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Leslie and Hazel Watson Offering for Dover Association Missions



Goal: \$36,800.00

Received as of
September 21:
\$36,435.68

Thank You!

Monthly Dover Sunday School Director's Meeting

Dover Conference Center

Monday, October 23

6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Light supper provided

October 8 Clergy Appreciation Day

Mark your calendar!

It's More Than A Shoebox Sunday, October 22, 2017

**Event: 234th Dover Annual Meeting AND Operation Christmas Child
Shoebox Packing Party**

Location: Meadow Event Park Pavilion (new state fairgrounds)

13048 Dawn Boulevard, Doswell, Virginia

Enter by Gate 2 off Route 30

Time: 3:00 p.m.

What to wear: Festive Christmas attire!

Register online: www.doverbaptist.org

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 contributions to the General Fund up to a maximum of (7) messengers from any church. Others may attend also. Bring your messengers and others from your church to share inspiration and joy as we celebrate how Dover Baptists help reveal Christ by doing missions together.*

The event will begin with business meeting and will include an opportunity to hear a testimony from a shoebox recipient. Our guest speaker, Alex Nsengimana lived in an orphanage in Rwanda when he received his shoebox. Hear Alex share how the shoebox gift sowed seeds of hope and love in his life.

Then we begin packing the 1,000+ shoeboxes!
All supplies have been purchased (thanks to your giving to missions), unpacked (by 98 volunteers) and placed in cartons ready to deliver to Meadow Event. Begin now to share with your church family – it's an event that you will remember!

Pre-Event Opportunities

Children –

We would like to include a note in each shoebox. Write a personal note or use the "Coloring Page" (www.doverbaptist.org) print double sided. Deliver the notes to the Dover Office by Friday, October 13, 2017.

Youth – Friday, October 20, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. (Please eat dinner before coming)

The GO shoeboxes will need to be assembled. We are asking youth to come and fold the boxes!

Please register in advance for this event: www.doverbaptist.org

Capital of Reconciliation?

Recently, Charlottesville (VA) exploded with division, anger, hostility, intolerance and no hope. Can it happen here in our city? It depends. This type of dysfunction predictably happens in our post-Christian country as fewer and fewer are energized by the reconciling power of Christ. Whenever Christ is not reigning as the true Lord in our lives, marriages, communities, and even nations break down.

Did you know that soon after the Charlottesville fiasco dozens of evangelical pastors from metro Richmond gathered and ask God, "What can we do to be Your hands and feet, a reconciling presence here in our own Metro Richmond?" We believe God gave us an encouraging beginning. We drew up and circulated a statement hoping that we might have 50 pastors and leaders sign as part of our response. Over 600 signed! We read the statement at a public press conference at the new Maggie Walker statue at Broad and Adams with local news reporters present. Over 250 pastors and Christian community leaders attended!

Part of the statement included acknowledging as followers of Christ we have not done all we could or should to bring Christ's message of peace, justice, unconditional acceptance and love. "We repent of our own racism, fear, and hatred, both conscious and unconscious." We recognize this truth in many ways, and we are truly sorry. We repent and seek forgiveness.

"We affirm Jesus Christ was crucified and resurrected to offer humankind the gift of eternal life, and shatter every division—social, political, economic, or racial—that separate us." We acknowledge mankind's only hope for lasting reconciliation, true oneness, and unity is through an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ.

Did you know problems of racism and radical diversity challenged the early years of the church? This is not a new problem. It is a problem believers repeatedly must learn to overcome. Paul's basis and theology, "Christ is all and in all," cultivated authentic oneness in the midst of radical diversity that cannot be humanly achieved. At the reading of our statement at Broad and Adams Street, we felt that same captivating supernatural unity on vivid display.

Where do we go from here? How can we move forward, preempt division and violence, and bring the presence of Christ in our area? Do not deny the problem. We made progress, but are we really at the place Christ desires?

Many of our churches participated in "Operation Inasmuch" a practical service project developed by individual churches that uses a Saturday morning to work together to serve needs and people in our communities. With Holy Spirit creativity churches worked individually and with other churches to practically reach out with Christ's love.

What if half or more of our Dover churches partnered with another evangelical church different than ourselves and implemented a Saturday service morning in some area of need? What new, cross-cultural relationships might be cultivated? What new oneness in Christ might be established?

What if our city became not only known as the "Capital of the Confederacy," but the thriving "Capital of Reconciliation"?

—Guy Holloway
Grace Community Baptist Church

Search Committee Update

The Search Committee has been reviewing resumes and interviewing people to be the Intentional Interim for the Executive Director of Missions position. We have been fortunate to receive some great resumes and recommendations from a number of different sources. As we hope to be getting closer to fulfilling the call to that position, we continue to ask for your prayers for wisdom and discernment as we seek God's will.

