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Missions Awareness Day

For Ages 3-Adult

Thursday, July 19, 10:00 a.m.-Noon at Fort Lee Baptist Church

Bring a sandwich. Beverage and dessert will be furnished.

2007 Association Missions Offering Goal: \$29,600

Received to date: \$1,584.00

We have just begun! Our priorities for 2007 are Church Starting and New Work, Cooperative Ministries and Outreach, Help for Persons in Need, Partnership Missions, Support for Ministers and Their Families.

Thanks to Dover Volunteers!

The Nominations Committee of Dover Baptist Association thanks all those who have made volunteer commitments to lead Dover this year and next (and Dover Baptists thank the volunteers who serve on the Nominations Committee too). We appreciate your service and are indebted to ALL volunteers who willingly help make Dover the Association it is. We thank God for you!

Please Share New Collegiate and Technical School Student Addresses

The Student Ministries Council requests names and addresses of new collegiate and technical school students to inform students about Baptist collegiate ministry services. Baptist collegiate ministries provide a Christian community in their settings. (See the related articles on Page 2.)

Every new or transferring student will receive a care package and information about Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM). Please send each student's name, home address, and the name and location of the college or technical school he/she will attend to:

David and Jennifer Chrisman
202 Sunwalt Street
Sandston, VA 23150
david.chrisman@juno.com

Thank you!

Hermon Baptist Association Recognizes Dover as a Partner in Starting Living Proof Church

Dover Baptist Association, Fredericksburg Area Baptist Association, and Virginia Baptists have partnered with Hermon Baptist Association and several churches to start Living Proof Church. Hermon Association has expressed its appreciation to Dover in a letter. Jennifer Dockum, Hermon's Director of Missions, writes, "I have been encouraged by the loving support of our brothers and sisters in Christ, both north and south of us, who have generously given of themselves and their finances in order to partner with us."

She continues, "We are a small association, and this church plant would have been too much for us to tackle alone. Associations were formed for churches to try to do together what they cannot do alone, and now your association has joined with us to help reach the Ladysmith community for Christ. Thank you so much for your support."

Scott Roberts has been called as the church planter and pastor. Scott thanked Dover Baptists in person during our Semiannual Meeting. He asked every Dover Baptist to join in praying for Living Proof Church as they prepare to launch in September. (See the related article on Page 2.)

Living Proof Church will hold several outreach and awareness events before launching the church with its first services on September 9 and 16. The church will worship at Caroline Middle School, 13325 Devils Three Jump Road, Milford, VA 22514 (just off Route 207 that runs between I-95, Exit 104, and U. S. Highway 301 near Bowling Green).

You and your church can discover new ways to reach your community by helping Living Proof Church connect with its community. For more information, call 540-370-0565 or visit www.livingproofladysmith.org. You may also contact the Dover office or Ted Dougherty, pastor of Taylorsville Baptist Church, who represents Dover on the Living Proof Church Advisory Team.

Praying For and Praying About

Those who attended the Dover Woman's Missionary Union Annual Meeting heard missionaries say how much our prayers mean to them and their work. Missionaries recognize the connections between what they experience and the fact that we pray for them. Prayer counts!

Think of two spheres of prayer—praying for and praying about. I think of praying for—praying for others or for God's will to be done in earth as it is in heaven. When I think of praying about, I think of praying about my role, my behavior, my response as one who loves and serves Christ.

Praying about what I do helps me accept responsibility for my actions. It connects me to God and helps me to respond as one God loves and as one God assigns assorted duties.

Praying for others helps me recognize their value in God's Kingdom. Whether they also love and serve Christ or have not yet followed Christ, God created them and wants a relationship with them. People who participate in prayer walks pray for the people in the area where they walk.

Dover Baptists have invitations to participate in two nearby prayer walks. One will occur on the campuses of Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of Richmond. I say one because they occur at the same time, so participants must choose one or the other. The second prayer walk involves communities in Caroline County related to the start of Living Proof Church. Scott Roberts will lead the new church. Ted Dougherty, pastor of Taylorsville Baptist Church in Dover, serves on the advisory team.

How did Dover Baptists get invited? In the case of Living Proof Church, Dover Baptists have responded to the request of Hermon Baptist Association to share the joy and responsibility of helping start a new church there. Dover folks have resources and experience in church starting that can benefit Hermon folks. So do Fredericksburg Association and Virginia Baptists. Like them, God has blessed us and led us to share our blessings.

We cooperate with Virginia Baptists and Richmond and Middle District Associations—our Central Virginia Baptist Ministry partners—to provide collegiate ministries. As one who benefitted from such ministries, I understand the value of a Christian witness and support system on the college campus. We help provide that through the ministries of Melissa Oliver at the University of Richmond and Alan Jones at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Pray for Alan. Pray for Melissa. Pray for the students, the faculty, and the staff. Pray for Scott. Pray for the advisory team and the sponsoring churches. Pray for the launch team who will join Scott in leading the church. Pray for the people the new church will reach.

