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REGISTRATION OPENS NOV @ TRIB3.ORG

The Gathering: A regional Youth Worship, Fellowship & Discipleship Event

Hosted by Cool Spring Baptist Church
9283 Atlee Station Road, Mechanicsville
Friday Evening, February 3 & All-day Saturday,
February 4.
Visit www.coolspring.org/students for more
information and to register.

Sam Duenckel, Associate for Missions, Concludes His Service with Dover Baptist Association

Dear Dover Baptist Association Family,
It has been an honor and privilege to serve you these last fourteen years. I believe God called me to help lead Dover through its transition to the next Executive Director of Missions. Now that this transition has been successfully completed, God has opened a new vocational door and called me away from Dover. Thank you for the many great memories, opportunities, and support. I will keep you and our Dover Baptist Association in my thoughts and prayers. My last official day with Dover will be January 5, 2023.
Sincerely,
Sam Duenckel



You're Invited!

On, Tuesday, January 10 we're inviting our Dover folks to come by our Dover Baptist Association office before our Executive Committee Meeting at 7 pm to offer Sam and his family prayers and well wishes for the future. Sam will be here from 6:15 to 7.
—Win Davis, Executive Director of Mission.

Church Accounting Training

Steve Law, MBA, M.Div., will lead 10 Church Accounting Training sessions at the Dover Baptist Association Conference Center. Each session is \$50 per person— there is a 20% discount for members/staff of Dover churches.

Session 1: January 26, 2023 | 10 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Topic: Financial reporting and bank reconciliation

Session 2: February 23, 2023 | 10 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Topic: Stewardship and capital campaigns; Endowments and planned giving

Session 3: March 23, 2023 | 10 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

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

Visit www.doverbaptist.org/church-accounting for more information and to register.

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

Anxious for a New Beginning

by: Win Davis, Executive Director of Missions

In December I delivered the final thoughts that most people would hear about my mother as I officiated the celebration of her earthly life and eternal life with Jesus. In my remarks, I reported that my mother had been a founding member of Celebrate Recovery and an advocate for mental health, especially eliminating the stigma often associated with mental illness.

“In a time when society looked down on mental illness,” I observed, “she never seemed ashamed of her struggles with anxiety and depression. She realized the first step to healing is admitting you need help, and the second step is to get it. If the statistics are accurate, 1 in every 3 of us are fighting that battle right now. I am, so let me encourage you. Honor my mother by reaching out and getting support. Don’t fight that battle alone.”

In his book, *Anxious for Nothing*, pastor, and best-selling author Max Lucado reports, “Anxiety-related issues are the number one mental health problem among women and are second only to alcohol and drug abuse among men.”

Despite the relative calming of the qualms about politics and the pandemic, anxiety centered headlines still pervade the

news. Another beloved celebrity who was seemingly full of joy, has taken his life. The UVA football team cancelled its remaining games to “heal” after the tragic shooting of three of their athletes. The world’s once top tennis player and top gymnast are taking mental health sabbaticals while partnering with global brands to promote mental health awareness. The humanitarian and economic impact of war and greed and division is seen and felt daily by most of us. Negative angst-filled emotions have flared up over everything from prices at the pump to the prisoner swap with the Russians.

For the Christian, there is no mental health without spiritual health, and we are certainly not immune from the world’s worries. For those of you who are anxious for a new beginning, I encourage you to pray, fast, open God’s Word and your hearts to the counsel of the Holy Spirit. For those of you who are hurting, I beseech you to include the counsel of a Christian mental health professional. Please, don’t fight that battle alone. God bless.

(Bloggers note: The Dover Baptist Association offers weekly pastor support groups and access to Christian mental health professionals. Please reach out to me for more information.)

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

I’m Glad You Asked... “How should we give to Dover?”

First, we are very grateful for you and your church’s faithful giving to Dover Baptist Association. Recently, there have been a number of questions from our churches regarding giving to Dover, and there are some misunderstandings that we would like to clarify.

There are two primary ways to give to Dover, to the “General Fund” and to the “Watson Mission Offering”.

(1) **General Fund**...General Operating Budget
Dover churches contribute to our General Fund which funds our administration/budgeted needs.

(2) **Leslie & Hazel Watson Association Mission Offering**...Emphasis during month of May....a special offering to help support local/national/international ministries

Dover has a number of Designated Funds that also support a variety of ministry and mission needs. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Thank You!

