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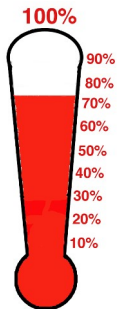
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Leslie and Hazel Watson Association Missions Offering



Goal: \$35,000

Received as of
August 22:
\$25,286.24

Thank You!!

Gathering of Silence Retreat

Monday, October 7 - Thursday, October 10
CrossRoads Camp & Conference Center
2247 Little Piney Road, Lowesville 22967

All pastors and church staff are invited to join us October 7-10 for the annual Gathering of Silence Retreat with a focus on "Holy Silence."

Learn more and register at www.bgav.org/events/gathering-of-silence-retreat-2019/

Dover Office Closed

The Dover Office will be closed on Monday, September 2 for Labor Day.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

5:15-8:30 PM HUGUENOT ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

10525 W. Huguenot Road
North Chesterfield, VA 23235

WWW.BAPTISTLEADERS.ORG

(804) 314-0294



Early Bird Rate
\$10
until
September 16

SAFEGUARDING YOUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY AGAINST SEXUAL MISCONDUCT — Round Table Conversation

- September 26, 11am-1pm at Dover's Conference Center.
- Featuring counselors from the Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care and a legal adviser.
- Call Dover's Office (804) 550-1980 to reserve your lunch.

236th Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 27, 3:00 -5:00 p.m.

Registration opens at 2:30 p.m.

Shalom Baptist Church

8116 Walnut Grove Road, Mechanicsville, 23111

Featuring: Moments of Hope Ministries

(serves homeless persons and is a local food pantry)



Featuring
Hands-On
Mission Project

Elect your Messengers! Article 4 of Dover's Constitution states:

Each member church shall be entitled to send two messengers to Annual, Semiannual and Special Called Association Meetings. A church that contributes at least \$400 to the General Fund during the Association's previous fiscal year shall be entitled to have three (3) messengers. An additional messenger is added for each additional \$400 contributions to the General Fund up to a maximum of (7) messengers from any church. Others may attend also. Bring your messengers and others from your church to share inspiration and joy as we celebrate how Dover Baptists help reveal Christ by doing missions together.

DISCIPLESHIP IN YOUR CHURCH

Matt Davidson* and Bob Dale

Does your church practice discipleship too narrowly? In our Baptist churches, “making disciples” frequently boils down to attending a scheduled program or becoming a pupil for an hour.

But, that’s not the way the New Testament describes a disciple. In the Gospels, Jesus’ followers are his apprentices, his practitioners. More than simply knowing about him, the ultimate goal of discipleship is to become living, active reflections of our Master. We are to imitate and incarnate both the life and teachings of Jesus. As Jesus’ ambassadors of faith and practice, we reflect the kingdom of God in the distinctive flow and overflow of our lives.

Surveying Discipleship in Dover’s Churches

Recently, Dover’s Discipleship Committee sent out a survey. Fifteen church leaders responded, reporting their basic disciple-making practices.

Five patterns clearly emerged, mostly centering on what our churches do in Sunday School and missions:

- Dover’s churches provide regular Bible study for all ages through Sunday School. That’s the most common way we disciple others in Dover.
- Additionally, our congregations provide special periodic studies of Scripture for adults and youth.
- Our churches offer a wide variety of intergenerational mission ministries, projects, and trips.
- Some of Dover’s churches take advantage of music and missions’ camps for youth and children.
- Some of Dover’s congregations are involved with religious groups and outreach ministries in their communities, neighborhood schools, and business marketplaces.

Questions about Our Next Disciple-Making Opportunities

How can Dover churches deepen, widen, and extend our discipling efforts? What additional issues should we explore?

