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**Joint Dover and Richmond  
Ministers Conference Lunch  
Fellowship with other pastors and staff from  
both Dover and Richmond Associations  
Tuesday, September 6, 12 noon  
Richmond Baptist Association  
3111 Moss Side Avenue, Richmond  
Lunch Cost: \$6.00  
*Please call 329-1701 by Friday, September 2 to  
make reservations with the Richmond Baptist  
Association office.***

## Leslie and Hazel Watson Missions Offering



## Phillip E. Rodgerson, A Friend of Dover

God left an indelible mark on Virginia Baptists in the life and ministry of Phillip E. Rodgerson. Phil's earthly life ended on June 10, but his influence in Dover and elsewhere lives on.

Phil grew up in Norfolk, Virginia where he attended a Baptist church with his parents. Phil answered God's call to get an education and to prepare for ministry among Baptists. God led him back to Virginia where Phil served as the founding pastor of Bon Air Baptist Church in Richmond from 1953-1966.

Phil came to the attention of Virginia Baptist leaders. In 1966 he joined the state mission staff. During his 27 years on the Virginia Baptist staff Phil had leadership roles in evangelism and missions work. His role as state missions director connected him with Dover and other associations across Virginia.

Phil's influence has shaped Dover for four decades. Phil played the key role in connecting Richard Moore and Dover Baptist Association. He and Richard had connected through Norfolk Baptist Association where Richard, a pastor in that association, served as the association's Sunday School Director. Phil brought Richard's name to the attention of Dover's search team. Richard said, "If it had not been for Phil, I would not have served at Dover." (Richard served Dover from 1977-1995, and Dover honored Richard with the title of Executive Director Emeritus.)

"Phil was very supportive of my work in Dover," said Richard, "and I really valued his affirmation for me and my work." Richard asked Phil to lead Dover's first strategy planning retreat. That retreat produced Dover's first campaign to raise money to buy land for new churches. Richard added, "Every director of missions in the state who served with Phil Rodgerson will agree that he was one of Virginia Baptists' finest leaders."

Phil influenced Dover in at least two other significant ways. After Richard retired, Phil served Dover as its interim director of missions. He had direct influence at Dover during that time.

Phil also influenced Dover indirectly through Steve Allsbrook. Steve worked under Phil Rodgerson from 1987-1993. Phil brought Steve to the Virginia Baptist state staff where Steve worked alongside Phil and Craig Wilson. Steve received training and gained experience in association work beyond his work as a pastor who had taken an active part in his local association. After Phil retired, Steve asked Phil to supervise Steve's doctoral work. They maintained a friendship that lasted until Phil's death.

Steve said, "Phil Rodgerson had one of the sharpest minds among Baptists. He had a national reputation as a mission leader and researcher. He cared for associations and their leaders and helped them develop new skills. I thank God for Phil, for what he meant to me, to Dover Baptist Association, and to Virginia Baptists. Dover Baptists express our deepest sympathy to Phil's wife Bernice, their children, and other family members."

A public celebration of Phil's life and ministry took place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 30 in the chapel of First Baptist Church, Monument Avenue at the Boulevard, in Richmond. A number of Dover Baptists attended.



