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"a resource and ally for churches and their leaders"

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Ministers' Open House

Dover ministers are invited to a Christmas Open House on Tuesday, December 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Dover office.

Please RSVP to dover.info@doverbaptist.org or call (804) 550-1980 by Monday, December 9

Operation Inasmuch Training

Saturday, January 25 – 9:30 a.m. to Noon
Dover Conference Center

Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 22 by calling the Dover office at (804) 550-1980, or e-mail steve.smith@doverbaptist.org for more information.

Annual Church Profiles

As soon as the Annual Church Profiles are received from Lifeway, they will be mailed to the churches. Deadline will be February 29, 2020. We apologize for the delay.



*And Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to Judea, to the city of David. (Luke 2:4) HCSB
And there it was—the star they had seen in the east! It led them until it came and stopped above the place where the child was... Entering the house, they saw the child with Mary His mother, and falling to their knees, they worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Matthew 2:9b-11) HCSB*

We thank God for you! Merry Christmas!

Jacque, Sam, Sandy, Steve, and Sue

Dover Baptists gave \$27,945.33 to the 2019 Leslie and Hazel Watson Offering for Dover Baptist Association Missions!

Each year Dover Baptists promote a local missions offering. Dover named its missions offering for Leslie and Hazel Watson, two faithful missionaries who served Christ and Southern Baptists in Japan for many years. When they returned to the United States, the Watsons served in this area, taking an active role in their local church and in Dover Baptist Association.

Our 2019 Association Missions Offering supported local ministries. It also provided Dover churches the opportunity to nominate other ministries they deem worthy of our support.

Goal: \$35,000.00

Received: \$27,945.33

Ministry to Our Baptist Community

Inner City Ministry.....	\$3,000
Tipi Wakan Ministries Partnership.....	\$5,000
Ministry to Ministers and Families.....	\$1,500
Central Virginia Raceway Ministries.....	\$500
Partnership Missions Scholarships.....	\$1,200
Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....	\$900
ReEstablish Richmond.....	\$900
Good News Jail and Prison Ministry.....	\$500
GraceInside Virginia's Prison Chaplain Service.....	\$500
The Pregnancy Resource Center of Metro Richmond.....	\$1,000
Cross Over Healthcare Ministry.....	\$665
Health Brigade (formerly Fan Free Clinic).....	\$665
The Doorways (formerly Hospital Hospitality House)	\$670

Hallelujah Grant Recipients

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Greater Richmond.....	\$700
Deep Run Baptist Church Backpack Ministry.....	\$1,500
Eastern Henrico FISH.....	\$700
Goochland Baptist Church Brown Bag Ministry.....	\$2,500
Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions (MCEF)....	\$700
Moments of Hope Ministries (homelessness ministry).....	\$1,000
Virginia Center for Restorative Justice.....	\$500
Western Hanover Emergency Action Team (WHEAT)....	\$945.33
Westhunt Baptist Church Weekend Nutrition Ministry.....	\$2,400

Your generosity makes a difference for the ministries that received a gift from the 2019 offering. Thank you!

The 2020 Leslie and Hazel Watson Mission Offering Goal is \$30,000



Come see Bob Goff, author of *Love Does* FREE for members of Dover Churches

Thursday, February 20, 2020

Altria Theater

6 North Laurel Street, Richmond, Virginia 23220

Doors Open at 6:00 p.m., Event Starts at 7:00 p.m.

Needle's Eye Ministries is proud to present an evening with the New York Times best-selling author of *Love Does* and *Everybody Always*, Bob Goff! Bob is an honorary consul to the Republic of Uganda, an attorney, and the founder of *Love Does* - a nonprofit human rights organization operating in Uganda, India, Nepal, Iraq, and Somalia. A lover of balloons, cake pops, and helping people pursue their big dreams, Bob says his greatest ambitions in life are to love others, do stuff, and, most importantly, hold hands with his wife, Sweet Maria Goff, and spend time with their amazing kids. God hasn't invited us on a business trip. It is an adventure! Visit www.bobgoff.com for more information.

Contact: Sam Duenckel by email: sam.duenckel@doverbaptist.org or call: (804) 550-1980. Limited space available!!

Positions Available

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

New Bethesda Baptist Church has an exciting vacancy for a Minister of Music (part-time). This position will average 15-20 hours per week. Primary duties include planning, coordinating, promoting and evaluating the Music Program of New Bethesda. This position is an integral part of our music program including leading the congregation in effective worship experiences through music. Interested applicants will email their cover letter and resume to personnel@newbethesda.org or contact the church office at 804-779-2101.

Sharon Baptist Church is seeking a mature, part-time Secretary to work Tues. – Fri., 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Proficiency with Microsoft Office applications including Word, PowerPoint & Excel required. Duties include assisting Pastor as well as other church administration responsibilities. Please send resume to Personnel Committee, Sharon Baptist Church, 901 Sharon Rd, King William, VA 23086 OR E-mail DarlMills@aol.com.

Pray For These

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

December 1: **Walnut Grove Baptist Church**

without a pastor; Craig Simpson, Mary Pollard, Pam Burris, Kristi Bowles, Ray Johnson, Tim Fearnow

Prayer: An Interim Pastor by January 2020, Healing and Unity within the Congregation, a Pastor Search Committee ready to start the process as soon as possible.

