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Joint Dover and Richmond Ministers Conference Lunch

Join pastors and staff ministers from Dover and Richmond Baptist Associations
Tuesday, September 6, 12 noon
Richmond Baptist Association
3111 Moss Side Avenue, Richmond
Scott Wilcher, author of *The Orphaned Generation: The Father's Heart for Connecting Youth and Young Adults to Your Church* will speak

Lunch Cost: \$6.00

Please call 329-1701 by Friday, September 2 to make reservations.

Labor Day Holiday

The Dover Office will be closed on September 5.

Association Missions Offering



Goal
\$28,700

\$16,112.43
Received
through
August 16

Raceway Ministries—Cookies, Volunteers, Fans

Richmond International Raceway turns into one Virginia's ten largest cities for race weekend, September 9-10. CVRM helps more than 100,000 race fans know Christ is present. We need many volunteers (e.g., performers, chaplains, greeters to distribute cold water and cookies, and others) to engage a multitude of people one by one.

Of course, the volunteers at the track will not have cookies without the volunteers in the kitchen. **Please bake cookies.** Place 2-3 medium sized cookies in clear, lock-style, plastic sandwich bags. Label each bag "Compliments of _____ Baptist Church." (*No tracts, please.*) **Please bring the bags of cookies to the Dover office by Thursday, September 8, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thank you!**

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, lock-style plastic bags with a note that indicates the name of your church or group. *Bring hospitality bags to the Dover Center by September 15.*

Central Virginia Baptist Ministries Leadership Development Conference

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

Monday, September 19

River Road Church, Baptist, 8000 River Road, Richmond

Registration cost: \$5.00, pay at the door

Fellowship and Refreshments, 5:45-6:30 p.m.

Plenary Session with Dr. Mike Clingenpeel, 6:30-6:55 p.m.

Conference Session I, 7:00 p.m.

Conference Session II, 8:00 p.m.

Connections Project Celebration and Dover Annual Meeting October 23

New Bethesda Baptist Church

9019 New Bethesda Road, Mechanicsville

Registration opens at 3:30 p.m.

Afternoon session 4:00 p.m.

Dinner by reservation served at 5:40 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 per person (please make dinner reservations with the Dover Office by October 14)

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

Remember to elect your church's messengers!

The New Dover Social Network

When Dover Baptist Association began the Dover Connections Project, we offered churches the option of using an experienced minister of education as a consultant. We called that our Connections Consultant Project. Sharon Smith leads that part of the Connections Project. A new ministry has grown from the Connections Consultant Project. We have formed a new social network.

What is a social network? Simply put, a social network connects a group of individuals around a specific common interest. Today, we connect in person and by electronic means.

Why would Dover form one? We want to see churches succeed in making and maturing followers of Christ. We want to see Dover churches reach people with the Gospel and help people grow in their faith. This new ministry helps those who lead the education ministry of each participating church.

We call this new ministry the Dover Pastor and Sunday School Director's Network. Think of it as a place where your church's pastor and Sunday School director connect with other pastors and Sunday School directors. They share ideas and try to find solutions to common problems related to a church's education and outreach efforts. The Network provides elements of continuing education and coaching too.

I serve as its coordinator, and Sharon Smith is our facilitator. Together Sharon and I bring over 60 years of successful Sunday School leadership at the church, state, and national levels. Our experiences combine with Network member experiences to help churches have greater opportunity for a successful Sunday School and small group ministry.

Dover conducted the first Network meeting in July at Cool Spring Baptist Church. Twenty pastors and Sunday School directors met with Sharon Smith and me. We focused on ideas to prepare for the new Sunday School year and promote the church's education ministry. That includes ideas for connecting new people and reconnecting inactive people to the church's Sunday School classes and other small groups.

Can your church participate? Yes! Even if your church does not participate in the Dover Connections Project, your church can take advantage of this network for pastors and Sunday School directors.

We welcome new members! The network will gather four times a year and connect between meetings via e-mail and telephone. **We will hold our next meeting on October 25 at the Dover Center from 7:00-8:30 p.m. That meeting will focus on "Successful Outreach and Assimilation."**

In the Network, pastors and Sunday School directors exchange vision and support each other. To the saying, "We can do more together than we can alone," add, "and we can do things better together than we can alone."

Sometimes, usually on a Saturday night or Sunday morning, a pastor, director, or teacher might feel the Sunday School workload is too heavy. **Remember this fact: A typical Baptist Church that has a healthy, properly functioning Sunday School will grow numerically and financially. Needs are met and ministry happens.**

We all want our churches to succeed. I hope to see your church's pastor and director at the Network on October 25, and I hope you will encourage them to attend.

