



# Dover Diary

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## Dover Ministers Conference Picnic, Monday, June 7, 11:30 a.m.

We invite all Dover ministers to enjoy each other's fellowship and a lunch of shrimp and London broil at the Dover Center. Register for door prizes—you must be present. *Please call 804-550-1980 or e-mail info@doverbaptist.org to make your reservation by Wednesday, June 2.*

## Leslie and Hazel Watson Missions Offering

Goal: \$26,000.00  
Received as of May 21: \$7,282.20

## ESL Teacher Certification Training

Friday, August 13, 6:30-9:15 p.m.  
Saturday, August 14, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
(Bring lunch)  
Sunday, August 15, 2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$30.00 (includes workbook)

## Dover Office Closed for Memorial Day

The Dover Office will be closed on Monday, May 31.

## Mark Gungor Helps Area Couples "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage," August 20-21

This summer our region has an incredible marriage enrichment opportunity. Pastor Mark Gungor will lead "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage."

Find truths that challenge you and help you build a stronger, more satisfying marriage. Learn better communication skills. Help your spouse better understand you and your needs. Rekindle the romance and passion in your marriage. No workbooks necessary!

Guys, this really is for you too! Wives, "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage" is the one marriage event your husband will actually thank you for making him attend.

In "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! (Link to this video clip at [www.doverbaptist.org](http://www.doverbaptist.org).)

Dover Baptist Association values healthy relationships, including in marriage and family relationships. *Dover has places for 50 Dover couples at a special discounted price of just \$40, available on a first-come-first-served basis. Your pastor and spouse get free admission with the paid admission for even one couple from your church!* Call (804) 550-1980 or e-mail [sam@doverbaptist.org](mailto:sam@doverbaptist.org) to get yours.



with **Mark Gungor** at  
Mount Gilead Full Gospel Church  
2501 Mount Gilead Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23235  
Friday, August 20, 7:00-10:00 p.m.  
Saturday, August 21, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Cost \$69 per couple (\$60 before August 1)

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## With My Boys on the Boat

Barbara and I raised three boys, Bob, Bill, and Ben. One of them owns a sailboat. Can you imagine these three sons—now men—and me spending a week together on a space only 27 feet long? What a gift!

Sailing the Chesapeake Bay was a boyhood dream. Over the years the best that I could do was rent a Sunfish, something like a surfboard with a sail, when the family went to the beach. That was enough for the sailing bug to bite Bill, our middle son.

Bill owns a 27-foot sailboat, an Island Packet. That size boat is just right for the Chesapeake Bay. It has a tiny head (bathroom), a little galley (kitchen), and four bunks. Its small diesel engine moves the boat when not under sail.

The demands of a congregation often consume a minister's family time. I devoted many evenings, weekends, and even some vacation times to the churches I served as pastor. I promised myself, Barbara, and our sons that my family would come first when I retired. How have my sons reacted to my priorities? I thank God that I can say *they make time for us to go sailing.*

We head out into the bay when the wind is up a bit. Bill turns off the popping motor. We set the sails. The boat cuts silently through the water. It heels to one side, and bubbles rush and gurgle out the wake. Here I am, living my boyhood dream of sailing the Chesapeake Bay. As a boy, I could never have dreamed of doing this with my three sons.

Bill chooses a creek in which we anchor for the night. The sunset sky may turn a brilliant red and the overhanging leaves of the back-lit trees along the banks frame it. The beauty of God's creation surrounds us. Waves gently rock us to sleep.

Singing birds wake us at first light. That day we may sail along a river. A pod of dolphins swim along with the boat, some going ahead, some under, some trailing, and all having fun. We are too.

When Virginia observed the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, I asked Bill if we could sail there. We four spent a night in Hampton and the next in Smithfield. From there we sailed to Jamestown. I felt like Capt. John Smith. Barbara and our daughters-in-law, with children in tow, met us. We spent a couple of days taking our grandchildren to the exhibits. What a trip!

On another trip we sailed into Baltimore harbor to see an Orioles game. Our wives and children met us there. We walked to the baseball stadium at Camden Yards. Thousands attend those games. How many people go to the games by sailboat?

