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Dover Ministers Conference

February 15, 10:30 a.m.

Dover Conference Center

Glenn Akins will speak on "The Need for Multiple Streams of Income for Churches in the Future"

Lunch by Reservation: \$7.00 per person

Please make lunch reservations with the Dover Office by February 10.

2010 Hepler Scholarship Application Information

The \$750 scholarship will go to a member of a Dover Association church who is or will be pursuing a diploma, degree, or graduate degree. Applications for the 2010 W. Paul Hepler Scholarship must be received in the Dover Office not later than March 15. For an application or more information, visit www.doverbaptist.org.



Pastor-Deacon Conference
Monday, March 22
Mount Vernon Baptist Church
11220 Nuckols Road, Glen Allen

6:00 P.M. Refreshments

6:30 P.M. Plenary Session with Message by Don Runion

7:00 P.M. Session I

7:50 P.M. Refreshment Break

8:00 P.M. Session II

Conference Choices

- "Compassion Fatigue" - Dan Bagby
- "Muslim Influences on Your Church" - Charles Beckett
- "Reaching Multiple Generations in Worship" - David Benjamin
- "Navigating Change in Today's Church" - Travis Collins
- "Reaching Youth and Building Meaningful Relationships" - Spencer Dillard
- "Dealing with Difficult People in a Ministry Context" - Jennifer Dockum
- "Ministering to Those in Grief" - James Flamming
- "Small to Large Churches: Growing God's Church" - Larry Frakes
- "After 400 Years, What Do We Know? What Deacons Need to Know About Baptist History and Polity" - Phyllis Rodgeron Pleasants
- "How to Preach a Story and Tell a Sermon" - Jim Somerville
- "Setting Deacons Free" - Tom Stocks
- "Developing Spiritual Leadership within Your Church" - Dee Whitten

Register now at www.cvbm.org

Pastor and Deacons may attend the same session

Deacons from one church may prefer to attend different sessions and teach each other what they learned

For more information phone 804-598-6350 or visit www.cvbm.org

What Numbers Count

One might follow “what numbers count” with a question mark or an exclamation point. What numbers count? What numbers count! Either way, the context makes a difference.

We use numbers to report facts that have some meaning. By themselves, numbers mean nothing. They represent something—a condition, formula, thing, person. In the end, numbers only count (i.e., mean something) if one understands the context and the thing or person connected to the numbers.

A score of 98 means excellence to a student but not to a golfer or a bowler. Health numbers tell about things like weight, blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar. They paint a picture of relative health. Thirty years means one thing at a birthday party and another at a retirement party. Virginia’s unemployment rate is lower than the national rate, but, for one without a job, only one new job counts.

The more than 20,000 members of the sixty-five congregations that form Dover Baptist Association serve almost 500,000 people in seven counties. All who follow Christ have one Great Commission that sends us to every people group. Among those to whom Christ sends us one may count dozens of ways people group themselves together.

Numbers on a calendar like 03-14-2010 means one thing to my sister—it’s her birthday—and another to Atlee Community Church’s West End Campus—its birth date. One new work is starting in an area served by other churches with the goal that all of them together can reach more of the ones in the many people groups in that community.

You may be one who will pray for the new work and the new people it will reach. Pray now and every day you remember to pray. Mark your calendar and pray on 03-14-2010 around 10:00 a.m. (another number.)

Every church has the task of reaching the ones God made it to reach. Dover Baptist Association has launched the Dover Connections Project. We have one goal. We want to help every participating church to look at its numbers in its context, to see itself and its community with the goal of acting, as God leads it, to help connect more people to Christ.

One who follows Christ can touch one other person, one’s family, one’s friends, one’s co-workers, or one’s neighbors. Are you one?

One husband agreed to attend one church with his wife. One pastor built a relationship with that man. Now one more has confessed that Jesus Christ is Lord and believed in his heart that God has raised Him from the dead. That means one more who has been saved!

Is your church one that offers a class for one like you, a class to help you help connect another to Christ? Are you the one that takes the class? Are you one for whom another waits to hear the story of the One who waits for us all?

What number counts? Maybe the number 1 counts most of all. One church offered a class about sharing one’s faith. One friend invited a second friend to attend. When the second friend had her first opportunity to share her faith, she got so excited she told her husband about it. As her husband listened, he found the one Gospel that gives us the one way to connect to the one God. What a “one-derful” day! Today those two have a child who has followed Christ too.

What numbers count?!