**2011  
Leadership  
Development  
Conference**

**"Leadership:  
Matters of the Heart"  
Acts 11:23**

**Monday, September 19  
River Road Church, Baptist  
8000 River Road  
Richmond**

5:45-6:30 P.M.  
Fellowship and Refreshments

6:30-6:55 P.M.  
Plenary session with  
Dr. Mike Clingenpeel

7:00 P.M. Conference Session I  
8:00 P.M. Conference Session II

***Registration - \$5  
Pay at the Door***

## Conferences and Leaders

1. "Pursuing Missional Faithfulness"  
- Jim Peak
2. "Going from Attractional to Missional"  
- John Chandler
3. "Prayer Life: Health and Wellness"  
- Randy Ashcraft
4. "Worship that Expresses a Heart for God"  
- Tom Ingram
5. "Creating a Welcoming Environment"  
- Ralph Starling
6. "Preschool Children Sunday School"  
- Amanda Lott
7. "Children Sunday School"  
- Annette McMahan
8. "Sunday School General Officers"  
- David Burt
9. "More to Life" - Caitlin McLaren Figura
10. "Grief Support" - Dan Bagby
11. "Youth Sunday School" - Derek Gordon
12. "Adult Sunday School" - Rupert Rose
13. "Sunday School Outreach" - Sharon Smith
14. "Fresh Expressions: The Church Engaging  
Its Community" - Wayne Faison
15. "Humor in the Bible" - Mark Biddle
16. "How to Approach Bible Study"  
- Mark Biddle
17. "Connecting Parents to the Heart of Youth  
Ministry" - Cindy Marshall
18. "Youth: Doors to Communication and  
Windows of Opportunity" - Cindy Marshall
19. "How to be a Better Steward in Tough  
Economic Times" - Don Campbell
20. "Veteran Teachers: How to Stay  
Connected/Fresh for Life" - Lucy Dorr
21. "Coaching/Mentoring" - Ken Kessler
22. "The Spiritual Formation of the  
Pastor/Minister" - John Chandler
23. "Overcoming Fears of Ministering to  
Those Different from Us" - Dan Bagby
24. "Pressure Facing Boomers Today"  
- Bob Dale
25. "A Personal Connection with God"  
- Steve Booth

## Pray for These

The ministers of Baltimore Baptist Association churches, Thembalihle Baptist Church and Pastor Jeffrey Fololo, and, in Dover:

- August 7 **New Highland** . . . . . Bob Lee, Pastor  
Derek Gordon, Bob Fleming, Kim Gunn  
Page Marriner, Sheri Castle, Kimi Brown  
Barbara Aylor, Kristi Garstang, Randy Cox  
**New Life** . . . . . Raleigh James, Pastor  
Joni Welborn, Danny Lambert, Tempie Ruff
- August 14 **North Run** . . . . . Tom Gaskins, Pastor  
Kerry Smith, Denise Hall  
Morgan Day, Kim Shumate
- August 21 **Northside** . . . . . Jeff Scott, Pastor  
Pamela Cross, Lori Stidham  
Kathie Doubt, Donise Boone
- August 28 **Oak Hall** . . Tom Doubt, Intentional Interim Pastor  
Agnes Loyall, Janice Haynes  
**Pamunkey Indian** . . . . . Charles Ward, Pastor  
Joyce Krigsvold

## Get Well Wishes

...to Joyce Corey, wife of Bill Corey, pastor at **Antioch Baptist Church**, recuperating from surgery.

## Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to Rev. Earl Calvert on the death of his wife. Rev. Calvert was pastor of **Glen Allen Baptist Church** from 1971-1973.  
...to the family of Rev. John McKay on his death May 31. Rev. McKay was pastor of **Glen Allen Baptist Church** from 1983-1986.

## Congratulations

...to Faye Nicholls who has served as Secretary at **Shalom Baptist Church** for 15 years.  
...to Lori & Kevin Stidham on the birth of their daughter, Blakely Ann on June 4. Lori is the Director of Children and Family Ministries at **Northside Baptist Church**.

## Positions Available

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

**Parham Road Baptist Church** seeks a part-time Minister of Music and a part-time accompanist (piano and organ preferred) for worship services and weekly choir rehearsals. Please call Spencer Dillard at 270-3262.

**Patterson Avenue Baptist Church** seeks a musician to accompany congregation, choir and other music groups. Must be available Sundays, Wednesdays and seasonally for holiday programs and must be comfortable with both traditional and contemporary styles. Proficiency on organ a plus. E-mail resume to pastor@pattersonavenuebaptist.com or mail resume to 4301 Patterson Avenue, Richmond, VA 23221.

## DWMU News

- August 18** **Spiritual Enrichment Study**  
**6:00 p.m. Dinner**, Cost: \$6.00  
**7:00 p.m. Study**  
**North Run Baptist Church**  
*Call Teresa Hawkes, 749-4493 by August 9 to make dinner reservations.*
- September 6 Dover WMU Council 6:00 p.m.
- September 10 **MISSIONPALOOTZA**, 12 noon-3:00 p.m.  
International Learning Center, Rockville  
Bring a bag lunch  
Desserts and drinks provided
- September 11-18 Week of Prayer for State Missions  
Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions
- September 24 Dover Youth Fall Festival, 4 p.m.  
Hardy Central Baptist Church

## Central Virginia Raceway Ministry Requests Homemade Cookies

**Please bring bags of cookies to the Dover Center by September 6 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.**

