



# Dover Diary

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## Dover Sunday School Directors Network

**The Fourth Monday Night of the Month**

**Next Meeting: February 27, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**Dover Conference Center**

Steve Smith hosts the meetings. Please let him know you plan to attend, and he will make sure there is a light supper for you.

## Operation INASMUCH Training

**Saturday, February 18, 10:00 am-Noon**

**Dover Conference Center**

RSVP Deadline is Friday, February 10th

Contact: Steve Smith – (804) 241-8944

[steve.smith@doverbaptist.org](mailto:steve.smith@doverbaptist.org)

*Save the Date!*

## Dover Senior Adult Luncheon

**Tuesday, May 2 – 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**Hunton Baptist Church**

11660 Greenwood Road, Glen Allen

More details coming soon!

## Inclement Weather Policy

Whenever Hanover County Public Schools close due to weather conditions, the Dover Association Office may also close or change office hours.

## News from Dover's Ministry Partners:

### Tipi Wakan Ministries

*Editor's Note: Dover Baptists partnered with Tipi Wakan Ministries, located on the Standing Rock Reservation in Cannon Ball, North Dakota. The residents of Standing Rock are primarily of the Sioux Indian Nation. Tipi Wakan (Sacred Tent) Ministries has two locations, about a mile apart, in Cannon Ball. Pete and Angela Adkins, whose home church is Samaria Baptist Church, moved to Cannon Ball as full-time missionaries two years ago. The following is a report from Pete and Angela Adkins.*

Thank you Dover Baptists for the money, gift cards, and gifts sent to make Christmas here in Cannon Ball more enjoyable for many. Thanks to the volunteers who came out in December to shop for gifts, sort and organize the gifts that you sent and put together gift bags by age and gender. This is a monumental task and takes many hands. On the day of our Christmas celebration we had approximately 170 people in attendance. The children dressed in biblical costumes and acted out the Nativity Story. We had a wonderful day.

Last Winter was our first here in North Dakota (ND) and we survived pretty well; however we were told that it was a mild winter. This winter is a more typical ND winter. While writing this letter, we have had around 55 inches of snow and it's been weeks since we had daytime highs above ten degrees! The nighttime lows have fallen thirty degrees below zero. We have snowdrifts at the North Church around 10 feet high!

Many churches are planning and starting fundraising activities for their trips out here this summer. We are grateful for the Dover churches that have been coming to Standing Rock for many years. We are excited that our home church, Samaria Baptist, is planning a trip to Cannon Ball this summer. Do you feel God leading you to come and minister here this summer?

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. Please pray for the churches and individuals who plan to come this summer. Continue to pray for the community of Cannon Ball and the Standing Rock Reservation. We are encouraged by the little things that we see, like kids asking about Sunday School, and the weekly Bible Studies. Adults are asking things of a spiritual nature, and there is more consistent attendance to Sunday school and worship. Please continue to pray for the broken families and those who are held in bondage by addictions.

We are grateful for God's faithfulness to answer prayers. Sometimes it seems as nothing is changing and then we have a Sunday when all the workers will comment on a sense of God's moving.

We are grateful for Dover's partnership with Tipi Wakan Ministries. We're anxious to see how God will work through this partnership to grow us as individuals and further His kingdom's work.

Consider serving during WMUV Week at Standing Rock: July 23-28. We will have an information session/new volunteer training on February 25 from 9:00 a.m.-Noon followed by a Site/Team Leader meeting from 1:00-4:00 p.m. For more information, e-mail Laura Davis at [ldavis@wmuv.org](mailto:ldavis@wmuv.org) or call (804) 915-5000, ext. 8301.

## Where is Your Attention?

Here is an irony for you: I write an article for the Dover Diary about an event that began for me, my family, and our church, in the parking lot of the Dover Baptist Associational Building. Back in 2007, Derek Gordon, a minister at New Highland Baptist Church, handed me a copy [The Total Money Makeover](#) written by Dave Ramsey. I never heard of Dave Ramsey, but I graciously accepted Derek's free book! That night, I cracked it open and began to read it, and I could not put it down. The book "grabbed hold of me" and would not let go. So, I passed it on to my wife, who also read it with the same level of intensity. It sparked us, as husband and wife, to make some major adjustments to the way we "do" money moving forward.

