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Hepler Scholarship

Applications Due by March 15

Applications for the 2007 W. Paul Hepler Scholarship are due in the Dover Baptist Association office not later than Thursday, March 15, 2007. A candidate must have been a member of a Dover church for at least one year prior to the application, and the application must be approved by the church. For an application form, contact the Dover office or download an application form at www.doverbaptist.org.

Dover Minister's Conference

Monday March 19, 2007- 10:30 a.m.

Dover Conference Center

"Multiple Staff Ministry"

Speaker: Rev. Larry Frakes

Senior Pastor, Cool Spring Baptist

Lunch: \$ 6.00. Please make reservations by Friday, March 16 with the Dover Office.

RA Racer Derby Day

Saturday, March 24, 2007

Poplar Springs Baptist Church

Christian Life Center

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

Race starts at 10:00 a.m.

Ken Childress will conclude his service as Derby Coordinator at this event. Thank you, Ken!

Baptist Ministry Assistants of Virginia

20th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, March 24, 2007, 12 Noon

The Jefferson Hotel, 101 W. Franklin Street, Richmond, VA

All church secretaries/administrative assistants are invited to attend. Kim Newlen, founder of Sweet Monday will be our guest speaker.

Cost: \$35.00 per person, payable to BMAV and due by Friday, March 9 to Marty Garber, BMAV Treasurer, The Religious Herald, P O Box 8377, Richmond 23226.

Please contact Sandy Weakley, Dover Administrative Assistant, who serves as BMAV President or Nancy Wicker, secretary at Dover's Black Creek Baptist Church, who serves as BMAV Vice President of Membership, for more information about the organization or the celebration.

Jim Henry to Speak at

Capital Region Pastor-Deacon Conference

Monday, April 2, 2007, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Northminster Baptist Church

3121 Moss Side Avenue

Richmond, VA 23222

Join pastors and deacons and other servant leaders from the Dover, Hermon, Middle District and Richmond Baptist Associations for this rally! Jim

Henry, Pastor Emeritus of First Baptist Church, Orlando, and noted author of deacon materials will speak, answer questions, and preach.

Lifeway Christian Store will provide a bookstore at the conference.

No meal served and no advance registration or reservations are required.

Parham Road and Grace Chinese Baptist Churches to Co-host Semiannual Meeting

Dover Semiannual Meeting

Featured Speaker: Nita May, Regional Ministries Coordinator, Central Virginia Baptist Ministries

Parham Road Baptist Church

2101 N. Parham Road

Richmond, VA 23229

Sunday, April 22, 2007, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Registration opens at 2:30 p.m.

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 contribution to the General Fund up to a maximum of seven (7) messengers from any church."

Living the Next Chapter of History

The *Microsoft Encarta College Dictionary* tells me the word “history” comes through Latin from Greek. The Greek word means “history, knowledge, narrative” and comes from a word meaning “learned [one].” It also tells me “history” has several possible meanings. Two meanings refer to facts and individuals. Facts tell what happened. Individual stories tell about the people the facts involved.

Baptists founded the first Baptist association in North America in 1707. Baptists from our region founded Dover Baptist Association in 1783. Our 225th Anniversary Planning Team will lead us to celebrate that event in 2008. As part of the celebration, the team has asked each Dover church to name someone who will share individuals’ stories and facts from the church. (Who represents your church?)

Facts and personal stories help Dover Baptists know the roots from which we come and the spiritual DNA we possess. Dover asked William Lumpkin to collect and preserve some of Dover Baptists’ facts and stories 25 years ago. He wrote *A Chronicle of Christian Heritage*. (Visit your church library or Dover’s library to see a copy.) It tells how Dover Baptists have always spread the Good News of God’s love in Jesus Christ near and far. From the earliest days we have preached, planted churches, and even formed new associations. At times we have challenged each other on matters of faith and practice. Dover’s story includes wars, even battles fought on local soil, and other issues of national impact.

We keep telling stories of Dover Baptist family members and, through them, spur each other on in God’s work. Each of us knows someone or something. Take the story of Bill Corey, for example. Bill has helped shape Dover and me. Bill served on the search team that found me. He helped Dover amend its constitution. He led Northside Baptist Church as pastor for a generation and has helped other Dover churches in his retirement. He has advised and counseled other pastors and church leaders. Bill and wife Joyce have built a life together, raised their children, cared for aging parents, and blessed their grandchildren.

I want present and future Dover Baptists to know the facts, even the hard ones, and take heart from stories of God’s work among us. I also want to share the need for role models of faithful servants like Bill Corey.

Two more meanings of “history” refer to people or facts that have lost their importance. People’s stories and historical facts can fade in significance if we fail to rehearse them.

For many, many generations, one generation told another what this generation can read in the Old Testament. Every year the Jewish faith community retells the Passover story when God used Moses to lead the Hebrews out of bondage. As an adult follower of Christ, remembering the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter have become the highlight of the year for me.

Lest we forget, we continually revisit the key facts and stories of our faith, and they grow in what they mean to us. A favorite hymn says, “And when, in scenes of glory, [we] sing the new, new song, ‘twill be the old, old story that [we] have loved so long.”

