

# DOVER DIARY

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*And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,  
That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;  
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
Your young men shall see visions,  
Your old men shall dream dreams.  
— Acts 2:17 (NKJV)*

I own two pickleball paddles, a pair of HOKAs, and I'm getting more letters from the AARP than I received from my college sweetheart (and future wife) when we were apart for summer break. I guess it's official, "I'm old." My kids have been telling me that for years, but at least they couched it well (a la, "Dad, you're in great shape...for an old guy").

Fortunately, as in any (pre-, mid- or post-mid-life) crisis, I know where to turn—to the Author and Perfecter of my faith (Hebrews 1:2)—where fortunately, our Lord and His Word is encouraging, even to us old guys (and gals). In the book of Acts, Jesus lets us know that there will come a time when He will pour out His Spirit in such droves, that prayerfully my daughters will be prophets, young Christian men around me will see visions, and us old guys will encounter revelations in our dreams. In the meantime, as Christian leaders, regardless of whether we are young or old, we are often called to be both visionaries and dreamers.

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Like many pastors and Christian leaders, I have and continue to be charged with casting a vision. Prayerfully and with the counsel of Godly men and women, I will clearly see the most effective way to share the Gospel message of Christ's love, serve those Jesus called the least of these, continue to make disciples, and build God's Kingdom. I also believe that the Holy Spirit will provide new, innovative and outside-the-box ways and means to get this done. I know that if I allow God's Spirit to take the ball from my hands to place it in His, no vision is too great and no dream impossible.

The theme of this year's Dover Baptist Association Annual Meeting & Mission's Fair is **Love Listen Lead**. It might sound a little contrived if I told you I have awoken recently with those same three words, Love Listen Lead, camped out in my head. My prayer is that these admonitions, crafted in my dreams, are from the Holy Spirit. Love Listen Lead, in that order, seems so countercultural to everything we are witnessing in today's politically-charged, self-motivated and media-driven society.

## LOVE LISTEN LEAD

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**SAVE THE DATE:  
241st Annual Meeting and  
Missions & Ministry Fair**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH  
3 P.M.**

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7600 Studley Road  
Mechanicsville, VA 23116



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Candidates, as we've seen recently, are once again asking and admonishing us to listen to them, because they say, they are going to lead us to the proverbial promised land. Perhaps if they loved and listened first before leading, we'd find ourselves a little less often in the broken-promised land. I'd love to see a little more love, believe that those who disagree with each other are still listening, count the costs of a nation divided, then lead with conviction, but also with grace and humility.

Perhaps if we, who claim to be called by the very Spirit of Christ, love first, then listen, then lead, people would see that although we are in the world, and thereby imperfect, we are not about the world. Perhaps by seeing a love-listen-lead leadership style, we'd lead more non-believers to Christ, and leave those who are church-hurt a little less broken-hearted. Now that's something an old guy can still dream dreams about. God bless.

— Arnold "Win" Davis, Executive Director of Missions

## DBA Upcoming Events & Deadlines

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

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

**Sunday School & Discipleship Dialogue**, Dover Office  
Monday, October 7, 7 p.m.

**Central Virginia Raceway Ministries Meeting**, Zoom  
Tuesday, October 8, 9 a.m.

**Dover Executive Committee Meeting**, Dover Office/Zoom  
Tuesday, October 8, 7 p.m.

**Dover WMU BWA World Day of Prayer**, Dover Office  
Saturday, October 12, 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m.

**Prayer Council**, Dover Office  
Monday, October 14, 10 a.m.

**Dover WMU Council Meeting**, Dover Office  
Monday, October 14, 6:30 p.m.

**Pastor Health Network**, Dover Office  
Wednesday, October 16, 12 p.m.

**Deadline for Watson Annual Missions Offering & Grant Applications**, Thursday, October 31, end of day

**241st Annual Meeting and Ministry & Missions Fair**, Northside BC  
Sunday, October 27th, 3 p.m.

To access our public calendar please check out our website homepage: [www.doverbaptist.org](http://www.doverbaptist.org)

### 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.

### Upcoming Events

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

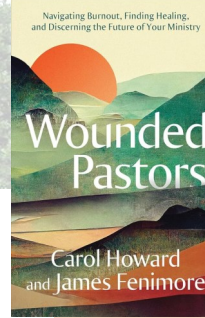
**Kathleen Sanderson Culpepper Group Meeting**, Elon BC  
October 7, 7-8:30 p.m.

Rose Waligora of Affinity Stateside Associate Asian Pacific Rim Peoples will be speaking. The project is to bring someone from your church who has never attended one of our night meetings. They will be blessed as well as you!

Contact: Darlene Herod, [kingherod@earthlink.net](mailto:kingherod@earthlink.net)

**2024 World Day of Prayer**, Dover Office  
Saturday, October 12th, 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m.

Unite with DWMU to join the BWA Women over several countries as we launch the 2024 Day of Prayer with an online global worship experience. Bring a friend with you!



### Pastor Health Network

Wednesday, October 16, following Pastor Support Group, noon-2 p.m.

Bring your own lunch and Howard & Fenimore's *Wounded Pastors*. Invite a friend and encourage others to join.

Questions? Contact Greg Soult, Antioch Baptist Church Pastor, at [bowtiepastor@gmail.com](mailto:bowtiepastor@gmail.com)

## CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR MISSIONS & MINISTRY GUESTS



### Congratulations to the WMUV on its 150th Birthday!



From left to right: WMUV Presidents Ann Brown, Becky McKinney, Nancy Elliot, Lucianne Warren, and Patt Bloxom join the Executive Director/Treasurer Valerie Carter Smith in cutting the cake.

