



Dover Diary

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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Theme: "Stepping Into A Healthy & Hopeful Future"

**MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19, 2022**

Schedule:

5:15 p.m.-6:25 p.m.—Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

6:35 p.m.-7:30 p.m.—Break-out 1

7:35 p.m.-8:30 p.m.—Break-out 2



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

10525 W. Huguenot Road
North Chesterfield, VA 23235

Registration: \$10

(Early Bird rate until September 6, \$15 after)

Menu:

Box meal from Jason's Deli (Choice of: turkey/ham/chicken salad sandwiches, chips, cookie, water/tea/coffee)

*Please let us know when you register if you need a gluten free or vegetarian box meal.

WWW.BAPTISTLEADERS.ORG (804) 314-0294

Breakout Sessions:

"Dealing with Limited Financial Resources" — Kevin James

"Avoiding/Surviving Burnout: Soul Care/Self Care" — Steve Allsbrook

"Sabbath: The Rest of the Story for a Restless World" — Scott Spencer

"SPACE Exploration: What Do You Do With Too Much Space?" — Ken Kessler

"Attracting Talent Today: It's Everyone's Job!" — Laura Shreaves

"Jesus, Juicing, and the Blessings & Benefits of Spiritual Fasting" — Win Davis

"Anybody Out There? Experiencing Grief & Loss During the Pandemic" — Judith Cain-Oliver

"Richmond's Racial History" — Ben Campbell

"COVID and Kids: How Can I Help?" — Elizabeth Davis-Crane

"To Be or Not to Be Online" — Jean Dart & Lindsay Ray

**Leslie and Hazel Watson
Association Missions Offering**

Goal: \$28,500

Received as of August 22:

\$30,818.16



Thank You!!

**Deadline For Watson Grant Application:
Monday, October 31**

Visit www.doverbaptist.org/resources/amo or call the Dover office at (804) 550-1980 for more information. Nominations for this grant must come from Dover churches on behalf of ministries and organizations of their choice.

Save the Date!

Dover's Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 23, 2022

Registration at 2:30 p.m., Program: 3-5 p.m.

Hillcrest Baptist Church, 11342 Hillcrest Road, Hanover

The Dover Annual Meeting will begin with a brief business meeting followed by a Missions Fair.

The Missions Fair will feature many of the partners supported by the Watson Mission Offering. The Mission Fair will provide an opportunity to see first-hand many of the organizations in our communities that your church can connect and get involved. We look forward to seeing you there!

Office Closed for Holiday

The Dover Association Office will be closed on Monday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day.

We will reopen on Tuesday, September 6.

But when you fast, comb your hair and wash your face. Then no one will suspect you are fasting, except your Father, who knows what you do in secret. And your Father, who knows all secrets, will reward you. (Matthew 6:17-18 NLT)

Just Say "When"

by: Win Davis, Dover DoM

Ever since I've been in church, some of my fondest memories have involved food. When I was a child, my Sunday school teacher Miss Mable would reward us with homemade gingerbread cookies, if we memorized our Bible verses. When I was a teen, my high school football coach served up spaghetti dinners and Kool-Aid with an ample portion of Christ's love as we gathered for FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes). Wednesday night casseroles and potlucks before Bible study, table fellowship, prayer breakfasts and more have intertwined food and faith and been part of my spiritual growth (and occasional physical girth). Most of us would agree that food is one of God's greatest creations, but like other pleasures He created, our love of food has often escalated to our lust for food. In many ways the Golden Arches (and other fast feeders) have become the Golden Calves of worship to both a generation of time-starved over-achievers, and the poor, struggling to afford healthier, more expensive food.

In an article titled *The Heavy Holy*, published a few years ago in *Christianity Today*, research released by Purdue University revealed that religious people tended to be heavier than nonreligious. The article also noted that "fundamental Christians," of which Southern Baptist are the most dominant group quote, "Weigh in as the heaviest of all religious groups." Diet related diseases such as high blood pressure, diabetes, stroke and other ailments have debilitated clergy and lay leadership across the country. Churches, seminaries, and Christian non-profits have launched preventative and post-occurrence programs across denominations to the tune of millions of dollars to address the obesity epidemic - money that ironically is often taken from the same budgets used to feed the hungry.

