

Left: Win with his stepfather, Reid.
Right: Win with his biological
father, Arnold.

Influence

I've been reflecting on the power of influence. If you follow me on social media, you read the story of my fathers' influence. I paid tribute to both the father who gave me life, and the father who raised me. I believe both loved me, but their influence was profoundly different.

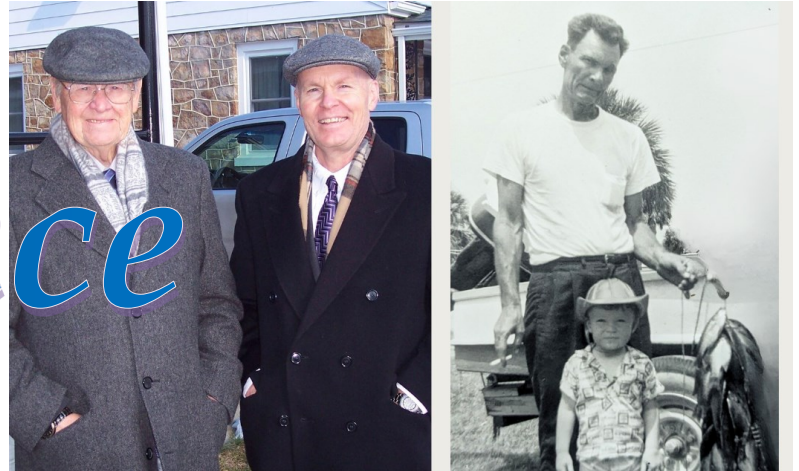
The father who gave me life loved baseball and fishing, but wasn't around to play catch or take me to his favorite fishing hole. Consequently, I never developed a passion for America's pastime or owned a rod & reel.

The father who raised me made a conscious decision to be my dad, when he married my single mom. We'd often watch *Star Trek* together. To this day, I can still quote lines from different episodes while impersonating the likes of Captain James T. Kirk, Leonard 'Bones' McCoy, and "Scotty." Occasionally I'll even do that "Live long and prosper" thing with my fingers, a la Mr. Spock.

The dad who raised me attended my games and saved my newspaper clippings. His attention influenced my love for sports, which later opened the door to my college education, and my first Christian leadership position, as the student president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5: 14-16 (NIV)



A key component of influence is being present. There's a lot of influence going on in our Baptist denomination these days, and occasionally, I find myself feeling pulled by faithful folks with different opinions and perspectives. Before there was a Southern Baptist Convention, two state associations, or even the state of Virginia, the Dover Baptist Association's greatest influence, like today, was being present and supporting our local Baptist churches, by building up our pastors and leaders, and providing the tools, resources and funding to help our churches (and affiliated ministries) build God's Kingdom and share the love and eternal life-saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Too many folks are leaving our denomination of their own accord while others are being told to leave. Both break my heart. Our stance on Baptist doctrine, foundation on the inerrant Word of God, commitment to The Great Commandment and obedience to the Great Commission (with the leading of the Holy Spirit) should be pulling us together, and influencing non-believers toward Jesus.

Our influence and presence, like the father and father figures who raised me, should be raising up a generation of Christian leaders, and making positive changes in the lives of others. My prayer is that others will see, in us, the light of Christ's love more brightly, and the darkness of division more dimly. God bless.

—Arnold 'Win' Davis,
Executive Director of Missions

DBA Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Visit www.doverbaptist.org or call the Dover office: (804) 550-1980 for more information.

Happy Independence Day!

DOVER OFFICE CLOSED, Thursday, July 4th for Holiday

Weekly Pastor/Minister Support Group, Dover Office
Mondays, 9:30 a.m. and Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Central Virginia Raceway Ministries Meeting, Zoom
Tuesday, July 2, 9 a.m.

