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ESL Teacher Workshop

People speak over 100 languages in the greater Richmond area. Many of them would like to learn English. May God be calling you to serve here at home, helping them through ESL? We will offer a **weekend ESL Teacher Training Workshop** at the Dover Conference Center:

Friday, August 14, 6:30-9:15 p.m.

Saturday, August 15, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 16, 2:30-5:30 p.m.

The \$30.00 registration fee includes:

- workbook
- continental breakfast on Saturday
- bring your lunch on Saturday—drinks and dessert will be provided

Please e-mail jennifer.dover.esl@verizon.net or contact the Dover Office for more information.

Association Missions Offering

Goal: \$26,000

Received to Date: \$8,679.00

Thank you for your prayers and gifts!

Two churches have given to the offering for the first time. Eight Dover churches have given \$1,156 that qualify for matching challenge funds from Dover, making a grand total of \$9,835.00. The Association will continue receiving 2009 Association Missions Offering gifts until Friday, October 30, 2009.

The Communications Puzzle:

When to send it? What to do? How to say it? How much to spend? Who to manage it?

Saturday, September 19, 2009, 9:00 a.m.-Noon

Chancellor Baptist Church, 11324 Gordon Road, Fredericksburg

Led by Scott Vaughan of Scott Vaughan Communications, LLC

Cost: \$30.00 per person/\$100 maximum church. Pay at the door and make checks payable to Scott Vaughan Communications, LLC

Preregister at www.shopsvministry.com or contact the Dover office

Dover, Fredericksburg Area, Goshen, and Shiloh Baptist Associations will sponsor this event for pastors, administrators, communication leaders, and ministry assistants. The event will cover:

- *The Communication Formula* for best attendance, volunteerism and budget-giving results
- *The Tried-and-True*: Newsletters, Worship Bulletins, Church Signs
- *The Up-and-Coming*: Web Sites, E-marketing, Social Networking, Text-messaging, Automated Messaging
- *Research* and how it affects your communication
- *Creating A Communication System* for best possible stewardship
- *Budgeting for Communication*

Scott will lead a very practical examination of the variety of ways a church shares information and what that says about the church. Looking at the entire system of church communications, he will provide counsel on organizing staff and volunteers, creating an honest communication budget (with real numbers), and will give general projections on what to expect in terms of success.

Scott says, "It really helps for the pastor to attend with other church leaders." He adds, "I want [the leaders who attend from] every church, regardless of size, to leave saying, 'Here's what we need to do and a plan for doing it.'"

Scott will begin with "Building a Church Communication System 101." Among the topics he will cover, Scott will discuss how to create an attractive and inviting web site. He will address social networking sites and ask, "Can we tame Facebook and Twitter for ministry?" He will also address budget-related issues and much more.

Participants will complete worksheets related to their churches during the seminar. Scott wants to have adequate materials. Please let him know how many will attend from your church. Visit www.svministry.com to preregister.

To get to Chancellor Baptist Church, about an hour's drive from Dover Association, take I-95 North to Fredericksburg. From I-95, take Exit 130B/Route 3 West. Go 3.4 miles and turn left onto Gordon Road. The church is located on the right at 11324 Gordon Road, 1.5 miles south of Route 3.

[Editor's note: See Page 2 for information on a September 25 workshop for ministry assistants on church communications and privacy issues.]

Ministry Assistants on the Mountaintop

Dover Baptists want the lives of church leaders to show the wholeness Christ offers everyone. Their commitment to the work of ministry grows out of the difference Christ makes in them. That includes those who serve in the office.

Those who minister by serving in the office need fellowship, inspiration, and training like those who lead worship and provide pastoral care. The National Association of Southern Baptist Secretaries helps. Every other year, the NASBS offers a national event that gives ministry assistants the opportunity to connect, worship, learn, and grow. Dover staff members Sandy Weakley and Sue Hall attended that event this year. Black Creek Baptist Church Secretary Nancy Wicker joined them.

They connected with three hundred ministry assistants from across the country at Ridgecrest Conference Center in the mountains of North Carolina. David Uth, pastor of First Baptist Church in Orlando, led Bible study. Renowned Baptist leader Henry Blackaby spoke at the banquet.

This event offered more than fifty conferences to equip those who attended. Nancy Wicker said, "The variety of classes was phenomenal." Conferences addressed topics as varied as crisis management and preparing for retirement. Some sessions offered instruction in computer applications like Excel. Sessions helped one develop skills like editing and proofreading. Ministry assistants could also take the three-day Professional Certification Course. Spiritual growth offerings included prayerwalking and "Being an Encourager."

Sue Hall said, "One of the conferences I attended was 'Marketing Your Church.' I got several good ideas to pass along to our pastor about ways to communicate the ministries and opportunities the church provides." [See the related article on Page 1.]

"I came home with such a good feeling," Sue said. "The worship services alone would have been enough, but the old friends we saw again and the new friends we made just made a perfect three days."

