

Set The Example

A long time ago in galaxy far, far away, when I served as my former church's pastor to youth & young adults, I would kick off each September encouraging our youth and young leaders to live out and memorize 1 Timothy 4:12, in which the Apostle Paul encourages Timothy,

“Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”

As many of your church members reconnect, and we enter a new season, I want to also encourage you to “set the example” by engaging in your Baptist Association.

In September's issue of our *Dover Diary*, and throughout our social media (Facebook, Instagram) we've highlighted events and initiatives led by our young and young at heart. I encourage you to begin by reading Pastor Derek's letter, published in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, and ponder how you might be a positive influence in what most certainly will be a negatively-charged political season. I encourage you to join other leaders in Dover's new Discipleship & Sunday School Leader Dialogue. I invite you to attend this month's Central Virginia Baptist Ministries' Leadership Development Conference, and take your family to the family-friendly Wish You Were Here variety show.

Finally, I encourage you to “set the example” by attending your Dover Baptist Association's 241st Annual Meeting, Missions & Ministry Fair on October 27th. This year's theme is Love Listen Lead. There, you will learn more about your historic Dover Baptist Association, our vision, new initiatives, and many missions & ministry opportunities. Your presence and participation is a vital and valuable part of how Dover continues to impact our churches, leaders, communities and beyond.

– Arnold “Win” Davis, Executive Director of Missions

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I debated writing this letter. The truth is, I am concerned. As a local pastor, how do I express my own political positions? In an ever-polarizing world, how do you speak to issues without labeling one's platform by color? I recently received a letter from the president. I read it to my congregation. I wasn't fired. Did Joe Biden actually read my original letter and reply to it personally? I doubt it. Did Biden actually type the response back to me? Probably not. Did the president actually sign it? Technology probably did. It seems we all must live in the unknown.



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FOR BAPTISTS SINCE 1783

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

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

LOVE LISTEN LEAD

Thank you to our location host:

Northside

**Northside Baptist Church
7600 Studley Road
Mechanicsville, VA 23116**



Perhaps the issue for me is not knowing the future. What is my real concern? I do not know what November, December and January will hold. I am concerned about political division turning into violence. I am concerned about racist and violent rhetoric across microphones and social media. I am concerned about uncontrolled border crossings, inflation, drug trafficking and increasing climate issues.

Ironically, when I stop and consider the issues I find a very unified America. Blue and red parties are also concerned with what troubles me. What if we started there? What if the rhetoric began with, “We're both seeking the same solution, now let's come up with a plan together.” Is this an idealistic request? Some would say no. Others would say yes. I am uncertain. The fact that I am not sure is also concerning.

What will happen this fall? Regardless of what color inhabits the White House for the next four years, I am certain that God can handle the man or woman in the Oval Office. My prayer is that myself, my church and 50 other states can handle him or her as well. What am I certain about? That only God knows the future. May God bless our future president.

– Derek Nicksich, Pastor of New Highland Baptist Church

DBA Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Visit 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.

LABOR DAY, Dover Office CLOSED
Monday, September 2nd

Central Virginia Raceway Ministries Meeting, Zoom
Tuesday, September 3, 9 a.m.

Dover Council Meeting, Dover Office/Zoom
Tuesday, September 10, 1 p.m.

Sunday School & Discipleship Dialogue, Dover Office
Monday, September 16, 7 p.m.

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

Looking Ahead...

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

Save the Date!

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

WISH YOU WERE HERE

Saturday, Sept. 21 • Ashland Theatre

Hosted by Bryan Dupuis

FEATURING:

Trace Nixon
Musical guests from
Randolph Macon College

SPECIAL GUESTS:

Nothing Too Crazy
(House Band)
The COFU Players

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TICKETS

\$13 ONLINE
\$15 AT THE DOOR



This community event is hosted by Cool Spring BC's Pastor Bryan Dupuis

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

Monday, September 16, 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 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

Central Virginia Baptist Ministries presents
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
CONFERENCE 2024
EQUIPPING THE SAINTS
EPHESIANS 4:1-12

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Winfree Baptist Church
13617 Midlothian Tpke. Midlothian, VA 23113

5:15 pm – 8:45 pm

WHO'S INVITED? Any church staff, pastors, ministers, or lay leaders who desire to improve their ministry and gain new training, insights, and perspectives.

