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It's More Than A Shoebox
 Dover Annual Meeting &
 Shoebox Packing Party
Sunday, October 22, 2017 - 3:00 p.m.
www.doverbaptist.org

Meadow Event Park Pavilion
13048 Dawn Boulevard, Doswell 23047

Dover's 2017 Annual Meeting is dedicated to packing over 1,000 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child!

We have decided to set aside 10:22 am/pm each day to pray for the event.

Hands-on mission opportunities for everyone!
More details coming soon.

2017 Leslie and Hazel Watson Offering for Dover Baptist Association Missions

Offering Goal: \$36,800

Ministry to Our Baptist Community

Inner City Ministry \$3,000
Share ministry costs of Oregon Hill Baptist Center, Church Hill Wellness Center, and South Richmond Baptist Center to help meet spiritual and physical needs of some of the poorest inner city residents.

Tipi Wakan Ministries Partnership \$5,000
Help fund ministry projects or positions in partnership with Tipi Wakan Ministries

Ministry to Ministers and Their Families \$3,000
Help pay for needs of Dover ministers and their families (e.g., counseling, unexpected bills, etc.)

Central Virginia Raceway Ministries \$500
Share the costs of providing Gospel witness and ministry at Richmond International Raceway

Partnership Missions Scholarship \$2,500
Pay part of the cost of partnership mission trips to encourage more Dover Baptists to go

Base Goal: \$14,000

Ministry to Our Faith Community

Christian Leadership Development \$1,750
Help educate and develop Christians in the areas of Muslim awareness, using their gifts as leaders God has placed across the communities we share, and learning to reconcile our differences.

Jail Ministry \$1,500
Contribute to ministries that help people find true freedom in Christ

Medical Ministry \$1,800
Contribute to ministries that help provide healthcare for needy persons

Pregnancy Ministry \$500

Faith Goal: \$19,550

Ministry to Our Greater Community

Community, Housing, and Other Ministry Grants \$17,250
Grants that help local cooperative ministries serve the communities served by Dover churches and that supplement current recipient ministries or support additional ministries

Hallelujah Goal: \$36,800

Something Old Is New Again

Antioch Baptist Church has served Christ since 1776. It helped found Dover Baptist Association and is the parent church of Richmond's First Baptist Church.

Antioch just completed the renovation of its sanctuary. Pastor Greg Soult said, "The renovation is part of our continuing commitment to serve Christ in our community. Like those who went before, we at Antioch want others to know Christ. We offer a place to worship and a family with whom to share a life of faith in Christ."

A generous bequest made the renovation possible and the plans were well under way when Greg came to Antioch in August. Both generated excitement that has continued.

Greg said, "We are blessed. The bequest was a gracious gift and the spark Antioch's people needed to dream of what might be and work toward that goal. People started to imagine new possibilities and make plans. Many people gave their time and talents to large and small jobs, working up front and behind the scenes. Most importantly, our people prayed."

Greg noted the church removed the physical barrier that separated the worship leaders from the congregation. That structure is gone, and Antioch has new flexibility for special services. He said, "Taking it out also serves as a symbol of our openness to reach people around us. We are removing barriers and finding opportunities."

They found an opportunity to bless another Dover church in the sanctuary renovation process. Antioch bought new pews and pulpit furniture. What does a church do with its old pews? When Greg came to the Dover office, he planned to announce the church's desire to find a new home for its old furniture. Director of Missions Steve Allsbrook said, "Call Joe Reeves."

Pastor Joe Reeves, a native of Liberia, started Tabernacle of Praise Ministries International. He has modeled faith in God's provision for their every needs. (New Bethesda Baptist Church had already given Tabernacle of Praise some chairs New Bethesda no longer needed.)

Greg called Joe that day. That very evening Joe and some others met Greg and Liz Bullard to look at what Antioch no longer needed. Greg's voice took on a tender tone as he told about that evening. "They looked at the pews, altar table, and the pulpit," he said, "lovingly examining things that perhaps we had come to take for granted. Pastor Joe ran his hands along 'the sacred desk' and said, 'I've never preached behind a real pulpit.'" The stories Joe shared of lives changed here and efforts to help those in Liberia inspired Liz and Greg.

The next Sunday afternoon volunteers came to pick up the old furniture. Joe sent Greg photos of the furniture in the Tabernacle of Praise sanctuary. The "new" furniture looked like Tabernacle of Praise had ordered it, even to the color!

Greg said, "God blessed them, and God blessed us in blessing them. Both of our worship spaces are beautiful, but the real beauty is the relationships we discovered as we keep growing God's Kingdom."