Sandy Weakley said, "The conference is a great time to make and renew friendships. It's a great time to talk with others who have similar job experiences. I appreciate the opportunity to attend this conference. Sometimes you don't realize you need a retreat—until you get there!"

A board of elected officers leads the NASBS. One of Dover's own, Sandy Weakley, joined those elected to serve as Secretary/Treasurer for the 2009-2011 term. Other board members come from Florida, Mississippi, and Tennessee. Their election to national office affirms the skill and commitment that each of them brings to the ministry in which they serve.

The officers have already started planning the 2011 national conference. They invite church leaders to mark that date on the calendar and set aside funds to help more ministry assistants benefit from this event.

Ministry assistants can connect with the NASBS and its resources today. Annual dues are \$30 for new members and \$25 for renewing members. (Visit www.nasbs.net.)

Thank God for those who assist in ministry. Thank them. See that they have opportunities to grow and serve even better.

—Steve Allsbrook

Dover Secretaries Luncheon

Tuesday, August 25, 2009, 11:30 a.m.

Lunch provided by Dover Baptist Association

Guest speakers:

Nancy Wicker, "How Do You Spell Relief?"
and

Jane Bess "How to Complete Your ACP Report"

Baptist Ministry Assistants of Virginia Fall Conference

Friday, September 25, 2009

Registration opens at 9:30 a.m.

Lakewood Manor, 1900 Lauderdale Drive, Richmond

Guest speaker: Vivian Clingenpeel, "Freedom of Information Relating to Churches and Associations Through Prayer Lists and Web Sites"

Optional tour of Lakewood Manor after lunch

Cost: \$8 BMAV Members, \$10 for Guests

Thank You, Dover Partners, from Christian Student Fellowship

Thomas Rawls serves as Baptist collegiate minister at the University of Richmond. He has written to thank Dover Baptists for their ongoing support for him and the ministry of Christian Student Fellowship. CSF—"an open, supportive community seeking Christ and serving others"—is the name of the Virginia Baptist Collegiate Ministry at U. of R.

He continues, "Thank you for all the ways you have supported us and shared the love of Jesus Christ with students at the University of Richmond. Every other week during this academic year, groups from Dover churches have provided a fellowship meal for us. The students constantly rave about the meals that have been given. In addition to the blessing of the meals themselves, they also help foster our 'family' atmosphere and are a significant piece of our outreach and care for students who are not yet a part of our ministry."

Thomas appreciates the support of Dover's Student Ministry Council led by David and Jennifer Chrisman. "David and Jennifer and the council have been a great support, and I appreciate all they do to facilitate ministry with students."

"The money Dover provides (through the budget and the Association Missions Offering), with the gifts of Richmond and Middle District Associations, funds our ministry budget," Thomas said. "I'd like to say a special note of thanks for the additional funds you gave us from the sale of the Patterson Avenue property. Out of this abundance, we helped support collegiate summer missionaries. We are also planning for a mission trip next year and these funds will help make that a reality for our students."

"Finally, thank you for your prayers. Pray for our students who are serving Christ, working, studying, traveling, and resting this summer. Please pray for the new students who will join us in August," Thomas asked. "The students and I will pray for you as you minister in your communities."

Pray for These

The ministers of Baltimore Baptist Association churches,
South African church planter Jeffrey Fololo, and, in Dover:

July 5	Mattaponi Indian	Without A Pastor Gertrude Custalow
July 12	Mechanicsville	Without A Pastor John Bryant, Brenda Brown, Brenda Jennings Child Care Center, Peggy Hildreth Debbie Turner, Martha Loving
July 19	Middle Eastern	William Khalil, Pastor
	Mount Olivet	Dale Ashley, Pastor Claudia Phillips, Cindy Weston Shirley Mills
	Mount Pleasant	Barbara Filling, Pastor Lisa Dixon
July 26	Mount Vernon	Donald Runion, Pastor Larry Hoyle, Jamie Nuckols, Sarah Beasley Eugenia Freiburger, Kathy Jones, Jean Grubbs Suzanne Mills, Meghan Norton, Jeff Hickman Jessica Benson, Gayle Christian, Rod Roberts Lynn Madden, Susan Sharon, Darie Lee Rusty Lee, Clint Beasley, Robin Lafon Anne Winston

Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to **Morgan Day** and family in the loss of his father.

Morgan serves as interim minister of music at **North Run Baptist Church**.

...to **Carol and Dennis Stamey** and family in the loss of her mother. Dennis serves as pastor of **Biltmore Baptist Church**.

...to **Jerri Trotter** and family in the loss of her husband Ken. Jerri, a member of **Berea Baptist Church**, serves as **Dover's Clerk**.

Congratulations

...to **Spencer Dillard** on receiving his Certificate in Theology from the John Leland Center. Spencer serves as pastor of **Parham Road Baptist Church**.

Position Available

Biltmore Baptist Church seeks a keyboard player for Sunday morning Worship Services from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Duties include Wednesday rehearsals for service music from 6:30 to 7:15 and Adult Choir from 7:15 to 8:00 p.m. Please contact Minister of Worship Todd DeFore at 804-475-5015, Pastor Dennis Stamey at 804-266-6480, or visit www.biltmorechurch.net.