Executive Committee Meeting, Dover Office/Zoom
Tuesday, July 16th, 7 p.m. **This is a change from Dover Council**

Deadline for Church In Memoriam 2021-2023,
Monday, July 15th: Church Administrators, please email:
claire.mcauliffe@doverbaptist.org

Prayer Council Meeting, Dover Office
Tuesday, July 16th, 10 a.m.

Dover WMU Council Meeting, Dover Office
Monday, July 22nd, 6:30 p.m.

To access our public calendar please check out our website homepage: www.doverbaptist.org

Dover Expresses Our Sympathy

To the Walnut Grove Baptist Church family as they mourn the loss of their former church Librarian of 40 years and active member of over 50 years, Edith Collier Fensom (83), who passed away on June 2, 2024.

To all our churches in Charles City, as they mourn the loss of beloved community member, Sgt. Floyd H. Miles, Jr., who died on Sunday, June 9, 2024 after suffering a medical emergency in the line of duty.

Personnel Changes

Please Congratulate

...Mr. Kelly Anderson in joining the staff as Minister of Youth and Families at Walnut Grove Baptist Church on May 20, 2024.

Pastor Health Network

There will be NO Pastor Health Network meeting in July due to the summer season. Have a great summer!

Happy Independence Day!

We wish everyone a wonderful holiday celebrating our country's ideals of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness"!

In Christ,
The Dover Staff (Win, Steve, & Claire)



DWMU News

The **Woman's Missionary Union (WMU)**, founded in 1888 as an auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention, is the world's largest Protestant women's missions organization.

Last day for homemade cookie bags & new matchbox car drop-off for Central Virginia Raceway Ministries Thursday, August 7, at Dover Office, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Instructions on next page

Spiritual Awareness Event, North Run Baptist Church 2100 Lydell Dr, Richmond, VA 23228 Thursday, August 15, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. event
Our Featured Speaker is Deborah James Winans, "MK" from Vietnam and missionary to Japan for 10 years. Please RSVP for the dinner (likely \$10 or less) to Darlene Herod (kingherod@earthlink.net) on or before August 7th.

Save the Date

2024 Dover WMU Council Meetings, Dover Office
October 14, 6:30 p.m.

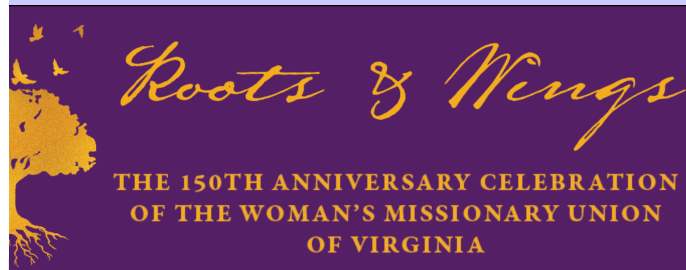
Saturday, December 7, 2024 - 2-4pm, Berea Baptist Church, Lottie Moon Christmas Tea. Further details to come!

Please order the WMU Missions Mosaic magazine!
1-800-968-7301 or wmustore.com to subscribe. "We can't do Missions alone, we need co-workers and prayer warriors." Let's be faithful to pray for missionaries on their birthdays.

ATTENTION CAMPERS!



Request a scholarship to attend Camp CrossRoads from DWMU Director Beth Watson Ward at (804) 709-8395.



Please make plans to attend our 150th Celebration of WMUV, Saturday, September 7th from 10:00am – 3:00pm at the CrossRoads Camp & Conference Center in Amherst County by RSVP through this provided link:

www.wmuv.org/150

If you would like an overnight stay for Friday Night (September 6th); space is limited so call today. Please contact Susie Shimp by phone 434-277-8465 or her email: sshimp@crossroadsecc.com for reservation. Camp CrossRoads is 2 hours from Dover (I-64 West and south on 29). Carpooling is advised. The event is FREE but you MUST register first! There is a cost for overnight lodging and meals as detailed on the website.

I hope to see you there!
Beth Watson Ward, DWMU Director
804-709-8395

Congratulations, Biltmore!