The Bible says, "...in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to the others" (Romans 12:5). Antioch gave God something "old" that God turned it into something "new" for Tabernacle of Praise, and the Body of Christ was blessed.

—Greg Soult and Steve Allsbrook

Another People Group Near Us

I needed an internship to complete my seminary degree. Nancy King, a long-time Dover volunteer, suggested that I connect with Steve Allsbrook. After our first visit, Steve proposed an internship related to my interest in a people group with which Steve was not familiar. Dover created a position, and I started my internship under Steve last September.

My interest in this people group began as a young adult in my native Brazil when I searched historical records, tracing my Jewish ancestors. I discovered my ancestors had been among the many expelled from Spain and Portugal in the 15th Century around the time Columbus sailed to the "New World."

Those Jewish refugees—the Anusim—and their progeny traveled to other parts of Europe and to the Americas. They lived in fear. They felt the shame of converting to Christianity for the sake of self-preservation. Today there are thousands of people like me whose ancestors fled persecution, lived in fear, and bore the shame of denying their Jewish faith and heritage.

I wanted to use my internship to find Anusim neighbors, and I wanted to tell our churches about them. I had connected with some of the Anusim in Brazil. Though I have been in the U. S. for years, connecting with them here would be different.

Steve and I meet for supervisory sessions. At our first session, Steve asked what I would do if I did not find any Anusim in the area during the fall semester. I told him I had other ideas for ministry, all the while thinking, "I am going to find them."

I have found them. In our area I have found people whose ancestors were part of that migration to find a new place to live in safety. They have come to the greater Richmond area from places as varied as Africa and the Amazon jungle. I have met Anusim from Russia, Europe, and Latin America. They have come here from other U. S. states and territories too. The people I have met may speak English, Spanish, or Portuguese. They vary in age and have an assortment of backgrounds.

Where can you find them? I have met them as store clerks and restaurant servers. Friends have arranged for me to meet some of them. I met others at business gatherings. These encounters have led me to university campuses and family gatherings. (I have never had trouble filling the time required for my internship.)

"Raquel" (not her real name) was raised as a Catholic, but her family belongs to "the people of the Old Book" as some refer to the Jewish people. She does not trust Christians.

"Samuel" did not know he had a Jewish heritage until he came to Shabbat dinner at our home. That evening his mother told him his biological father was Jewish. His mom had not told him because some of the synagogues here were burned when she was growing up in Richmond.

The Anusim have an epic story that some of them may not even know. One young woman was raised in a Pentecostal church and learned that her parents, who had taken her there, were Jewish. I spoke to a man who told me, "I did not have any idea I could believe in Jesus and still keep my culture."

This is the dream of some of our neighbors. I dream of continuing to do what Dover has let me do: reach out to the Anusim among us, walk with them, and, if they ask, guide them toward a deeper relationship with G-d and maybe help them meet Yeshua, our Messiah, too.

—Maristela Araujo

Pray for These

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

- May 7 **Hopeful** Leroy Davis, Pastor
Charles Waldrop, Cathy Waldrop,
Sean Fabling, Connie Cover
- Hopewell** Travis Barrino, Interim Pastor
Rhonda Boggs, Beverly Foreman
- May 14 **Hunton** Frank Goare, Pastor
Eric Fulcher, Bruce Swartz, June Eanes
Cathy Truslow, Vi White
- May 21 **Indian View** Ken Makela, Pastor
Carol Lewis
- May 28 **Kentwood Heights** Dave Smith, Pastor
Mike Bailey, Mary Boyum, Teresa Wolcott

Personnel Changes

Mechanicsville Baptist Church welcomes Jean Dart as their Financial Assistant.

Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to the family of **Anne Ragland** who passed away April 17. Anne is the mother of Sandy Rutledge, Music Director at **Four Mile Creek**.

Dover Sunday School Directors Network

The Fourth Monday Night of the Month
Next Meeting: May 22, 6:30 to 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.

Feast 2017

Virginia Baptist Women in Ministry
Friday, May 5, 3:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Tabernacle Baptist Church, 1925 Grove Ave, Richmond
For more information, call Sheryl Johnson, (804) 321-4913 or visit www.vbwim.org.

Virginia Baptist Historical Society Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m.
River Road Baptist Church
8000 River Road, Richmond

Speaker: Dr. Amanda Tyler,
Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty

Fred Anderson will be recognized upon his retirement after 38 years and the transition in leadership will occur as the new executive director is presented.

For more information, visit www.baptistheritage.org or call (804) 289-8434.

DWMU News

Dover WMU Annual Meeting Tuesday, May 9

Four Mile Creek Baptist, 2950 New Market Road, Henrico
Sessions: 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Elva Hurst, "Chalk Talk"
Dinner: 5:30 p.m.
For questions call Anita Roy at 804-843-4147.

