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Dover Ministers Conference

Monday, April 19, 10:30 a.m.

Dover Conference Center

Lunch Cost: \$7.00 per person

**Speaker: Thomas Vecchione, Sound
Technician, Atlee Community Church**

Topic: "Wireless in the Church"

*Please tell the Dover office you plan to attend
and make lunch reservations by April 14.*

Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 13, 7:30 p.m.

North Run Baptist Church

2100 Lydell Drive

Richmond, VA 23228

CVBM Vacation Bible School Conference

Monday, April 19

Gayton Baptist Church

13501 N. Gayton Road, Richmond

Dinner: 5:45 p.m. Cost: \$7.00

Conference: 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Dinner reservations *required* by April 15.

Register online at www.cvbm.org

or call 804-598-6350.

Dover Baptist Association Semiannual Meeting to Commission Connections Project Churches

Sunday, April 25, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Registration opens at 2:30 p.m.

Dover Baptist Church, 635 Manakin Road, Manakin-Sabot

Featured Speakers: Faye and Paul Burkwall, Missionaries to Africa

Dover Baptist Church, one of the founders of Dover Baptist Association, will host the 2010 Semiannual Meeting. The program will feature Faye and Paul Burkwall, Southern Baptist missionaries to Africa, who will speak about God's work there.

Dover Baptist Association has embarked on a major effort to help Dover's churches connect in more effective ways to the communities they serve. Each participating church has a Connections Project Team. Dover's Semiannual Meeting program will also feature a commissioning service involving the pastors and Connections Project Team leaders of Dover churches that have chosen to participate in the Dover Connections Project.

Dover churches are entitled to send voting messengers to this meeting (see below). In addition to voting messengers, the Association invites any Dover Baptist and their guests to share in this inspiring meeting.

Elect your Messengers! Article 4 of Dover's Constitution states:

Each member church shall be entitled to send two messengers to Annual, Semiannual and special Called Association Meetings. A church that contributes at least \$400 to the General Fund during the Association's previous fiscal year shall be entitled to have three (3) messengers. An additional messenger is added for each additional \$400 contribution to the General Fund up to a maximum of seven (7) messengers for any church.

Others may attend also. Bring your messengers and others from your church to share inspiration and joy as we celebrate how Dover Baptists help reveal Christ by doing missions together.

Affordable Housing Awareness Week

CVBM Day Set for Thursday, April 22

Again this year, Central Virginia Baptist Ministries has the opportunity to join Affordable Housing Awareness Week and Habitat for Humanity in a building project. CVBM has space for 70 volunteers to work at The Pillars at Oakmont-Church Hill, an attached residential housing development on Richmond's historic Church Hill. Habitat for Humanity has made Thursday, April 22 CVBM Day. The work day runs from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. CVBM also needs churches to provide bag lunches for the volunteers. CVBM will supply drinks.

Join others to help a family have a home. To volunteer, call 804-598-6350 (toll-free 1-888-598-6350) or e-mail gayle.taylor@cvbm.org.

Isn't It Wonderful When Dreams Come True? (Reprise)

People filled the auditorium at Atlee Community Church on March 7. They celebrated a dream come true, fifteen years of ministry God has used to change lives for now and forever.

Atlee Community Church grew out of a team effort. North Run Baptist Church led the team of sponsoring Dover churches. Church Planter Strategist Doug Frazier played a key role. Chris Hembrough, founding pastor, brought the vision and led the way. Virginia Baptists added their support.

In 1995, the launch service at the Hanover House motel was the largest launch Virginia Baptists had seen to that time. God opened the door to move to Atlee High School where the congregation met until they moved into their own facility on land that Dover Baptists had bought as a future church site.

Led by Pastor Jeff Boggess, Atlee Community Church has reached a new milestone. They launched a new work on March 14. Mark Tapscott serves the campus pastor of Atlee Community Church-West End. The new work meets at 10:30 on Sunday mornings in Short Pump Middle School.

This new work is the first satellite congregation a Dover church has started. As a satellite, Atlee's leaders want the west end campus to offer a very similar Sunday experience to the one offered at the Mechanicsville campus.

