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Welcome Nancy McFaden!

Nancy McFaden, a member of Sharon Baptist Church in Dover, joined the Dover staff team on July 31. Nancy will serve as the Office Assistant. She will answer the phone, greet guests, and perform her other duties on Thursdays and Fridays. Welcome, Nancy!

Dover Ministers Conference

Monday, September 22, 10:30 a.m.

Virginia Baptist Historical Society

Speaker: Fred Anderson, Executive Director,

Virginia Baptist Historical Society

Topic: "Dover Treasures"

Dutch Treat Lunch at the U. R. Dining Hall

Please make lunch and bus reservations with the

Dover Office by Wednesday, September 17

NOTE: Campus parking is limited. New Bethesda Baptist Church will provide a bus for those who want travel together. Please arrive at the Dover Center by 9:45 to take the bus.

Association Missions Offering

Goal: \$29,600.00

Received to date: \$19,742.24

Thank you for your prayers and gifts. All 2008 Association Missions Offering gifts should reach the Dover Office by Friday, October 31, 2008.

*Two hundred twenty-five years ago,
God led twenty-two Baptist churches
to bind themselves together as
Dover Baptist Association*

*Today, more than sixty congregations comprise
Dover Baptist Association*

*They request the honor of your presence at
the celebration of 225 years
of fellowship, ministry, and missions
to be held in conjunction with
the 225th Annual Meeting
Sunday, October 26, 2008*

4:00 p.m. Displays and Registration Open

5:15 p.m. Dinner and Business Session

7:15 p.m. Celebration Featuring Fred Anderson

*New Highland Baptist Church
9200 New Ashcake Road
Mechanicsville, Virginia*

*Please let us know
whether to expect you for dinner
and how many will accompany you.*

*RSVP by October 1
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Pray for These

September 7	Parham Road Without a Pastor Tim Pierce, Frances Whitlock
	Pioneer Paul Beith, Pastor Glenn Russell, Judy Stell
September 14	Poplar Springs Stephen Crane, Pastor Lynn Blue, Betty Wajciechowski
September 21	Rappahannock Indian Without a Pastor Judith Fortune
September 28	Ridge Alan Ray, Pastor Thomas Baynham, Jr., Abbie Duenckel Theresa Altland, Louise Crooks

Sympathy

Dover Baptists express sympathy to the family of **Rudy Wood** who died on August 7. With wife Helen, Rudy had served as an IMB missionary. Rudy had also served as interim pastor at several Dover churches including Dover and Berea Baptist Churches. Most recently Rudy had led our Minister-Church Relations Committee and shared our retired ministers fellowship. We thank God for Rudy and his ministry among us. He will be missed.

Personnel Changes

Rev. Greg Jones will conclude his ministry as Associate Pastor at Poplar Springs Baptist Church on September 6. Since 1997, Greg has led Dover's Youth Basketball League. Thank you, Greg!

Rev. Donald Matheny concluded his ministry as pastor of Parham Road Baptist Church on July 31. God bless you, Don!

Deborah Thompson now serves as Director of Music at Dover Baptist Church. Welcome Deborah!

Congratulations!

Congratulation to Judy and Ed Shepard (Beulah) on the birth of a grandson, Steven James Ball, on August 3. He is the son of their son Jeb and his wife Abby.

Central Virginia Baptist Ministries Leadership Development Conference

South of the James - Monday, September 22

Branch's Baptist Church

3400 Broad Rock Boulevard, Richmond

North of the James - Monday, September 29

Mount Vernon Baptist, 11220 Nuckols Road, Glen Allen

Registration opens at 6:15 p.m.

Session 1 - 6:45-7:45, Session 2 - 8:00-9:00

The option of advance registration will help provide you a better conference experience. You may pre-register, get more detailed information about the conferences and conference leaders, and get directions to the host churches at www.cvbm.org.

Author Gary Thomas to Speak

The Pregnancy Resource Center of Metro Richmond will hold its third annual We Care Dessert Banquet at Mount Vernon Baptist Church on Thursday, October 16, 7:30 p.m. Gary Thomas, author of the popular Christian books *Sacred Marriage* and *Sacred Parenting*, will speak. Please call 804-673-4150, ext 313 for more information.

