

# DOVER DIARY

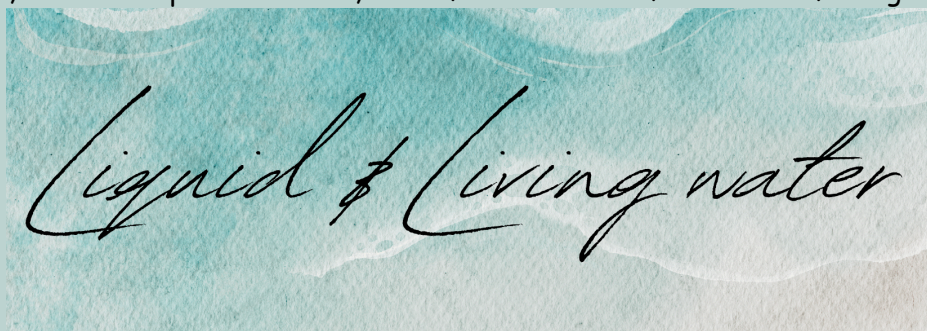
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Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."... "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

(John 4: 10, 13-14 NKJV)

He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, "out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

(John 7:38 NKJV)



I've been thinking a lot about water lately. My daughter and son-in-law are on wildfire alert in Southern California, as homes in their county and surrounding Los Angeles area are being consumed by the thousands. A shift in wind can quickly change their sky view from Carolina (or perhaps California) blue to smokey ash.

Closer to home, stockpots and kettles of water throughout the Richmond area were recently boiled for brushing our teeth, washing our faces, and feeding & watering our pets. Thousands of gallons of drinking water were distributed throughout the city and surrounding counties, as grocery store shelves were depleted by those in need, greed and fear.

Yeah, liquid water is a big deal. Those of us who have petitioned our Lord Jesus through days of prayer and fasting, know that three days, preceded by severe discomfort, is the length the body can go without water before beginning to shut down and perish. From cotton mouth to cramping, water is often the solution as our bodies thirst and cry out for relief.

Our Lord Jesus was very familiar with water. He walked on it. He commanded sheets of it to stop falling on a boat full of frightened disciples, as He bellowed to the storm, "Peace! Be still!"

He cried out for it on the Cross.

As Father, He made 3/4th of the earth out of it, and gave Moses the supernatural power to part it.

Yeah, liquid water is a big deal, BUT LIVING WATER is a bigger deal. As Jesus temporarily thirsted for liquid water, he explained to the broken woman he requested it from, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water... Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst."

During both the California wildfires and Virginia water crisis, there was plenty of water. The demand for it in California neighborhoods overwhelmed the infrastructure and slowed fire hydrants to a trickle. An outdated infrastructure, and the grab-nabbing of drinking water by selfish individuals elevated anxiety and costs for others and Virginia municipalities.

Undoubtedly on hot and/or heavy cardio days, I will still thirst for lots of liquid water. Praise God, however, that even when I thirst physically, my parched soul can always be quenched by the grace of Jesus Christ. For Jesus provides an endless supply of LIVING WATER, by allowing "rivers of water to flow out of a heart filled with the Holy Spirit."

Cheers and God bless.

## DBA Upcoming Events & Deadlines

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

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



Legacy Grandparenting Summit • 2025

# Grandparenting Matters

REGISTER NOW



Cool Spring Baptist Church  
MARCH 15, 2025 • 9 am-4:30 pm  
EXCELLENT SPEAKER LINE UP  
[coolspring.org/XXXXX](http://coolspring.org/XXXXX)



### Pray For These:

Our Dover Staff and all Dover churches:

Feb. 2:

**Cool Spring Baptist Church:** Pastor Brad Hoffmann, Bryan Dupuis, Greg English, Brenda Kidd, Wayne Smith, Ted Tussey, Jill Baughan, Morgan Baylor, Mark Billups, Pam Cross, Chama Elliott, Linda McNally, Candace Nahodil, Wendy Shaw, Jen Willard, Bart Dalton, Christian Hunter, Rachel Phillips, Nicole Moore, Nicole Tucker. Steve Rowe, Tammy Billups, Eric Chandler, Marty Rowe, Mark Grumbles, Laurie Spiers, Shane Standlick

Feb. 9:

**Corinth Baptist Church:** Pastor Richard Sandberg, Joy Martin, Kara Ashley, Kim Milby

Feb. 16:

**Cornerstone Christian Church:** Pastor Spencer Dillard, Pam Hughes, Jim Hargrove

Feb 23:

**Deep Run Baptist Church:** Pastor Rick Allison, Dreama Hill, Melody Gulywasz, Wilma Carwile, Terry Jones, Andrea Mason

**Dover Baptist Church:** Pastor Hardin Crowder, Randall McGuire, Rebecca Mills

A special prayer for the following churches that are in transition:

Beulah	Fort Lee	Hillcrest
Ridge	Pamunkey Indian	

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



**Handbell Musicians of America-Area 3**  
**Virginia Festival Concert**  
**5:00 PM, March 29th**  
**Mechanicsville Baptist Church**  
**8016 Atlee Rd**  
**Mechanicsville, VA**  
**Kathy Ebling Shaw, Guest Conductor**

## Celebrating Black history Month

During February's Black History Month, several Dover churches honored their African American Heritage. We want to recognize our Historically African American Member Churches, Pastors, Staff and Lay Leaders.

**"We cannot be satisfied until justice rolls down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream"**

**-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,  
"I Have a Dream"**



River Road Church  
**DISTINGUISHED  
SPEAKER FORUM**

*In the Presence of  
Maggie Walker*

# TERESA G

**SAT, FEBRUARY 8, 2025  
AT 2:00PM**

River Road Church, Baptist  
8000 River Road, RVA 23229



Condolences...