In the sixth chapter of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus begins a lesson, by just saying "When," including, "When you fast."

It's not a coincidence that Jesus sandwiches (pun intended) His instruction regarding prayer in-between giving and fasting. I also believe that it's not a coincidence that spiritual fasting directly impacts the health of our body the Lord created. Study after study reveals the physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual benefits of fasting.

The Bible exemplifies the transforming power of prayer and fasting. Moses fasted as he received The Ten Commandments. King David fasted during his greatest time of mourning and repentance. Queen Esther and her entourage fasted and an entire race of people were saved. The prophets Daniel and Isaiah, and apostles Paul and Barnabas fasted. The latter set apart by the Holy Spirit, upon which time the church, then prayed, fasted and laid hands upon Christ's called to go and make disciples. History is chocked full of Christian leaders who believed Biblical fasting could, would and did make a difference in their ministry, including Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Knox, John Wesley and others.

"Man does not live by bread alone," Jesus quoted the prophet as he prayed, fasted, and was tempted by Satan, "but by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD." "My food," Jesus added later, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work." (John 4:34 NIV).

Our food then is to do the will of Jesus who has called us to continue His work. As we kickoff a new fall season, I encourage you, to pray faithfully, give generously and to prayerfully consider fasting as a living sacrifice to the One who prayed, fasted and gave everything for your eternal salvation.

(For more information on fasting, plan on attending this month's Leadership Development Conference, and the breakout session, "Jesus, Juicing, and the Blessings & Benefits of Spiritual Fasting.")

Dover WMU News

Area I—Olive Riddell WMU Group Meeting

Tuesday, October 4 — 10:30 a.m.

Mount Olivet Baptist Church, 15583 Coatesville Road, Beaverdam

Speaker: Terry Graham, "Little Dresses for Africa"

OUTING for Senior Pastors, Associate Pastors, Music Ministers, Youth & Children Ministers/Leaders

Thursday, October 6

Camp CrossRoads — Departure Time: 9 AM

Transportation provided from the Dover Office: 11006 Lakeridge Pkwy, Ashland 23005

The Dover WMU Council invites you to an outing at Camp CrossRoads on Thursday, October 6. Lunch is available and the Dover WMU Council will pay for 2 ministers per church. For more than 2, the cost is \$10 per person. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing, because you never know what will happen at camp!

Deadline to RSVP is Friday, September 16, 2022.

Contact Sharon McKinley: wmumission@aol.com; please type in the subject area: "CrossRoads Outing"

Pray For These

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

- September 4: **Parham Road Baptist Church**
Spencer Dillard, Pastor; John Gilliam,
Dack Axelle, Frances Whitlock
- September 11: **Pioneer Baptist Church**
Ron Shortt, Pastor; Linda Shortt, Christine Warner,
Diane Martin, Earl Stitzer, Marylou Kline,
Claude Baughan
- September 18: **Poplar Springs Baptist Church**
Steve Crane, Pastor; Shirley Adkins, Martha Crane,
Andrew Bowles, Samantha Bowles
- September 25: **Rappahannock Indian Baptist Church**
Ron Nicholls, 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 Dover Hopewell New Highland
Corinth Four Mile Creek Mechanicsville Taylorsville

Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

- ...to the family of Franklin Hawkins, who passed away on August 22. Franklin was the brother of Clarke Hawkins, who serves as the Pastor of **Hillcrest Baptist Church**.
- ...to the family of Belle Weakley, who passed away on August 18. Belle was the sister-in-law of Carroll & Sandy Weakley (members of **Cool Spring Baptist Church**); Sandy serves as the Executive Assistant for **Dover Baptist Association**.
- ...to the family of Rev. William Khalil, who passed away on August 11. Rev. Khalil was the founding Pastor of **Arabic Baptist Church** [formerly Middle Eastern Baptist Church].