A red-white-and-blue buoy marks the spot where Francis Scott Key wrote *The Star-Spangled Banner* off Fort McHenry. We strained to sing it as we sailed by. It was patriotic, but we sounded terrible.

We have sailed from Havre de Grace to the Capes. Once Bill took us under the Chesapeake Bay Bridge under full sail! That is a sailing feat.

Our journeys have taken us through the Dismal Swamp Canal. We have crisscrossed the Bay to Rock Hall, Oxford,

and Cambridge. We have sailed up the York to Yorktown, the Rappahannock to Urbanna, and the Severn to Gloucester.

Imagine sailing into Annapolis. Tie up in "Ego Alley." Enjoy crabs at Buddy's Crabs and Ribs, then watch the Friday evening sailboat races. What a life!

One rainy Friday Bill took me to Tangier Island. The wind blew on our bow all the way. With the headwind and swells of five or six feet, we had to motor. We bounced up and down all day. That rainy night we went ashore to find dinner. Tangier Island natives have a distinctive dialect. We would not have found a restaurant open at that hour if some teenage girl had not *pointed* us in the right direction—we never understood a word she said. The next morning the wind had shifted and we motored/bounced back against those same tall waves.

There was the day we found ourselves low on fuel and could not motor. We sailed all day from the mouth of the York to the mouth of the Rappahannock. All morning the Wolf Trap Lighthouse provided a landmark off our bow; all afternoon, we saw it off our stern. We sailed in a rough sea with a strong northeasterly wind. It meant sailing the boat almost on its side all day long. Sailing the boat almost on its side got our adrenaline going!

Once, I stepped back off the boat just as a gust of wind moved the boat away from the dock. I stepped into the water between the boat and the dock and went straight down! It was embarrassing. We had a dinner date with Bill's sailing friends, so I was dressed in my best—soaked. Those good people have never forgotten that. Worse, I had my cell phone in my pocket. It held more than 250 phone numbers. (I am grateful that a skilled technician retrieved every number.)

My self-respect was somewhat restored the next year when Barbara and I had a room at a marina where we were docked, the boys staying on the boat. Late at night there was a knock on the door. It was our oldest son, Bob, who had a silly grin on his face. He was drenched! He was carrying ice to the boat, tripped on the dark dock, and went diving in!

The boys and I were out one perfect sailing day. The blue sky held a few fleecy clouds. One little black cloud came up, and Bill said it was time to get the sail in. We said, "It will go around." A squall hit us soon after. Barbara had driven to the bed-and-breakfast where we were to meet her. When Barbara walked in, a woman was on the phone anxiously telling someone a boat that was to come in was caught in the storm. The woman sounded frantic. Barbara said, "That's my family!" Then Barbara phoned me. I lightheartedly told her I had paid 25¢ for such rides at Ocean View Amusement Park in my youth. Ben, our youngest son, seated on the stern, quietly said, "Do you think it's time to wake Jesus?" Immediately, just as quickly as the storm started, it stopped. We recalled Luke 8:22-25; Jesus was with us in the boat, awake.

Sailing the Chesapeake Bay has fulfilled a boyhood dream for me. Still, the best part is just hanging out with our children. We have long talks about anything. We have quiet times of saying nothing, of just being together. That time is the best gift a parent (or a child) could get, and gifts like that don't require a sailboat.

—Bob Boggs

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## Pray for These

**The ministers of Baltimore Baptist Association churches, South African church planter Jeffrey Fololo, and, in Dover:**

June 6 **Indian View** . . . . . Ken Makela, Pastor  
Carol Lewis  
June 13 **Kentwood Heights** . . . . . Dave Smith, Pastor  
Mike Bailey, Irene Crump, LaVonda Morr  
June 20 **Little Elam** . . . . . Frank Long, Pastor  
Daniel Wallace, Sarah Gregory, Thelma King  
June 27 **Manakin, First** . . . . . Deborah Sams, Pastor  
Elizabeth Howell

## Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to the family of Meda Rae Holland, the wife of Joe Holland. Meda Rae served beside Joe who served as pastor of churches in Spotsylvania, Roanoke, Portsmouth and Richmond. Since retiring as pastor of **Broadus Memorial Baptist Church**, Joe has served several Dover churches as interim pastor and pulpit supply minister.

