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Dover Minister's Conference

Monday, October 15, 2007, 10:30 a.m.

Dover Conference Center

**Topic: "Emergency Preparedness and
Ministering During Disasters"**

Speaker: Don Deaton

Lunch: \$ 6.00.

Please make reservations with the Dover Office
by Thursday, October 11.

ACP's Due October 1

Annual Church Profile reports help Dover,
Virginia Baptists, and Southern Baptists see a
picture of Baptist life over time. Church clerks
are asked to return completed ACP's to the
Dover office by **Monday, October 1**. Please
contact Sue Hall if you have any questions about
completing your report.

Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, October 16, 2007, 12 noon

Mount Vernon Baptist Church

11220 Nuckols Road, Glen Allen

Guest Musician: Todd DeFore, Music

Minister of Biltmore Baptist

Lunch: \$ 6.00.

Please make reservations with the Dover Office
by Monday, October 8.

Executive Committee Orientation and Meeting

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

North Run Baptist Church, 2100 Lydell Drive, Richmond

New and continuing Executive Committee members may join in this time of reviewing the responsibilities of those elected by their churches to serve as members of Dover Baptist Association's Executive Committee. This will be an opportunity to meet other members, learn the work of the Executive Committee, and ask questions. The October Executive Committee meeting will follow at 7:30. Please let the Dover Office know if you will attend.

Dover Association 224th Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 28, 2007, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church, 800 Thompson Street, Ashland, VA

Registration begins at 4:15 p.m.

Dinner served from 4:35-5:35 p.m.

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

In addition to conducting Dover's business, the meeting will focus on ministry with developmentally disabled persons and their families. Tony Ramirez, Executive Minister at Cool Spring Baptist Church, will speak.

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, VA:

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

2007 Association Missions Offering Concludes

Our 2007 Association Missions Offering goal is \$29,600. As of September 21, Dover Baptists have given \$23,394.50, 79% of our goal. Please forward all gifts for this year's offering to the Dover office by October 31. Dover will apply any gifts received after October 31 to the 2008 offering.

One to Go

Dover, Richmond, and Middle District Associations have a partnership with NorthStar Church Network and the Toronto Area Association of Baptist Churches. It will officially end late next year. Like the white flag signals one lap to go in an automotive race, we have one to go—one more year.

Mount Olivet Baptist Church sent a team of eight men and women to Toronto in August. This team had two goals. They went to help Kipling Avenue Baptist Church have Vacation Bible School and to repair and paint some interior walls.

The first day the team found they had as many team members as students. The team wondered about their role. It took a while, but, by week's end the team members realized their real purpose had more to do with building relationships than conducting a project or event.

Partnership Coordinator Walter McIntyre arranged for the team to meet with others who minister in the community. Then Walter invited the team members to visit in Somali homes. Pastor Dale Ashley called that "the big surprise of the week."

Walter asked the team members to tutor some children in their homes. The team divided into three groups for these home visits. Two families spoke English well, one not at all. All were Muslim. Each welcomed their guests from the U. S. A.

The children were delightful and respectful. They brought out text books and encyclopedias. They wanted to learn. "We were mesmerized," Dale said. One team member had an opportunity to share our faith with an adult. They helped build bridges with these families as Christians who showed they cared. More children came to the Bible School.

Something else happened too. Members of the host church asked if they could come to Mount Olivet and observe their 2008 VBS. "No," they were told, "you cannot come to observe; you can come to serve."

This is a first for Dover. Next summer a team will come from Toronto. Mount Olivet will host the team, and members from both churches will lead Vacation Bible School at Mount Olivet together! This will really help Mount Olivet which reaches more children with a daytime Bible School but finds it harder to recruit volunteers for the day than for one held at night. This kind of partnering has been a goal of our partnership with Toronto from the start.

Was it worth a week in the lives of eight people plus costs? What did traveling to another country accomplish? For Kipling Avenue Baptist Church it helped build relationships with the church's mission field, connect with the children who attended, model teaching methods, make building repairs, and create new friendships with other Christians. For Mount Olivet, it created new friendships, helped team members see the real value of their trip as part of God's process, brought together a unique team (who remained friends after a 14-hour van ride), and set the stage for a great VBS in 2008. That sounds like a great investment!

Mount Olivet has a fund which helps send members on mission trips. This year's team had a first-timer. That team member has already said, "Sign me up for next time."

There is just one year to go in the Toronto partnership. Walter McIntyre could help you connect with a church there—to go or to invite them to come. The Mount Olivet team could tell you more about their trip. Call them both and make plans for 2008. We only have one to go!

