



Dover Diary

Newsletter of Dover Baptist Association

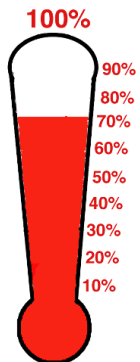
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Leslie and Hazel Watson Association Missions Offering



Goal: \$30,000

Received as of
September 24:

\$21,818.69

Thank You!!

Attention: Treasurers

Gifts for the 2020 Watson Association Missions Offering are due by: Friday, October 30
Any gifts received after this date will be applied to the 2021 Offering. Thank you.

Deadline For Watson Grant Application: Friday, October 30

Visit www.doverbaptist.org/resources/amo or call the Dover office at (804) 550-1980 for more information. Nominations for this grant must come from Dover churches on behalf of ministries and organizations of their choice.

Sunday, October 11
Clergy Appreciation Day

Dover Baptist Association Annual Meeting

****Sunday, October 25, 3:00-5:00 p.m.** (see Contingency Plan below)
Registration opens at 2:30 p.m.**

**Walnut Grove Baptist Church, 7046 Cold Harbor Rd, Mechanicsville
Theme: "Church Without Walls"**

I remember clasping my hands together, fingers intertwined and tucked inside, reciting these words: "Here is the church, here is the steeple. Open the doors and see all the people!"

My hands would pop open and all my finger 'people' wiggling as an expression of joy in the church. Sometimes, I'd get my fingers going the wrong direction, forgetting to tuck them between my palms resulting in an 'empty church' when I opened my hands.

The pandemic has certainly challenged us to adjust how we clasp our hands for worship and other congregational ministries this year! Becoming a "Church without Walls" has us repositioning the way we do church - worship, youth and children's ministries, pastoral care - to name a few. It has required imagination, ingenuity, and technical savvy to minister in these days.

Based on the responses from a survey sent to your churches, you have opened your doors and stepped outside and found new ways to be the church. I hope you'll join us for our Annual Meeting on October 25th as we gather to celebrate the work God is doing in, among and through our Dover Baptist Association churches!

—Dr. Maria Lynn

Dover churches may 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..

CONTINGENCY PLAN

If the Virginia Governor moves the state, or the Dover region, down to Phase 1 or 2, then the Annual Meeting will take place via Zoom. The Dover staff will notify all churches and leaders with the Zoom link and other information. Participating by telephone only is also an option. Please do not hesitate to contact the Dover office by phone: (804) 550-1980 or email: dover.info@doverbaptist.org with any questions. Thank you!

Ministry Reflections

By: Todd Combee

Visit: www.doverbaptist.org/ministry-reflection-todd-combee for the full article.

As I look back on the eighteen years I served as Pastor of New Bethesda Baptist and my ministry within the Dover Baptist Association, I count it a privilege to have served alongside so many faithful servants of God in our area churches. At New Bethesda we partnered with several area churches, including two Dover churches, to conduct a Community Thanksgiving service each November. Our church served as a Collection Center for Operation Christmas Child for many years. It has been very satisfying to see our church family work together on this worldwide mission effort. It is also gratifying to see so many churches bring their shoeboxes to our church for processing and sending on their way with care and a prayer to a child somewhere around the world.

New Bethesda has always had a heart for missions; this attracted me to the church in the first place. Over the years we participated in local, state, national and international mission projects, and I have been fortunate enough to participate in many of those mission efforts. However, one of the most significant mission efforts of our church is the monthly feeding program we participate in with one of the Baptist Centers in Richmond to provide breakfast to those who are experiencing homelessness.

I have been active in the Dover Baptist Association throughout my time at New Bethesda, serving on the Executive Committee, working with the Leadership Development Conference Team to provide an annual training opportunity for our churches, and leading the Raceway Ministry group at Richmond Raceway for a number of years. Thank you for the thousands of cookies donated each race weekend, as well as the many volunteers from our associational churches who serve at the track! One of the many things I am grateful for as part of Dover is the Minister's Support Groups that meet weekly at the Associational Office. These groups of Pastors come together to share in conversation, support one another and to pray for our churches.

As I enter into a new phase of life and retire from full-time church ministry, the Lord blessed me allowing me to continue my work with Virginia Baptists and Texas Baptists in a unique partnership between our two state conventions in the area of Chaplain Ministry. I will be serving part-time for both conventions as the Director of Pastoral Care and Associate Endorser for Baptist Chaplaincy Relations, providing care and support to our 1,000 plus military, healthcare, corrections and public safety chaplains serving across our nation and in several foreign countries. I will travel to see many of our chaplains, but I will be based out of the BGAV building here in Richmond. We will stay in our community of Mechanicsville and plan to stay active in church and ministry opportunities in the area. I hope to see many of you as we continue to live out our calling as Christ-followers!