—Bill Alphin

Meet Legacy Fellowship International, a New Church in Dover

Our new church plant, Legacy Fellowship International, has recently joined the Dover Baptist family. We meet at 1701 E. Main Street in historic Shockoe Bottom. God has sent us to help reach the people who live, work and visit in the Bottom. That includes the people in the clubs and bars.

God has also given us the task of equipping believers to become "disciplers" and "agents of change" among those with whom they live and work. We are working to help people boldly proclaim Jesus. We do that through preaching and Bible study, and we use the arts and media to help us.

The people of Legacy pray. We have a commitment to lead others to pray too. We believe God tells us to pray and answers prayers. That shows in the way we pray and study the Bible as we grow disciples.

The congregation meets in Shockoe Bottom weekly. We also hold small group meetings in homes. Our people believe strongly in community, so we have fellowship meals often. This provides opportunities for us to share testimonies and prayer requests with one another. It also helps us get to know the people with whom we worship.

Legacy Fellowship relates to a ministry that started before the church did. You may have heard it called the Richmond International House of Prayer. We call it RIHOP. (When we say it, it sounds like "rye" and "hop" put together.) RIHOP functions as a discipleship arm of Legacy and a gathering place for the broader body of Christ in Richmond. RIHOP offers a central gathering place for the Church in Richmond where people from different churches come to pray and worship. With one united voice we ask God to help the people of this city come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Matthew Moore, our Senior Pastor, has great wisdom and an amazing ability to clearly articulate God's Word. He also has a great heart that shows in how fervently he loves others. He and his wife Sherrie have served Christ for more than 20 years. They have experience in a variety of ministry settings. Matthew and Sherrie set a truly awesome example.

I serve as the associate pastor. My wife-to-be Jamie Harner will wed in October. We plan to move to Shockoe Bottom and become part of the community. We consider what we are doing as "frontier" missions to the many who do not know Christ and do not connect with a church in this region. Both Jamie and I serve Legacy and RIHOP. We long to see young people on fire for God, reaching their individual spheres of influence for Christ.

Legacy is a new church, and Dover's Tree Ridge Community Church serves as our primary sponsor. Dover Baptist Association has welcomed us into its fellowship and gives us both prayer and financial support. We are very excited about connecting with the Dover family.

Legacy and Tree Ridge welcome more churches on the sponsorship team. We invite you to partner with us in prayer. If the Lord should lead you to share resources to see this new church established in Shockoe Bottom, we would welcome that too.

A rich harvest awaits. God has sent us to labor in this field, reaching our community for Christ. Come and help!

—Shawn Jarrard

Pray for These

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

September 4 **Parham Road** Spencer Dillard, Pastor
Carla Dillard, Frances Whitlock
Pioneer Paul Beith, Pastor
Glenn Russell, Judy Stell
September 11 **Poplar Springs** Stephen Crane, Pastor
Lynn Blue, Betty Wajciechowski
September 18 **Rappahannock** Ron Nicholls, Pastor
Judith Fortune
September 25 **Ridge** Alan Ray, Pastor
Robert Coffman, Phillis Coffman
Robert Blaylock, Theresa Altland
Louise Crooks, Abbie Duenckel

Get Well Wishes

...to Bob Lee, pastor at **New Highland Baptist Church**, recuperating from surgery.
...to Don Runion, pastor at **Mount Vernon Baptist Church**, recuperating from surgery on a broken hand.

Congratulations

...to Ellis Dunton Monfalcone who has served as organist at **Broadus Memorial Baptist Church** for 30 years.
...to Sheri Castle who has served as Worship Leader at **New Highland Baptist Church** for 5 years.
...to Don Runion who has served as pastor at **Mount Vernon Baptist Church** for 30 years.
...to Judy and Doug Stell, the proud grandparents at Jackson Cooper Stell, born August 4. Judy serves as Secretary at **Pioneer Baptist Church**.

Personnel Changes

William Tuck has concluded his services as Intentional Interim Pastor at **Cool Spring Baptist Church**.
Robyn Boring has concluded her services as Director of Youth and Children at **First Baptist Church, West Point**.

Position Available

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

ESL Workshop

Friday, October 28, 6:30 p.m.-9:15 p.m.
Saturday, October 29, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Friday, November 4, 6:30 p.m.-9:15 p.m.
Saturday, November 5, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Cost: \$25.00 (includes a textbook)

Call the Dover office, 804-550-1980, to register. For more details, e-mail Jennifer.dover.esl@verizon.net.

DWMU News

September 11-18 Week of Prayer for State Missions
Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions

Dover Youth Fall Festival

Saturday, September 24, 4:00 p.m.
Hardy Central Baptist Church
4655 Darbytown Rd, Henrico
Mission Project Presentation at 4:00 p.m.
Noah's Ark-Deluge of Evidence at 6:00 p.m.
For more details, contact Cindy Marshall at 804-795-2806.