The Search Committee is incredibly thankful for God's faithfulness in the process thus far and we look forward to sharing more together in the coming weeks as we seek to extend a call. If there is feedback, questions, or suggestions for us to consider as we continue our search, please let us know by sending an e-mail to search@doverbaptist.org or call (804) 762-0251. Thank you for your prayers and support.

—Josh Hayden
Chair of Search Committee

Sharing God's Love in Southwest VA

Just as Jesus blessed five loaves and two fish and 5,000 people, we at Emmaus Baptist Church experienced a similar blessing as we fulfilled the mission we had planned. We, demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ, took school supplies and clothing to students in Lee County (Southwest Virginia), one of the poorest counties in our state. Our church took a tremendous leap of faith in October when we set a goal, buy 350 backpacks and 350 pairs of sneakers, for those students.

We purchased sneakers until we had a wall of sneakers. We set up a "Help a Child Challenge" with a goal of \$3500, used to purchase 350 backpacks and the remaining pairs of sneakers. We surpassed our goal and collected a total of \$4,684.10!! We exceeded every goal we set.

We delivered 386 backpacks filled with school supplies, 355 pairs of NEW sneakers, 394 new and gently used jackets, 362 pairs of underwear, 383 pairs of socks, and 26 boxes of new and gently used clothing to Lee County. We prayed for God to use these gifts to accomplish His will.

On Friday, August 11, our mission team of 25 left for Lee County. A team of six from Corinth Baptist and sixteen from First Baptist of Jonesville joined us. The three groups worked together as a true example of Christian love and fellowship. We set up on Friday evening in a local church. On Saturday morning we found a line of people waiting when we arrived.

Outside activities provided "shoppers" entertainment while they waited. After they registered, parents and children heard about God's love in witnessing rooms. During these sessions, two people made professions of faith in Jesus. That made everything worthwhile! Then children "shopped" for their needed school items.

We served 86 families. We safely returned home Sunday evening, tired, but praising God and thanking Him for the ways He used and blessed us.

—Sylvia Coates
Emmaus Baptist Church

Pray for These

The ministers of Tipi Wakan Ministries, and, in Dover:

- October 1 **Rappahannock Indian** . . . Ron Nicholls, Pastor
Faye Nicholls
- October 8 **Ridge** Alan Ray, Pastor
Abbie Duenckel, Robert Coffman, Phyllis Coffman,
Robert Blaylock, Theresa Altland, Louise Crooks,
Lindsay Ray
- October 15 **Samaria** Jay Hurley, Pastor
Darius Webster, Donna Turner, Rhonda Canaday
- October 22 **Second Liberty** Sean Young, Pastor
Joy Middleton Taylor, Yvonne Jones
- October 29 **Shalom** Mark Miller, Pastor
Matt Boschen, Lisa Tucker, Jeffrey Farrier,
Jean Dart, Susie Lewis

Partnership Missions

Tipi Wakan Ministries, Cannon Ball, North Dakota

December 10-17, 2017 (dates flexible)

Help pack approximately 200 gift boxes for children at Cannon Ball. If you can only go for a few days out of the seven, that's ok! Up to ten volunteers are needed for this mission project.

In preparation for the gift box packing event at the Cannonball Community in North Dakota, the WMU of Virginia is collecting monetary donations or gift cards to send ahead to Cannonball so that the items can be purchased there and be ready for the gift box packing event.

June 2, 2018

Community Day at Cannon Ball

The Cannonball Community will put on the 2nd annual "Community Day" event with games and other activities for the families. They will need up to 25 people to help with set up the week before and to help on the day of the event.

For more information, contact Alan Ray by e-mail ridgepastor@comcast.net or call (804) 288-5805.

Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to Bryan Dupuis and his family. Bryan's **grandmother** passed away on August 30. Bryan is the Mission and Discipleship Minister at **Cool Spring Baptist Church**.

...to the family of **Raleigh James** who passed away September 11. Raleigh was the pastor of **New Life Baptist Church**.

Personnel Changes

Sharon Condrey is the New Children and Family Life Intern at **Berea Baptist Church**.

Kat Raborn is the new Director of Children, Youth and Young Adults at **Berea Baptist Church**.

Jeremy Slagle is the new Youth Minister at **Hillcrest Baptist Church**.

Melissa Miller is the new part-time Youth Minister at **Taylorville Baptist Church**.

Sandra Mauney is the new Choir Director/Accompanist at **West Point, First Baptist Church**.