"Come to the Table"

Saturday, May 20

Virginia Baptist Resource Center

2828 Emerywood Parkway, Henrico

Be inspired. Learn fresh ways to engage and equip women. Be encouraged by the good work happening among your counterparts all over Virginia. Prepare for the upcoming year. Come to the table. Nourish your body. Nourish your soul. For more information, www.wmuv.org or call 1-800-255-2428.

Positions Available

Biltmore Baptist Church seeks a part-time accompanist. Send resume to Biltmore Baptist Church, 1300 New York Ave., Glen Allen, VA 23060.

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

Corinth Baptist Church seeks an Administrative Secretary. Send resume to Denise Morris, Personnel Committee, Corinth Baptist Church, New Kent, VA or e-mail resume to morris77@cox.net.

Deep Run Baptist Church seeks a part-time teacher for our Child Development Center. Please e-mail resume to deeprunbc@verizon.net or mail to Deep Run Baptist Church, Attn. CDC Committee, 10907 Three Chopt Road, Henrico, VA 23233.

Emmaus Baptist Church seeks a part-time (12 hours a week) Minister of Children and Youth. For more information and to apply, please e-mail pastorvallerie@gmail.com by Wednesday, May 31.

New Highland Baptist Church seeks a full-time Associate Pastor/Youth Pastor. Please mail resume to church at New Highland Baptist Church, 9200 New Ashcake Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116 with attention Grace Barnes, Personnel Chair; or e-mail resume to gbdallasva@aol.com.

Shalom Baptist Church seeks a full-time Youth/Associate Pastor. Please mail resume with cover letter and references to shalombapyouth@gmail.com or mail to Shalom Baptist Church, ATTN: Search Committee, 6395 Mechanicsville Turnpike, Mechanicsville, VA 23111. Resumes will be accepted until May 8, 2017.

Taylorsville Baptist Church seeks a part-time Youth Minister. E-mail resume to TaylorsvilleYouth@gmail.com.

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



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Church News

Visit www.doverbaptist.org for all the Church News!

Little Elam youth had praise and paint nite on March 18; had celebration for Deacon Edward Lee Atkins for 63 years (he is still active) serving as a deacon. He is a 91 year old WWII veteran.

Mount Olivet Young At Heart went to Battleship Wisconsin in Norfolk on April 3; a family Easter celebration on April 8; had a dessert auction on April 9 to benefit Annie Armstrong Easter offering; youth had movie night on April 19 and saw "To Save a Life"; will host CARITAS May 13-20; Bland Mission Trip July 9-14.

New Bethesda Maundy Thursday service on April 13; Easter "Son-Rise" service on April 16; children's Easter egg hunt on April 16; youth attended Rock and Worship Roadshow on April 1.

New Highland Good Friday service on April 14; Easter Sunrise service on April 16; children's Easter egg hunt on April 9; Conduit "Swap & Shop" Clothing Event April 28-29

Northside Maundy Thursday meal and service on April 13; Easter Sunrise service on April 16; beginner handbell class in May; talent show on June 7.

Oak Hall passed out door hangers about Easter Services on April 8; Easter "Son" Rise service on April 16; children's Easter egg hunt on April 15.

Sharon Maundy Thursday service on April 13; Bunny Breakfast and egg hunt on April 15; Easter Sunrise service on April 16; hosted a very special Cornerstone Ministries concert on April 23.

Tabernacle of Praise Ministries, International in March did outreach in the Church community and had a prayer festival; looking towards Charlottesville for Church Plant; beginning Tabernacle Bible Institute.

Walnut Grove children's Easter egg hunt on April 1; youth mission madness April 21-23; will have a community yard sale, bake sale, car wash and craft show on May 13.

Dover Office Closed

The Dover Office will be closed on Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day.

Marriage Enrichment Training

Clergy/Counselor Certification with Prepare-Enrich
Thursday, May 18, 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Stony Point Church, 2330 Buford Road, North Chesterfield

With Prepare/Enrich, you don't just get a packet of instructions to figure out on your own. You'll get thorough training on the program, providing you with the skills you need to use the materials effectively. You'll learn how to administer the online assessment, interpret couples' reports, provide useful feedback, teach relationship skills, and work more effectively with couples. For more information, call (804) 402-8004 or visit www.rfva.org

Men In Ministry

The Hanover Ruritan Club honored Men In Ministry for contributions to the community in helping by giving of their time and talents in areas such as building ramps on homes. Hanover Ruritan Club President David Balderson extended the clubs' thanks to the Men In Ministry for the work they are doing to help the community be a better place to live and honored them with the Hanover Ruritans Community Service Award for 2016.