...to the family and friends of Rowan Hayden, the beloved son of First Baptist Church, Ashland Pastor Josh and Shey Hayden, and brother to Eli Hayden, who passed suddenly on January 6, 2025.



# A Few January Highlights ... In Case You Missed It

## Dover Baptists Gave Over \$50,000 to the 2024 Watson Mission Offering!

Famaden Memorial Institute Partnership...	\$3,500
Tipi Wakan/Standing Rock Communities...	\$3,000
Inner City Ministry (RBA Ministry Centers)...	\$2,500
Central Virginia Raceway Ministries...	\$500
HopeTree Family Services...	\$2,000
ReEstablish Richmond...	\$2,000
Moments of Hope Ministries...	\$2,000
GraceInside...	\$1,000
VA Center for Restorative Justice...	\$1,000
Pregnancy Resource Center of Metro Richmond...	\$2,000
Cross Over Healthcare Ministry...	\$2,000
The Fix Ministry (addiction & mental illness)...	\$2,000
The McShinn Foundation...	\$2,000
28:19 Ministries...	\$2,350
Night to Shine RVA...	\$2,350
Henrico County Food Bank...	\$2,350
Pappy's Pantry...	\$2,350
Brown Bag Ministry, Goochland...	\$2,350
Mechanics of Faith...	\$2,350
Eastern Henrico FISH...	\$2,350
WHEAT (Western Hanover Emergency Action Team)...	\$2,350
Backpack Ministry, Deep Run...	\$2,350
Colosse BC Food Pantry Ministry...	\$2,350
Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Fund (MCEF)...	\$2,350
Sylvia's Sisters, Biltmore...	\$2,350

**Goal:** \$33,000    **Received & Sent:** \$53,700

## NEWS FROM YOUR



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.

## FEED THE HUNGER



The issue of hunger is a day-to-day reality for so many people in our community, nation and the world. Please help make an impact on the lives of others. Join the Dover Association WMU for a Feed the Hunger event held at North Run Baptist Church on Saturday, March 22, 2025, 2-4:30pm.

Send an email to Sharon McKinley at [wmumission@aol.com](mailto:wmumission@aol.com) and type on the Subject line: Feed the Hunger event. Provide the names of those registering and include the cell phone number of a contact person. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, March 9, 2025.

- **Reading Glasses, Sunglasses, & Toothbrushes Needed:** Please send these items to: 5753 Bennetts Pasture Road, Suffolk, Virginia 23435 by Friday, February 21st. For questions, please contact Dr. Lynne Stockman at (757) 635-9115.
- **Sheets For MK:** If you have any questions or would like to discuss sponsoring an MK, you can contact Rhonda Marstin at [rmarstin@wmuv.org](mailto:rmarstin@wmuv.org) or (434) 941-7364. Additionally, you can ship items directly to Rhonda at: 2136 Midway Rd, Gretna, VA 24557
- **Virtual Book Study:** We're excited to invite you to a 4-week virtual study of Just a Sister Away by Renita Weems. This book explores the powerful relationships between women in the Bible, offering a vision of healing through sisterhood. For questions, email Jenee' at [jshearin@wmuv.org](mailto:jshearin@wmuv.org).
- **Hand-Crafted:** Fellow creatives! We're hosting a craft retreat at CrossRoads on March 14-15, and we'd love for you to join us! Craft, relax, and reflect in a space where faith and artistry blend seamlessly. Have questions? Feel free to email Jenee' at [jshearin@wmuv.org](mailto:jshearin@wmuv.org).

### NorthStar Safeguards & Stewardship Webinar Wednesday, March 12, 2025 9:00 AM 10:30 AM



Join Evangelical Council for Abuse Prevention (ECAP) to learn more about abuse prevention and child & youth protection. Christ. At this child protection workshop you will learn the more about the problem of abuse, basics of child and youth protection, tap into helpful resources and find out how ECAP can come alongside your ministry to help you protect the least of these. This training is ideal for ministry leaders, pastors, administrators, but all child and youth serving staff, teachers, or volunteers are welcome. For more Information and Registration Use this link:

<https://ecap.net/event/northstar-safeguards-stewardship/>

### Updates:

**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.

### Looking for a new Bible study?

FREE donated Bible study materials at our Dover office. Call Molly at 804-550-1980 and set up a time to browse.

## DOVER Hepler Scholarship



@DoverBaptistAssociation

Applications for the Dover Helper Scholarship are now being accepted! Please have all applications turned in by March 15th.

<https://www.doverbaptist.org/hepler-scholarship>



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**PO Box 6128**  
**Ashland, VA 23005**  
"A Resource Network for Baptist  
Churches since 1783"

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Richmond, VA

## Positions Available

**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 \(full-time\)](#). Interested? Send résumés to [NextGen@corinthbaptist.us](mailto:NextGen@corinthbaptist.us)

**Grace Chinese Baptist Church** seeks a [Mandarin 中文 Pastor \(full-time\)](#). Please upload your cover letter, resume, and statement of faith to: <https://tinyurl.com/gcbr24>

**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](mailto:djevers254@gmail.com)

**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)

**Oak Hall Baptist** Seeks a [Pianist](#) for more information visit <https://www.doverbaptist.org/post/pianist-oak-hall-baptist>

### **Non-Dover Baptist Association Opportunities**

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

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

**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).

**Braille Circulating Library** seeks an [Executive Director](#) For a job application or questions, please contact [BrailleLibTreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:BrailleLibTreasurer@gmail.com)

**Oak Hall Baptist** Seeks a [Pianist](#) for more information visit <https://www.doverbaptist.org/post/pianist-oak-hall-baptist>

**Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church Richmond** is in search of a pianist/worship leader. for more info call Tom Williams at (804) 490-1071.



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