"When Words Fail: Practical Ministry to People with Dementia"

Thursday, September 22, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Westminster Canterbury Richmond
1600 Westbrook Avenue, Richmond
Cost: \$10.00 (includes lunch)
Westminster Canterbury Richmond invites clergy and congregational caregivers to this seminar which will highlight the physiological, emotional, and spiritual effects of dementia.
Space is limited. E-mail vperry@wrichmond.org or call 804-200-1502 by September 16 to register or learn more.

Virginia Baptist Men's Gathering

Saturday, September 17, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Second Baptist Church, 9614 River Road, Henrico
The Virginia Baptist Men's Gathering is a FREE one-day event. It will feature *The Bigger Breakfast*, messages by Tom Stocks and Dean Miller, worship services with music led by Derwin Hinson, and include lunch. This event has Virginia Missions as its prayer and missions emphasis this year.
Registration is strongly encouraged but not required. Please download a registration form from www.vbmb.org to register. (Please indicate if you plan to attend *The Bigger Breakfast*.) Contact Billy Hutchinson at 800-255-2428 for more details.

Baptist Ministry Assistants of Virginia One Day Fall Conference

Friday, September 30, 2011
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Petersburg
For more information, go to www.bmav.wordpress.com.

Dover Senior Lunch

Tuesday, October 18, Noon
Mount Vernon Baptist Church
Make reservations with the Dover Office by October 10!

Clergy Appreciation Day Is October 9

Take this opportunity to express your gratitude and appreciation to the pastor and staff ministers at your church!



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Church News

The youth of **Antioch Baptist Church** participated in MC2 Missions Connection Celebration at Eagle Eyrie.

Broadus Memorial Baptist Church will present an anthem at the 8:45 a.m. service on September 18 written in honor of Ellis Dunton Monfalcone, their organist for 30 years.

Colosse Baptist Church's Big Apple Adventure VBS was a huge success. The Youth Mission Team of 53 students and adults went to Butler, PA recently and worked with Cornerstone Baptist Church, part of the Baptist Association of Southwest PA.

Cool Spring Baptist Church held a Fish and Shrimp Fry August 7 and enjoyed a concert by "Greater Love" afterwards.

Seventy-one teens attended the ATTIC Blowout held by **Emmaus Baptist Church**. They collected boxes of cereal for the VCU Hospital Hospitality House.

Goochland Baptist Church held "Dogs Day," an event to reach area residents and connect with people.

Grace Chinese Baptist Church broke ground for a facility of its own on May 1 after a decade of being hosted by Gayton, River Road and Parham Road Baptist Churches in Richmond. They have grown from 40 to about 140 members, with both English and Chinese congregations and a substantial children's and youth ministry on Friday evenings.

Hillcrest Baptist Church hosted Glory Road, a blue grass and gospel band from Mooreland Baptist Church.

Kentwood Heights Baptist Church held a spaghetti dinner and hosted Amy Ladd and Friends in support of their church-wide Appalachian Mission trip. A mission team traveled in August to Rogersville, TN to work with the Appalachian people in construction, a block party, and VBS.

Mechanicsville Baptist Church sent a mission team to Birmingham and Tuscaloosa, AL. They partnered with Glen Allen Baptist Church, Shades Crest Baptist in Alabama, CBF Alabama and the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church to help residents who were affected by the tornados this past April.

Church News (cont.)

The **Mount Olivet Baptist Church** "Young at Heart" group traveled to Chelsea Plantation and the youth traveled to the Washington Zoo.

New Highland Baptist Church Senior Adults traveled to the U. S. Marine Corps Museum at Quantico.

Northside Baptist Church had a great Music and Arts Camp with over 60 children enrolled.

Parham Road Baptist Church hosted the Dixie Melody Boys in concert and Kyle Thomas in concert.

Pioneer Baptist Church will start a drive-through coffee ministry September 12, an outreach project through a grant from Dover Association.

Shalom Baptist Church will hold an End of Summer "Singspiration" Celebration on August 28 at 6:00 p.m. with a pre-program concert by Jeff Farrier at 5:45 p.m.

Sharon Baptist Church will hold a "Back to School Rally" on August 26 at the King William Fire House from 6 to 8 p.m. and the band "Light" from Liberty University will be in concert.

Two members from **Westhunt Baptist Church** traveled to Interlaken, Switzerland to lead VBS.

Annual Church Profiles Due October 3

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 3.***

Please help us by completing your ACP promptly. That will allow us to include your church's ACP information in Dover's Book of Reports. For more information or assistance, contact Sue Hall at the Dover Office. Thank you!