



# Dover Diary

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## Monthly Dover Sunday School Director's Meeting

Hosted by: Steve Smith  
Fourth Monday night of each month  
6:30 to 8 p.m.  
Light supper provided  
Next meeting is March 26  
At the Dover Office Building

*Save the Date!*

## Dover Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, May 22 – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Hunton Baptist Church  
11660 Greenwood Road, Glen Allen  
More details coming soon

## Daylight Savings Begins March 11 "Spring Forward"

## Inclement Weather Policy

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

## Help Save Postage

If you would like to help Dover save postage money by receiving the Diary by e-mail, please provide us with your e-mail address. Thank you.

## NASCAR Race Weekend

Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21

Central Virginia Raceway Ministries (CVRM) has been granted the unique opportunity to minister through Richmond Raceway guest services to over 100,000 race fans during the upcoming April race weekend.

**All volunteers or anyone interested in learning more about this ministry are required to attend an orientation/training session on Tuesday, April 10 at 7 p.m. - The River City Faith Network of the Richmond Baptist Association, 3111 Moss Side Avenue, Richmond.**

**April 20 - Friday:** Hospitality Ministry  
Shifts: 8:00 a.m.-2 p.m.; 2:00 -7 p.m.

**April 21 - Saturday:** Hospitality Ministry and Kids Carnival  
Shifts: 8:00 am-2:00 pm, 2:00-7:00 pm

**April 21 - Saturday:** Take-Down  
1 Shift: 3 p.m. until done

God has opened the door to expanded opportunities for ministry at Richmond Raceway. Dover, Richmond, and Middle District Baptists may respond. **Pray for the ministry. Bake cookies. Invite someone to volunteer with you.** Please bake cookies. Place 2-3 medium sized cookies in clear ziplock-style bags. Label each bag "Compliments of \_\_\_\_\_ Baptist Church." (*No tracts, please.*) Bring the cookies to the Dover Office April 16-19, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Food Allergy Alert:** CVRM appreciates all the cookies, but, if you use peanuts or a peanut product in your cookies, please note that on the bag.

*Please pray about your involvement and share the need with others. CVRM will have an orientation/training session on April 10. Call Sam Duenckel at 804-550-1980 or e-mail [info@varacewayministries.org](mailto:info@varacewayministries.org) and tell him you want to be a part of this ministry.*

## Dover Baptist Association Semiannual Meeting

Sunday, April 22, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Registration opens at 2:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church, Ashland

800 Thompson Street, Ashland

Dover churches may send voting messengers to this meeting (see below). In addition to voting messengers, the Association invites any Dover Baptist and their guests to share in this inspiring meeting.

**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 contribution to the General Fund up to a maximum of seven (7) messengers for any church.*

# Mental Health and the Church

Statistically, 1 in 5 adults in the United States is struggling with mental illness right now. If our churches reflect cultural norms, as they often do, that means that a significant number of your fellow church members have been affected by mental illness.

Studies show that churches are often the first place someone goes when seeking help. Many churches, however, don't have mental health professionals on staff. Church members may feel overwhelmed in caring for someone with an illness they don't understand. Worse, sometimes well-meaning Christians may exacerbate the mental illness by encouraging struggling people to pray harder, believe better, or to stop sinning.

I think Jesus has a soft spot in his heart for folks dealing with mental illness. I hope the church will develop that same soft spot, because statistics show that churches come into regular contact with people with mental illnesses, whether we've recognized them or not. Our church members deal with anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, dementia, trauma and stress-related disorders, and even suicidal ideation.

Paul calls believers to "bear one another's burdens" in Galatians 6:2. How can the church bear one another's mental illnesses -- especially if they all seem foreign to them? Dr. Michael R. Lyles, a psychiatrist who is also a faithful Christian, suggests following a model espoused by Jesus in the Parable of the Good Samaritan. In short, he says, the healthy churches should act like the Good Samaritan to folks we encounter struggling with mental illness. Here are three steps:

## **1. Healthy churches, like the Good Samaritan, empathize with those struggling with mental illness.**

The Good Samaritan, when he encountered the beat up man in Luke 10, didn't make any rash diagnoses. He simply responded empathetically to what he saw: a broken man in need of help. Churches, in the same way, don't need to be mental health professionals to offer a listening ear or to encourage someone in a path to wholeness. In order to best empathize with someone, though, it is helpful to learn what to look for. One of the best resources on mental health and the church is Matthew Stanford's book, *Grace for the Afflicted: A Clinical and Biblical Perspective on Mental*

*Illness*. Likewise, Kay Warren has become a real advocate for the church's involvement in our country's mental health crisis. Her website, [www.kaywarren.com/mentalhealth](http://www.kaywarren.com/mentalhealth) provides some good starting points.