Let’s begin our expansion of disciple-making with ten questions:

- **Worship:** How can we design disciple-making worship, creating seamless experiences of singing and praying, discerning and giving, testifying and preaching, witnessing and ministering?
- **Music:** How can we, as “singing Baptists,” select theologically robust music in all settings that magnifies discipleship and the breadth and depth of faith from cradle to grave?
- **Missions:** How can we prepare for missions’ projects and experiences beforehand and then follow up afterward in ways that anchor and incorporate our faith’s growth?
- **Volunteering:** How can we invite, prepare, and expand our congregational volunteers to grow in Christ?
- **Inclusive and Balanced:** How can we provide discipling opportunities and atmospheres for all our members equally --- over entire lifespans, across genders and generations, in a variety of settings?
- **Sunday-to-Saturday:** How can we make growth in Christian faith and practice a day-by-day process?
- **Theological Language:** How can we help our members learn to “speak faith” naturally and comfortably?
- **Evangelism:** How can we make evangelism and outreach a built-in habit of discipleship and steep believers, new and old, in sharing their faith with joy?
- **Ethics:** How can we apply our daily faith in ways that leaven and redeem our life’s challenges?
- **Resources and Designs:** How can we help you find resources and design disciple-making approaches tailored to your church?

What’s Next?

How do you evaluate your church’s disciple-making efforts? What will your church do next?

Tell us how Dover can support your church’s disciple-growing ministry?

*Matt Davidson serves as the Chair of Dover’s Discipleship Training Committee, and is a member of Glen Allen Baptist Church.

Pray For These

For students, teachers, and parents as a new school year begins; for all of the ministries and opportunities starting this fall; and for the leaders of Tipi Wakan Ministries, our Dover Staff, and in Dover's churches:

September 1: **Pamunkey Indian Baptist Church**

Vance Shearin, Pastor; Joyce Krigsvold

Prayer: That we can build on the success of our revival. That we can be a place of love and teaching for our community.

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

September 8: **Parham Road Baptist Church**

Spencer Dillard, Pastor; Dack Axselle, Frances Whitlock

Prayer & Praise: Months ago we started a dedicated prayer time in our worship service so we can gather around, lay hands on them and pray over them. Since beginning this prayer time we have seen miracle after miracle and our worship service has grown immensely. We recently gathered to pray for a church member with stage 4 cancer. He had experienced several falls then the doctors canceled his chemotherapy for he was literally unable to do it. Our entire church was overwhelmed with this tragic news. So we prayed! For the rest of this miraculous story, visit www.doverbaptist.org/answered-prayer

September 15: **Pioneer Baptist Church**

Paul Beith, Pastor; Judy Stell

Prayer: More additions to our church (we have welcomed 3 new members in the last few weeks), and the continuous work on our new educational/fellowship hall building.

Praise: Wonderful weeks of VBS and Musical Theatre Camp. We had great participation in both!

September 22: **Poplar Springs Baptist Church**

Steve Crane, Pastor; Martha Crane

Prayer: As we continue to search for a youth minister.

Praise: VBS Outreach to our Community, tender hearts were given the Word of God by enthusiastic teachers and volunteers. Our Standing Rock Team from Poplar Springs and Samaria Baptist Church was commissioned July 14th with thirty-seven members. Adult participation in the Bible teaching was up from previous years with many more men in attendance, along with women.

September 29: **Rappahannock Indian Baptist Church**

Ron Nicholls, Pastor; Faye Nicholls

Prayer: Pray for the church leaders and ministries of Rappahannock Indian Baptist Church.

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

DOVER'S FUTURES' REPORT FROM 2018 CONTINUES TO BE AVAILABLE

Visit www.doverbaptist.org/dover-futures-report or call the Dover office (804) 550-1980 to request a copy.

Dover WMU AREA I Meeting

Tuesday, October 1—10:30 a.m. to Noon

Dover Baptist Church

635 Manakin Road, Manakin-Sabot

Speaker: Laura Davis (WMUV) — Cannonball 2019 Trip.

For more information, contact Cathy Williams (804) 752-2339

Lunch served after the program.

Central Virginia Raceway Ministries Needs Volunteers and Cookies

Central Virginia Raceway Ministries (CVRM), a partnership between Dover, Middle District, and River City Faith Network/Richmond Baptist Association, is gearing up for race weekend — September 20-21. CVRM helps race fans, vendors, workers, and others know Christ is present. We need many volunteers to make this ministry possible. If you can help set up the site, greet guests, give away cookies and water, act as a chaplain, or otherwise share your talents, then help us engage a multitude of people one by one.