Praise: Walnut Grove is moving forward with many members willing to assume more duties, we are continuing to celebrate our holiday traditions such as the Thanksgiving Breakfast, the Christmas Cantata, and Christmas Eve Service.

December 8: **Western Hanover Church**

Lonnie Brawley, Pastor

Prayer & Praise: Dear Dover Association Churches, thank you for your faithful prayer support. We are believing God for amazing things in the new year with our 2020 Vision to Love, Grow and Serve. Please continue to pray for us as we pursue God's purpose and plan for our church, that we would be faithful in fulfilling His Mission, Vision and Values into the future. God is forever faithful, I am thankful to God for completing 4 years of ministry as pastor of WHC and look forward to many more years of service. May God Bless all the churches of Dover Association.

December 15: **West Point, First Baptist Church**

Jim Goebel, Pastor; Sandra Mauney, Francine Adler

Prayer: Pray for the church leaders and ministries of West Point, First Baptist Church.

Praise: We praise God for his blessings and mercy each day.

December 22: **Westhunt Baptist Church**

Jillian Andrzejewski, Pastor; Joanna Barnes, Barry Burijon, Wendy Price

Prayer: Please pray for our weekly nutrition program at Longan Elementary School and our work with the West End Manor Civic Association. Those are the things that are really happening with us at the moment.

December 29: **Antioch Baptist Church**

Greg Soult, Pastor; Connie Lambert

Prayer: God will lead us as we are seeking new ministries and partnerships.

Praise: God has continued to bless and connect our church with new families to our family of faith.

So what is the Executive Committee of Dover Baptist Association?

I'm glad you asked.....

The Dover Constitution states...

ARTICLE 6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

6.01 MEMBERSHIP. Members shall be three representatives elected from each member church, the officers of the Association, committee chairpersons, and council directors. Only members of the Executive Committee may vote.

6.02 PURPOSE. It shall conduct all business for the Association between regular meetings

Our quarterly meetings for 2020:

Tuesday, January 14

Tuesday, April 14

Tuesday, July 14

Tuesday, October 13

We meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Dover office

So who are the representatives from your church?

If you don't know....ask your church's leadership...volunteer to serve!

We'd love to have you come and be a part of Dover!

Always Something to Encourage YOU

Dover Women's Event

Thursday, January 23, 2020 — 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Dover Office:

11006 Lakeridge Parkway, Ashland 23005

We'll be making scripture cards to put in a business card size box. All supplies furnished.

RSVP by email: sandy.weakley@doverbaptist.org
by Thursday, January 16



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vacant, 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
Jacquie Alleva, Office Assistant

Office Holiday Schedule

The Dover office will be closed Monday,
December 23, 2019 through Wednesday,
January 1, 2020 for the holidays.

Partnership Missions Update

We are often reminded of Philippians 4:4-9. Paul says in verse 4 "Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!" (NLT) We rejoice for the opportunity that God has given us to serve Him here.

We thank God for extending our family here in the Dakotas as we meet more of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Over the past months we've met people from the Prairie Partners Baptist Association and also the Dakota Baptist Convention. We attended the annual meetings of both parties and were greatly encouraged.

The pastors and leaders that we've met have a strong love for the Lord and equally a strong desire to serve Him here. As one pastor commented, "you have to have a calling to serve in the Dakotas and you'll need to fall back on that calling often". The geographical area is large, the churches are spread out and the congregations are often small, consequently you often feel alone.

The Dakota Baptist Convention meeting in Fargo was so encouraging and uplifting. The pastors, leaders, and their families have such a passion to share the gospel, and the worship was wonderful. A winter storm was forecast for the Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the meeting and we thought that it might be rescheduled but it wasn't. We left Thursday morning as the snow started falling for the 4-hour drive to Fargo and at one point thought about turning back but we continued and arrived safely.

To our surprise there were many people there and most had driven farther than we had, some 6-hours, some 8- hours and one couple that we talked to had driven over 10-hours. That spoke to us about the "dedication" that the Dakotians have. The snow storm dropped about 17 inches in the Bismarck area and

we were stranded in Fargo for 2 additional nights as the interstate was closed. But having the opportunity to meet so many dedicated Christian brothers and sisters was well worth the trip.

God has also given us the opportunity to serve as "Pulpit Supply" to Long Soldier Baptist Church (Fort Yates). Their former Pastor left in May and they hadn't been meeting since. They asked us if we would consider coming on Sunday evenings and holding services there. After meeting with them several times and much prayer we felt God's leading in this. Our calling at Tipi hasn't changed and we stay at Tipi each Sunday until kid's church is over. We're grateful for the opportunity to share the "Good News" especially to those who want to hear.

We also rejoice in the Lord for our Dover family that continues to faithfully support us in God's ministry here through your gifts and especially your prayers. James 5:16b says "The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results." We see evidence of this every day and are so grateful for your prayers.

Update on Pastor Boots: He had surgery on his left ear to remove melanoma cancer. The surgery went well and the surgeons were pleased with the results. He has had numerous follow up visits and his doctors have determined that he needs to follow up with radiation and intravenous treatments. Because of the treatments he won't be able to return to Cannon Ball until Christmas. He is in good spirits and covets your prayers.

—Peter and Angela Adkins
Tipi Wakan Ministries