By: Dale Ashley

Visit: www.doverbaptist.org/ministry-reflection-dale-ashley for the full article.

The greatest highlight of my ministry is having the privilege to introduce people to Christ and then present them to the church family as candidates for baptism and membership. During 40 years in the ministry, it has been awesome staying in touch with folks who I helped to mentor in their faith formation and leadership skills as they still actively serve in a local church. What a gift from God! During the COVID pandemic, a high school senior acknowledged his sense of call to prepare for vocational Christian ministry. He has since been "licensed to preach the Gospel" by affirmation vote of the Mount Olivet Church Family. I cannot wait to see how God will work through this gifted young man during his years of preparation and service in the church.

One of the most special things about a long pastorate is the opportunity to share in the weddings of couples, celebrating the arrival of little ones in the family, being personally engaged with the children and their parents as they grow up, having the opportunity of baptizing them upon their profession of faith, and watching these children become young adults, get married, and now welcoming little ones into their family.

What pastor would not mention one of the greatest challenges of all – pastoring a church that is known for hugs, kisses, hand shakes and back slapping "when COVID requires us to put physical distance between ourselves and others"? It has been a steep learning curve to rethink every custom and tradition because of the safety issues related to the COVID-19. Speaking to a smartphone rather than a congregation has been mind-bending. Serving communion without passing the elements has required some thinking. Welcoming new members into the fellowship has required a different approach. Ordaining deacons with the congregation participating in the ceremony called "laying on of hands" had to be reformed.

I wish that I had been more intentional about keeping a healthy balance between my role as son, husband, and father and my role as pastor. My retirement comes earlier than I had expected because of my desire to spend more time with my family.

While the pastor has a unique role in the church, he/she is NOT the final authority. One of my main objectives has been to teach that "all believers are ministers" in the Kingdom's work. God speaks through other believers in the church as well as through the pastor. God provides vision to other believers in the church as well as to the pastor. The role of pastor is only one of many valuable avenues of service in the local church.

I have applied for the job of a teacher – homeschooling the older two grandchildren. Spend time with my family, invest in my grandchildren, read more specifically for personal growth than church leadership, be more intentional about exercise and REST!!!! I will also continue taking courses towards a certification "coaching".

Positions Available

Visit www.doverbaptist.org for all of the job openings.

Broadus Memorial Baptist Church seeks an Office Manager (part-time). The duties include financial bookkeeping, in-house publishing, record keeping, correspondence, and other things specialized to the smooth operation of a church office. A full job description is available upon request. Send resume as soon as possible to Broadus Church Personnel Committee, 5351 Pole Green Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116 – or email: phil@broadusmbc.org

Walnut Grove Baptist Church seeks a Minister to Families (part-time) to assist the pastor with supporting and innovating in-reach and outreach to children, youth and young adults. A heart for youth and their families, experience with these age groups, and a desire to equip volunteers for team leadership are essential to fulfilling this position. Call 804-746-5081 for more information or email resumes to office@wgva.church

Corinth Baptist Church seeks an Administrative Secretary (part-time) for approximately 16 hours per week. The candidate must be a person of integrity, devoted to Christ above all else. Should be dedicated to the work of the ministry as a competent professional person who can manage his or her time wisely. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office Suite. Previous experience using Quick Books and Servant Keeper preferred, but not necessary. If interested, email resume and contact information to office@corinthbaptist.us Please note ATTN: Personnel in the subject line.

Emmaus Baptist Church seeks a pastor (full-time). The Pastor and Church profiles along with a Pastor Position Description are on our website at www.emmausbapchurch.com under the Pastor Search heading. Inquires and resumes may be directed to: pastorsearchcommittee2020@gmail.com

Annual Church Profiles

The ACP's from Lifeway have not arrived yet in the mail; however, they are available online. As soon as we receive the packets, they will be mailed to the churches. Any questions, call Sue Hall at (804) 550-1980 or email sue.hall@doverbaptist.org

“When God Closes One Door, He Opens Others”

When Covid-19 caused the cancellation of our greatly anticipated Youth Mission Trip from Northside Baptist in Mechanicsville to Lake Travers, South Dakota, we began to pray that God would lead us to enough other opportunities to fill up a week of ministry in His name. God, in bigger plans for us, provided a month's worth of ministry opportunities!