Atlee Community Church church committed itself to the concept of starting multiple satellite congregations. For the west end campus, Atlee committed \$50,000, staff time and resources, and asked dozens of member households in the west end to attend the new campus.

Dover's commitment involves some staff time and the volunteer time of Dover's trustees. The trustees also serve as the trustees of the Wynbrook legacy, the assets of Wynbrook Baptist Church left with the goal of starting a new work to minister in the far west end of Henrico County. Atlee and Dover have a covenant that links the church, the association, and the Wynbrook legacy. That legacy has helped rent the school, pay salaries, pay for a marketing campaign, and buy equipment that have made the satellite launch possible.

Glenn Akins serves on the Virginia Baptist staff. He has helped link Atlee's leaders with mentors whose experience with satellite congregations inspired Atlee's vision and paved the way for action. On March 7, Glenn presented a check representing a portion of Virginia Baptists' three-year commitment to help this new work succeed.

The things it takes to launch a new work have not changed since Atlee started. The reasons to launch a new work have not changed either. They are as old as the Bible and continue from generation to generation. On March 7, they took the form of personal stories of God's work. The celebration service concluded with a video "scroll," name after name of people baptized through the ministry of Atlee Community Church, more than 1200 names. How many more names will go on that list in 2010 and beyond?

Dover Baptists welcome another congregation to share the work God has given us. The task to which we put our hands is great, and we can always use more helping hands. As multitudes wait, one by one, for people like us to help connect them to Christ, may we work with a fresh sense of God's call to connect to them, starting today.

—Steve Allsbrook

FCC Changes Wireless Microphone Rules, Your Church May be Affected

Thomas Vecchione serves as a sound technician at Atlee Community Church. He will discuss the Federal Communication Commission's new rules regarding wireless microphone use at the April Dover Ministers Conference.

—Editor

Churches use many tools to help people participate in worship, including wireless microphones. Wireless microphones Dover churches use must operate according to rules set by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The FCC has changed some of the rules by which wireless microphones have been operating.

Wireless microphones operate in the category of UHF RF equipment. That category also includes tools such as in-ear monitors. Two major changes in technology will change how we use UHF RF equipment in the church and elsewhere. These changes result from the switch-over of TV to digital broadcast and the subsequent 700 MHz auction with the new devices that will make possible.

Even though churches have used wireless microphones for some time, the vast majority of churches, along with many other users, were not even eligible to become legal, licensed users. The FCC has long ignored such illegal uses of microphones as it did no real harm. Licensed users of the microphones did not push to update the rules through either ignorance of the rules or lack of desire.

Recently, in an effort to make more space available in the crowded UHF spectrum, the FCC asked all television broadcasters to do two things. First, they required switch from analog transmission to digital transmission. (Recall the recent converter box and digital TV switch-over.) The second requirement vacated the 700 MHz spectrum. The switch to digital transmission made this possible by using the spectrum more efficiently. The government auctioned the vacant 700 MHz spectrum, selling it to new users like AT&T and Verizon. Unfortunately, along with TV broadcasts formerly in this spectrum, older wireless microphones also use this spectrum.

What does all this mean? No one knows yet. Recently the FCC released a "Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rule-making." This has short-term and long-term implications for churches. For the short term there are two primary points to keep in mind. For the moment wireless microphones of 50 mW or less can be legally used in the TV UHF spectrum below 698 MHz. This will cover the vast majority of churches that are not in the 700 MHz spectrum.

Any microphone in the UHF range of 698 MHz to 806 MHz has been ordered to cease operation by June 12, 2010. Many wireless microphone manufacturers are offering rebate programs to replace and upgrade wireless microphones that are in this range. However, legal, unlicensed use of the spectrum is a temporary waiver, and that will change in the future. The FCC has asked for comments on the proposed changes to its rules. It will consider the possibility of allowing unlicensed use, or even licensed use, of the spectrum.