GA/CIA Mission Speaker

Saturday, September 6

9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with Lunch

Berea Baptist Church, 15475 Ashland Road, Rockville

Guest Speaker: Sarah Michael Milner

Youth International Olympics For Youth in Grades 7-12

An Interactive Afternoon of Fun and Learning

Saturday, September 27, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

**Cool Spring Baptist Church, 9283 Atlee Station Road,
Mechanicsville**

Missionaries will lead events from the countries in which they serve. Please call Pat Dressel, (804) 769-8700, for more information.

ESL Teacher Certification Training Class

Friday, November 7, 6:30-9:15 p.m.

Saturday, November 8, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Friday, November 14, 6:30-9:15 p.m.

Saturday, November 15, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25.00 (includes workbook)

Let God use you to change someone's life by helping them learn English. Become an ESL volunteer teacher. These classes equip participants for that ministry and can help your church start its own program. Participants who attend all sessions will receive a certificate from the North American Mission Board. Please register with the Dover Office by Friday, October 31. Call trainer Jennifer Chrisman, 737-6147, or e-mail david.chrisman@juno.com for information.

Central Virginia Raceway Ministries

CVRM asks church mission groups, Sunday School classes, youth groups, and others to make "homemade" cookies and bag them in small clear ziplock plastic bags with 2-3 medium sized cookies each. A label saying compliments of _____ Baptist Church may be put on the outside of the bag. (No tracts please! Motor Racing Outreach and Central Virginia Raceway Ministries will provide tracts.) **Please bring the bags of cookies to the Dover Center, September 2-4 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Thank you!**

Virginia Baptist Women in Ministry 20th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, September 26, 2008

Jepson Alumni Center, University of Richmond

Reception - 4:30 p.m. Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$35.00 (\$20 for seminary students)

Speaker: Susan M. Shaw, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Director of Women's Studies, Oregon State University, and author of *God Speaks to Us Too: Southern Baptist Women on Church, Home and Society*

For reservations, make your check payable to VBWIM and mail it by September 19 to VBWIM, P. O. Box 70970, Richmond, VA 23255.



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Church News

Ashland, First will celebrate their 150th Anniversary on Sunday, October 12.

Berea has an ongoing mission project of collecting Campbell soup labels for the Bland Ministry Center.

The **Colosse** Youth Mission Team traveled to Bryson City and Cherokee, NC. The team made improvements on the Tennessee River Baptist Association building, shared in a musical concert, participated with the Southwest Appalachian Regional Ministry at a local park, and led worship in three area nursing homes.

Corinth is a pickup location for the Angel Food Ministries, as is **Atlee Community**. It is available for all families. To place an order you can go to www.angelfoodministries.com.

Glen Allen will celebrate their 140th Anniversary on Sunday, October 19, 2008.

Mount Vernon will offer a Single Adult Ministry to unmarried people, with or without children, between the ages of 22 and 75. Each community-based group will accommodate singles in various areas of Richmond.

New Highland will celebrate their 10th Anniversary on Sunday, September 28.

Sharon will be collecting items for the Pennington Gap Mission. You may donate clothing and shoes, household items (sheets/towels/furniture, kitchen items), and food. Call Pat McFaden (804) 769-0618.

Taylorville had seven adults and eleven youth attend Passport in New Orleans to do mission work the week of July 7. The church held VBS July 21-25 using the theme "God's Unspeakable Truth" and collected canned food for Central Virginia Food Bank.

Walnut Grove prepares and serves 100 lunches on the third Sunday of each month for the homeless in Richmond.

Annual Church Profiles Due October 6

With the autumn come falling leaves and, for Dover churches, the Annual Church Profile. The person responsible for completing the your church's ACP should have it completed online or return the paper copy to the Dover Office by Monday, October 6. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Hall at the Dover Office. Sue will be happy to assist you. Thank you for completing your ACP promptly, especially this year. Due to our 225th Anniversary Celebration, we have an earlier printing deadline than last year. Thank you!

Ministry Assistants Fall Conference Sponsored by Baptist Ministry Assistants of Virginia

"Excelling in His Service" Psalm 100

Learn ways to excel in ministry using Microsoft Excel
taught by Linda Reames

Friday, September 26, 2008, 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

United Baptist Church, 7100 Columbia Pike, Annandale
Conference fee includes lunch: \$25.00 for BMAV members
\$30.00 for non-members

Register by Friday, September 12. Please mail your check payable to BMAV to Marty Garber, P. O. Box 8377, Richmond, VA 23226. Call Sandy Weakley, 550-1980, or e-mail sandy@doverbaptist.org for information.

Dover Office for Holiday

The Dover Office will be closed on Monday, September 1 for the Labor Day holiday.