Northside Baptist Church seeks a part-time accompanist. Duties includes adult choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings, two worship services, and all special music programs with related rehearsals. Please send resumes to Northside Baptist Church, Attention: Personnel Chairman, 7600 Studley Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116.

Mission Awareness Day

For Ages 3-Adult (nursery provided)

Thursday, July 16, 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Cool Spring Baptist Church, 9283 Atlee Station Road, Mechanicsville, VA

Guest speakers:

- **Missionaries to Ghana Paul and Fay Burkwall**
 - **Missionaries to Egypt Hannah Boswell and sons**
- Bring a sandwich; beverage and dessert will be provided. Meet these missionaries and enjoy lunch together!

Richmond Area

Church Basketball League

Organizational Meeting, Tuesday, August 18, 6:30 p.m.

Richmond Baptist Association, 3111 Moss Side Avenue

Pizza and drinks will be provided at this meeting

RSVP to Darius Webster at websterservicesllc@yahoo.com

The league offers boys and girls ages six to eighteen from the churches in the Dover, Middle District, and Richmond Baptist Associations an opportunity to play. The 2010 season will begin on January 9, 2010. The organizational meeting will take place on August 18, 6:30 p.m. at the Richmond Baptist Association Building. Pizza and drinks will be provided at the meeting. Please RSVP to websterservicesllc@yahoo.com and let League Director Darius Webster know how many are coming to the meeting from your church.

"Because I Have Been Given Much"

Parham Road Baptist Church held a ministry campaign focusing on Matthew 25:35-40 called "Because I Have Been Given Much." The church hosted a pancake dinner at which they imprisoned local celebrities in a makeshift jail. Members donated cans of food to liberate those in the church jail. WTVR TV's Jon Burkett hosted the event. Comedian Garet Chester performed, and church members shared their talents. Parham Road had set a goal of raising 2,000 cans of food for the Central Virginia Food Bank. The church collected and delivered 2,936 cans.

The campaign continued, supported by continual prayers for the ministry focus and for the church. As the focus of feeding the hungry ended, the focus on clothing those in need began. The "Because I Have Been Given Much" focus concluded with baptism, communion and testimony in the worship service on May 31.

Correction

In the June 2009 Dover Diary, Tom Baynham, Pastor for Worship and Senior Adults at Ridge Baptist Church, was incorrectly identified as pastor. Alan Ray serves as Senior Pastor at Ridge Baptist Church. We apologize for the error.



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 Nita May, Regional Ministries Coordinator, CVBM

Church News

Colosse Baptist Church's Collegiate/Young Adult Mission Team, which included 20 members, recently returned from their week-long mission trip to Greenville, S.C. Their Youth Missions Team, numbering 54 youth and adults, served at Reistertown Baptist Church in Baltimore Association, June 21-27. There they worked with sports camps, shared their music, and ministered in other ways.

Grace Community Baptist Church and Cambridge Baptist Church have mission trips to Usibamba and San Jose de Quero, Peru this summer. The Youth went June 17-27; Young Adults will go August 7-15 and Adults-Dental Clinic, November 7-15. Anyone interested in participating in the November trip may contact Pastor Guy Holloway, 804-740-4148.

Hillcrest Baptist Church celebrated their Silver Anniversary with a weekend of festivities June 6 and 7.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church sponsored a youth mission trip to Boston from June 19-26.



HOLD THE DATE

CVBM Leadership Development Conference
Monday, September 28; Dinner 5:45, Sessions 6:55-8:55
Bon Air Baptist Church, 2531 Buford Road, Richmond

Concert at Ridge Baptist Church

Ridge Baptist Church will host the Chapel Choir from Christ United Methodist Church in Bethel Park, Pennsylvania, in concert on July 11, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. There will be a love offering taken at the concert.

Ridge Baptist Church invites Dover Baptists to attend the concert. The church also extends an invitation to serve God by helping to house students while they are here. To host a student or for more information, e-mail worshippastor@comcast.net or bckychapin@gmail.com.

Nominations for Outstanding Christian Educators Due by September 15

Nominations are now being accepted for the sixth annual **Outstanding Christian Educators Appreciation Banquet**. The Resource Center will host the banquet honoring nominees at Trinity Family Life Center, 3601 Dill Road, Richmond on Friday, November 13, at 6:00 p.m. By September 15, congregations should nominate an individual who has contributed significantly to the ministry of their church. Reservations for church members attending the banquet with their nominee are due by October 3. Rev. Dr. Nathaniel West, Professor of Christian Education at the School of Theology at Virginia Union University, will be the guest speaker. For more information, visit www.resourcingchurches.com or call The Resource Center, 804-358-8306 or toll free 888-241-5132.

Holiday Closing

The Dover Office will be closed on Friday, July 3 for the Independence Day Holiday.