Biltmore Baptist Church celebrates its 95th anniversary. Here's to 95 more!



Oops! Our Mistake

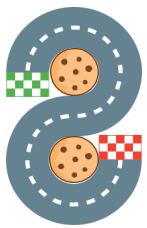
We erroneously published Hepler Scholarship Recipient Madeline Miller's university in our last issue. Ms. Miller will be attending James Madison University, not Christopher Newport University.

Senior Adult Council Needs YOU!

We are looking for those with a heart of service to join our Senior Adult Council. For a description of what the Senior Adult Council does, check out the Dover [homepage](#) carousel (rotating slideshow).

Central Virginia Raceway Ministries Needs **HOMEMADE** Cookies, **NEW** Hotwheels/Matchbox Cars, Volunteers, & RVs

Central Virginia Raceway Ministries (CVRM) is gearing up for race weekend, August 10-11th. CVRM helps race fans, vendors, workers, and others know Christ is present. We need many volunteers to make this ministry possible. If you can help set up the site, greet guests, give away cookies and water, help with our Kids' Corner, act as a chaplain, or otherwise share your talents, then help us engage fans one by one!



WE NEED COOKIES!! CVRM invites you to participate and asks for your help by making (please no store-bought) cookies and placing 2-3 in a small clear lock-style plastic bag. Put a label on the outside of each bag "compliments of [your church]." **FOOD ALLERGY ALERT:** If you use nuts or nut product in your cookies, please note that on the bag.

HOTWHEELS/MATCHBOX CARS: Children who stop by our Kids' Corner receive a new toy car, so we are always looking for donations.

DROP-OFF: Dover Baptists may bring their bags of cookies to the Dover Office, on/before Wednesday, August 7 by 3 p.m.

SEEKING RVs FOR OUTREACH: If you have a camper or motor home you would like to park at RR for the race weekend either for your own occupancy or for someone else from CVRM to occupy, we would love to hear from you regarding our resident outreach to camper race fans during the race weekend.

CONTACT Volunteer Coordinator Charles Ward at: (804) 262-3612 or info@varacewayministries.org for more volunteer information.

Pray For These

The leaders of Famaden Memorial Institute, our Dover Staff, and all Dover churches:

July 7: Mount Vernon Baptist Church – Dr. Josh Franklin (Sr. Pastor), Rev. Clayton Carnall, Rev. Jerry Parker, Rev. John Sullivan, Michelle Ives, Rev. Gary Robertson, Rev. Jeff Randolph

July 14: New Bethesda Baptist Church – Rev. Caleb Bittler (Sr. Pastor), Tiffany Tally, Steve La Combe, Shirley Mitchell

July 21: New Highland Baptist Church – Rev. Derek Nicksich (Sr. Pastor), Matt White, Marianne Dalton, Jennifer Perego

July 28: New Life Baptist Church – Pastor Lee Mitchell (interim), Cathy Rodwell, Rev. Willie McKind, Rev. Ron Baylor, Kyle Eaddy, Asher Purvis

A special prayer for the following churches that are in transition (either currently without a pastor or have an interim/intentional pastor):

Arabic	Hillcrest	Sharon
Fort Lee	Pamunkey Indian	Ridge
Four Mile Creek	Parham Road	



Regional Missions Trip Opportunity

8-10 Churches Needed for Missions Trip Work Between Now & September

The Need: The Bruce Outreach Center of Westernport, Maryland owns an old high school and is in need of facility assistance in order to make their dream of a Christ-centered addiction treatment center and homeless shelter for their community a reality!

The Details: BOC Pastor David will assign project (s), determine supply of materials for the project, and complete overall planning. For volunteer lodging, BOC has A/C/heated rooms to sleep in, a kitchen for meal preparation, showers, a gym for evening fun and games, and auditorium and rooms for worship and Bible studies.

