



DOVER DIARY

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In the summer of 2017, I officiated the wedding of my youngest daughter and new son-in-law. A small gathering of family and friends flew to San Francisco, boarded a boat, and sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge as I pronounced them husband and wife. I dubbed it “The Summer of God’s Love,” because it was also the 50th anniversary of what pop culturalist dubbed a social phenomenon, The Summer of Love. In the summer of 1967, as many as 100,000, mostly young people, converged in San Francisco’s Haight-Ashbury neighborhood. It was marked by the renowned Hippie Movement encompassing hallucinogenic drugs, anti-war protests, and “free-love” (a thinly disguised celebration of sexual freedom and promiscuity with little connection to actual true and lasting love). “Conversely,” as I remarked to the young couple and guests, “Today, we celebrate the summer of God’s Love. The uniting of one man and one woman for one lifetime. For as Scripture admonishes, ‘the two shall become one flesh;’ so, then they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let not man separate (Mark 10: 8-10 NKJV).”

This summer also marks the 50th anniversary of another act of God’s love. It was 50 years ago this month, at a rustic church camp, that I asked Jesus Christ to forgive me of my sins and to be my Lord and Savior. Although I’ve failed my Lord so many times during my Christian walk, I’ve never doubted that He loved me and saved me that summer.

I was thinking about this summer of God’s love. Two of our Dover Baptist Churches (Beulah and Dover) have an-

nounced upcoming revivals. Dozens more are reaching out to their communities with Kid’s Camps, Back Yard Bible Clubs, and Vacation Bible Schools. Pastors, youth, and adults are going on mission trips and to The Holy Land. Church food pantries are being stocked as many children in need will no longer have access to school lunches. All these Christian phenomena are happening because of Christ’s love.

The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms. (1 Peter 4:7-10)

If I’m being honest, I’m also thinking about and praying for our Southern Baptist Convention this month. The potential for summer heat in New Orleans is starting to build, with little to do with the actual physical temperature in The Big Easy. Another Baptist battle looms that will undoubtedly leave many Christians wounded and scarred, and many non-Christians more skeptical about our denomination. Too many will ignore the meaning of the scars that actually matter: those on the head, hands, feet, and side of Jesus. Scars that should remind us of the price Jesus paid for our sins, and Peter’s God-breathed admonition to “love each other deeply.” Scars that should remind every Christian, that this summer and every season is an opportunity to step up, share, and celebrate God’s love.

If your church is celebrating this Summer of God’s Love with camps, VBS, mission trips, Bible studies, revivals, events, and more, please drop us a note so that we may let folks know at: Dover.Info@doverbaptist.org Have a blessed summer!

—A. Win Davis, Executive Director of Missions

Know a Potential Dover Leader?

Please help Dover’s Nominating Committee find God’s talented people for 2024. You may complete the form on Dover’s website (type *Nominations* in search box). Please send by July 15. Dover leaders should be a member of a Dover church. Please ask the person you want to recommend before submitting their name. You may also submit a recommendation for yourself.

Congratulations to our very own Sandy Weakley!

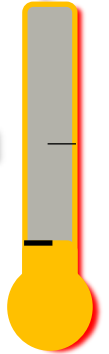


On June 8, Executive Assistant Sandy Weakley will celebrate her 25th anniversary serving the Dover Baptist Association. Sandy provides administrative support and maintains the association's financial records. She has also been dubbed the "Ministry Assistant's Assistant," working closely with our Dover church administrators and financial teams. During her quarter-century career at Dover, Sandy has helped develop several key initiatives and programs. Each year Sandy hosts our church administrators for a professional development and fellowship luncheon. She also interviewed ministry assistants who had survived personal and professional crises, in order to learn from their experience and assist others. She has been an officer in both the Virginia and National Association Ministry Assistants associations and was instrumental in developing a ministry assistant's organization in Canada.

Sandy is an active member of Cool Spring Baptist Church where she is Team Leader for Operation Christmas Child and serves on The Card Crew (a greeting card ministry). Sandy and Carroll, her husband of 46 years, have two sons, Jeremy and John David. In October, she'll add a new title, "Granny." **Congratulations, Sandy!**

Goal: \$35,000

We're just getting warmed up!



\$4,596.95
(15% of goal)

Total as of May 23

Watson Association Missions Offering (WAMO) 2023

The Leslie & Hazel Watson Association Missions Offering supports the ministries of local and international organizations. None of the funds contributed to this offering go towards the Dover General Operating Budget. The Leslie & Hazel Watson Offering is named in memory of an amazing couple who were strongly dedicated to God and His Missions. The Watsons were long-time Dover Baptists as well as missionaries serving in Japan and other places.

For information to apply for the grant including WAMO Grant Guidelines, the 2023 Prayer Guide, and more, please visit: www.doverbaptist.org/resources/amo

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 Missions Awareness Day

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a missionary? Do your prayers make a difference to a missionary? What does a missionary do? Is it hard to be a missionary?

Saturday, June 24, 2023 || Oak Hall Baptist Church, 1877 Old Hanover Road, Sandston, VA 23150

10:30 a.m. – Noon || Please bring a bag lunch. Desserts and beverages provided. Our Missionary Speakers will be Brandon Hembree, church planter, and Penny Reese, an IMB missionary. This event is open to **all** ages! Children's activities are planned.