In the winter of 2008 (the time of year when people are not only digging out of the snow, but also generally digging out of the massive debt they accumulated before Christmas) Shalom Baptist Church launched a small group that corresponded with Dave Ramsey's book, called "Financial Peace University." There were only a few churches in the Richmond area offering this class, so right out of the gate, we ended up with twenty-one people registered (both church members and community). The class was a huge success! People connected with others, and they spoke about what the Scriptures say about money while at the same time learning some very practical and tangible skills necessary for their day to day handling of their money. The class sessions became a safe place to be real, transparent, and gently hold each other accountable regarding the things learned.

I believe any time a church reaches out to hurting people and offer real, applicable, practical and Biblical help—that is a success! Due to the positive church-wide and community reception of that first class, Shalom Baptist has offered "Financial Peace University" ever since.

Beyond just offering a "class" on finances, what happens in a church when Biblical financial habits really permeate its membership? What happens in a congregation when people really do pay off debt, and create an emergency fund? Amazing things happen, that's what!

Two years ago, Shalom started a three-year capital campaign program. Recognizing the need for increased space and greater facility options, we took a "step up and a step out". When many of our congregants took the journey through "Financial Peace" it helped us connect our faith with good stewardship practices.

There are several church financial studies out there to choose from: Financial Peace University, Crown Financial Ministries Resources, or Saddleback's "Financial Freedom Ministries" (just to name a few). Connect with people in the neighborhoods around your church who struggle under the weight of debt, live paycheck to paycheck, knocked down by financial emergency after emergency, and give them some hope financially, so they can experience church at its best. Welcome them in, provide resources that help them, introduce them into a caring Christian community and, ultimately, share with them the greatest hope imaginable...the hope of Jesus Christ...a life lived abundantly in Him...and the promise of eternity with Him!

—Mark Miller  
Shalom Baptist Church

## Really?!

A simple exclamation began an amazing adventure and opportunity to serve God. Westhunt Baptist hosted a breakfast and time of fellowship with Emmanuel Mustapha (affectionately known as Muss), a Ghana Baptist Convention (GBC) missionary and key contact for the partnership between GBC and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) for a program called "More Than Nets". Someone asked Muss how we could pray for him. He asked for someone to go to Yendi to be his administrative assistant.

I spoke up. Muss recognized the interest behind my exclamation. God took over the conversation. Muss wanted my help for a year. I would provide him organization and support. Here is why: prior to my retirement, my corporate assignments included Tokyo, Japan and Jakarta, Indonesia. Although I loved both assignments and cherish all the friendships I made, I knew while working in a foreign country, I kept a native from holding that position. God knew my heart and planted a seed. I could use this opportunity to do the opposite. So Muss and I negotiated a plan for me to spend three months in Yendi working with him, but also training candidates for a permanent position to support Muss long after I returned home.

Muss knew the difficulty of a foreign assignment on anyone. Once he learned I had lived abroad, including home to the largest Muslim population in the world, his concerns eased. The Yendi district, only ten percent Christian, identify themselves as Muslim. One still finds traces of the traditional idol worship. Yendi is also rural and poor, where education is not free and opportunities are few.

While in Ghana, I traveled to Kujuni Westhunt Baptist Church, a rich memory for me. In Kujuni, Dean Miller (Westhunt member and BGAV staff) shared the gospel and handed out treated mosquito nets. When the villagers decided to form a church, they asked him to name it—Kujuni Westhunt Baptist Church. They were so excited to have someone else from Westhunt come and speak to them. On the drive over, my translator informed me I would preach, but I suspected that and prepared! I shared my testimony and some Scriptures of encouragement (including 1 Thessalonians 5:11). It meant the most to them knowing that a church in America prays for them on a regular basis.

If you know the book, "The Hiding Place" then you know why I thank God for the fleas. My flea moment? The battery on my camera died while I snapped away pictures with my camera. Yikes, now what?! I took photos on my iPad. Then God inspired me to show them the pictures. They all gathered around and saw themselves, including the matrons of the village. Much giggling by everyone ensued. I wish I had recorded their precious laughter. In addition to the lesson always check the battery, the most important lesson I learned was to always be prepared to share testimony and the Gospel.