## Congratulations

...to Tyler English, 2010 recipient of the W. Paul Hepler Scholarship awarded by Dover Baptist Association. Tyler, a member of **Cool Spring Baptist Church**, is a senior at Hanover High School. He plans to attend George Mason University in the fall. His parents are Greg and Kelly English.

...to Larry Frakes, retired Pastor of **Cool Spring Baptist Church**. Cool Spring honored Larry, naming him Pastor Emeritus for 25 years of ministry.

...to Adam Phlegar, Minister of Youth of **Goochland Baptist Church**, who will receive the Master of Divinity degree from Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond.

...to Beth and Charles Ward, Pastor of **Pamunkey Indian Baptist Church** upon the birth of their granddaughter Emelia Naomi Bennett.

...to Connie Vaughan who served as Church Treasurer at **Parham Baptist Church** for 25 years. The church honored Connie and expressed its appreciation for her faithful service.

...to Darlene Slater Herod (**North Run Baptist Church**). At its annual meeting, the **Virginia Baptist Historical Society** honored Darlene who has served on the staff of the Society for 25 years. The Society also recognized Richard Bowman (**Little Elam Baptist Church**) and Mary Katherine Shepherd (**Dover Baptist Church**) who completed their service on the Society's Executive Board.

## Personnel Changes

Phillip Barton has concluded his service as Associate Pastor of **Hunton Baptist Church**.

Peggy Hildreth has concluded her service as organist at **Mechanicsville Baptist Church**. In all, Peggy served for 40 years at Venable Baptist Church, Westhill Baptist Church, and Mechanicsville Baptist Church, formed when Venable and Westhill merged.

Betty Foster, organist/accompanist at **Ridge Baptist Church** for 26 years, has concluded her service.

## DWMU News

June 1 Dover WMU Council Planning Session  
6:00 p.m. at the Dover Center  
June 19 Mission Friends Carnival  
10 a.m.-Noon at Beulah Baptist Church  
July 15 Missions Awareness Day  
10 a.m.-Noon, Western Hanover Church  
Bring a sandwich; beverage and dessert provided  
August 19 Spiritual Enrichment Retreat  
6:00 p.m. Dinner (\$6.00), 7:00 p.m. Program  
New Highland Baptist Church  
Guest Speaker: Joe Dittmar

## DWMU Annual Meeting—THANK YOU!

The Dover Baptist Association WMU Annual Meeting was a huge success. First Baptist Church, Ashland "pulled out all the stops," doing a phenomenal job as the host church.

The following officers were elected:

Director	Sharon McKinley
Assistant Director	Emilie Simpson
Churchwide Missions Consultant	Helen Wood
Women/Adults on Mission Consultant	Bettilu Fletcher
Missions Awareness Consultant	Hilma Herron
Missions Growth Consultant	Cathy Williams
Missions Involvement Consultant	Jackie Eby
Secretary/Treasurer	Carolyn Hollins
Auditor	Sue Hall
Acteens/Youth Consultant	Cindy Marshall
Children/Girls in Action Co-Consultant	Kim Gilman
Children/Girls in Action Co-Consultant	Brenda Woodcock
Mission Friends Consultant	Suzy Shanes

The meeting recorded what may be the largest attendance ever at a Dover WMU Annual Meeting. Completed registration cards showed members of 36 churches present with a registered attendance of 349 in the afternoon session and 497 in the evening. Total attendance was higher, with few empty seats.

Eva and Don Piper both gave inspiring messages of hope and encouragement. The Pipers did not have a set charge for their services. They came asking only that we receive a love offering for Don Piper Ministries. Those present gave \$3,465.15, another record, all of which went to Don Piper Ministries.

Fred Horn played the piano for both sessions. Claire Glisson sang in the afternoon session. In the evening session, little Haley Joyce sang. Each made lasting impressions. We thank God for them, the gifts they shared with us, and the blessings we received through them.