Pray about your role. Ask God to help you and your church understand what role you should take in these efforts. Perhaps God wants you to join one or both of the prayer walks. Maybe God wants you to pray at other times or get involved in other ways. Pray about it.

The collegiate ministry prayer walks occur on September 8. The Living Proof prayer walk occurs September 2. (Contact the Dover office for details.) I will pray for you, and I will pray about my role. You pray too. If we do, we may find ourselves walking and praying together.

—Steve Allsbrook

Thank You from a New Graduate

Dover Baptists work with Virginia Baptists, Richmond and Middle District Associations, and local churches to provide a ministry to college students here. Members of Dover's Student Ministries Council, led by David and Jennifer Chrisman, encourage work with college students in a variety of ways and places. (Please see the request on Page 1.)

Dover Baptists use money from our budget, money from our Association Missions Offering, and the efforts of churches and individuals to support collegiate ministries in our area. On two local campuses we help pay the costs of collegiate ministry. Melissa Oliver serves at the University of Richmond. Alan Jones serves on the campus of Virginia Commonwealth University. Both value our partnership in their work.

Jesse Douglas graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University in May. Early in his college career, Jesse connected with the ministry at VCU. Alan Jones asked Jesse to share some of his experience with the ministry there.

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry at VCU has meant more to me than I can put in words. Our campus minister Alan Jones and my fellow students have encouraged my spiritual growth through various forms of teaching and ministry.

Even more, what I believe has been most beneficial to me is the community of which the BCM has allowed me to be part. I consider my fellow BCM members family in the truest sense of the word. Not only do we have worship and Bible study together, but we share a lot of our time, our concerns, and our prayers. It reminds me of the early churches who did not gather merely out of convenience and common beliefs but who truly depended on each other for spiritual survival. I don't know where I'd be right now in my spiritual walk if not for everyone at the BCM.

This semester I have had the opportunity to be Alan's intern. That has given me a chance to view the same ministry from a different perspective. I've helped Alan manage gatherings, plan events, maintain the e-mail list and website, teach Bible studies, and generally attempt helping the group connect with new students and stay connected to one another. I have learned a lot about how much work goes into keeping such a ministry running smoothly.

In my years at VCU I have seen this ministry at various high and low points. I believe it is now on a firm path that will allow it to be a greater and greater blessing to our campus and beyond.

The BCM here at VCU has meant so much to me and to others, and it could not be what it is without all of the outside support it receives. We greatly appreciate everything that local churches have done to experience to love of Christ and share Christ's love with those around us. Thank you!

On Saturday morning, September 8, Baptist Collegiate Ministries will host prayer walks at Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of Richmond. Please join Melissa, Alan, students from BCM, and others to walk the campuses and pray from 8:30 to 10:30 that morning. See the difference prayers will make for now and for the future, at these schools and wherever their students will serve in years to come.

Pray for These

June 3	Hunton	Dr. Jeff Johnson, Pastor Rev. Phillip Barton, Amy Swartz Bruce Swartz, Vi White, Shelby Jones
June 10	Indian View	Without a Pastor
June 17	Kentwood Heights	Rev. Dave Smith, Pastor Irene Crump, Mike Spagnuolo Teresa Wolcott
June 24	Little Elam	Rev. Frank Long, Pastor Rev. Daniel Wallace, Gail Bowman Sarah Gregory, Thelma King

Prayer Concerns

Betty Ellis, wife of Rev. James Ellis is recovering from a recent illness.

Wayne May, husband of Nita May, is recovering from surgery.

Personnel Changes

Glen Allen Baptist Church welcomed **Dr. Timothy Norman** as pastor. The church held an installation service and reception for Tim and wife Kathryn on May 20.

Rev. Dwight Hedges, Minister to Students and **Matt Wenninger, Secretary for Music and Worship** both concluded their ministry and service at **Cool Spring**. **Linda McNally** and **Pam O'Brien** were welcomed as Administrative Assistants at **Cool Spring**.

Corinth welcomed **Don Bradley** as **Part-time Ministry Assistant**. Previously, Don served as a volunteer in this role.

Rev. Dale Saunders and wife Nancy have concluded their ministries at **First, West Point**. Nancy served as **Organist**. Dale served as **Minister of Music** for more than 20 years. The church honored them at its worship service and a reception on May 6.

Mount Vernon welcomed **Sarah Beasley** as **Minister for Older Children**.

Rev. Randy Markel retired from **Mount Vernon** where he has served as **Minister of Worship** for almost 11 years. He was honored during worship service on May 27 and at a reception on June 2, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Mark McClintick concluded his ministry as **Young Lives Minister** at **Northside** on April 13.

