

Baltimore Partnership Training Event

One of the exciting features of the Dover/Baltimore partnership is the fact that Dover Baptists not only have the opportunity to share with Baltimore Baptists, but to learn from them as well. The first of those learning opportunities will be available on April 18 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at Westhunt Baptist Church.

A team from Baltimore will be coming to Dover to lead seminars and share demonstrations based on some of the most effective outreach strategies they have utilized in the past couple of years. The following subjects will be part of the training:

How to be Relevant in Your Community: In this session participants will get an overview of some of the ways a church can penetrate a community with the gospel. This will include opportunities to learn effective communication of the gospel as well as some of the means to make contact with those in your community.

How to Host an Evangelistic Block Party: Trainers from Baltimore will bring a “Good News Wagon” and will be able to demonstrate some of the options available for those who would like to create a community-wide event that can introduce your church’s neighbors to your church and to Jesus Christ.

Using the Good News Wagon: This will be a “hands on” session showing how to use the equipment in the Good News Wagon to host an effective community event.

How to Reach Your Community Through Sports and Recreation: There are several churches in Dover Association who have Upward sports programs like basketball, cheerleading and soccer. Churches that do not have a gymnasium may think that sports ministry is beyond their reach. In Baltimore, churches have been able to promote and carry out a week-long sports camp utilizing the church parking lot and grounds. In this training session participants will learn how to effectively conduct a sports outreach camp, even if you don’t have a gymnasium.

Creative Ideas for Church Planting: No two communities are exactly the same. One of the most effective ways to reach a community for Jesus Christ is to plant a church that is specifically suited to the community to which it will minister. Utilizing examples from some of the unique and exciting new church starts in Baltimore, participants in this session will have the opportunity to learn effective strategies and principles for planting churches that will most effectively reach specific communities for Christ.

Heart to Heart Connections through Christ: In order to request an event as part of the Embrace Baltimore outreach, Baltimore churches must not only request an event, but they must share how they plan to share the gospel and how they plan to help new believers grow in Christ. This seminar deals with preservation evangelism and follow-through.

Make your plans now to be part of this wonderful training event. Participants will have the opportunity to be part of three sessions of their choosing. All sessions will be presented in each 50 minute segment.

In order to provide adequate materials for those who participate, we need to have an idea of the number participating. If you would like to be part of this event, please contact Sandy at the Dover office or you can email Alan Ray at pastor@ridgechurch.org.