At the beginning of July, youth packed school supplies for delivery to Boys Home of Virginia, in Covington. Funds for these supplies were supplied by our church Mission budget. Our youth developed an ongoing relationship with Boys Home. Originally an outreach of the Episcopal Church, Boys Home has provided a supportive environment, education, shelter, and care to thousands of young men since 1906. Caring adult supervision, a welcoming school environment, a stable living situation, and opportunities to explore educational and career options help the students become responsible, well-rounded young men. Boys are provided food, clothing, shelter, and guidance, almost entirely privately financed by individuals and churches.

Our youth took two mission trips to Boys Home, where they completed projects such as room renovation, painting, yardwork, and office projects, in addition to leading worship activities. They interacted and built relationships with many of the young men who reside there. On the evening we loaded paper, binders, jump drives, pens, pencils, markers, and calculators for delivery, my heart was full as each of our youth prayed that these supplies might be used to acquaint the students receiving them with the love of Jesus. In the middle of July, youth filled bags with toiletry items to be distributed to the homeless of our area by Moments of



Hope, a local non-profit organization whose mission is to “give hope to our neighbors experiencing homelessness and those living in poverty”. Youth filled 100 bags with toiletries and personal cleaning supplies that could be easily transported and used by a homeless person. We pray that God will provide additional opportunities for our youth to partner with this organization.

On the last Sunday of July, our youth distributed cleaning supplies as well as groceries to 30 residents of Harbour Square, a Mechanicsville apartment complex for Seniors 62 and over and individuals 18 and over with a disability. Our church has an ongoing ministry to Harbour Square in which we purchase and deliver a bag of groceries to residents in need each month. Budget constraints do not usually allow for extras, such as the important hand sanitizer, antiseptic wipes, dish detergent, sponges, bathroom cleanser, paper towels, dish cloths, or window spray. The purchase of these supplies and the toiletry items for Moments of Hope was made possible by a grant from the Baptist General Association of Virginia for COVID-19 relief efforts.

While the opportunity to minister to Native Americans in South Dakota could not be completed due to COVID risks, God led our youth to three minimal risk mission opportunities with three distinct populations. Thank you, God for opportunities to serve where needed and thank you to the BGAV for funds to serve those in need.

—Karen Mills
Director of Children and Youth Ministries,
Northside Baptist Church



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Maria Lynn, Interim Executive Director of Missions
 Sam Duenckel, Associate for Missions
 Sandy Weakley, Executive Assistant
 Sue Hall, Ministry Assistant
 Steve Smith, Associate for Ministry to Church Leaders

Pray For These

**The leaders of Tipi Wakan Ministries, our Dover Staff,
 and in Dover's churches:**

October 4: **Ridge Baptist Church**

Alan Ray, Senior Pastor; Abbie Duenckel,
 Robert Coffman, Phyllis Coffman,
 Robert Blaylock, Theresa Altland, Louise Crooks,
 Lindsay Ray, Neven Kalda

October 11: **Samaria Baptist Church**

Jay Hurley, Pastor; Darius Webster, Donna Turner,
 David Adkins

October 18: **Second Liberty Baptist Church**

Sean Young, Pastor

October 25: **Shalom Baptist Church**

Mark Miller, Pastor; Jeffrey Farrier, Jean Dart,
 Kelly Bittler

Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to the family of Joyce Dillard who passed away on
 September 24. Joyce was the mother of Spencer Dillard,
 pastor of Parham Road Baptist Church, and the widow of
 Bill Dillard, former pastor of Parham Road Baptist Church.

...to the family of John Long who passed away on
 September 13. John was a member of Mechanicsville
 Baptist Church and served for many years on the Dover
 Baptist Association Properties Committee.

Dover WMU News

The Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer is
 Monday, November 2, 2020.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will not meet in-person
 this year. Prayer guides and other resources are available
 online: www.bwawd.org/day-of-prayer-this-year

Personnel Changes

Broadus Memorial Baptist Church welcomed
 Tyson Banks as their Youth Minister on August 23.

Gwathmey Baptist Church welcomed Taylor
 Elizabeth Bigelow as their Youth Leader on September 1.



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Collection Schedule

Mount Vernon Baptist Church
 11220 Nuckols Road, Glen Allen

Mon, Nov. 16: 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Tue, Nov. 17: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Wed, Nov. 18: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Thu, Nov. 19: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Fri, Nov. 20: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Sat, Nov. 21: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Sun, Nov. 22: 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Mon, Nov. 23: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

New Bethesda Baptist Church
 9019 New Bethesda Road, Mechanicsville

Mon, Nov. 16: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Tue, Nov. 17: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Wed, Nov. 18: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Thu, Nov. 19: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Fri, Nov. 20: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Sat, Nov. 21: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Sun, Nov. 22: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Mon, Nov. 23: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Dover Baptist Association
 11006 Lakeridge Parkway, Ashland

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