That original assignment? Well that developed into training two young women who are now so precious to me. God gave the sweet gift of creating exactly the same number of jobs in a foreign country that I filled in other places! How blessed are we when God uses a simple question for amazing things?!

—Sabrina Haynes  
Westhunt Baptist Church

## Pray for These

### The ministers of Tipi Wakan Ministries, and, in Dover:

- February 5 **Broadus Memorial** . . . . . Phil Peacock, Pastor  
Carol Golden, Jeff Joythress, Karen Tucker,  
Randy Cooksey, Ellis D. Monfalcone,  
Gladys Seymour, Dare Wright
- Colosse** . . . . . Don Campbell, Interim Pastor  
Gaynell Smith, Marian Carnell, Rose Rice
- February 12 **Cool Spring** . . . . . Brad Hoffmann, Pastor  
Wayne Smith, Ted Tussey, Greg English,  
Glen Bohannon, Jeremy Hindman, Jesse Flury,  
David Moore, Rachel Phillips, Bryan Dupuis,  
Brenda Kidd, Jill Baughan, Sharon Neeley,  
Nicole Moore, Candace Nahodil, Sheila Leistner  
Laurie Spiers, Linda McNally, Sandy Finan,  
Kim Young, Shane Standlick, Jen Willard,  
Melvin Terry, Mark Billups,  
Nicole Call, Wendy Shaw, Pam Cross
- February 19 **Corinth** . . . . . Ben Caldwell, Pastor  
William Shaw, Tony Vines, Don Bradley
- February 26 **Cornerstone Christian** . . . . Les Redfern, Pastor  
Pam Hughes

## Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to the family of Judy Ross who died on October 29, 2016.  
Judy was the wife of Mel Ross, Dover's Moderator in 2010.

## Personnel Changes

**New Bethesda Baptist Church** welcomes Caleb Bittler as their Minister to Students and Families/Associate Pastor.

**Antioch Baptist Church** welcomes Amy Moretz as their Youth Leader.

## Positions Available

**Atlee Church, Mechanicsville Campus** seeks a full-time Music Director. Visit [www.atleechurch.org/jobs](http://www.atleechurch.org/jobs) to see the job description and submit an application.

**Atlee Church, Mechanicsville Campus** seeks a Technical Director. Visit [www.atleechurch.org/jobs](http://www.atleechurch.org/jobs) to see the job description and submit an application.

**Atlee Church, Northminster Campus** seeks a part-time Music Director. Visit [www.atleechurch.org/jobs](http://www.atleechurch.org/jobs) to get more information and submit an application.

**Black Creek Baptist Church** seeks a part-time Music Director. E-mail resume to [office@blackcreek.org](mailto:office@blackcreek.org) or call 804-781-0330 for details.

**First Baptist Church, West Point** seeks a part-time Accompanist. Send resume the Personnel Committee, First Baptist Church, P.O. Box N, West Point, VA 23181.

**Hillcrest Baptist Church** seeks a Minister of Youth. Call Pastor Clarke Hawkins at (804) 730-1500 for more information.

**Taylorsville Baptist Church** seeks a part-time Youth Minister. E-mail resume to [TaylorsvilleYouth@gmail.com](mailto:TaylorsvilleYouth@gmail.com)

## DWMU News

### Love Your Neighbor

Children's Ministry Day 2017  
February 18, 2017

Children's Ministry Day is an annual event, allows children's missions groups nationwide to minister in their communities at the same time on the same day. More information, email to [wmuw@wmuw.org](mailto:wmuw@wmuw.org)

### Women's Mini-Retreat

Saturday, March 11, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Dover Conference Center, 11006 Lakeridge Parkway  
Cost: \$10.00 (includes refreshments, lunch, & supplies)

Choice: regular fried or grilled chicken sandwich from Chick-fil-A

Special guest: Judy Bowman-WHEEL POWER Christian Cyclists-"How to Talk to Anyone, Anytime, Anyplace-about Jesus."

Contact Michelle Brown at (804) 928-2927 to sign up by Friday, March 3.

