



# Dover Diary

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## Leslie and Hazel Watson Association Missions Offering Past Goal and Still Climbing!

Goal: \$26,000.00

Received as of August 19: \$30,513.26

## Dover Ministers Conference

Monday, September 20, 10:30 a.m.

Dover Conference Center

Lunch Cost: \$7.00 per person

Speaker: Dr. Jeff Cranford, Financial Support  
Planning Specialist, VBMB

Topic: *GuideStone Retirement Plan Seminar*

*Please tell the Dover office you plan to attend  
and make lunch reservations by September 15.*

## Annual Meeting October 24

Hosted by Poplar Springs Baptist Church

Hear Dover Connections Project Reports and  
Jeffrey Fololo, South African Church Planter!

Registration opens at 3:30 p.m.

Afternoon session 4:00 p.m.

Dinner by reservation served at 5:35 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Evening session 6:45-8:15 p.m.

*Please make dinner reservations with the Dover  
Office by October 15.*

Elect your messengers!

## Central Virginia Raceway Ministry Requests Homemade Cookies for September Races

**Please bring bags of cookies to the Dover Center on September 7, 8, or 9 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.** Central Virginia Raceway Ministry asks mission groups, Sunday School classes, youth groups and others to make homemade cookies to share September 10-11. Please put 2-3 medium-sized cookies in clear, locking-style, sandwich-sized plastic bags. Label each bag, "Compliments of \_\_\_\_\_ Baptist Church." (No tracts please!)

*We welcome volunteers to serve in ministry at Richmond International Raceway, September 9-11.* Distribute water and cookies; entertain audiences; serve as chaplains and help with site logistics and support. Training will be provided. Contact the Dover office to sign up.

## State Fair Mission Opportunity

The 2010 Virginia State Fair will take place in its new Caroline County location, September 23-October 3. **Central Virginia Baptist Ministries asks for hospitality bags to share with State Fair workers.** Hospitality bags should include toiletry items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, shampoo, conditioner, band-aids, lip balm, soap, and tissues. Please put items in gallon-sized zip-lock style plastic bags.

*Bring your hospitality bags to the Dover office by September 15.*

## Central Virginia Baptist Ministries Leadership Development Conference

**"Making Connections: Being the Church Together"**

Monday, September 27

Cool Spring Baptist Church, 9283 Atlee Station Road, Mechanicsville

Dinner by reservation served 5:45-6:30 p.m., cost: \$7.00 per person

Plenary Session with Dr. Bill Tuck, 6:40-6:50 p.m.

Conference Session I, 6:55-7:55 p.m.

Conference Session II, 8:00-8:55 p.m.

Register for conferences now at [www.cvbm.org](http://www.cvbm.org). *For dinner reservations, please mail a check for \$7.00 per person, due September 17,* to: Central Virginia Baptist Ministries, c/o Joan Hudson, 1975 Urbine Road, Powhatan, VA 23139.

## Reserve Saturday January 29, 2011!

Dover Music Director Pam Cross has planned the second Dover Baptist Association Adult Choir Festival for Saturday, January 29, 2011. Look for details in future issues of the "Dover Diary" or contact the Dover Office.

## Goodbye and Thanks, Nita and Gayle

July's "Dover Diary" included an article about changes coming to Central Virginia Baptist Ministries. Leaders in Dover, Richmond, and Middle District Associations believe we can do more together than alone. Still, Richmond and Middle District notified CVBM that they would no longer continue the current level of financial support. This notice directly affected the CVBM staff. Nita May served as Regional Ministries Director, and Gayle Taylor served as Associate for Ministries. God provided new opportunities, and each concluded her service with CVBM on August 31.

Nita May started serving CVBM in December 2006. Gayle Taylor joined the staff in January 2008. Each used her experience, talents, and personal commitment to serve Christ through the ministry of CVBM.

In addition to family roles, Nita has a variety of work experiences which she brought to CVBM. In her role as Regional Ministries Director, Nita served as a catalytic missionary and an administrator. Nita oversaw cooperative events such as the Leadership Development Conference and the conference for deacons and pastors. She "established herself as a leader, resource, and team member for the associations and our churches."