None of this would have been possible without the help of dozens of volunteers and the cooperation of the host church, First Baptist, Ashland. Lydia Collins led the church's team. They truly made this a fun event. Space does not permit listing every name, but to everyone who helped make this DWMU Annual Meeting great, "Thank you for the time and effort you gave!"

Thanks to the work of George Biggs, you may buy a DVD of the entire meeting. The DVD offers a great way to remember the Pipers' message of hope and share it with others (and share a little about WMU too). The cost is \$5 plus postage. To order, call Sharon McKinley, (804) 798-6518 after 7:30 p.m., or e-mail wmuission@aol.com.



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Peggy Etheridge, Ministry Assistant  
Bob Boggs, Associate for Ministry to Church Leaders  
Barbara Boggs, Associate for Ministry to Church Leader  
Families  
Nita May, Regional Ministries Coordinator, CVBM

## Church News

**Berea Baptist Church** held a yard sale on April 24 and raised \$463 for the benefit of the church.

**Cool Spring Baptist Church** Travelers visited the U.S. Army Quartermaster and Women's Museums at Fort Lee.

**Emmaus Baptist Church** Willing Workers held a yard sale and raised \$917 to use in mission projects and the "left-overs" were donated to "For the Love of Jesus," a ministry in Highland Springs.

**Hunton Baptist Church** youth held a cantata luncheon on Palm Sunday, raising \$936, and had a chicken dinner/car wash/yard sale and raised over \$1,700.

**Mechanicsville Baptist Church** Youth Group held a Potato Bar fundraiser after church on April 18 and raised over \$1,200. Fifteen adults attended the Senior Adult Retreat at Eagle Eyrie May 17-19.

**Ridge Baptist Church** RA group, with the help of the church membership, donated 600 pounds of food to the Central Virginia Food Bank.

## It's Good to Give

Entrust Federal Credit Union is teaming up with Goodwill to help our neighbors. Check your closets and bring your gently used items to Entrust on Wednesday, June 9 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for donation to donate to the local chapter. Everyone who participates will receive cookies, a gift from Entrust, and a chance to win more on the Wheel of Prizes.

Visit [www.efcu.coop/itsgoodtogive](http://www.efcu.coop/itsgoodtogive) for more information and donating guidelines. E-mail [afallecker@entrustfcu.com](mailto:afallecker@entrustfcu.com) or call (804) 200-5028 for more information.

## Egypt VBS Materials

If you plan to use Group Publishing's *Egypt* VBS materials and plan to build the palace entrance, Mechanicsville Baptist Church has the single-face corrugated material suggested for it. The cost is minimal. Call Ward Hildreth at 559-9529.

## Community Clothing Give-Away

**Saturday, July 10, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

**Mount Olivet Baptist Church Fellowship Hall**  
**15583 Coatesville Road, Beaverdam, VA 23015**

The community is invited to come and select gently used clothing for their children and youth for the coming school year. Clothing will also be available for other ages, infant through adult. A hot dog lunch will be served. The Mount Olivet WMU is sponsoring this *free* event for the community.

## Dover Student Ministries Council

High school graduation is upon us! The Dover Student Ministries Council wants the names and home addresses of all our high school seniors who will plan to attend college this fall. We would like to send them a care package of useful items and information about Baptist Collegiate Ministries. We also want to know which school they will attend so we can also pass along their names to the Baptist Collegiate Minister there.

Please call David and Jennifer Chrisman at 804-737-6147 or e-mail [david.chrisman@juno.com](mailto:david.chrisman@juno.com) to get the form. Return the completed form by July 16 to allow time for the care package to reach your collegiate students.

## Position Available

**Corinth Baptist Church** in New Kent County seeks a part-time youth minister. Must have or be pursuing a bachelor's degree. Experience with youth and theological training preferred. Ministry calling essential. Send resumes to Youth Minister Search Committee at [youth@corinthbaptist.us](mailto:youth@corinthbaptist.us).

**Gochland Baptist Church** seeks a full-time staff person to serve as Pastor to Families-Music Director (for a traditional service). For more information, contact Search Committee, 2454 Manakin Road, Manakin-Sabot, VA 23103 or e-mail [Dean.Frazeur@gmail.com](mailto:Dean.Frazeur@gmail.com).