



**Dover Baptist Association**  
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**Steve Adkins, Moderator**

September 30, 2008

TO: Executive Committee Members

FROM: Steve Adkins

RE: Dover Executive Committee meeting on October 14, 2008

We will next meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at North Run Baptist Church, 2100 Lydell Drive, Richmond.

Our agenda will include several recommendations and reports. We will consider endorsement of the proposed 2009 budget for action at the Annual Meeting. I expect a recommendation from the Mission Resource Recommendation Team (attached). I also expect a recommendation from the Partnership Missions Council re entering a partnership with Baltimore Baptist Association (a proposed covenant is attached). Among the reports, I look forward to hearing from at least one of our language congregations and from at least one church that received a partnership missions scholarship. We may also have other recommendations and reports.

You received a proposed calendar and draft budget with the mailing that announced the July Executive Committee meeting. If you have not already done so, please share (copies of) these with appropriate leaders as your church plans its calendar and budget for the coming year. Our budget may have some slight modifications before the Executive Committee and/or the Annual Meeting. Please contact the Dover Office or visit [www.doverbaptist.org](http://www.doverbaptist.org) for the latest copies of the proposed 2009 calendar and budget.

If you lead one of our committees or councils and plan to have a report, it would help us—and the clerk—to have a written copy, especially if your report includes a recommendation(s). Anything you want the Dover office to copy for distribution to Executive Committee members should arrive at the Dover office not later than Monday morning October 13 (or, if mailed, must arrive by Friday, October 10). Thank you.

Please take a few minutes to review the enclosed minutes of our July Executive Committee meeting. I look forward to seeing you at our meeting on October 14.

Recommendation from the Mission Resource Recommendation Team

The Mission Resource Recommendation Team has previously recommended that Dover Baptist Association tithe from the gross proceeds of the sale of the Patterson Avenue property. The recommendation approved by Dover's Executive Committee at its July Meeting identified the tithe as \$140,000 and designated \$20,000 for recipients of Dover's 2008 Association Missions Offering and \$20,000 as a challenge gift to match new contributions beyond the average annual gift (for the prior three years) to Dover's 2009 Association Missions Offering.

The Mission Resource Recommendation Team recommends that Dover Baptist Association distribute the remainder of the tithe as follows:

Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond	\$60,000
The John Leland Center for Theological Studies	\$15,000
HopeTree Family Services	\$5,000
Crossroads Camp and Conference Center	\$5,000
Piankatank Camp and Conference Center	\$2,500
Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center	\$2,500
Living Proof Church (Hermon Baptist Association)	\$5,000
Adopt an Annuitant (benefitting Virginia retirees)	\$5,000
Total	\$100,000

(Making a grand total of \$140,000)

Working and Serving Together—Partners in the Gospel

A Covenant

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now... (Phil 1:4-5 NIV)

Believing that God has connected us in various ways and that our churches, their leaders, and the associations formed by the churches can strengthen and encourage one another as we serve Jesus Christ in our respective settings, the churches of Baltimore Baptist Association and Dover Baptist Association make this covenant together.

We rejoice that God has given us complementary gifts for shared service. We believe that God works in and through the people who form the Body of Christ in the local church. Therefore, each pledges to:

- Pray continually for one another
- Devote resources to forming new congregations and Gospel communities
- Evangelize the people groups to whom God sends us
- Transform our communities through work and witness
- Mobilize the gifted servants God has placed among us
- Develop and encourage leaders, beginning in the churches

We enter this partnership as servants of Christ who will both serve and be served by one another. To do this, we will travel to each other’s places of ministry. We will share our experience and expertise. At times we will serve alongside each other. While we do this, we will respect the autonomy of each partnering church and association as we work together to offer Christ to the people where we serve.

We understand that we share God’s work as partners at this time. We also understand that our partnership will involve mutual commitments from the resources entrusted to us. This covenant forms the basis for additional agreements that we hereby authorize the leaders identified by each association, respectively, to negotiate and, as mutually agreed among them, bind our associations and commit our resources. Examples of such matters of mutual agreement include, but are not limited to: the term of this partnership, identifying participating churches and persons, the process of linking churches, commitment of financial and personnel resources, an effective means to facilitate and evaluate the partnership (including necessary documents), and a means of accounting to the respective partners re our stewardship.

Approved for Baltimore Baptist Association

Approved for Dover Baptist Association

By \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

On \_\_\_\_\_, 2008

On \_\_\_\_\_, 2008

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Dover Baptist Association  
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
July 8, 2008, 7:30 P.M. at North Run Baptist Church

Moderator Steve Adkins called the meeting to order. Todd Combee, pastor of New Bethesda Baptist Church and Vice Moderator, recalling the Summer Olympic Games scheduled to begin 08-08-08, read from Philippians 3 re “press on toward the goal” and led in prayer.