Pray For These

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

January 1: **Arabic Baptist Church**

without a pastor

January 8: **Ashland, First Baptist Church**

Josh Hayden, Pastor; Rachel Pierce, Tom Lynch,
Laura Ross, Ross Wright, Lisa Reckley, Todd Smith

Atlee Church

Jeff Boggess, Lead Pastor; Sandy Batten, Jason Mallory,
Chris Muldoon, Lanette Boggess, Trey Critzer,
Tonya Carey, Ras Peel, Wendy Scheller,
Stephanie Johnson, Grace Young, Charles Fitzgerald,
Eric Smith, Kiersten Critzer, Bethany Mullins, Chad Rice

January 15: **Berea Baptist Church**

John Baldwin, Pastor; Mark Jenkins, Bill Miller,
Alexis Lewis, Amy Jones, Megan Mershon,
Megan Moore, Ashley Goetsch, Tammy Hynson, Peggy Peck

Beulah Baptist Church

Alex Rand, Pastor; Jackie Harris

January 22: **Biltmore Baptist Church**

Ken Wright, Pastor; Marsha Ann Worsham

Black Creek Baptist Church

Stephen Kendrick, Pastor; Dawn Parker, Grayson Parker

January 29: **Broadus Memorial Baptist Church**

Phil Peacock, Pastor; Karen Tucker, Tyson Banks,
Jamie Cosley, Abby Carter, Jeff Poythress, Carol Golden,
Buddy Crawford, Ellis Dunton, Geneva Bohannon

Colosse Baptist Church

Jeff Mills, Pastor; Gaynell Smith, Marian Carnell, Rose Rice

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

Arabic Four Mile Creek Indian View New Highland
Corinth Hopewell Mechanicsville Taylorsville

Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to the family of Doris Wanda Thompson, who passed away on December 7, 2022. Doris was the sister of Carroll Weakley and the sister-in-law of Sandy Weakley; Sandy is the Executive Assistant for **Dover Baptist Association**. The Weakleys are members of **Cool Spring Baptist Church**.



Operation Christmas Child: Because it's more than a Shoebox

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to provide God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Thank you to all the individuals and church groups that packed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child this past year. Every shoebox (you filled with gifts of school supplies, hygiene items, stuffed animals, toys, etc) is an opportunity to reach a child with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Shoeboxes are sent all over the world to over 150 countries including more than 50 hard-to-reach nations. Shoeboxes are used by the local churches to do outreach in their local communities.

This was the third year that Dover served as a Drop Off Center for Operation Christmas Child. In 2021, the Dover Drop Off Center received 3,490 shoeboxes...and this year we collected 4,822. Thank you for packing!

Please contact me, if you have any questions about how you, your church, or organization can be involved in packing shoeboxes in 2023. – Sandy Weakley

Personnel Changes

- Sam Duenckel concluded his service as the Associate for Missions for **Dover Baptist Association** on January 6, 2023.
- Paul McDaniel concluded his service as the Pastor of **Indian View Baptist Church** on November 9, 2022.
- **Fort Lee Baptist Church** welcomed Gene Ashton, Jr. as their Associate Pastor on October 31, 2022.

Carolyn Hollins Memorial Camper Scholarship

The Dover WMU is now accepting applications for the Carolyn Hollins Memorial Camper Scholarship for Crossroads Camp. The application deadline is Wednesday, March 1.

Visit www.doverbaptist.org/wmu to apply, or contact Beth Ward at (804) 262-3612 or Jessica Moore at (804) 787-4434 for more information.



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

Office Closed for Holiday

The Dover office will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2023, in observance of Martin Luther King Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 17.

Positions Available

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

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). 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.

Hardy Central Baptist Church seeks an Administrative Assistant (part-time, 15 hours per week). Please send resumes or inquiries to pastor@hardycentral.church

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.

Hopeful Baptist Church seeks a Youth Minister (part-time). For more information, visit www.doverbaptist.org/youth-minister-part-time-3.

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 seeks a Ministry Assistant for Missions and Evangelism and a Ministry Assistant for Pastoral Care and Memorial Park (full-time). For more information and/or apply, visit www.mvbcnow/jobs

Taylorville Baptist Church is prayerfully seeking a Pastor (full-time). Visit www.taylorvillebaptist.org/careers for more information and/or apply.

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

PREACH 2023
www.preach2023.org

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 for more information and to register.