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Association Missions Offering

Goal: \$29,600

Received to date: \$22,443.43

You have already given 76% of the goal! Thank you for your prayers and gifts. All 2007 Association Missions Offering gifts should reach the Dover Office by Wednesday, October 31.

Dover Minister's Conference

Monday, September 17, 10:30 a.m.
Dover Conference Center
Topic: "Stewardship: Campaigns to Bulletins"
Speaker: Don Campbell of VBMB
Lunch: \$ 6.00. Please make reservations by September 12 with the Dover Office.

Raceway Cookie Ministry

Central Virginia Raceway Ministries is asking for "homemade" cookies for the September NASCAR races bagged in small clear ziplock-type plastic bags with a 2-3 medium sized cookies per bag. Please include a label with your church's name that reads "Compliments of _____ Baptist Church" on the outside of the bag. Please do not put anything but cookies in the bags! Please deliver cookies to the Dover Center, 11006 Lakeridge Parkway, Ashland, Tuesday, September 4 or Wednesday, September 5, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Cool Spring Church to Host *Lead Like Jesus: The Leadership Revolution!* Teleconference

Dover Association will provide scholarships for every Dover church On Friday, October 19, Cool Spring Baptist Church will host the *Lead Like Jesus: The Leadership Revolution!* Teleconference. The conference runs from 11:30-4:30. Speakers include **Ken Blanchard, Erwin McManus, Laurie Beth Jones, John Ortberg, Patrick Lencioni, and others.** The \$20 per person registration fee includes lunch. **Dover Baptist Association will pay that fee for one person from every Dover church that registers two or more people.** This conference provides a great opportunity to help equip current and potential leaders. The lessons apply to one's home life, church service, and business. Contact Cool Spring Baptist Church to register.

Orientation for Executive Committee Members

Tuesday, October 9, 2007, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

North Run Baptist Church, 2100 Lydell Drive, Richmond

Moderator Vallerie King and Director of Missions Steve Allsbrook will invite new (and even experienced) persons elected by their churches to serve as Executive Committee members to attend this special session. Come and learn about your responsibility as a member of Dover's Executive Committee and representative from your church. This orientation will be held before our regular meeting of the Executive Committee at 7:30 p.m.

Dover Association 224th Annual Meeting

Theme: Ministry Opportunities to Persons with Developmental Disabilities and Their Families

Speaker: Rev. Tony Ramirez, Executive Minister, Cool Spring Baptist Sunday, October 28, 6:00-8:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Ashland

Registration begins at 4:15 p.m. Dinner served from 4:35-5:35 p.m.

Cost: \$6.00--Reservations due to Dover Office by Friday, October 19)

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. 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.

Directions to First Baptist Church, 800 Thompson Street, Ashland:

Take I-95 North to Exit 92 (Ashland/Route 54 West). Stay on 54 West through the town of Ashland. After crossing the railroad tracks, bear right onto Wesley/54 West and go approximately 2 miles. The church is on the right at the corner of Thompson and Wesley.

An Eventful Summer

This summer I have heard about a wide variety of ministry opportunities among Dover Baptists. I have heard of mission trips, church starting, worship events, Bible study, and leadership development. The opportunities have touched every age group from young children to senior adults. They have crossed international borders.

Mount Olivet sent a team to minister alongside Walter McIntyre and our Toronto partners. Grace Community sent a team to Uganda. Youth teams have traveled to other states and to Eagle Eyrie.

Here, Dover Baptists participated in ministry at the open-wheel International Racing League event at Richmond International Raceway. Working with Nita May, volunteers from Atlee Community Church scheduled a day to refurbish the roof of Pamunkey Indian Baptist Church (and had to reschedule that effort).

Many churches held Vacation Bible Schools. Mount Vernon held Music, Arts, and Tech Camp for children. Shalom, New Bethesda, and Broadus Memorial joined in ministry to college-aged young adults.

