pastor, please send résumés to pastorsearch.fmc@gmail.com

Gravel Hill Baptist Church of Richmond seeks a Church Pianist/Keyboardist (part-time). Interests may send résumés to: [kcj.gravelhill@gmail.com](mailto:kcyj.gravelhill@gmail.com)

Hillcrest Baptist Church seeks a Director of Music Ministry (part-time). Interests may send résumés to: hbcmusicsearch@gmail.com

Hopeful Baptist Church seeks an Assistant Pastor (full-time). Interests inquire: HBC.assistantpastorsearch@gmail.com

Hunton Baptist Church seeks a Church Ministry Assistant (part-time). Interests may send résumés to: office@huntonbc.org

Little Elam Baptist Church seeks a Financial Secretary (part-time). Interests may call (804) 433-8688.

Mechanicsville Baptist Church seeks a Senior Pastor (full-time). Interests may send résumés to: searchteam.mbc@gmail.com

Mount Olivet Baptist Church seeks a Music Minister (part-time). Visit www.mtolivetbaptist.org

Mount Vernon Baptist Church is seeking Child Care Workers. For more information and/or apply, visit www.mvbcnow.org/jobs

New Highland Baptist Church seeks a Children’s Ministry Director (part-time). Interests may send résumés to rjparrett@gmail.com with subject “Children’s Ministry Director.”

Samaria Baptist Church seeks a Sunday and event A/V Technician (part-time). Call 804-829-2280 for more info.

Taylorville Baptist Church is prayerfully seeking a Pastor (full-time). For more details, visit www.taylorvillebaptist.org/careers

Winfree Church seeks a part-time Minister of Congregational Care. Résumés may be sent to winfree.search@gmail.com



EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY LEADERSHIP COURSE
 for PASTORS and LEADERS
 PART 1

8-Week Course beginning September 28th, 1-3 p.m.

Dover is thrilled to have the opportunity to offer the EHL course as part of our CVBM partnership to our pastors and leaders at \$50 (plus cost of book), a fraction of what it typically costs (\$600)!

This course is designed to equip you with necessary tools and insights to lead with authenticity and emotional intelligence. You can learn more about the course and register [here](#).



Several of our Dover churches have already set up ways to help the victims of the devastating fires in Hawaii. The need right now is financial support to get water and supplies to the families.

Please read the following short articles and consider the following reputable Christian organizations for your support if your church has not set up a way to help:

[Impact Missions Movement](#)
[Send Relief](#)
[Red Cross](#)

VCLA: 65th Anniversary & Fall Conference

Saturday, October 21, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
North Run Baptist Church

The Virginia Church Library Association fall conference is for church librarians, library workers, and those interested in church library work.

Conference information, registration form, and scholarship application will be available soon and can be found on our website under the upcoming events tab www.vacla.org/upcoming-events.

Meal registration deadline: October 14th