Personnel Changes

- **Beulah Baptist Church** welcomed Alex Rand as their Pastor on August 1.
- **Hardy Central Baptist Church** welcomed Ken Arnold as their Pastor on August 7.
- **Mount Olivet Baptist Church** welcomed Karen Morris as their Children's Minister on August 14 [previously served as the interim Children's Minister].
- Paige Marriner retired after 58 years of serving as the Accompanist for **New Highland Baptist Church** on July 31.
- **Northside Baptist Church** welcomed Lauren Modlin as their Office Administrator on August 15. Donise Boone concluded her service as the Office Administrator on August 31.
- **Walnut Grove Baptist Church** welcomed Jeremy Meads as their Minister of Youth & Families on August 21, and Katie Baldacci as their Interim Accompanist on July 10.

Congratulations

...to Benjamin & Mary Beth Boyd upon the birth of their twins, Lily Elizabeth and Timothy Hosea on July 29. Benjamin serves as the Senior Pastor of **Mount Olivet Baptist Church**.

2022 Baptist Ministry Assistants of Virginia: Fall Conference

Friday, September 16, 2022 — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dover Baptist Association,

11006 Lakeridge Pkwy., Ashland

For more information and registration, visit: www.bmav.org

VCLA FALL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

IN-PERSON OR ONLINE (ZOOM)

Conference Information

vacla.org

Sponsored by:
Virginia Church Library Association

Conference Leader
Hope Ferguson
Church Librarians Network -
Church Library Ministry Specialist

Guest Author
Rev. Kathy Fogg Berry

Location
Dover Baptist Association
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Win Davis, 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

Upcoming Events

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

Weekly Pastors Support Group

Mondays, 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Positions Available

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

Black Creek Baptist Church seeks a Minister of Music (part-time). Visit www.doverbaptist.org/category/jobs for more information.

Dover Baptist Church prayerfully seeks a Pastor (full-time). Visit www.doverbc.org/pastor-position for more information and/or apply. Dover Baptist Church also seeks a Youth & Children's Director (part-time). Visit www.doverbaptist.org/youth-childrens-director-job-description for more information and/or apply.

Fort Lee Baptist Church seeks an Associate Pastor (part-time). Visit www.doverbaptist.org/associate-pastor-part-time for more information. Fort Lee Baptist Church also seeks a Minister/Director of Music (part-time). Visit www.doverbaptist.org/minister-director-of-music-part-time for more information.

Hardy Central Baptist Church seeks an Administrative Assistant (part-time, 15 hours per week). The ideal candidate should possess strong computer skills and social media familiarity, and would be responsible for general office duties including: answering the phone, generating church publications, using various office software, etc. Please send resumes or inquiries to pastor@hardycentral.church

Hillcrest Baptist Church seeks a Director of Music Ministry (part-time). This position will average 6-10 hours per week. Responsibilities include planning and directing the musical aspects of our worship service and special events. 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). Visit www.doverbaptist.org/youth-minister-part-time-3 for more information and/or apply.

Mechanicsville Baptist Church seeks an Administrative Assistant (part-time; 25 hours per week) for the church office. Please send resumes or inquiries to personnel@mechanicsvillebaptist.org.

Mechanicsville Baptist Church also seeks an Interim Contemporary Worship Leader (part-time, 12-14 hours per week). Please send resumes or inquiries to judi.culver@gmail.com.

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/category/jobs.

Mount Vernon Baptist Church seeks an Associate Pastor for Missions & Outreach (full-time). For more information and/or apply, visit www.mvbcnow/jobs

North Run Baptist Church seeks a Youth Minister (part-time). Visit www.doverbaptist.org/youth-minister-part-time-north-run for more information and/or to apply.

Ridge Baptist Church seeks an Associate Pastor (full-time). For more information, visit www.ridgechurch.org [scroll to bottom of the page].

Shalom Baptist Church seeks a Family Minister (full-time) and an Administrative Position to Support Children & Youth (part-time). For more information and/or apply, visit www.shalombaptist.net/employment.

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

Walnut Grove Children's Learning Center has an opening for Support Staff position. This position will support the center with classroom duties as well as light administrative duties as needed. Please contact us at (804) 730-6324 or wgclc.office@gmail.com for an application.