—Steve Allsbrook

Our Multi-national Dover Baptist Family

Dover Baptists help support the work of Regional Latino Church Planter Strategist Louis Orsatti. Many Dover Baptists have heard Louis and prayed for him and his family.

Many Dover Baptists also know about Middle Eastern Baptist Church, an Arabic language congregation.

Grace Chinese Baptist Church, one of the newest Dover congregations that has services in a language other than English, shares the facilities of Parham Road Baptist Church.

Ridge Baptist Church provides a meeting place for Middle Eastern Baptist Church. Ridge also provides a meeting place for a Brazilian congregation that holds its services in Portuguese.

A Vietnamese congregation also has ties to Dover too. Even Grace Community Baptist Church has helped start a Russian congregation in the West End (which has no ties to Dover).

Each of these congregations has the same needs as English-speaking churches. They also have the challenges related to having a native language and culture they want to preserve.

Louis would ask that we pray for God to help him identify and train leaders for new works among the Latino people in the region. Pastor William Khalil would ask that Dover Baptists pray for God to reveal a new leader to take Middle Eastern into its next phase of growth and development.

Pastor David Meng would ask that for Grace Chinese Baptist Church too. They seek their next leader who will follow David.

Recently the senior pastor and a long-time associate from First Korean Baptist Church of Raleigh, North Carolina visited Richmond. They met with staff members of Richmond and Dover Associations and the Virginia Baptist Mission Board.

The associate pastor has demonstrated his gifts, and God has now called him to plant a church. He believes God has called him to plant that church in the Richmond area, perhaps in the West End.

This man expects to work bi-vocationally at first. He wants to connect with Dover's ESL ministry to help those who speak Korean as their first language learn to read, write, and speak English. He seeks a residence to use as his home on weekends so he may begin a ministry soon and a meeting place. Later, once he has established a group and gotten a job in the area, he will move here, bringing his family with him. God has called him to our mission field as one of God's answers to our prayers for more workers to labor in God's fields.

In the same meeting with this Korean pastor, Virginia Baptist leader Sang Shin told that other Korean churches want to help start or encourage churches that reach groups other than Korean-speaking persons. They see the need for crossing the barriers that separate people groups for the sake of the Gospel!

Dover Baptists have long prized doing missions together. We do this to help others know Christ. We do this because Christ has called us to do it. We do it here.

People from many lands now call this region home. Christ's Dover Baptist family is not just African-American, Anglo-American, or Native American Indian. Dover has grown.

God keeps giving Dover Baptists more to do. Perhaps God wants you to get more information. You may have a connection, a calling, or some gift God wants to use to help one of these congregations or leaders. If so, please contact the Dover office. We and these congregations look forward to hearing from you!

Pray for These

October 7	Samaria	Claude Evans, Pastor Susan Morris, Sandy Rogers Herman Bradby, Myrtle Adkins
October 14	Second Liberty	Lewis Yancey, Pastor Audrey Christian, Christopher Thomas Sharon Taylor, A'tasha Christian
October 21	Shalom	Mark Miller, Pastor Spencer Dillard, Jeffrey Farrier Jean Dart, Faye Nicholls
October 28	Sharon	Lytle Buckingham, Pastor Christine Colvin, Marion Timbrook

Congratulations

Rev. Robert Thompson celebrated 15 years as pastor of First Baptist, Ashland. The church honored Robert with a surprise recognition on Sunday, September 9.

Personnel Changes

Parham Road will welcome Pastor Don Matheny on October 14. Tom Warrington will conclude his ministry as Interim Pastor with his final sermon on October 7. The church will host a reception honoring Tom and wife Sandy on October 10.

Poplar Springs held an installation service for Pastor Steve Crane on September 30 at 4:00 in the afternoon. Interim Pastor Gwynn Davis concluded his ministry on September 23. The church held a dinner in his honor on September 22.

Mount Vernon welcomed Rusty Lee as Associate Minister to Students.

English as a Second Language Training

Here is an opportunity to let God change a person's life by becoming an English as a Second Language volunteer teacher. Individuals who are interested in learning what this training involves and how your church can start its own program should attend the ESL workshop during the following schedule:

Friday, October 12	6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 13	8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
Friday, October 19	6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 20	8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Participants must attend all classes to receive a certificate from the North American Mission Board.

Please bring a sandwich to the Saturday class each week for lunch, drinks will be provided. Cost: \$25.00- includes the book. Please call the Dover Office by Friday, September 28 to register. The class is limited to 20 and 13 people have preregistered. Please call Jennifer Chrisman at (804) 737-6147 or email: david.chrisman@juno.com for more information or questions.