—Thomas Vecchione

Pray for These

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

April 4 **Glen Allen** Timothy Norman, Pastor
Carol Slaven, Ken Archer
Terry Riddell Jan Kessler

Goochland Dean Frazeur, Pastor
Tammy Johnson

April 11 **Grace Chinese** Daniel Chu, Pastor
Carter Tan

Grace Community Guy Holloway, Pastor
Larry Pumpelly, Ed Martin, Brenda Burnett
Judy Augst, Mattie Collins, Gay Holloway

April 18 **Gwathmey** Butch Hutson, Pastor
Tracy Bradley

April 25 **Hardy Central** Kenneth Smith, Pastor
Nancy Ames, Cindy Marshall

Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to Butch Hutson and family in the loss of his father
Melton Wade Hutson. Butch serves as pastor of **Gwathmey
Baptist Church**.

...to the family of John Robert Gallier, Pastor Emeritus of
Emmaus Baptist Church. Bob served Emmaus from 1962 to
1988. He gave the church the motto "Love Grows at Emmaus"
and left a legacy of love.

Dover Baptists Congratulate...

...Lynn and Jason Madden on the birth of their daughter
Sophia Grace on March 2. Lynn serves as the Director of
Communications for **Mount Vernon Baptist Church**.

Personnel Changes

Black Creek Baptist Church has called John Johnson as
Interim Pastor.

Hopewell Baptist Church has called Vander Warner as
Interim Pastor.

Mechanicsville Baptist Church has called Mike Harton as
Interim Minister of Education.

Yvonne Mansini now serves as church secretary at **First
Baptist, West Point**.

Position Available

Biltmore Baptist Church, 1300 New York Avenue, Glen
Allen, seeks a part-time Student Minister to lead Youth and
Children's Ministries. The position covers all aspects of
ministry, from activities planning (including fund-raising for
those activities) to administrative duties related to budget and
recruitment of volunteers. This is a 20-hour per week position.
If interested, send resume to Stephanie Vassar, Personnel Chair,
biltmorepersonnel@gmail.com.

Black Creek Baptist Church seeks a part-time Youth
Minister for 10-12 hours a week. Send resumes to Rev. John
Johnson, Black Creek Baptist Church, 6289 McClellan Road,
Mechanicsville, VA 23111.

DWMU News

Area V April 7, 10:30 a.m. Little Elam, lunch

W/M East April 12, 6:30 a.m. Antioch, dinner

Area IV April 20, 10:00 a.m. Beulah, lunch

W/M West April 26, 7:00 p.m. Taylorsville, dinner

May 4 Dover WMU Council, Dover Center, 6 p.m.

**May 11 Dover WMU Annual Meeting, First Baptist
Church, Ashland, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.**

We have had an overwhelming response to the WMU
Annual Meeting! All tickets for the evening session and the
dinner have been reserved, and we have started a waiting list.
*We ask anyone having a ticket that may go unused to either
share that ticket with someone who will use it or allow us
reissue the ticket to someone on the waiting list. To return a
ticket, please call Sharon McKinley at 804-798-6518. (Please
call after 7:30 p.m. Monday-Friday or anytime on weekends.)*

May 22 Twenty-fifth Anniversary Celebration at
CrossRoads Camp and Conference Center

Grace Chinese Needs AWANA Helpers on Friday Evenings through June

When Grace Chinese Baptist Church began their AWANA
program last fall, they expected no more than 40 children. They
have reached 80, plus 40 youth, plus 40 adults (for Bible study)!

This blessing has stretched their team of 20 leaders beyond
its capacity. Grace Chinese needs 8-10 AWANA leaders or
others who might help the church cover the remaining Fridays
until it ends in June. (They use English in this program.)

Please e-mail dcchu9417@gmail.com or call Daniel Chu,
804-385-5006, to volunteer or to get more information.

**Youth EnCounter Led by "Chalk
Guy" Ben Glenn, Skyline Drive Band
Sunday, April 24, 3:00-6:00 p.m.**

**Walnut Grove Baptist Church
7046 Cold Harbor Road, Mechanicsville
Special Guest: Ben Glenn, "The Chalk Guy"
Music by Skyline Drive**

For more information, call Trey Bearden, 804-746-5081,
call Ken Dibble, 800-255-2428, ext. 2255, or e-mail
ken.dibble@vbmb.org.