–Steve Allsbrook

2010 Marriage Enrichment Enrichment Opportunities

February 7-14 is National Marriage Week. In the U. S., statistics show that marriages come to a premature end at an alarming rate. Half to two-thirds of marriages will end in divorce. A skyrocketing number of children are being raised in a single-parent home. The new norm for young adults has them living together and perhaps getting married someday. Perhaps for God’s people, the worst statistic shows little difference between marriages of Christians and marriages of non-Christians.

Dover Baptist Association supports and partners with First Things First, a ministry that works to strengthen marriages and families in the region. Last year, Dover partnered with First Things First to make the movie *Fireproof* available in our area.

This year, First Things First will make several exciting marriage enrichment opportunities available here:

- **Clergy Breakfast**
February 9, 7:30-9:15 a.m. at Second Baptist Church
Dr. Everett Worthington will speak on “Concrete Suggestions for Strengthening Marriages at Your Church”
- **Clergy and Counselor Certification Training**
February 23
Those who complete the training will have the credentials to use *Prepare and Enrich*, a tool for helping couples understand things about themselves and gain skills to strengthen their pending or existing marriage.
- **Couples Workshop**
February 27, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Tuckahoe YMCA
“*It Takes Two: Keys to a Rewarding Relationship*”
- **Mark Gungor LIVE**
August 20-21 at Mount Gilead Church, Midlothian
“*Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage*”

In August, the capital region will have an incredible marriage enrichment opportunity when Mark Gungor leads “Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage.” Mark serves as the pastor of a multi-site church in Wisconsin, but is best known for his humorous marriage seminars. In the midst of “Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage,” couples will find truths that challenge them and help them build a stronger, more satisfying marriage.

A video clip from Mark’s conference tells “*The Tale of Two Brains*.” Mark illustrates the differences in how God wired men and women. Mark also comically illustrates how these differences in our wiring drive each other crazy! (You can link to this video clip at www.firstthingsrichmond.org, and you can also find it at www.youtube.com.)

For information about these opportunities and more, visit www.firstthingsrichmond.org. You may also call First Things First at (804) 288-3431 and speak with Bob Ruthazer.

Dover Baptist Association values healthy relationships, especially in marriages and families. The ministry of First Things First offers all Dover Baptists some ways and means to build them. You can do something to make them—and your own—stronger in 2010!

–Sam Duenckel

Pray for These

The ministers of Baltimore Baptist Association churches, South African church planter Jeffrey Fololo, and, in Dover, the launch of Atlee Community Church-West End at Short Pump Middle School on March 14 at 10 a.m. and:

- February 7 **Colosse** Stephen Smith, Pastor
Gaynell Smith, Marian Carnell, Rose Rice
- February 14 **Cool Spring** . William Tuck, Intentional Interim
Tony Ramirez, Wayne Smith, Ted Tussey
Glen Bohannon, Bryan Dupuis, Jesse Flury
Greg English, Brenda Kidd, Jill Baughan
Sharon Neeley, Pam O'Brien, Candace Nahodil
Janet Kraft, Sheila Leistner, Laurie Spiers
Linda McNally, Amy Poe, Regina Hodges
Pam Arkesteyn, Jim Legg
Steve Rose, Shirley Newton
- Corinth** Ben Caldwell, Pastor
Don Bradley
- February 21 **Cornerstone Christian** . . . Les Redfern, Pastor
Pam Hughes
- Deep Run** William Catlett, Pastor
Bob Baine, Terry Jones, Andrea Mason
- February 28 **Dover** Michael Garner, Pastor
Deborah Thompson, Donna Martin, Dee Hanes
- East Gate** Catherine Lee, Pastor
Sarah Stith

Congratulations

...to Mike and Kathy Garner, the proud grandparents of Solomon Reid Garner, born December 27 in Denton, TX. Mike serves as pastor of **Dover Baptist Church**.

Personnel Changes

Jesse Flury now serves as Middle School Minister at **Cool Spring Baptist Church**.

Tiffany Slaughter now serves as Minister of Youth at **Emmaus Baptist Church**.

Mechanicsville Honors John Bryant

John Bryant concluded twenty-two years of service as Minister of Education at **Mechanicsville Baptist Church** on December 31. John served with former pastors Don Stewart and Chris Fowler. After Chris went to the mission field, John delayed retirement and helped lead Mechanicsville Baptist Church while it searched for its next pastor. A few months ago Tim Madison arrived as pastor.

Mechanicsville Baptist Church observed John Bryant Day on January 24. They recognized John during the worship service and honored him with gifts and a reception after the service. With the church, Dover Baptists celebrate their years together and John's faithful service.

Position Available

Second Liberty Baptist Church seeks a full-time Minister of Music and/or pianist. Please mail resume to Second Liberty Baptist Church, 8140 George W. Watkins Road, Quinton, VA 23141 or fax it to 804-932-3507.