In some way the acts of our generation will add facts and stories to the history that will inspire and inform future believers. What name or deed will you contribute to our

Latino Ministry News

Louis Orsatti’s latest report says, “God is good.” That would not surprise anyone who knows Louis. Louis pours out God’s praise like an overfilled pitcher.

On a recent Saturday Louis gathered with promising new leaders that God has started to raise up within the Latino congregation in Amelia. “They prepared all of the service,” Louis wrote, “the message, the music, the dinner—they even invited the preacher.” Whenever a catalytic leader sees others take responsibility and initiative, that affirms his or her work. Louis remained behind the scenes and others rose to take the lead. “They gave me a wonderful surprise,” he said.

For Louis and wife Rebeca, such an accomplishment has another effect. When the new leaders take responsibility and initiative, it frees Louis and Rebeca to redirect their energies. They feel confident they can move on to their next assignment. Now they can look toward their next group or area in which to begin another new work.

Louis says, “We have received a proposal from the Latino Christian radio station in Richmond. They would like to have us Rebeca and me on the air. We have started to pray and look for funds for this wonderful opportunity.”

Please support Louis and Rebeca with prayers. Pray God will give them a clear sense of direction about what to do. Pray for Louis and Rebeca personally. What they do requires much time and energy. Also pray for them as parents and for their children and the needs that any family experiences with young adults in college, teenagers at home, and family far away.

Louis also asks that we pray for a planned youth retreat. “The goal is to have 50 teenagers and 10 adults,” said Louis. “We want to have workshops for the youth on topics like evangelism, drama, and music. We hope they will lead a Latino worship experience using these skills.” Please pray for the retreat, its leaders, and those who will participate.

Dover Baptists help make this ministry possible by cooperating with Richmond and Middle District Associations, the Virginia Baptist Mission Board, and La Primera Iglesia Bautista de Richmond. We refer to the ministry as LAMP, the Latin American Mission Project. Dover Woman’s Missionary Union Director Judy Shepard (Beulah) and retired missionary Bill Stinnett (Hillcrest) represent Dover on the LAMP team. Dover Baptists appreciate their combined ministry.

While Louis works very hard, he still welcomes the opportunity to thank Dover churches for their support and tell about the work of LAMP. “We need your support, and we thank you for it,” he says, “May God bless you richly.”

To learn more about our cooperative ministry with Latino people in the region and ways to help advance it, contact Louis, Bill, Judy, or the Dover office. Thank you.

history that may help those who come behind us? Will your actions help shape our history for good? Will mine? Keep on working to make an eternal difference as we live the next chapter in Dover’s history.

—Steve Allsbrook



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Positions Available

Cool Spring has the following 2 positions available

Senior High/College Student Minister- oversees ministry to high school and college students through missions, evangelism, and discipleship. The position will recruit and develop leadership to enhance and grow the ministry. Seminary Education Preferred. Minimum of 2 years experience. Please email your resume to:
resume@coolspring.org.

Associate Recreation Minister- responsible to oversee the Recreation Ministry in coordination with the Recreation Minister. The position will continue existing ministry programs as well as seek to grow the ministry to reach the community. The position will recruit, train, and develop leadership for all ministry programs including 4 Upward Sports and The Rec Center. Seminary Education Preferred. Little experience required. Please send your resume to:
resume@coolspring.org.

North Run Baptist Church seeks a part-time music minister for its diverse music program. Preferred qualifications include a degree in music and experience in traditional and contemporary worship and choral direction. Post resumes to North Run Baptist Church, Attn: Search Committee, 2100 Lydell Drive, Richmond, VA 23228 or e-mail to emailnorthrunbaptist.org.

Webber Memorial seeks a Minister of Music- responsible for planning/coordinating music for two Sunday services, both contemporary (praise team and band) and traditionally blended, in addition to children's, youth and adult choirs and handbell ensembles. Appropriate musical ability, experience, and strong Christian values are essential and will be the basis for determining salary/compensation. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply to Webber Memorial Baptist Church, 7800 Salem Church Road, Richmond, VA 23237, ATTN: Personnel Committee, fax to (804) 271-4358 or email to Officewmbc@aol.com. Webber is a medium sized church located in a growing area of Chesterfield County and is affiliated with the BGAV.

Church News

Ashland, First will dedicate its new sanctuary with services at 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on March 11. John Upton, Executive Director, Virginia Baptist Mission Board, will speak at the 1:30 service.

Atlee Community hosted "Alien - Innovative Church Conference" on February 23-24.

Corinth had an official day for their Sunday School classes to meet in their new Educational Wing on February 4. Then, they held a dedication service on February 18 that was followed by a covered-dish lunch.

Part-Time Office Assistant

Dover Baptist Association is now accepting resumes for the part-time position of Office Assistant. Schedule is two days per week, Thursday and Friday. Please submit resumes to sandy@doverbaptist.org, fax to 804-550-1314 or mail to Dover Baptist Association, 11006 Lakeridge Parkway, Ashland, VA 23005.

Daylight Saving Time

Beginning in 2007, Daylight Saving Time will begin with the second Sunday in March and revert to standard time on the first Sunday in November. So Sunday, March 11 set your clocks forward one hour.