For years, Nita and husband Wayne have taken an active part at Lyndale Baptist Church in Chesterfield County. Wayne decided to close his building contracting business. He hoped to move closer to their house at the river. Soon after Middle District and Richmond Associations shared their decisions to reduce funding for CVBM, Wayne and Nita put their house on the market. It sold quickly, and they have already moved.

On summer Sundays Nita leads a worship service in that resort community. After they expand their river house, Nita hopes to spend some time writing and discovering what else God may lead her to do.

Like Nita, Gayle Taylor has roles as a wife and mother. She plays an active role at her church—Graceland Baptist in Powhatan. Also like Nita, Gayle experienced a sense of call to ministry. She enrolled in Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond as a part-time student. Before she joined Nita at CVBM, Gayle had put her two degrees in English literature to work as a faculty member at John Tyler Community College. She has already returned to the John Tyler faculty. Gayle and husband Jeff expect to have two children in college next year, so Gayle plans to teach while taking classes at seminary.

Dover, Middle District, and Richmond Baptists want Nita and Gayle to know that we appreciate their ministry among us. The CVBM Coordinating Team will recognize Nita at the opening assembly of the 2010 Leadership Development Conference (Gayle cannot attend that evening). Each association will recognize them later. Dover Baptists plan to recognize both Nita and Gayle at Dover's 2010 Annual Meeting on October 24 at Poplar Springs Baptist Church.

Baptists across the capital region thank God for sending Nita May and Gayle Taylor to serve among us. As God reassigns them, we pray that God will bless them in new endeavors. Wherever they minister, God will bless others as God has blessed us through them. We are grateful for their ministry here.

—Steve Allsbrook

## Seeing Our Churches Like Guests Do

Some two dozen Dover churches are participating in the Dover Connections Project. Some have already planned or started something new—a special event, ministry, or program. Others seek God's direction, trying to discern "one new thing" God will lead their church to offer next. Wherever a church finds itself on this journey, it may find some helpful tools and resources to use along the way.

A friend told me about one such resource. Paco Underhill wrote *Why We Buy: The Science Behind Shopping*. The book does not speak of churches, but, as I read it, I asked myself how this might benefit Dover churches. The book speaks of businesses and consumer behavior. Guests often enter our churches with a consumer-like mind set. Would it benefit our churches for leaders to learn about the actions of people as they enter a building?

The chapter on the use of signs caught my attention. The author talked about how stores would just stick signs up where they seemed to fit. However, those placements may not help guests. For example, some signs faced away from the most heavily traveled paths. Some signs were too small or had too many words, making them virtually useless. Are your church's signs guest-friendly? (You do *have* signs, right?)

Often a guest cannot see directional signs from the church parking area. Do you have signs to show a new guest where to enter? A guest might logically choose to enter the nearest door or the largest door, one that leads to the sanctuary. Might a guest using that door interrupt a class? Once inside, would signs or a greeter direct the guest?

Imagine visiting a typical church. The parking area may lead to the sanctuary doors. Imagine entering a foyer, and hearing voices coming from within. Perhaps a class is meeting. A guest must decide whether to risk attracting attention and distracting the class by going further into the building. Some might call this a perfect way to introduce a guest to the class. A guest might exit the foyer and look for another way to enter—or leave. No one wants to get into an embarrassing situation, especially guests who find church a new experience.

Guests may take a chance on heading in the right direction. One might find water fountains and restrooms located near each other, for example.

Some churches have welcome centers. If your church has a welcome center, is the center in a guest-friendly area? According to *Why We Buy*, there are areas in all buildings that people miss. For example, you might go into a grocery store for just a few items and immediately turn to the right for the produce. Then you remember you need milk, located in the back, and realize you need a grocery cart or basket. Where can you find one? You have to go back to the front of the store. Where would a guest who enters through the sanctuary find the welcome center? If one has to move to the educational building, the church office, or children's area to find the welcome center for the worship service, or vice versa, a guest may feel more like an athlete than a guest. (*For more on the church's welcome center, see "Welcome Centers" by Scott Vaughan at [www.doverbaptist.org](http://www.doverbaptist.org).*)

Dover Baptists want to connect people to Christ and to our churches. Caring to understanding their needs can help our guests discover we truly welcome them to make Dover churches their church homes.