CVRM Volunteer Orientation will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10 at the River City Faith Network of the Richmond Baptist Association office. Please contact the Dover office to volunteer or get more information.

As in the past, CVRM invites you to participate and asks for your help by making cookies. *CVRM leaders ask that church mission groups, Sunday School classes, youth groups, and individuals make "homemade" cookies. Please bag these in small clear lock-style plastic bags, 2-3 medium sized cookies per bag. Put a label on the outside of each bag "compliments of _____ Baptist Church." (Dover Baptists may bring their bags of cookies to the Dover Office, September 16-19, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)*

Food Allergy Alert: CVRM appreciates all the cookies, but, if you use peanuts or a peanut product in your cookies, please note that on the bag. Please visit www.varacewayministries.org — or contact the Dover office to volunteer.



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Rose Mary Stewart, Intentional Interim 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, (Temporary) Office Assistant

Churches Making the Shift Learning Experience & Making the Shift Transformation Preview

Thursday, September 5 from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
A partnership event Pinnacle Leadership Associates and
Glen Allen Baptist Church
3028 Mountain Road, Glen Allen 23060
"Making the Shift: One-Day Learning Experience for
Clergy, Church Staff, Lay Leaders." Learn more at
www.glenallenbaptist.org/uncategorized/making-the-shift-workshop/ or call (804) 672-6648

Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to the family of Diana J. Dean who passed away on
July 26. Diana was the sister of Sandy Weakley,
Executive Assistant for **Dover Baptist Association**.

Personnel Changes

Carla Dillard concluded her service as the Minister of
Children, Youth, and Families at **Parham Road Baptist
Church** on June 30.

Gwathmey Baptist Church welcomed Bob Collins as
their Intentional Interim Pastor on August 1.

Kimberly Braine-Tillem concluded her service as the
Minister to Children and Families at **Mount Vernon Baptist
Church** on August 4.

Ashley Boschen concluded her service as the Minister to
Children at **Shalom Baptist Church** on August 15.

Lisa Tucker concluded her service as Ministry Assistant
at **Shalom Baptist Church** on August 16.

Broadus Memorial Baptist Church welcomed
Carl Monfalcone as their Interim Minister of Traditional
Worship on August 1, and Jamie Cosley as their Minister of
Contemporary Worship on August 25.

Volunteer Opportunity: Praise Team

Renewal Church in Varina is looking for a Contemporary
Praise Team Leader and Musicians for our Worship
Service. Contact Pastor Greg Zickafoose at (804) 921-9358,
or email renewalvarina@gmail.com

Positions Available

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

Berea Baptist Church seeks a Part-Time Children's
Ministry Leader. For consideration please contact the
personnel committee at personnel.berea@gmail.com
Hebron Campus of Broadus Memorial Baptist Church
seeks a part-time Worship Leader (approx. 10 hr/wk).
Candidate must be a dedicated Christian comfortable with
planning and leading various styles of music. More
information available at www.BroadusChurch.org. Direct
resumes or questions to Jeff@BroadusMBC.org, or mail to
Broadus Church Personnel Committee (Attn: Jeff), 5351 Pole
Green Road, Mechanicsville 23116.

North Run Baptist Church seeks a part-time ministry
assistant. For more information, email
nrbcmistryassistantsearch@gmail.com

Parham Road Baptist Church seeks a part-time Minister
of Children, Youth, and Families. Seminary training
required. Contact Bernie Tinsley at
(804) 364-3129 for more information and/or apply.

Shalom Baptist Church seeks a part-time Administrative
Assistant (30 hours/ week) to perform all administrative
tasks that will support the overall function of the church.
Must be highly organized, preferred proficiency with
Microsoft Office Suite, Membership Database software, and
basic website usage. Strong people skills and an ability to
learn and adapt to new skills are a must. Please send resume
to shalompersonnelcommittee@gmail.com

West Point, First Baptist Church seeks a part-time Office
Administrator (30 hours per week) to perform administrative
tasks that support the overall function of the church. The
candidate must also perform duties such as coordination of
meetings, obtaining supplies, and working on special
projects. For more information, and/or apply, visit
www.doverbaptist.org/office-administrator-part-time
or email pastorjim@fbcwestpoint.org