**Area V Meeting**, Poplar Springs BC  
October 17, 10:30 a.m.

Janet Hicks, a Medical Missionary who retired from 25 years in undisclosed parts of the world, will be the speaker during this service and luncheon.

Contact: Linda Gunderson, 804-467-1416

**WMUV Women's Getaway**, Eagle Eyrie  
Fri/Sat November 1-2 OR Sat/Sun November 2-3  
Register: [www.wmuv.org/events/getaway2024](http://www.wmuv.org/events/getaway2024)

**Lottie Moon Christmas Tea**, Berea Baptist Church  
December 7, 2-4 p.m.—Admission is a new, unwrapped toy

Questions? Contact DWMU Director  
Beth Watson Ward at 804-709-8395

## Pray For These

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

- Oct 6: Samaria Baptist Church –  
Rev. Jay P. Hurley (Sr. Pastor), David Adkins, Donna Turner
- Oct 13: Second Liberty Baptist Church –  
Rev. Sean T. Young (Sr. Pastor), Audrey Christian,  
Patricia Paige-Robinson
- Oct 20: Shalom Baptist Church –  
Rev. Mark Miller (Sr. Pastor), Jeffrey Farrier, Kathy Seay,  
Jean Dart, Kelly Bittler
- Oct 27: Sharon Baptist Church –  
Rev. Dr. B.J. Crowder (Pulpit Supply Pastor), Lynne Uzel,  
Lisa Nault, Kristen Fisher

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

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

### We now have notarization services!

You can stop by our office Monday-Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. if you are in need of a notary public.



## JOIN US FOR OUR 3RD DISCIPLESHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADER DIALOGUE!

Monday, October 7, 7-8 pm  
*snacks and drinks provided*

Dover Baptist Association @11006 Lakeridge Pkwy

**Who this is for:** Both church staff & lay volunteers in any form of Discipleship and/or Sunday School *including* children's and youth ministries. Basically, anyone who has ever asked:

*How do I recruit and equip volunteers?*

*How do I deal with this problematic person?*

*How can I make this ministry more impactful?*

**What is a dialogue?** A supportive discussion centered around topics of shared experience, best practices, and resource sharing.

**Focus:** We will kickoff our time together looking at "designing and leading effective ministries" before breaking into groups.

**BRING A FRIEND!**

*More valuable voices and double the ears...*

RSVP (not required, but welcomed!) by email to:  
[claire.mcauliffe@doverbaptist.org](mailto:claire.mcauliffe@doverbaptist.org)

## Our Sympathy

Dover Baptist Association is saddened to hear of the passing of David Carter Anderson. David was a faithful, active leader here at Dover, as well as serving Dover churches: Mount Vernon, Westhunt, and Tsena Commocko. Our prayers go out to all who grieve him alongside us.



Dover also expresses our sympathy and asks for prayers for Dover's former Interim Director, and current Executive Director Mission Strategist of the RBA/River City Faith Network, Dr. Maria Lynn and her family, on the passing of her beloved father, Robert Ellis on September 1st.

## Personnel Changes



### We are excited to announce our newest staff member, Molly Roland, DBA's Administrative Assistant!

Molly is a long-time member of Dover church, Biltmore Baptist, where she knew fellow late members, Leslie and Hazel Watson (Dover's Watson Annual Missions Offering namesakes).

She is a devoted mother to her son Connor, a U.S. Marine recently deployed to Japan and now at Camp Lejeune. Molly has a heart for service, assisting regularly at Biltmore's clothes closet ministry, one of Dover's locally supported missions. Molly has experience working in both the private and government sectors, and we are excited for her sense of humor, years of experience, and love of Christ she brings to our team.

Send her a hearty welcome:  
[molly.roland@doverbaptist.org](mailto:molly.roland@doverbaptist.org)

## Congratulations and Welcome to...

Dru Reilly, who began as the Student Ministry Assistant at Mount Vernon Baptist Church on September 8th!

**Please inform [dover.info@doverbaptist.org](mailto:dover.info@doverbaptist.org) of any staff changes so that our information is accurate and up-to-date for your church.**

Please also let us know if the new staff would prefer our communications (*Dover Diary* and weekly email news blast) to their personal or work email address.



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## Positions Available

Visit [www.doverbaptist.org/job-listings](http://www.doverbaptist.org/job-listings) for all openings or click hyperlinks listed here in the electronic newsletter.

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

**Corinth Baptist Church** seeks a [Minister for Next Generation and Family Ministries \(full-time\)](#). Interests should send résumés to [NextGen@corinthbaptist.us](mailto:NextGen@corinthbaptist.us).

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

**Grace Chinese Baptist Church** seeks a [Mandarin 中文 Pastor \(full-time\)](#). Please upload your cover letter, resume, and statement of faith: <https://tinyurl.com/gcber24>

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

**Mount Vernon Baptist Church** is seeking [Child Care Workers](#) and a [Special Needs Ministry Assistant for Students](#) (part-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](mailto:djevers254@gmail.com)

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

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

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

**Pioneer Baptist Church** seeks a [Pianist \(part-time\)](#). Interests please contact [office@pioneerbaptist.comcastbiz.net](mailto:office@pioneerbaptist.comcastbiz.net)

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

## Non-Dover Baptist Association Opportunities

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

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

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

**May Memorial Baptist Church** seeks a [Music Minister and/or Organist \(part-time\)](#). Send résumés to Pastor Michael Edwards, [revmkedwards@gmail.com](mailto:revmkedwards@gmail.com).

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



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