DBA June Events & Deadlines

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.

Raceway Ministries Planning, Dover Office
Tuesday, June 6, 9:00 a.m.

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

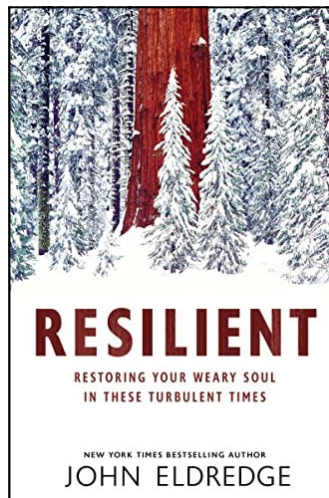
Pastor Health Network, Dover Office
Wednesday, June 21, Noon–2:00 p.m. Bring bag lunch. See right for more info.

WMU Missions Awareness Day, Oak Hill BC
Saturday, June 24, from 10:30 a.m.–Noon. Bring bag lunch. See above for more info.

Financial Leadership Class, Dover Office
Wednesday, June 28 10 a.m.–Noon. Creating and promoting budgets.

June Pastor Health Network

Wednesday, June 21, 12-2 p.m.
Bring a lunch



Come early at 10:30 a.m. if you'd like to join the Minister's Support Group as we meet for prayer. The book for June is *Resilient: Restoring Your Weary Soul in these Turbulent Times* by John Eldredge. Books are available at the Dover Office.

Grace and Peace,
Greg Soult, Pastor at Antioch

Pray For These

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

- June 4: Manakin, First
Anthony Jones, Jr. (Senior Pastor)
Travis Harris, Elizabeth Howell
- June 11: Mattaponi Indian
Pastor Kevin Watkins (Senior Pastor)
Denese Davis
- June 18: Mechanicsville
Todd Combee (Interim Pastor)
Lori Dunn, Leslie Luck, Melvin Anderson
- June 25: Mount Olivet
Benjamin Boyd (Senior Pastor)
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):

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| Arabic | Hopewell | Sharon |
| Corinth | Indian View | Taylorsville |
| Four Mile Creek | Mechanicsville | Pamunkey Indian |

Dover Expresses Our Sympathy

...to **Steve Law**, leader of DBA Financial Leadership Seminars, and his family in the death of his mother, longtime missionary and IMB staff member, **Betty Jean Freeman Law** on April 16.

Personnel Changes

Welcome...

Chloe Keeton, new Administrative Secretary at **Corinth Baptist Church**.

Lori Dunn, new Office Administrator at **Mechanicsville Baptist Church**.

Jonathan Howard, new Associate Pastor at **Ridge Baptist Church**.

Congratulations...

to newly-installed Pastor **Derek Nickisch** of **New Highland Baptist Church** and for his newly-published book *Come & See: An Original Collection of Poems, Hymns, and Meditations*, which he co-authored with his father, Pastor **Dan Nickisch**.



REVIVE US O LORD: A PLEA FOR REVIVAL

Join **Beulah Baptist** for worship
as we plead to the Lord for revival!

June 4th- 11am-3pm. Lunch will be provided.
June 5th-7PM
June 6th-7PM
June 7th-7PM

Guest choirs and artists will be leading us in worship through song.
All those in attendance will be united in fellowship and prayer.
Guest pastors will be preaching through the Word of the Lord.



"Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?"
Psalm 85:6

Dover Baptist Church Community Revival

AMAZING GUEST SPEAKERS
AND AWESOME WORSHIP

VALARIE CARTER
D. JONATHAN LOTS
LT. COL. CHARLES REYNOLDS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3RD, 7:00 PM
FRIDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 7:00 PM
SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 7:00PM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 11 AM

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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 or click hyperlinks below in electronic newsletter.

Berea Baptist Church seeks a Head of Elementary School and a Church Assistant Treasurer (Part-time).

Dover Baptist Church seeks a Youth & Children’s Director (part-time) for ages 10-18.

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.fbrichmond.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).

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

Hillcrest Baptist Church seeks a Director of Music Ministry (part-time). Interests may send résumés 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 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). Interests may send résumés with conversion or call to ministry statement to Lauren7600@comcast.net.

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

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

Featured Events

Join us for
UNDER THE HOOD
 6229 Osborne Tpk
FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 8:15 AM

Hosted by
Supporters of Mechanics of Faith

RSVP
Gconrad@mechanicsofffaith.org
 804.277.3205

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 PHILIPPIANS 2:4
KEEPING THE COMMUNITY SAFE, ONE AUTO REPAIR AT A TIME.

Engaging Brain Change: Understand Dementia



**Saturday, June 10, 2023,
 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.**

**Mechanicsville Baptist Church
 8016 Atlee Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23111**

“Engaging Brain Change: Understand Dementia,” will be led by Missy Harden, MS, OTR/L, CPD in the MBC family life center. This is a free event but registration is needed. Sign up at office@mechanicsvillebaptist.org or 804-746-7253 by Wednesday, May 31 with your name, phone # and how many will be attending.

Leadership Development Conference

Monday, September 18, 2023 at Shalom Baptist Church, 8116 Walnut Grove Road, Mechanicsville.

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

Cost: \$15.00 till Labor Day – then \$20.00

Questions?

Contact Steve Smith: steve.smith@doverbaptist.org.