I have participated in two church starting efforts. Along with Ted Dougherty (Taylorsville), I have served on the advisory team for Living Proof Church. The new church will hold its first service on Sunday, September 16, 10:30 a.m. It will meet at Caroline Middle School in Milford (off Route 207 between I-95 and Bowling Green).

I have also participated in a “church planting think tank” hosted by the Virginia Baptist Mission Board. I expect the “think tank” will bring together leaders from churches, associations, and the state to cooperate in very promising ways. This has the potential to move church starting among Virginia Baptists to an unprecedented level.

One unique ministry celebrated the accomplishments of youth at Hardy Central Baptist Church. During the year, youth minister Cindy Marshall led the “Civic Virtue Initiative” in which participants learned the Ten Commandments, Psalm 23, the Lord’s Prayer, the Beatitudes, the books of the Bible, and the twelve disciples of Jesus. (Naming all of these from memory would challenge anyone.)

Each teen had to score at least 85% on the final exam to pass. All who passed would be well rewarded. Who passed? Rachel Barfield, Addison Brown, Denise Dalton, Brittaney Gantz, Kea Frandsen-Gorsage, Brandi Green, Amber Kimmey, Matt Luellen, Steven Melara, and Kyle Williams passed. Matt and Kyle had perfect scores.

What did they receive to celebrate their accomplishments? They received something I would not have imagined—a formal dinner at the Jefferson Sheraton Hotel, complete with assistance from choosing their clothes to coaching in table manners—a very grown-up affair!

God has given Dover Baptists many, varied talents and places in which to use them for the Kingdom. Dover Baptists have been faithful in using them.

I think the events of this summer also show that Dover Baptists believe in preparing for the future. The Body of Christ has many parts and each serves a holy purpose. I believe this eventful summer will contribute to God’s work for years to come in more ways I can tell.

—Steve Allsbrook

State Fair Ministry News from Central Virginia Baptist Ministries

You may have heard the story of the little girl that wandered from her neighborhood and got lost. The little girl ran up and down the streets where she lived, but she could not find a single landmark that she recognized.

Finally, a police officer stopped to help. The officer put her in the passenger seat of the police car, and they drove around several blocks. Turning a corner, the little girl saw her church. She pointed to it excitedly.

“That’s my church!” she told the officer. “You can let me out now. This is *my* church, and I can find my way home from here!”

Anne Lamott includes this story in one of her books and adds, “That’s why I have stayed so close to my church—because no matter how bad I am feeling, how lost or lonely or frightened, when I see the faces of the people in my church, and hear their tawny voices, I can always find my way home.”

When State Fair of Virginia leaders asked Central Virginia Baptist Ministries to provide a “Lost Child Room” for this year’s fair, I could not help but think of that story. This is a wonderful ministry opportunity—a way to remind people about God’s love and what it means to be lost and then found.

This year’s State Fair will be held September 27 through October 7. You and your church can get involved in ministry to people associated with the fair in any of several ways.

You and your church can help by:

- Remembering to pray that we will reach others for Christ through CVBM
- Serving as volunteers to stay with the children in the “Lost Child Room”
- Collecting **disposable diapers** in all sizes
- Donating Christian books and videos
- Donating toys
- Sending chaplains to work with both the children and their parents
- Sending chaplains to work with the people that travel with the State Fair

You can get involved in the State Fair Ministry or get more information by contacting me, Nita May. You can reach me via e-mail at nita.may@cvbm.org or by phone at (804) 271-8299 or (804) 332-4670.

There are lots of ways of being “lost.” There are a lot of folks out there that cannot find their way “home.” We have opportunities to show the love of God everywhere. Helping with the lost child ministry at the State Fair we have the opportunity to protect and reassure children who have gotten separated and lost. When they get found and restored to their families, we have the blessing of sharing that too.

The ministry lets us see a living parable. It reminds us of the people who need finding like we once did. Imagine, if they could have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in your face and in the faces of the people in your church, how different their lives could be. Whether at the State Fair, in your neighborhood, or wherever you work, let us help lost persons find their way home.