There were no new staff members or Executive Committee members present. Rev. Lytle Buckingham, pastor of Sharon Baptist Church, introduced a guest, his wife Suzanne.

The minutes of the April Executive Committee meeting were approved as printed. After correcting the spelling of Wikowsky (not Witkowsky), the minutes of the Semiannual Meeting were also approved.

Director of Missions Steve Allsbrook presented the treasurer’s report for the first quarter of the fiscal year (attached). He noted that the offerings trail the same quarter for last year and, in his opinion, reflect the experience of Dover churches and current economic conditions.

Nita May, Regional Ministries Coordinator for Central Virginia Baptist Ministries, reported that CVBM had held a luncheon for ministers to work of Crown Financial Ministries as a stewardship education resource. Nita announced the Capital Region Leadership Development Conference will be held south of the James on September 22 and north of the James on September 29. She spoke about the 2008 State Fair ministry and a possible construction mission project at Dover’s Rappahannock Indian Baptist Church. Nita announced that Alvin Williams of Little Elam Baptist Church will represent Dover on the 2009 Deacon-Pastor Conference planning team.

Dover’s first Associate for Missions Sam Duenckel shared the happy news that he and wife Abbie have a new home. He has spoken in four churches since joining the Dover staff team on May 1. Sam has already started making improvements to Dover’s web site, including adding new articles and online forms. He announced the movie *Fireproof*, a Christian film about marriage, will premier September 26.

Associate for Ministry to Church Leaders Bob Boggs spoke on his activities. Bob has attended a revival service at North Run and the dedication service for the new organ at Glen Allen Baptist Churches. He represented Dover at the funeral of Bill Hales, the father of Mrs. Robert Thompson (pastor of First Baptist Church, Ashland). Bob helped say goodbye to Lewis Johns as he concluded his ministry at Antioch and helped greet J. R. Dockum, the new pastor at Hebron. With Vallerie King, pastor of Emmaus Baptist Church, Bob and Barbara wrote a feature article for the “Dover Diary” about sabbatical leave for the minister. Bob shared the names of several Dover Baptists that we might remember them in prayer.

Associate for Ministry to Church Leader Families Barbara Boggs hosted a luncheon for the wives and widows of retired Baptist ministers. She also met with the Women Pastors Support Group. Barbara serves as one of Dover’s three representatives on the Capital Region Leadership Development Conference planning team.

Administrative Assistant Sandy Weakley reported that Dover will host a luncheon on August 19 for ministry assistants who serve Dover churches. The part-time position of Office Assistant is vacant.

Sandy completed ten years of service to Dover in June. The association will recognize her anniversary at the Annual Meeting. In addition to acknowledging Sandy’s tenth anniversary,

Steve Allsbrook reported that Dover had held an installation service and reception for Sam Duenckel which Westhunt Baptist Church hosted. He reported that the staff has the goal of visiting every Dover church for either a Sunday service or Wednesday evening program. He also reported that Dover has granted Hardy Central Baptist Church a Church Challenge Grant. Steve announced the deaths of several family members of association and church leaders.

Darlene Slater Herod reported that plans are progressing for Dover's 225th Anniversary Celebration. She announced the final call for any and all information from the churches to be included in the anniversary booklet.

Finance Committee Chairman Wayne Gray reminded members that the first draft of the proposed 2009 budget was included with the June mailing for this meeting. He asked that members share the draft budget with their churches. The Finance Committee expects that, given current conditions and the economic forecast, 2009 will prove "a challenging year." The budget is subject to possible adjustments before the Executive Committee receives it for endorsement at the October meeting.

Nominations Committee Chairman Fred Gibson praised his fellow committee members and expressed gratitude for the volunteers who serve Dover so well. He announced that Greg Jones is stepping down as Youth Basketball program leader. The Racer Derby also has no leader. Fred asked that we share this need.

Bob Moran shared an update from Dover's trustees. The trustees and leaders from Atlee Community Church met in June. Bob also reported that the Mission Resource Recommendation Team has been meeting.

Student Ministries Council leader Dave Chrisman reported that he had received the names and addresses of some recent high school graduates from Dover churches. Dave asked that others be shared in order for the council to mail them information about Baptist Collegiate Ministries.

Interim WMU Director Barbara Boggs reminded members of Missions Awareness Day to be held on July 17. This year's program will emphasize ministry in South Africa. She also spoke of the Spiritual Enrichment Emphasis scheduled for August 21.

Bill Stennett had no report just introduced himself as the new chairman of Dover's Language/Cultural Council. He plans to have materials for distribution at Dover's Annual Meeting that will help churches have a better understanding of the Muslim faith.

Reporting for the Latin American Mission Project (L.A.M.P.), Bill asked that we remember Louis Orsatti and his family and ministry in our prayers. Louis has returned to Mexico while he awaits the U. S. Government's approval of his immigration paperwork which has been in process for about two years.