—Sam Duenckel

## Pray for These

**The ministers of Baltimore Baptist Association churches, South African church planter Jeffrey Fololo, and, in Dover:**  
September 5 **Parham Road** . . . . . Spencer Dillard, Pastor  
Tim Pierce, Frances Whitlock  
September 5 **Pioneer** . . . . . Paul Beith, Pastor  
Glenn Russell, Judy Stell  
September 12 **Poplar Springs** . . . . . Stephen Crane, Pastor  
Lynn Blue, Betty Wajciechowski  
September 19 **Rappahannock Indian** . . . Ron Nicholls, Pastor  
Judith Fortune  
September 26 **Ridge** . . . . . Alan Ray, Pastor  
Tom Baynham, Abbie Duenckel  
Theresa Altland, Louise Crooks, Joan Gillespie

## Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to Glenn Russell, music director of **Pioneer Baptist Church**, and family in the death of his wife Patricia.

## Congratulations

...to Jesse and Heather Flury on the birth of their daughter Raegan Flury. Jesse serves as the Minister of Junior High Youth at **Cool Spring Baptist Church**.

## Personnel Changes

Rev. Carla Dillard now serves as Minister of Children, Youth and Families at **Parham Road Baptist Church**.

Dr. Clarke Hawkins now serves as Pastor at **Hillcrest Baptist Church**.

Rev. Phillip Higgins now serves as Minister of Music at **First Baptist Church, West Point**.

Rev. Nita May, Regional Ministries Director, and Gayle Taylor, Associate for Missions, have concluded their service with **Central Virginia Baptist Ministries**.

Rev. Tony Ramirez has concluded his service as Care Minister at **Cool Spring Baptist Church**.

Dr. Jeff Scott now serves as Senior Pastor at **Northside Baptist Church**.

## ESL Ministries—Much More than a Lesson Plan

**Second Baptist Church, 9614 River Road, Richmond  
September 18, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.**

General Session, 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Breakout Groups, 2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Concluding Challenge, 4:40 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00. Please mail check payable to Dover Baptist Association, marked "ESL, SEP 18" and mail it with your contact information to Dover Baptist Association, Attn: ESL-SEP 18, 11006 Lakeridge Parkway, Ashland, VA 23005.

## Clergy Appreciation Day

**Sunday, October 10, 2010**

## DWMU News

September 7      Dover WMU Council 6 p.m.  
September 12-19    Week of Prayer for Virginia Missions

## Children's Mission Event

**CIA/GA Mission Event for Girls and Boys, Grades 1-6  
Saturday, September 25, 9:00 a.m.-Noon  
International Learning Center, 16492 MLC Lane, Rockville**  
Bring a bag lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Please RSVP to Brenda Woodcock, 804-651-2429, by September 22.

## "Raise the Roof" at Camp Crossroads

**Put New Roofs on Cabins, Lodges, and Gym SEP 16-19**

CrossRoads Camp and Conference Center invites all willing volunteers to bring their tools, enthusiasm, and able bodies for a "roof raising" weekend September 16-19! The plan is to put new roofs on all cabins, lodges, and the gym—in one weekend! Come for any or all the days. Volunteer jobs also include on-the-ground tasks and small jobs. CrossRoads Camp will provide lodging and meals. Register at [www.wmuv.org/raisetherooft](http://www.wmuv.org/raisetherooft), 1-800-255-2428 (ext. 8267), or e-mail [wmuv@wmuv.org](mailto:wmuv@wmuv.org).

## Position Available

**First Baptist Church, Ashland** seeks a part-time Director of Children's Ministry to coordinate and assist in leading activities for children age 2 to 13 years. For more information, visit [www.firstbaptistashland.org](http://www.firstbaptistashland.org).

**Grace Baptist Church** seeks a Minister of Children and Youth Discipleship 30 hours per week. The candidate needs specific skills in spiritual formation for children and youth. A seminary degree and some experience are preferred. E-mail resume to [gbchurch@gbconline.org](mailto:gbchurch@gbconline.org), Attention: Reverend Dr. Elizabeth P. Mills or mail it to 4200 Dover Road, Richmond, VA 23221. See [www.gbconline.org](http://www.gbconline.org) for the full job description.

