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"a resource and ally for churches and their leaders"

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2018 Mileage Rate Increase

Beginning January 1, 2018, the standard mileage rates will be 54.5 cents per mile for business miles driven. Visit www.doverbaptist.org for more information.

Monthly Dover Sunday School Director's Meeting

Hosted by: Steve Smith

**Fourth Monday Night each month
6:30 to 8 p.m.**

Light supper provided

Next meeting is January 22, 2018

At the Dover Office Building

Inclement Weather Policy

Whenever Hanover County Public Schools close due to weather conditions, the Dover Association Office may also close or change office hours.

Office Closed for Holidays

The Dover Association Office will be closed on Monday, January 15, in observance of Martin Luther King Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 16.

THE 10:59 GROUP

Are you ready to serve as a future leader, an effective leader of powerful 21c churches? Rose Mary Stewart and Bob Dale are offering a January-February seminar series to prepare you for leaders' new demands and opportunities. These fast-moving, practical seminars will meet at the Dover office with lunch provided.

- What FUTURE LEADERS Do Differently (January 9)
- CONTRAST COMMUNITIES in (but not of) a Crazy World (January 23)
- CUSTOMIZING MINISTRY to Cultural Contexts (February 6)
- Surviving TANGLED TRANSITIONS (February 27)

The format is simple: @ 10:59AM leader briefings will begin, @ 11:29AM local church applications will be explored, and @ 11:59AM lunch and additional conversations will be enjoyed.

Please check with the Dover office by calling (804) 550-1980 or e-mail dover.info@doverbaptist.org to be sure you have a lunch order placed. Plan now to be part of The 10:59 Group!

A Request to All Dover Churches

We, Bob Dale and Rose Mary Stewart, your Co-Intentional Interim Directors of Missions in Dover, have a request. We'd like to meet with you to listen to you and to learn about your church. May we come to your church for a brief conversation?

Celebrations. We want to see your successes. We'd like to be present when you have special celebrations of your ministries. Would you please let us know when you gather to thank God for breakthroughs in ministry?

Conversations. We'd like to listen to you about the ministries you do best, those God-given strengths you build on. Could we please have 30 minutes with a few of your leaders at a convenient time to discover where you excel? We're convinced Dover has a great future, as we help you extend and enrich your ministries.

Please call (804) 550-1980 or email: rosemary.stewart@doverbaptist.org or bob.dale@doverbaptist.org. We want to learn from you!

2018 Hepler Scholarship Applications Due by March 15

Paul Hepler served as Dover Baptist Association's second Director of Missions. Dover awards an annual scholarship in his name, to a Dover Baptist student pursuing a college or graduate degree. Applications for the 2018 W. Paul Hepler Scholarship must be received in the Dover Office no later than March 15.

Download an application at www.doverbaptist.org or contact the Dover Office for an application or more information.

Child Evangelism Fellowship: Connecting Children with Christ

Editor's Note: Child Evangelism Fellowship of Greater Richmond was a 2017 Watson Mission Offering Grant Recipient. The author, David Chrisman, is a member of Poplar Springs Baptist Church and Dover's 2017-2018 Moderator.

One December Sunday morning in 1992, Stephana Dan (an IMB Missionary Kid) returned home from her first semester in college. Stephana attended the College and Career Sunday School Class [taught by Dave Chrisman] at Poplar Springs Baptist Church. She asked me if the class could do something to help the homeless. The Lord took over my tongue (the only way I can explain it) and said, "Well, Stephana, if you arrange it, we will do it!"

By the next Sunday, she had arranged for the class to go every 5th Friday to what was then known as *Freedom House* to serve the evening meal. Poplar Springs is still doing that after all these years, even though the vestiges of the feeding program are now in the hands of the Salvation Army at their Headquarters on 2 West Grace Street, Richmond.

Jumping ahead to July 29, 2016, we noticed several children were in the group that night at the Salvation Army. Through prayer, God led us to speak to Amy Haines, Child Evangelism Fellowship Director for the Greater Richmond Chapter. She agreed that a Good News Club might work there, so we contacted Joanna Brown, at Salvation Army.

Joanna agreed to give the Good News Club a try! Due to remodeling of the facility we did not get to start until the end of February 2017. We continued clubs every Sunday evening at 5:30 until the end of July, then we decided to take a two month break.

During those clubs, one adult and one child accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior. Due to the nature of the facility, the attendance varied and some weeks we had no participants. Now, at Joanna's suggestion, we moved to their Boys and Girls Club in the eastern Church Hill area.

As I am writing this, we have twenty-nine children registered for the club which began on October 12, 2017. Volunteers from other churches have participated in the club. Volunteers from Poplar Springs are serving in two Good News Clubs including New Kent Elementary School, with ten participants!

Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) and Good News Club are worldwide Bible teaching ministries, established in 1937 by Jesse Irvin Overholzer. He believed that Christians needed to pay more attention to the spiritual needs and capabilities of young children. Time and experience has proven that, if we take what Jesus said very seriously, even some three and four year old children can come to the Lord in saving faith.

Barna Research has determined that over 80% of people make their life-direction decisions between the ages of four and fourteen. So, we should make sure kids in that age group have many opportunities to HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL!

For more information, please call (804) 737-6147 or e-mail david.chrisman@juno.com

—David Chrisman
Poplar Springs Baptist Church

God Be with You, Bill

Even a good parting is hard. We celebrate the work of Bill Corey, a friend and valued colleague who has ministered in Dover Baptist Association as a pastor and, in retirement, as a member of Dover Association's staff team. Bill concluded his work with Dover on December 22, 2017.

Bill served as Associate for Ministry to Church Leaders since November 2012. Claude Evans and Bill worked together in this role until Claude's retirement in 2015. Steve Smith joined Bill in 2016.

When Bill first came to Dover Baptist Association as a pastor in 1983, Dover shared office space with Middle District and Richmond Baptist Associations—to say it was cramped is a major understatement! Dover moved to its own office space in 1985.

Bill wrote in the February 2013 Dover Diary, "With our own facilities, Richard Moore began to expand the staff. Doug Frazier came as church planter. Bob Smiddy came bringing his gifts of Church Administration and Religious Education. Finally, Leslie Watson, a retired missionary to Japan, came as a volunteer. Both Leslie and his wife, Hazel, focused on the importance of prayer and missions. A few years ago, Dover renamed our Association Mission Offering in their memory."

Bill went on to say, "In 1996, while I was serving as moderator, Richard Moore retired as our Executive Director. Because I was moderator, I was part of the search committee that brought our fourth Executive Director, Dr. Steven K. Allsbrook, to the Dover Baptist Association. Steve began his ministry with us on January 1, 1997."

Bill began his ministry in 1956 after serving in the United States Navy. Afterwards, he attended Carson-Newman College in Tennessee. Bill and his wife, Joyce, have a daughter and two sons. Bill stated in 2014 that he "wanted to end his full-time ministry as a flowing stream and not as a swamp!"

Bill has helped Dover ministers. He participated in both the Monday and Wednesday support groups for Dover pastors. He has supplied pulpits, often answering the call on very short notice.

Dover only asked Bill to serve ten hours per week. Yet, with all the other things he has done, Bill personally made thirty-four visits to Dover churches in 2017 alone. Bill was always willing to do extra things for Dover, such as making calls on behalf of the Watson Mission Offering and opening the office some mornings.

Dover's Executive Committee will recognize Bill during its meeting on January 9. We plan a little party that evening to celebrate Bill's ministry with Dover.

Finally, as Bill stated in the February 2013 Dover Diary, "What does the future hold? Only God knows! I served two mountain churches as a college student. One woman gave me some good mountain theology – 'God's promises are like pie crusts waiting to be filled.'"

—Sam Duenckel

Pray for These

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

- January 7 **Arabic Baptist** Reda Gergis, Pastor
William Khalil
- January 14 **Ashland, First** Josh Hayden, Pastor
Sean Hamon, Tom Lynch, Lisa Reckley,
Joanie Tompkins, Laura Ross,
Betty Stadnick, Rachel Pierce, Bill Ellis
- Atlee Church** Jeff Boggess, Pastor
Mark Tapscott, Lil Harris, Sandy Batten,
Jason Mallory, Jeff Lindquist, Evelyn Boggess
- Mechanicsville Campus** Jesse Martin, Pastor
Sarah Hopkins, Jonathan Harper, Gene Sun,
Ras Peel, Tonya Carey, Rhonda Kelley,
Bruce McKay
- Online Campus** *volunteer*, Pastor
- Scottsville Campus** Trey Critzer, Pastor
Vaughan Thomas, Stephanie Johnson, Ethan Boor
- West End Campus** John Lassiter, Pastor
Wendy Schellar, Seth Brooks, Jason Hoskin
- January 21 **Berea** John Baldwin, Pastor
Peggy Peck, Andrea Hollins, Chris Thomas,
Kat Raborn, Sharon Condrey
- Beulah** Ed Shepard, Pastor
Judy Shepard, Pat Dressel
- January 28 **Biltmore** Chet Smith, Interim Pastor
Nancy Burks, Ernie Lewis,
Lesley Lindblad, Anita Sharpe, Mary Lou Warman
- Black Creek** Without a Pastor
Travis Tyler, Dawn Parker

Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to the family of Lyle Foster who died on November 20, 2017. Lyle was the father of Peggy Etheridge, former employee of **Dover Baptist Association**.

...to the family of Dot Taylor who died on December 5, 2017. Dot was the aunt of Bill Alphin, former employee of **Dover Baptist Association**.