## Central Virginia Baptist Ministries State Fair Ministry Hospitality Bags

Central Virginia Baptist Ministries invites churches, church groups, and individuals to prepare hospitality bags for State Fair workers. Hospitality bags may include socks and toiletry items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, shampoo, conditioner, band aids, lip balm, soap, and facial tissues. Please put items in gallon-sized Ziploc-style bags with a note that indicates the name of your church or group. *Bring hospitality bags to the Dover Center by September 15.*

## Dover Ministry Assistants Will Tour Virginia Baptist Historical Society

**Fred Anderson, Tour Guide**  
**Tuesday, August 9, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**  
**Lunch in the University of Richmond dining hall**  
**Depart from and return to the Dover office**  
*Please R.S.V.P. to the Dover Office by Wednesday, August 3.*

## Teachers Toolbox 2011: Teaching All God's Children

Saturday, September 24, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Trinity United Methodist Church  
903 Forest Avenue, Richmond  
Theme: "Taking Faith Home"  
Registration Fee: \$35 (includes lunch)  
*See [www.resourcingchurches.com](http://www.resourcingchurches.com) or call The Resource Center, 804-358-8306, to register by September 16.*

## Personnel Changes

Tim Pierce has concluded his ministry as Minister of Music at **Parham Road Baptist Church**.



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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  
Bill Alphin, Associate for Special Projects

## Church News

**Beulah Baptist Church** youth took a mission trip to Charlotte, NC. The church is supplying canned goods in cooperation with Cornerstone Ministries at St. David's Episcopal Church in Aylett.

The youth of **Biltmore Baptist Church** raised over \$1500 at a BBQ fundraiser.

**Broadus Memorial Baptist Church** sent a mission team to Panama.

**Colosse Baptist Church's** Youth Choir performed "The Prodigal." The Collegiate/Young Adult Mission Team spent a week in Brooklyn, NY doing mission projects and the Youth Mission Team traveled to Butler, PA.

**Dover Baptist Church** youth traveled to Myrtle Beach, SC on a mission trip. The WMU traveled to First Baptist Church in Scottsville to see the Lottie Moon exhibit housed at that church.

Fred Anderson, Executive Director of the VA Baptist Historical Society, will portray Dr. William E. Hatcher at **Emmaus Baptist Church** on Sunday, August 7 as part of their 235th Anniversary Celebration.

**First Baptist Church, West Point** middle and high school UPRISE Youth Group participated in the Student Life Summer Camp in Lynchburg. The church held a luncheon July 24 to honor Linda Jacks on her retirement and for her many years of service as Church Treasurer.

The youth of **Hopewell Baptist Church** attended a week-long Youth Camp.

**Indian View Baptist Church** invites you to Homecoming and Revival Services, August 7-10: August 7 services at 11:00 and 2:00 (with lunch at 12:30) and services at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

**Mattaponi Indian Church** will celebrate their annual Homecoming on August 28 with lunch and singing after the service. Revival services will be held August 29-31 at 7:30 p.m.

## Church News (cont.)

**Mount Pleasant Baptist Church** will hold revival August 21-24. August 21 service at 11:00 a.m. and gospel sing at 3:00 p.m., services Monday-Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Members of **Mount Vernon Baptist Church** traveled to Guatemala and Panama on a mission trip.

**Oak Hall Baptist Church** trained 24 members in the prevention of child abuse. The church will hold a one-day VBS on July 30 with the theme of "Finding Hope."

**Pamunkey Indian Church** will celebrate their annual Homecoming on August 21 with Clayton Custalow as their speaker at 11 a.m., followed by lunch, and "High Spirit" singing at 2 p.m. Revival will also be held August 21-24 at 7:30 p.m.

**Rappahannock Indian Baptist Church** had revival June 26-29 led by Davis Adkins of the Chickahominy Tribe and his family. The church had a covered dish lunch June 26 after worship, followed by a music program with Davis, his daughter Brooke, and members of the Rappahannock Church.

**Samarita Baptist Church** will celebrate their annual Homecoming on August 14 with services at 8:00 and 11:00, followed by lunch, and a Singing Service at 2:00 p.m. The church will hold revival services August 15-17 at 7:30 p.m.

**Tsena Commocko Church** celebrated their Homecoming with revival July 17 and revival July 18-20.

Two members of **Westhunt Baptist Church** traveled to Japan for two weeks to minister to caregivers who have been worn down by the Tsunami response efforts and to individuals in need. The church held a yard sale in May and raised \$1,400 to be used as "Good Samaritan" gifts for church members or others in need. The "Not-So-Old-Timers" had breakfast together at Shoney's. The youth held a Lock-in at the church.