WMU

February 15-21 - Focus on WMU; Theme: "Called To Love"

February 20 - Children's Ministry Day

March 7-14 - North American Mission Emphasis

March 26-27 - Dover WMU Council meeting and retreat at the Dover Conference Center

Don and Eva Piper Will Speak at Dover's WMU Annual Meeting, May 11

Join us for the Dover WMU Annual Meeting as we welcome best-selling author Don Piper and wife Eva as our guest speakers. First Baptist Church, Ashland will host the meeting on May 11.

Don Piper is a Baptist minister who tells his dramatic, true story of death and life in his best-selling book *90 Minutes in Heaven*. He will speak in the 7:00 p.m. session. In the 4:00 p.m. session Eva Piper will speak of her experience of what happened when the accident that claimed Don's life occurred and all that has followed.

Seating for both sessions and for dinner is limited. DWMU leaders expect a large crowd for this outstanding program.

Don Piper has traveled across the U. S. and to other countries telling his amazing story. Beyond his 90 minutes in heaven, Don brings a story of courage and hope to all who must find a "new normal" to go on with life.

The Dover WMU Annual Meeting is always open to anyone who wishes to attend. However, because of the popularity of Don's message and the limited seating, advance reservations will be required. Afternoon and evening session tickets are free, and a love offering at each session will go to support Don's continuing ministry. There will be a cost for dinner, and dinner reservations are required. A nursery will be provided.

Dover Baptists may order tickets through their church WMU director. For more information, contact your church WMU director, e-mail emiliefsimpson@msn.com, or phone Sharon McKinley at 804-798-6518 after 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or anytime on weekends.

ESL Teacher Certification Training

Friday, March 5, 6:30-9:15 p.m. and

Saturday, March 6, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Friday, March 12, 6:30-9:15 p.m. and

Saturday, March 13, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 P.M.

Cost: \$25.00 (includes workbook)

Please register with the Dover Office by February 26

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. For more information, e-mail jennifer.dover.esl@verizon.net, phone 804-737-6147, or contact the Dover office.

Free Piano and Organ

Sharon Baptist Church has a Hammond Rhythm II organ and an upright piano to give away. Call (804) 769-2320 for details.



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Church News

Emmaus Baptist Church Adult Choir presented the cantata, *Celebrate the Gift* at the Virginia Home on December 6. The children of the church presented a Christmas Play, *Broadcasting Christmas*, at the Virginia Home on December 22.

Hunton Baptist Church filled 150 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child and collected 111 coats for distribution by the Salvation Army. The church also blessed and distributed 29 "Samantha" dolls. Hunton helped four needy families with Christmas gifts and food and donated hats and gloves to Henrico Interfaith Ministries.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church will launch a new program of Discipleship Development Seminars on February 14. The church will offer a variety of seminar topics during 2010 and 2011. Topics include Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, Personal Spiritual Practices, and Finances. For more information, visit www.walnutgrovebaptist.com or phone (804) 746-5081.

Entrust Offers Crown Financial Life Study for Dover Churches

Entrust Federal Credit Union can provide leadership for a Dover church that wants to offer a 10-week Crown Financial Ministries Life Study in your church this Winter. Entrust will also provide the study at a discounted cost to participants.

Entrust cares about the people and the churches. Entrust leaders want your church and your members to have the best budgets in town. More importantly, they want to reinforce why the Bible teaches us that stewardship matters.

To take advantage of this offer from Entrust, call Greta Kidd at 278-4714 or e-mail gkidd@entrustfcu.com.

Sam Duenckel to Lead Crown Financial Money Map Coach Training

Dover Baptist Association will host the Crown Financial Money Map Coach Training course beginning March 15. The course lasts ten weeks. Those who complete the course will have the credentials to serve as Money Map coaches.

Participants will learn God's financial principles. The Money Map coach training empowers one to help others. A Money Map coach serves as a guide that helps another through the program at the student's pace. Each time a coach teaches a participant, the coach is refreshed on God's financial principals as well.

Crown Financial Money Map Coach Training
Mondays, March 15-May 17
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Dover Conference Center
11006 Lakeridge Parkway, Ashland

To register or for more information
e-mail sam@doverbaptist.org
or phone Sam Duenckel, (804) 550-1980

Note: Crown Financial Ministries offers a variety of services and studies. The "Crown Financial Ministries Life Study" offered by Entrust (see left) and Crown Financial Money Map coaching (see above) are two different Crown Financial Ministries tools for personal money management.

—Editor