Congratulations

...to David and Jamie Nicholls on the birth of their daughter, Julie, on November 29. Grandparents are Ron and Faye Nicholls. Ron is the pastor of **Rappahannock Indian**.

Personnel Changes

Emmaus has called Dan Reeves as their new Minister of Children and Youth.

Cool Spring has called Tyler English as their new Associate to Families.

Randy Markel retired on December 2, 2017 with 20 years of service from **Mount Vernon**.

DWMU News

January 11 - National Human Trafficking Awareness Day

February 10 – 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

“Come to the Table”

Melrose Baptist Church, Roanoke

Women’s Mini-Retreat & Children’s Day

Saturday, March 10 – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

New Highland Baptist Church

9200 New Ashcake Road, Mechanicsville, 23116

Cost: Adults \$10.00 & Children \$5.00

(includes refreshments, lunch, and supplies)

Call (804) 843-4147 for reservations by Friday, March 2.

Attention Children’s Missions Leaders!

In January, each Dover church will receive the Carolyn Hollins Memorial Scholarship application. The deadline is March 29.

Contact Michelle Brown at (804) 928-2927 for information.

Partnership Missions

June 2, 2018

Tipi Wakan Ministries Community Day Event

Tipi Wakan Ministries need up to 25 people to help.

For more information, please contact Alan Ray by calling

(804) 288-5805 or e-mail partnership@doverbaptist.org

Positions Available

Atlee Church (Mechanicsville Campus) seeks a Student Ministry Director. Visit www.atleechurch.org/jobs for more information and/or apply.

Colosse Baptist Church seeks a full-time Pastor. Send resume and references to Colosse Baptist Church, Pastor Search Committee, 23945 King William Road, West Point, VA 23181 or cbcpastorsearch959@gmail.com.

Deep Run Baptist Church seeks a part-time teacher for our Child Development Center. Please e-mail resume to deprunbcd@gmail.com.

Gwathmey Baptist Church seeks a pianist. For more information, and/or apply, please contact Butch Hudson at (804) 798-6615.

Hunton Baptist Church seeks a part-time Minister to Youth. Contact Danny Kennedy, Personnel Committee Chair at dkennedy3509@gmail.com.

Mechanicsville Baptist Church seeks a full-time Minister of Music and Worship. Please e-mail resume and references to Leslie Luck at schmookie@comcast.net.

Mount Vernon Baptist Church seeks a Children’s Ministry Assistant. Contact Kimberly Braine-Tillem - ktillem@mvenow.org.

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



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Church News

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Vacation Bible School Curriculum Fair

February 8-10

Vacation Bible School Curriculum Fair at The Resource Center
(Thurs. Preview 1-4 p.m., Fri. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.),
partnering with Cokesbury for special discounts.

4th Floor of Kingsley Hall (just beyond Wilder Library)
School of Theology at Virginia Union University
1500 N. Lombardy Street, Richmond 23220

For more information, e-mail: infor@resourcingchurches.com or
call (804) 358-8306. Website: www.resourcingchurches.com.

2018 Virginia Baptist Ministers

Discussion Group

March 19 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Roslyn Retreat Center, 8727 River Road, Richmond 23229

"Being Reborn in the Spirit: Living in a Whole New Light"

Lerita Coleman Brown, PhD, Professor of Psychology Emerita,
Agnes Scott College

Visit www.vabaptistdiscuss.org or call (804) 314-0294, for more
information and/or register.

Grief Support Group

Second Sunday of Each Month at 5 p.m.

Cool Spring Baptist Church, Room 164

9283 Atlee Station Road, Mechanicsville

If you, or someone you know, has suffered the loss of a loved
one, this group may be the perfect place to work on the healing
process with experienced leaders and others who have suffered
similar losses. Each session consists of a video, discussion and
lots of support. This group is open to everyone. For more
information, contact Jerry and Patsy Deans at (804) 559-7622.



Operation Inasmuch Training

Saturday, January 20 – 9:30 a.m. to Noon

Dover Conference Center

Come learn how your church can participate in a "Compassion
Revolution" in your community!

Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 17 by calling the Dover
office at (804) 550-1980, or contact Steve Smith by
e-mail steve.smith@doverbaptist.org for more information.

Grassroots Seminary

"The landscape is rapidly changing. Pastor and staff are key, but
God is reaching laypeople to show them what God is doing in
our world. He is calling us to be in neighborhoods, schools,
workplaces, and more." Dr. Brian Williams explained further,
"The vision of Grassroots Seminary is to provide basic
theological education to people who are responding to the call of
God but cannot go to seminary."

A Grassroots cohort is currently forming in your area. Cost
is \$1,500 per year. Individuals from BGAV churches are eligible
for a \$500 scholarship. You can reach Dr. Brian Williams,
coordinator, at (757) 254-6538 or brian.williams@bgav.org