**Mechanicsville Baptist Church** seeks a part-time organist/accompanist for its traditional worship services and weekly adult choir rehearsals. E-mail Brenda Brown at [music4mbc10@gmail.com](mailto:music4mbc10@gmail.com), call her at 804-746-7253, or address mail to Mechanicsville Baptist Church, 8016 Atlee Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23111.

**Second Branch Baptist Church** seeks a full-time Minister of Music to minister to the congregation and surrounding community through music ministry. Send a resume before September 1 to Mrs. Vicki Stitzer, Personnel Chairman, c/o Second Branch Baptist Church, 12217 Second Branch Road, Chesterfield, VA 23838, or e-mail it to [Vicki1801@aol.com](mailto:Vicki1801@aol.com) or [VickiStitzer@ciprichmond.com](mailto:VickiStitzer@ciprichmond.com).

## Dover Senior Lunch

**Tuesday, November 23, Noon**

**Mount Vernon Baptist Church**

**Guest Musician: Dr. Drexel Rayford, Pastor of Walnut Grove Baptist Church**

**Lunch cost is \$6.00 per person.**

*Make reservations with the Dover Office by November 15!*



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## Church News

**Antioch Baptist Church** had 20 people to go on a mission trip July 19-24 at Eagle Eyrie.

**Black Creek Baptist Church** youth will hold a Brunswick Stew on September 11.

**Corinth Baptist Church** held a "Back to School Bash" August 21 and gave away school supplies and children's clothing to New Kent families.

**Emmaus Baptist Church** held the "ATTIC Blowout" on August 21, a youth event also sponsored by Dover's Youth Council, with 95 youth and 30 adults from around the area.

A team from **First Baptist Church, West Point** went on a mission trip to Guatemala August 9-15 and took antibiotics for the people in the villages.

**Fort Lee Baptist Church** WMU, along with other area churches, has been sponsoring hot breakfasts for the homeless in Monroe Park each Sunday, along with a worship service.

**Four Mile Creek Baptist Church** hosted a youth event called "SHINE!" on August 13 and 14. They also hosted The Anchormen on August 19.

Members of **Hillcrest Baptist Church** donated money, material, equipment, and time for a mini "extreme home makeover" for a young man with medical problems.

**Indian View Baptist Church** held homecoming and revival August 1-4 with guest preacher David Locklear.

**Mechanicsville Baptist Church** held a special service and reception on August 1 to honor Peggy Hildreth on her retirement as organist. A group of 37 youth and 8 chaperones went to Nashville, TN for M-Fuge the week of July 18.

On July 10 **Mount Olivet Baptist Church** sponsored a "Community Clothing Give-away." Four members traveled to Ufa, Russia on a mission trip. The church also sponsored a "Community School Supplies Give-away" August 21.

**Parham Road Baptist Church** hosted "Calvary's Mercy" in concert.

## Church News (cont.)

**Poplar Springs Baptist Church** sent a group of 21 adults and youth to Standing Rock Indian Reservation in the Dakotas. The group ministered through medical teams, construction/repair teams, recreational sports teams, and VBS teams. Several church members and deacons participated in the inaugural Varina Day 5K run.

**Shalom Baptist Church** youth traveled to the Shenandoah National Forest for a five-hour hike on Old Rag Mountain.

**Walnut Grove Baptist Church** youth went on a mission trip to Philadelphia July 25-31.

## Annual Church Profiles Due October 4

With the autumn comes falling leaves and, for Dover churches, the Annual Church Profile. The person responsible for completing your church's ACP should complete it online or return the paper copy to the Dover Office by October 1.

Please help us by completing your church's ACP promptly. For assistance, e-mail [sue@doverbaptist.org](mailto:sue@doverbaptist.org) or call Sue Hall at the Dover Office, 804-550-1980. Thank you!

## Baptist Ministry Assistants of Virginia One Day Fall Conference

**Friday, September 24, 2010, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**The Chesapeake, Newport News, VA**

For more information, go to [www.bmav.wordpress.com](http://www.bmav.wordpress.com).

## Dover Office Closed for Labor Day and for a Staff Development Day

The Dover Office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 6 and for staff development on Friday, September 24.