### Mission Craft Retreat

Monday, March 25 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Virginia Baptist Resource Center  
2828 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond

The Missions Craft Retreat gives women the opportunity to learn new crafts, share ideas, and discover ways to use crafts as a tool to share the love of Christ. There will be a variety of craft ideas to use with women, students, and children.

Registration opens February 1.

### Shine - Teen Girls Get-Away

Saturday, April 8 - Sunday, April 9

Eagle Eyrie Conference Center, Lynchburg

Cost: \$95.75 per person

Especially for teen girls (grades 6-12) and their leaders.

Mission Project: Purses for Girls in our Schools.

For more information, visit [www.wmuw.org/events](http://www.wmuw.org/events)

### Daughter of the King

April 28-29 or April 29-30

Eagle Eyrie Conference Center, Lynchburg

For more information and registration, [www.wmu.org/events](http://www.wmu.org/events)

## Valentine Social for Adults with Special Needs

Friday, February 10, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**Monument Heights Baptist Church - Fellowship Hall**  
5716 Monument Avenue, Richmond 23226

RSVP Deadline is Wednesday, February 8th

For more information, call Judy Rideout at (804) 740-0969 or e-mail [judy.rideout@comcast.net](mailto:judy.rideout@comcast.net)



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## Church News

Visit [www.doverbaptist.org](http://www.doverbaptist.org) for all the Church News!

**Antioch** seniors met on January 9 and Billy Walton from REAP Program was the speaker.

**Hopeful** Golden Circle met on January 25 and the featured vocal soloist was Amy Ladd.

**Hunton** senior adult luncheon was held on January 17.

**Mount Olivet** senior group, "Young at Heart", went to Yoder's Market in Madison and Graves Mountain Lodge on January 12.

**Mount Vernon** had a Missions Saturday on January 28; had Men's Appreciation Breakfast for Men on January 14; had Women's lunch and program "Living Your Faith" on January 14; will have a Chocolate Demonstration and Tasting on February 4.

**New Bethesda** had Amy Ladd and Friends with special guest, True Harmony Trio/Southern Gospel sing on January 29.

**New Highland** youth experienced D-Now January 13-15.

**Northside** held a Pasta & Praise fundraiser on January 29 for the youth mission trips.

**Oak Hall** had a community dinner on January 9.

**Parham Road** Chicks for Christ met January 21 and made soup for the Stock the Freezer mission program.

**Pioneer** Darbytown Seniors met on January 5 and their special guest was Nikki Headly, "The Harvesters" will be in concert on February 26.

**Ridge** Caring Hearts group met on January 19.

**Shalom** had Men's Ministry movie night on January 8; Sparklers met on January 8; Men's Ministry sponsored a trip to the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, VA on January 28.

**Sharon** Senior Saints & Christmas Pals had their 15 annual luncheon on January 15.

**Walnut Grove** divorce recovery workshop will begin on February 12; had a church wide mission day on January 16 at Camp Hanover; had a soup-cookoff fundraiser on January 22 to support youth and children trips.

**West Point, First** hosted a blood drive on January 3; 55-Alive group met on January 5.

## Vacation Bible School Curriculum Fair

February 10, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

February 11, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The Resource Center

at the School of Theology, Virginia Union University  
1500 N. Lombardy Street, Richmond

Cokesbury will offer special discounts for materials purchased at the Curriculum Fair.

## Church Staff Tax and Compensation Planning Seminar

February 21, 9:30-Noon

Virginia Baptist Resource Center

2828 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond

This free seminar offers useful information about the right ways to pay ministers and other church staff members.

Register at [www.bgav.org](http://www.bgav.org) or call (804) 915-5000

## Church Building Conference

Saturday, February 25 - 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Virginia Baptist Resource Center

2828 Emerywood Pkwy, Henrico

For more information, contact Martha Washington,  
(804) 915-5000 or [www.bgav.org/Extension-Board](http://www.bgav.org/Extension-Board).

## Virginia Church Library Association

Spring 2017 Conference, "Libraries: Your Ticket to the World"

Friday, April 21 - Sunday, April 23

Eagle Eyrie Conference Center, Lynchburg

Registration ends March 31

Registration information, [www.eagleeyrie.org](http://www.eagleeyrie.org) or call  
(434) 384-2211.