—Nita May

Pray for These

September 2	Pamunkey Indian	Charles Ward, Pastor Joyce Krigsvold
September 9	Parham Road .	Tom Warrington, Int. Pastor Tim Pierce, Frances Whitlock
	Pioneer	Randy Rains, Int. Pastor Glenn Russell, Judy Stell
September 16	Poplar Springs . .	Steve Crane, Pastor-elect Greg Jones, Lynn Blue Betty Wajciechowski
September 23	Rappahannock Indian	Without a Pastor Judith Fortune
September 30	Ridge	Alan Ray, Pastor Tom Baynham, Abbie Duke Theresa Altland, Louise Crooks

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to:

The family of Tommy H. Clarke, who died on July 1. He was a long-time member of **Cool Spring** and former Minister of Music at **Black Creek**.

The family of Bernard C. Rowe, who died on July 23. He was a member of **Black Creek**, where he had served as Music Director for over 16 years and former Music Director at **Walnut Grove**. In addition, he formerly served as the Dover Associational Music Director and Dover Music Council.

The family of Lois A. Lohr, who died on August 4. She was an active member of **New Bethesda**, and served on Dover Association's Assist Team.

Mrs. Marian Carnell, church secretary of **Colosse** in the death of her father.

Congratulations

Sophia Mae Barton, the first child born to **Rev. Phillip and Jessica Barton**, arrived on Friday, August 3. Phillip serves as Associate Pastor at Hunton.

Rev. Vallerie King celebrated 7 years as pastor of Emmaus on Sunday, August 12. The church honored Vallerie with a surprise recognition, presenting her a check and other gifts.

Personnel Changes

Gwathmey welcomed Tracy Bradley as **Youth Minister** on June 1.

Ridge welcomes Tom Baynham at Pastor for Worship and Senior Adults who will arrive September 5.

Conference for Church Librarians

"Church Library—Treasury of the Past, Key to the Future"
October 12 & 13, 2007

First Baptist Church, Richmond

Virginia Baptist Library Association will hold its Fall Conference in our area, featuring a Friday night Banquet with speaker Dr. Roberta Damon and a full day of workshops on Saturday. "VBLA Voice" newsletters were mailed statewide to church librarians listed on ACP letters. For more information see www.vachurchlibrary.org or call Nancy King at 781-1051.

Collegiate Ministry Prayer Walks

Saturday, September 8, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

University of Richmond—meet in front of the Cannon Memorial Chapel

Virginia Commonwealth University—meet at the Baptist Campus Ministries House

Groups and individuals who would like to participate in any way at either campus should contact campus ministers Alan Jones of VCU (jones@fbrichmond.org), and Melissa Oliver of U of R (moliverotr@gmail.com). Help saturate the Richmond area college campuses with prayer this year as we begin a new semester.

Leadership Development Conference

Monday, September 24, at Cool Spring Baptist Church, 9283

Atlee Station Road, Mechanicsville

Tuesday, September 25, at Central Baptist Church,

Courthouse Road at the Powhite Parkway/Route 76

Training Sessions at 7:00, 8:00, and 7:00-8:50 p.m.

Dinner: 5:30-6:30 p.m., Cost: \$8.50. Dinner reservations due to the Dover Office by Monday, September 17

These conferences offer informative sessions for pastors, staff ministers, and every other church leader. The session leaders bring a wealth of experience—loads of local, talented servants of Christ. Here is an effective way to combine fellowship and network with peers. Purchase books, Bibles, cards, and more from Lifeway Christian Store at each site.

Fall Volunteer Training Classes

Do you have a desire to share the love of Christ with women and men who are unprepared for a pregnancy? **The Pregnancy Resource Center of Metro Richmond** will offer training classes on Thursdays for seven classes beginning September 6. The classes will run through November 1 (no class on September 20). The Pregnancy Resource Center will train men and women in ways to express God's love to the persons God leads to resource center's ministry. Volunteers may choose morning classes from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon or evening classes from 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. All sessions will be held at Grove Avenue Baptist Church in Richmond. Please call (804) 673-2020 for more information.