**iHope Youth Rally 2010 Led by
Craig Tackett and Jonathan Project**

Mount Olivet Baptist Church's youth ministry will
sponsor the "iHope Youth Rally 2010" on May 21. The
rally will take place at First Baptist Church, Ashland. It
starts at 7:00 p.m. This free event is open to all church
groups!

"iHope Youth Rally 2010" will feature Craig Tackett
and the Jonathan Project Band. In addition, youth will lead
skits, minister through music, and share testimonies.

For more information, call Cindy Weston, 804-883-
5950, or e-mail cindy@mtolivetbaptist.org.



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Families
Nita May, Regional Ministries Coordinator, CVBM

Church News

Colosse Baptist Church held a "Drive Through Easter Pageant" on March 26 and 27.

Cool Spring Baptist Church held their VBS '10 Kickoff on March 14. Cool Spring youth collected \$18,750 during the 30-Hour Famine for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti, plus collected over \$4,000 more, received 60 blankets and 2 boxes of medications, and filled 50 "Buckets of Hope" with dried food to help earthquake victims in Haiti.

Corinth Baptist Church has TeamKids, a class for children in Grades 3-5. The TeamKids shared a Passover Seder meal with their parents and families on March 24.

Four Mile Creek Baptist Church hosted Dallas Holm in concert on March 21.

Grace Chinese Baptist Church received approval of its Conditional Use Permit and can move forward with building their facility in Goochland County on land Dover had bought as a future church site.

Grace Community Baptist Church GraceKids held their 2nd Annual Pancake and Pajamas Party for all K-5th graders and their families on March 12. Church leaders sponsored "A Season of Prayer and Fasting" from March 14-19.

Mechanicsville Baptist Church hosted Gospel Jail Ministry's Fundraising Concert with "Homeward Bound" on March 27. Mechanicsville youth held a "Share the Love" Valentine's Banquet on February 27 that raised over \$1,600. The church's Women on Mission group held a daily prayer breakfast from March 8-12 during Week of Prayer for North American Missions. The church served as a collection point for the "Buckets of Hope" filled with dried food for Haiti.

Pioneer Baptist Church youth filled more than two dozen "Buckets of Hope;" the church has sent a total of 31 buckets. The church held its annual Chili Cookoff and Bake-off on March 14.

Ridge Baptist Church youth and chaperones traveled to Eagle Eyrie for Senior High Weekend March 5-7.

Shalom Baptist Church held a talent show on March 13 which showcased the talents of Shalom's people.

Raceway Ministries Offers New Event for Children and Their Families, Asks for Cookies and Volunteers

Central Virginia Raceway Ministries has the opportunity to have a presence for Christ where more than 100,000 people will gather April 30 and May 1. New this year, CVRM plans a children's carnival event for children and their families. The event will have games, prizes, music, and refreshments. It will take place on Saturday afternoon, May 1, 1:00-3:00.

CVRM has established itself as the place and people from whom Richmond International Raceway guests may get a free bag of homemade cookies and a cup of cool water or lemonade. This kindness, a ministry in itself, opens the door to other acts of ministry.

Church mission groups, Sunday School classes, youth groups, and others generously provide the bags of cookies for each race. CVRM asks your group to make (or buy) cookies and put them in small clear ziplock-style plastic bags with 2-3 medium sized cookies in each bag.

Please place a pre-glued label on the outside of the bag that reads "Compliments of _____ Baptist Church," adding the church's name. (No tracts please! CVRM and Motor Racing Outreach provide tracts that speak to all the racing community.) **Please bring the bags of cookies to the Dover Center, April 26-29 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.**

It takes many volunteers to cover this ministry opportunity. CVRM will hold its next Volunteer Orientation meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20 at the Richmond Baptist Association offices, 3111 Moss Side Avenue. To volunteer or get more information, please call Billy Davis, Volunteer Coordinator at 804-306-1604 or e-mail billy.davis1@verizon.net by April 15.

Dover Office Closed for Good Friday

The Dover Office will be closed on Good Friday, April 2.