Event website and registration:

www.cvbm.org/ldc-2024

Who is Central Virginia Baptist Ministries?

A collaborative non-profit joining Dover, Richmond/River City, and Middle District Baptist Associations.

Who is leading the breakout sessions?

You can view all sessions and their leader bios on the registration tab on the website: www.cvbm.org/ldc-2024



Pastor Health Network

Wednesday, September 18, following Pastor Support Group, Noon-2pm

Bring your own lunch and Bolsinger's *Canoeing the Mountains* as we continue our discussion. Invite a friend and encourage others to join in. Save the dates: October 16, November 20, December 11, and January 15.

Questions? Please contact Greg Soult, Antioch Baptist Church Pastor, at bowtiepastor@gmail.com

WATSON ANNUAL MISSIONS OFFERING

Reminder!

All nominations and offerings conclude for the 2024 Watson Annual Missions Offering on the last business day of October, which falls on October 31, 2024.

As always, you can download the 2024 Watson Annual Missions Offering Prayer Guide here:

www.doverbaptist.org/wamo

Pray For These

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

Sept 1: Parham Road Baptist Church –
Rusty Mullins (Interim), Frances Whitlock,
Josh Fletcher, Robin Kirkpatrick

Sept 8: Pioneer Baptist Church –
Rev. Ron Shortt (Sr. Pastor), Linda Shortt,
Mary Lou Kline

Sept 15: Poplar Springs Baptist Church –
Rev. Dr. Mac Jordan (Sr. Pastor), Shirley Adkins,
Andrew Bowles, Samantha Bowles

Sept 22: Rappahannock Indian Baptist Church –
Rev. Ron Nicholls (Sr. Pastor), Faye Nicholls

Sept 29: Ridge Baptist Church –
Rev. Jonathan Howard, Robert Coffman,
Phyllis Coffman, Eliana Troibicz

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

Personnel Changes

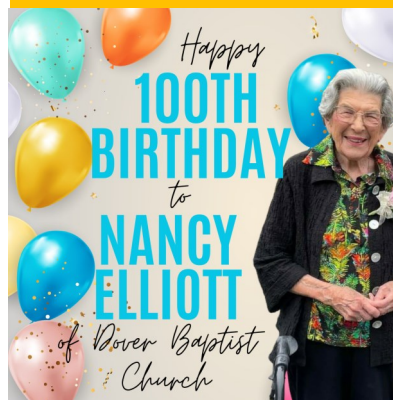
Congratulations and Welcome to...

Amy Hunter, Northside Baptist Church's new Children's Director!

Please inform 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.

In Case You Missed It



Nancy Elliott, formerly of Dover Baptist Church, turned 100 on July 30th.

Nancy's husband, John P. Elliott, served at Dover Baptist as Pastor from 1968-78, Pastor Emeritus from 1983-88, and Interim Pastor from 1981-82.

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.

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



Annual Lottie Moon Christmas Tea

Berea Baptist Church, 15421 Pouncey Tract Road

Saturday, December 7, 2-4pm

Admission: a new, unwrapped toy

Sign up prior to November 10th:

<https://forms.office.com/r/fHNTgKtyte>

Questions? Contact Sherry Alston (804) 855-7446

or Sharon McKinley (804) 516-5272

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.

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

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 our [homepage](#) carousel (rotating slideshow).

Committee & Council Members Needed

In addition to our Senior Adult Council, the Association has multiple committees and councils that serve our family of churches from administrative services to mission and ministry focuses. Terms are from November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2025.

If interested or for a list of current committees and councils, please contact Nomination Committee Chair, Mark Mantiply, markmantiply@gmail.com.



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Positions Available

Visit 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.

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

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.

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>

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 [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.

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

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

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

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.fbrichmond.org/about/careers

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

Hatcher Memorial Baptist (Henrico) seeks a [Church Office Administrator/Communications Coordinator \(part-time\)](#). Send résumés to 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.

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



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