Ministry Opportunity

You are invited to visit the **Center For Christian**

Understanding Of Islam, 1004 North Thompson Street, Richmond, located one block east of I-195 between Broad Street and Monument Avenue. This center features:

- A conference room for classes, prayer meetings and discussions,
- A research library on Christian theology, Islam, and Muslims,
- A museum displaying collections from the Muslim and Islamic world,
- Research and study areas

Hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and by appointment for groups. Please call (804) 355-0267 or (804) 356-2003.

Thank you, Dover Baptists, for your support of this ministry!



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Church News

Cool Spring will host the *Lead Like Jesus: The Leadership Revolution!* teleconference on October 19, 11:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Contact Cool Spring Baptist Church to register. (See Page 1 for more details.)

Corinth celebrated their 130th Anniversary on August 26. Former pastors Charles Gibson, Harold Hurst, and Ed Stansfield preached.

Elon will host "Igniting Hearts in Hanover/Sparking Hope in Darfur," October 14-16 at 7:00 p.m. This event will combine music and messages to share the Gospel locally and through relief efforts, with those in need in Darfur, Sudan. Visit www.elontodarfur.org for details.

Grace Community sent a team of 11 people for a mission trip to Uganda, Africa on August 2-13.

Hopeful will hold their Bicentennial Celebration on October 7 with a re-enactment of an old-time worship service at 11:00 a.m., a group photo following the service, lunch on the grounds, and an afternoon celebration service at 2:00 p.m.

Parham Road and Grace Chinese will host a program on "Identity Theft" by Entrust Federal Credit Union on Thursday, September 20 at 11:00 a.m. On September 28-29, Parham Road will host "Parham Praise"—a mass choir praise concert that Friday at 7:00 p.m. and, on that Saturday, a festival featuring guest musical artists all afternoon and a concert at 7:00 p.m. Please visit www.parhampraise.com for details.

Pioneer will celebrate their 164th Anniversary and Homecoming on Sunday, September 9.

Poplar Springs will have a musical called *Peace in America's Storm* written and led by Steve Adams on Saturday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. in their Christian Life Center.

Tsena Commocko will celebrate their 85th Anniversary on September 9, 2007 with guest speaker Rev. Mark Custalow.

Holiday Closing

The Dover Office will be closed on Labor Day, September 3.

Positions Available

Part-time Receptionist/Administrative Assistant- Atlee Community Church is in search of a creative, energetic, fun-filled, dependable person to work 30-35 hours per week. Candidates should be detail oriented with excellent oral and written communication skills. Proficiency in Microsoft Office is essential. Please fax or email resume and salary requirements to: (804) 730-3459 or office@atleechurch.org. No phone calls please.

Part-time Interim Youth Leader- Northside is seeking a part-time Interim Youth Leader to plan, prepare, and provide Bible study and fellowship activities. Please submit resumes to: Northside Baptist Church, ATTN: Personnel Committee, 7600 Studley Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116.

Accompanist- First, West Point is seeking an accompanist to practice with the adult choir and assist in their worship services. Preferred qualifications include the ability to play both organ and piano. Salary is commensurate with experience. Please contact the office at (804) 843-2484 or email fbwestpoint@verizon.net.

Card Shower For Richard & Nancy Moore's 60th Anniversary

Rev. Richard Moore and wife Nancy will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday, September 1. Richard, Director Emeritus of Dover Baptist Association, served as Dover's Director of Missions for 19 years before his retirement on January 10, 1995. Please join other Dover Baptists in showering Richard and Nancy with cards to celebrate this testimony to God's love expressed in a lasting marriage. Address cards to the Moores at 10020 Bishops Gate Boulevard, Pineville, NC 28134.