## **2. Healthy churches know inn-keepers.**

The Good Samaritan acted as a safe person to the broken man he encountered. He treated him with respect and dignity, and he helped him with the resources he had at hand. At the same time, the Good Samaritan wisely realized this man's care was beyond his skill set. Instead of being afraid of what he didn't understand, the Good Samaritan partnered with an inn-keeper who would provide the broken man with what he needed. In our context, mental health professionals can serve as inn-keepers. At Goochland Baptist Church, we've had really positive experiences referring folks to the Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care (VIPCare). They are staffed by trained mental health professionals, many of whom are ordained ministers. Every church should have a place like VIPCare on speed dial.

## **3. Health churches have a mental health plan.**

Like the Good Samaritan came back to the inn and checked on the broken man, healthy churches should be intentional about ways to minister to people with mental illness. They look out for families, not just individuals. Pastors and church leaders can create an atmosphere where it's safe for people to be honest. A place where people feel like they can be heard. By visiting church members struggling with mental illness, including them in worship, and acknowledging the widespread nature of mental illness, we help remove the stigma sometimes associated with it. In short, healthy churches address mental illness, just as they would any other challenge in the church.

Mental illness can be scary, but it's important for us all to realize that it doesn't have the last word in our lives. God does. May God empower us all to act like Good Samaritans: we empathize well, we refer to local inn-keepers, and we develop a plan.

—Curt Kruschwitz, Pastor  
Goochland Baptist Church

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## 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](http://www.doverbaptist.org) or contact the Dover Office for an application or more information.

## 77 Ramps Built in 2017

The Men in Ministry would like to thank all of the churches and individuals that supported their ministry in 2017. The Men in Ministry were able to build 77 handicap ramps last year!

## 135 Pounds of Baby Care Products Collected for Kentucky Ministry

Tsena Commocko Baptist Church collected over 135 pounds of baby care products for the "God's Love from a Diaper Bag" ministry in Jenkins, Kentucky.

## Pray for These

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

- March 4:  
**Deep Run** Rick Allison-Pastor, Napoleon Brito Coronel, Dan McFaden, Nathanael Blessington, Wilma Carwile, Terri Boltz, Terry Jones, Andrea Mason
- Dover** Todd Kube-Pastor, Donna Martin, Janice Gordon
- March 11:  
**East Gate** Catherine Lee-Pastor, Sarah Stith
- Elon** Randy Secrist-Pastor, Beth Reed, Sharon Secrist
- March 18:  
**Emmaus** Vallerie King-Pastor, Dan Reeves, Sylvia Coates, Irene Crump
- Faith** Jack Surma-Pastor
- March 25:  
**Fort Lee** Michael Jordan-Pastor, Michelle Hancock, Jared Jimenez, Susan Nowell
- Four Mile Creek** Tom Gaskins-Interim Pastor, Cindy Hudson, Sandy Rutledge, Susanne Ricks, Nancy Foster, Jackie Horst

**Notice:** The prayer guides will be e-mailed to the Church of the Week instead of being sent through the mail.

## Positions Available

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

**Cool Spring Baptist Church** seeks a full-time High School Student Minister. Please e-mail resume to [HR@coolspring.org](mailto:HR@coolspring.org).

**Deep Run Baptist Church** seeks a part-time teacher for our Child Development Center. Please e-mail resume to [deprunbdc@gmail.com](mailto:deprunbdc@gmail.com).

Four Mile Creek Baptist Church is seeking a Senior Pastor. Please send resume to [search@fmcbbaptist.com](mailto:search@fmcbbaptist.com) or mail to Four Mile Creek Baptist Church, att. Search Committee, 2950 New Market Road, Henrico, VA 23231

**Kentwood Heights Baptist Church** seeks a part-time church secretary. Please e-mail resume to Amy Pulaski at [amypulaski@verizon.net](mailto:amypulaski@verizon.net).

**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](mailto:schmookie@comcast.net).

**Mount Olivet Baptist Church** seeks a full-time Administrative Assistant. Send resume to Rev. Dale Ashley at [dale@mtolivetbaptist.org](mailto:dale@mtolivetbaptist.org).

**Walnut Grove Baptist Church seeks:**

- 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](mailto:pastorsearch@walnutgrovebaptist.com).
- Part-time Administrative Assistant for Children's Learning Center. Send resume and references to WGBC CLC, 7046 Cold Harbor Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23111 or email to [office@wgclc.com](mailto:office@wgclc.com).

**Westhunt Baptist Church** seeks a part-time Music Minister. Please e-mail resume with references to [personnel@westhunt.com](mailto:personnel@westhunt.com).