CONTACT: Colosse Baptist Church's Pastor Jeff Mills at 804-338-9615 or pastorjmill@gmail.com

UPDATE ON THE WATSON OFFERING

Hallelujah Goal:
\$33,000

Current Offering:
\$26,049.00



Dover Baptists observe a Month of Prayer for Association Missions in May annually, but if you missed it, feel free to host any month for your church's emphasis. You can download the 2024 Watson Annual Missions Offering Prayer Guide here:

www.doverbaptist.org/wamo

WAMO offering envelopes for emphasis at your church are available at our office.



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Black Creek Baptist Church seeks a [Musical Accompanist \(part-time\)](#). Any potential applicants can reach out to bliz0204@yahoo.com.

Colosse Baptist Church seeks an Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper (part-time). Interests should contact Pastor Jeff Mills, 804-338-9615 or pastorjmill@gmail.com.

Four Mile Creek Baptist Church seeks a [Music Coordinator \(part-time\)](#), [Pastor \(full-time\)](#). Music Coordinator interests should send résumés to ChurchAdmin@FMCBaptist.com. Pastor interests, send résumés to pastorsearch.fmc@gmail.com.

Gravel Hill Baptist Church of Richmond seeks a Church [Pianist/Keyboardist \(part-time\)](#). Send résumés to: kcj.gravelhill@gmail.com

Hillcrest Baptist Church seeks an [Interim Pastor](#). Send résumés to: Hillcrest804search@gmail.com.

Hopeful Baptist Church seeks an [Assistant Pastor \(full-time\)](#). To inquire: HBC.assistantpastorsearch@gmail.com

Mount Vernon Baptist Church is seeking [Child Care Workers](#), a [Special Needs Ministry Assistant for Students](#) (part-time), and a [Ministry Assistant for Student Ministries](#) (full-time). For more info and/or apply: <https://mountvernon.church/careers/>

New Highland Baptist Church seeks an [Accompanist \(part-time\)](#). Send résumés to: djevers254@gmail.com

Northside Baptist Church seeks a [Children's Director \(part-time\)](#). Interests please contact Lauren Modlin, Office Manager, at 804-746-4952.

Pamunkey Indian Baptist Church seeks a [Pastor \(full-time\)](#). Email Aindian02@aol.com.

Parham Road Baptist Church seeks a [Choir Director/Pianist \(part-time\)](#). Please send résumés to churchofficeprbc@gmail.com with attention: Elaine Lane.

Sharon Baptist Church seeks a [Pastor \(full-time\)](#). Contact Eric Raduenz, sbckwva@gmail.com.

Positions Available

Visit www.doverbaptist.org/job-listings for all openings or click hyperlinks listed here in the electronic newsletter.

ATTN: DOVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION IS HIRING!

Dover Baptist Association seeks a new **Administrative Assistant (part-time)**.

Interests should email:
<DoverJobs@doverbaptist.org>
to supply résumés and cover letters for consideration.

Non-Dover Baptist Association Opportunities

Concord Baptist Church (Ruther Glen) seeks a [Children/Youth Director \(part-time\)](#). Please send résumés to concordbaptist@gmail.com

First Baptist Church, Richmond seeks a [Payroll/Accounts Payable Coordinator \(full-time\)](#). Visit: www.fbcrichmond.org/about/careers

Hatcher Memorial Baptist (Henrico) seeks a [Church Office Administrator/Communications Coordinator \(part-time\)](#). Send résumés to office@hatcherchurch.org ATTN: Personnel Chair

Skipwith UMC (Henrico) seeks an [Organist/Accompanist \(part-time\)](#). Please contact Donald Myers, Director of Music Ministries, donald.myers@mindspring.com.



Help Us Save Green & Go Green— Currently, we publish over 1,000 mailed copies of the *Dover Diary*! In an effort to reduce this expense and "go green," postal recipients will receive a postcard to mail back to Dover Baptist Association if they wish to continue to receive hard-copies or supply their email address. Otherwise, 5 hard-copies will be mailed to all member churches and all other contacts will receive digital copies. Thanks!