Todd Combee reported for the Partnership Missions Council. Todd reported that the Toronto Partnership will conclude this year. Dover will participate in the South Africa Partnership through Virginia Baptists. We are also looking into our next stateside partnership.

Reporting for Central Virginia Raceway Ministries, Todd spoke of the ministry at Richmond International Raceway in May and June. He called for volunteers and cookies for the September race ministry.

Jennifer Chrisman introduced Lori Mills who gave a report on the ESL Ministry at Gwathmey Baptist Church for Marilyn Towsey (who could not attend due to the death of her father). The report told an inspiring story of the ministry and of the faithfulness of God and the Gwathmey volunteers. Jennifer announced Dover's next ESL certification workshop will take place in August.

The Clerk reported the presence of a quorum (Executive Committee members from least 15 Dover churches) of Executive Committee members from 24 Dover churches which included 46 Executive committee members and 12 other persons, a total of 58 persons present. There was no unfinished business.

Re the use of assets of the former Wynbrook Baptist Church for a new work in the far west end of Henrico County, pursuant to Dover's covenant with Wynbrook Baptist Church, the Trustees recommended:

Given that the Association, through its Executive Committee, has been apprised of relevant facts contained in the written report of the Trustees dated July 8, 2008, the Trustees recommend that the Association look with favor on the work of the Trustees as presented and authorize the Trustees to continue as the Trustees shall deem to be in the best interest of the Association and to be in keeping with the Association's covenant with Atlee Community Church, pursuant to the Association's covenant with Wynbrook Baptist Church.

After discussion, the Executive Committee approved the recommendation.

The Mission Resource Recommendation Team recommended that the Association allocate the assets of the former Richmond Heights Baptist Church, \$94,330.12, to help spread the Gospel on every continent by making the following gifts:

- \$1,000 to Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Richmond, where some former members of Richmond Heights Baptist Church are now members
- \$1,000 to each of thirteen mission projects of the International Mission Board, S.B.C.
- the remaining \$80,330.12 to the New Work Fund of Dover Baptist Association

The Executive Committee approved the recommendation.

The Mission Resource Recommendation Team also recommended that the Association designate \$140,000 as the title of the gross proceeds of the sale of the Patterson Avenue property that had been part of the Pruett Family Trust and that the Association allocate that title as follows:

- \$20,000 to be given, pro rata and in addition to the actual 2008 offering receipts, to all recipients of Dover's 2008 Association Missions Offering—a one-time gift
- \$20,000 to be designated as a one-time challenge gift to match new dollars given to Dover's 2009 Association Missions Offering, matching each recently contributing church's gifts to the Association Missions Offering above its three-year-average gift and any amount above \$100 for each newly contributing Dover church
- the remaining \$100,000 to be held for future recommendations from the Mission Resource Recommendation Team

The Executive Committee approved this recommendation as well.

The Church Extension Council recommended that Dover Baptist Association authorize our Trustees to sell

*All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being situate in the Dover District, Goochland County, Virginia, containing 22.46 acres, more or less, as more particularly shown on a certain plat of survey prepared by Kenneth M. Hart & Assoc., Inc., and entitled "Plat Of Survey Of 22.46 Acres Now or Formerly In The Name of Lawrence B. & Anne E. Nuckols, Elbert B. & Martha G. Henley, and Gene V. Salmon, Dover District, Goochland County, Virginia", a copy of which is attached to and recorded with deed in Plat Cabinet C-59, reference to which is hereby made for a more particular description.*

*BEING the same real estate conveyed to TRUSTEES OF DOVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, by Deed from LAWRENCE B. NUCKOLS AND ANNE E. NUCKOLS, ELBERT B. HENLEY AND MARTHA G. HENLEY, AND GENE V. SALMON dated SEPTEMBER 22, 1999, recorded October 6, 1999 in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, GOOCHLAND COUNTY, Virginia, in Deed Book 420, page 140.*

to Grace Chinese Baptist Church, such terms and conditions of sale, including the selling price of \$317,873.14 (the selling price to be adjusted for property taxes and the Consumer Price Index per Dover's current land transfer policies if the sale is closed after December 31, 2008) as the Trustees shall deem to be in the best interest of the Association and to be in accordance with Dover's current land transfer policies, and that the Trustees be authorized to execute and deliver all documents and take such action as may be necessary to effect the closing of the contemplated transaction.

The Executive Committee approved the recommendation.

Steve Allsbrook moved that the Association elect Marion Pierce to serve a second term (three years) as one of Dover's representatives on the Central Virginia Baptist Ministries Coordinating Team. The motion received a second and was approved.

Following several announcements and a motion to adjourn, Nita May offered a closing prayer and the Moderator adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Humbly submitted,

Ethel Williams, Clerk