Western Hanover welcomed **Michael Shiflett** as **Minister of Music**.

Congratulations Graduates

Rev. Mike Garner who serves at Pastor at **Dover** will graduate from Baptist Theological Seminary on Saturday, May 26.

Rev. Phillip Barton from **Hunton** will participate in graduation exercises at BTSR on May 26. He completed his degree requirements in December. In addition, he has celebrated his third anniversary as Associate Pastor of the church.

Abbie Duke from **Ridge** will graduate from Baptist Theological Seminary on May, 26. She completed her internship at Ridge and has been called as Minister for Education and Students.

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Thursday, July 19, 2007

10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon

Fort Lee Baptist

Ages 3-Adults

Bring a sandwich. Beverage and dessert will be furnished.

Flags, Freedom, and Fun A Children's Event Sponsored by The Resource Center

"Flags, Freedom and Fun", a multi-cultural celebration of summer for children and their families, will be held on Sunday, July 1, 2007, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, 8175 Pleasant Grove Road in Mechanicsville.

Sponsored by The Resource Center, the fun-filled interactive festival will teach participants that every nation has its heroes and all God's children love to be free. Please contact The Resource Center at (804) 358-8306 for more information or to register.

Meals on Wheels Offers Volunteer Opportunities

Meals on Wheels, a non-profit organization, delivers balanced nutritious meals to seniors, people with disabilities, and other at-risk populations throughout Richmond and seven surrounding counties. Monday through Friday, more than 800 individuals receive healthy meals delivered by caring volunteers.

This year, 2,500 dedicated volunteers will work to see that 300,000 meals are delivered in the capital region. Volunteers bring lunch (and in some cases dinner and breakfast), a friendly smile, and some face-to-face time to people who may not receive many visitors. Most Meals on Wheels clients are elderly, but Meals on Wheels serves anyone over the age of 18.

Meals on Wheels continually welcomes new volunteers. You might get involved by:

- Serving as a driver or rider. Additional drivers and riders are needed, especially when regular volunteers are on vacation. There are 13 distribution sites.
- Serving at the new community kitchen which will open by summer's end and offer volunteers various positions and shifts.

Please contact Warren Hammonds or Jeannie Garris for more information at (804) 673-5035. Warren's extension is 22 and Jeannie's is 25.

Orientations for volunteers at the Meals on Wheels office, 1600 Willow Lawn Drive, are held every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. Individual and group orientations are also available. Please call Meals on Wheels at (804) 673-5035 and ask for the Volunteer Department or visit www.mowdelivers.com.



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Church News

Broadus Memorial dedicated their new facilities on April 29. The church relocated from their former site to Hanover County and contributes to Dover Baptist Association.

Pioneer held a Deacon/Deaconess Retreat at the International Learning Center in Rockville, May 4-5.

Shalom had Youth Sunday on April 29. They had four sermons delivered by Dana Higgins, Stephanie Hudson, Jamie Gastrich, and Stephen Lipka. Music was led by the Youth Praise Band which included Ridge Mikeliates and Andy Gastrich. The youth led worship on Sunday, May 6 at

Cornerstone Christian Church and delivered three messages through drama. "Sunday Night Live," a community-wide service for all ages, was held on Sunday, May 27.

Sharon held an installation service for Pastor Lytle Buckingham and wife Suzanne on May 20.

Item of Interest

Four Mile Creek would like to donate a 1983 handicapped-equipped wheelchair lift installed, 4 speed, 60 passenger bus to anyone in need. The bus needs carburetor work, but it has a current inspection. Please call the church office at (804) 795-2044 if interested.

Positions Available

Full-Time Minister of Music- Little Elam is seeking a Full-Time Minister of Music with experience in piano, organ, and vocal instruments. The church is also seeking a **Full-Time Youth Minister** with good communication skills and a strong commitment to the Christian faith. Please send résumé and letter of application to: Personnel Committee, Little Elam Baptist Church, P.O. Box 337, Charles City, VA 23030.

May Memorial Baptist Church is seeking a **Youth Minister and Children's Minister**, one or two individuals to head respective ministries who will work with the pastor and designated age groups, lay leadership, and parents. YOUTH position- 20 hrs/wk; CHILDREN'S position- 10-20 hrs/wk-willing to consider one individual for combination position of 30 hrs/wk. Please mail résumé to Personnel Committee, May Memorial Baptist Church, P.O. Box 56, Powhatan, VA 23139, or e-mail to pastor@maymemorial.org.

Dover Baptist Association is seeking a **Part-Time Bookkeeper** (48 hours per month). Experience preferred. A working knowledge of Shelby Systems is a plus. Send résumé to Dover Baptist Association, Attn: Sandy Weakley, 11006 Lakeridge Parkway, Ashland, VA 23005 or e-mail to sandy@doverbaptist.org.