More than 170 Attend the First Service of Living Proof Church

Hermon Baptist Association saw the birth of a new church when Living Proof Church held its inaugural service on September 16. *More than 170 persons attended* the service, including Dover Association representatives. Dover serves on the sponsorship team which also includes various churches, the Fredericksburg Area Baptist Association, and Virginia Baptists. Thank God for this!

WMU Area Meetings

Area I	Tuesday, October 2 - 10:30 a.m. Berea - Lunch
Area III	Thursday, October 4 - 10:30 a.m. Cool Spring - Lunch
W/M East	Monday, October 8 - 6:30 p.m. Oak Hall - Dinner
Area V	Wednesday, October 10 - 10:30 a.m. Mount Pleasant - Lunch
Area IV	Tuesday, October 16 - 10:00 a.m. Pamunkey Indian - Lunch
W/M West	Monday, October 22 - 7:00 p.m. Taylorsville - Dessert
Area II	Thursday, October 25 - 10:30 a.m. Dover Ministry Center - Drinks & Pastries

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
Monday, November 5 - 10:30 a.m.- 12 Noon
Mechanicsville Baptist Church- Preschool care provided.

Your Dover Baptist Association WMU Consultants will be glad to answer questions, send information, or meet at a time that is convenient for you at your church to train you and your leadership team. They are a phone call away and ready to serve. Their phone numbers can be found in your July-August DWMU newsletter.

Children's Mission Fair

Grades 1 - 6

Cool Spring Baptist Church

Sunday, October 21, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

There will be representation from IMB missionaries from every region and NAMB. In addition, there will be games, crafts, special prizes, and refreshments.

Organizational Meeting for 2008 Dover Boy's and Girl's Basketball Leagues of All Ages

Dover Association Basketball 2008

Church/Team Organizational Meeting

Tuesday, October 9, 2007, 7:00 p.m. at the Dover Office
Please contact Greg Jones at (804) 795-7722, ext. 3 for more information.

Pregnancy Resource Center of Richmond- Pastor Resources

The Pregnancy Resource Center of Metro Richmond is preparing information packs to allow pastors to review free resources for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, January 20, 2008. Please contact the Pregnancy Resource Center if your church would like to receive a pastor's pack. The deadline to request these packs is November 1. Please contact Talona Rogers, Development Director, for more information at (804) 673-4150 or email CPCRichmond1@aol.com.



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Church News

Beulah will hold its annual Fish Fry on October 14, 4:00 p.m.

Dover celebrated 234 years of ministry and observed homecoming on September 16.

Goochland, Berea, and Dover will hold a marriage enrichment event, November 2-3. The churches have reserved a fourth of the spaces for couples who are not members. They received a Church Challenge Grant from Dover to help with this new outreach effort.

Hopeful will celebrate its bicentennial with a special service on October 7.

Mechanicsville held an ordination service and reception for Thomas Rawls, Youth Minister, on September 9.

Mount Olivet celebrated 160 years of ministry and observed homecoming on September 16.

North Run will celebrate 175 years of ministry and lay the cornerstone for their new building on October 21.

Pioneer held a *Fall Festival of Faith* Revival, September 23-26 led by Vander Warner.

Shalom honored Spencer Dillard on September 30 for five years of service as Minister of Youth and Children.

Taylorville will host a *Community Music Night* on November 3 at 7:00 p.m. with Ronnie Williams & the Carter Family Sound and the Taylorville Cut-Ups.

Walnut Grove will host *Dana Jorgensen* in concert with a live rock band on October 28 at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. *Leeland* will appear in concert on November 11 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale at www.itickets.com. For more information visit church website at www.walnutgrovebaptist.com or call (804) 746-5081.

West Point, First held its inaugural Saturday evening service following a festival on September 22.

Position Available

Part-time Administrative Assistant - Glen Allen is currently seeking a qualified individual to job share the administrative assistant position for 20 hours per week. Applicants must be proficient in Word and Power Point and should possess excellent people skills. Please e-mail resume to jmeltongabc@aol.com or fax resume to (804) 672-8473.

Thank You from the Moores

Richard Moore wrote the following note to share his appreciation for the recent card shower:

Upon the celebration of our 60th anniversary September 1, Nancy and I were immeasurably blessed by the many cards, notes, and phone calls received from our Dover family (half of those years were with you as Director of Missions and interims). Thank you for remembering us at this significant milestone in our lives. You were represented well by Steve and Kathy Allsbrook and by Bob and Mildred Moran at the celebration at our daughter Deborah's home in Charlotte, NC. The churches of Dover continue to be close to our hearts.