DWMU News

The Dover WMU is collecting fifty (50) \$25 Walmart Gift cards. They will collect gift cards through the end of October which will be used as an appreciation gift to the elders of the Cannonball Community in Standing Rock (North Dakota). Please contact Michelle Brown for more information at (804) 928-2927.

Area I DWMU Meeting

Tuesday, October 3, 10:30 a.m. Mount Olivet Baptist Church 15583 Coatesville Road, Beaverdam. Speaker: Trey Bearden from The Richmond Community Tool Bank. Lunch provided.

Group V DWMU Fall Meeting

Wednesday, October 18, 10:30 a.m. Antioch Baptist Church, 3868 Antioch Church Road, Sandston. Speaker: Lubos Dzuriak (from Slovakia). Lunch provided.

DWMU Night Group - West

Monday, October 23, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Elon Baptist Church, 14031 Verdon Road, Ruther Glen. Dessert social afterward

World Day of Prayer

Monday, November 6, 10:30 a.m. Mechanicsville Baptist Church, 8016 Atlee Road, Mechanicsville

Christmas Tea

Sunday, December 3, 2:00 p.m. Mount Olivet Baptist Church, 15583 Coatesville Road, Beaverdam

Positions Available

Deep Run Baptist Church seeks a part-time teacher for our Child Development Center. Please e-mail resume to deeprunbc@verizon.net or mail to Deep Run Baptist Church, Attn: CDC Committee, 10907 Three Chopt Road, Henrico, VA 23233.

Emmaus Baptist Church seeks a part-time (12 hours a week) Minister of Children and Youth. For more information and to apply, please e-mail pastorvallerie@gmail.com.

Sharon Baptist Church seeks a part-time Youth Director. E-mail resume to HenryStephens@verizon.net or contact Henry Stephens at (804) 640-1643.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church seeks a Senior Pastor. Send resume, references and any electronic media to Pastor Search Committee, 7001 Cornfield Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23111 or email to pastorsearch@walnutgrovebaptist.com.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church Children's Learning Center seeks an Assistant Director. Please send resume and references to WGCLC, Attention Kristi Bowles, 7046 Cold Harbor Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23111 or office@wgclc.com.

Westhunt Baptist Church seeks part time (5 hours/week) Music Director. E-mail personnel@westhunt.com for more information.

Congratulations

...to Zach and Katie Loyd on the birth of Leah on September 8 and to Angie Hoffmann on the birth of Avery on September 17. Grandparents are Brad and Jo Hoffmann. Brad is the pastor of **Cool Spring Baptist Church**.

...to Brian and Kara Ashley on the birth of Harrison Price on September 11. Grandparents are Steve and Maureen Smith. Steve is the Associate for Ministry to Church Leaders for **Dover Baptist Association**.



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Church News

Visit www.doverbaptist.org for all the Church News!

Berea held its worship service at Tinsley Pond on September 24; collected food for the Backpack Program at South Anna Elementary School, food for the Blessing Box (a food pantry that is located on church grounds and is open 24/7) and school supplies for South Anna Elementary School; the church has been undergoing massive renovations and will return to the sanctuary on Sunday, October 1.

New Bethesda hosted a covered dish luncheon for Operation Christmas Child on September 15 and Elena Hagemeyer, recipient of an Operation Christmas Child shoe box, gave her testimony as to what this gift meant to her.

North Run celebrates their 185th anniversary on October 15. Former Youth Minister, Vincent Rife, will be their guest preacher.

Northside donated school supplies to Boys Home of Virginia; had Pasta with the Pastor on September 24.

Church Homecomings/Anniversaries

October 1	Hopewell	homecoming
October 8	Antioch	241st anniversary
	Parham Road	57th anniversary
October 9	Broadus Memorial-	
	Hebron Campus	1st anniversary
October 15	Mechanicsville	40th anniversary
	Mount Olivet	170th anniversary
	North Run	185th anniversary



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Collection Schedule

Share the love of Jesus by packing a shoe box and taking it to your church or the following locations: New Bethesda Baptist Church or Mount Vernon Baptist Church.

Collection Center: New Bethesda Baptist Church

9019 Bethesda Road, Mechanicsville, (804) 779-2101

Collection Times:

Monday, November 13	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 14	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 15	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 16	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday, November 17	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 18	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 19	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday, November 20	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Collection Center: Mount Vernon Baptist Church

11220 Nuckols Road, Glen Allen, (804) 270-6600

Collection Times:

Monday, November 13	12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 14	12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 15	12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 16	12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday, November 17	12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 18	12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 19	12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Monday, November 20	9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.