## DWMU News

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  
Cost: Adults \$10.00 & Children \$5.00

(includes refreshments, lunch, and supplies)  
Call (804) 843-4147 for reservations by Friday, March 2.  
Guest Speaker: Rev. Jennifer Mullins, Associate Pastor/  
Youth Pastor, New Highland Baptist Church  
This is a time for spiritual enrichment, missions, music, fellowship, and fun. Children in grades K-5th are welcome to participate.

**Carolyn Hollins Memorial Scholarship**  
Application deadline is Thursday, March 29.  
Visit [www.doverbaptist.org/wmu](http://www.doverbaptist.org/wmu) or contact Michelle Brown at (804) 928-2927 for information and/or apply.

**Dover WMU Annual Meeting**  
Thursday, May 10—Samaria Baptist Church  
8130 Lott Cary Road, Providence Forge  
5:30 p.m. Dinner - **Dinner Reservations Required**  
\$7.00 (adults), \$5.00 (children 3-10) by Friday, April 27.  
Make check to Dover WMU and mail to Anita Roy, P.O. Box 1182, West Point, VA 23181. Please add church name, contact person, address, phone number, and number of dinner tickets. For questions, call Anita Roy (804) 843-4147.

4:00 and 7:00 p.m. Sessions Guest Speakers: Pete and Angela Adkins, Missionaries (Standing Rock/Cannon Ball) and Judy Bowman, Wheel Power.

## Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to the family of **Helen Grubbs** who passed away January 5. Helen Grubbs was the grandmother of Tiffany Miller, Day School Director at **New Highland Baptist Church**.

...to the family of **Arthur Shaw, Sr** who passed away January 26. Arthur Shaw, Sr. was the father of Rev. William Shaw, Associate Pastor of Worship and Education at **Corinth Baptist Church** and father-in-law of Wendy Shaw, Administrative Assistant (Mission and Discipleship) at **Cool Spring Baptist Church**.

...to the family of Jim Foote who passed away February 5. Jim represented **Antioch Baptist Church** on **Dover's Executive Committee** 1988-2002.

...to the family of **Patrick Hall** who passed away February 14. Patrick Hall was the husband of Sue Hall, Administrative Assistant for **Dover Baptist Association** and member of **Antioch Baptist Church**.

...to the family of **Jane Bittler** who passed away February 16. Jane Bittler was the grandmother of Caleb Bittler, Associate Pastor of Families and Youth at **New Bethesda Baptist Church**.

## Personnel Changes

**Black Creek Baptist Church** welcomed Rev. Randy Rains as interim pastor.

**Hopewell Baptist Church** welcomes Howard Rhodes as interim pastor.

Kim Gunn resigned as Minister to Children at **New Highland Baptist Church**.



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Sue Hall, Ministry Assistant  
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Courtney Gerhart, Temporary Office Assistant  
Steve Smith, Associate for Ministry to Church Leaders

## Church News

Visit [www.doverbaptist.org](http://www.doverbaptist.org) for all the Church News!

## Discipleship And Your Church Library

Virginia Church Library  
April 13-15  
Eagle Eyrie Conference Center, Lynchburg  
Register at [www.eagleeyrie.org](http://www.eagleeyrie.org) or call (434) 384-2211  
Visit [www.vacla.org](http://www.vacla.org) for more information.

## "Bad Prayer, Basic Prayer, Best Prayer"

Friday April 20-Saturday, April 21  
Cool Spring Baptist Church  
9283 Atlee Station Road, Mechanicsville 23116  
Details for registration will be announced soon. Visit  
[www.coolspring.org](http://www.coolspring.org) or call (804) 746-0800.

## Piano Improvisation Workshop

Friday, April 20 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Northside Baptist Church  
7600 Studley Road, Mechanicsville 23116  
Register online - cost \$22.00  
For more information, visit [www.northsideva.org](http://www.northsideva.org).

## Choral Workshop

Saturday, April 21 – 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Northside Baptist Church  
7600 Studley Road, Mechanicsville, 23116  
Register online - cost \$42.00  
For more information, visit [www.northsideva.org](http://www.northsideva.org).

## Church and Clergy Tax Seminar

March 8, 2018  
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM  
Location: Virginia Baptist Resource Center  
2828 Emerywood Parkway  
Richmond, VA 23294  
Call (804) 915-5000 or visit [www.bgav.org](http://www.bgav.org) for more  
information and to register.

## Free Concert for Senior Citizens

Thursday, March 29—2:15 p.m.  
Atlee High School  
9414 Atlee Station Road, Mechanicsville  
Doors open at 1:45 p.m.  
Atlee show choirs, "Elegance and Illusion"  
Call Nancy Hundley at (804) 306-9102 or e-mail  
[nmhundley@comcast.net](mailto:nmhundley@comcast.net) for more information.

## Chaplaincy-Pastoral Care Training

Legacy Chaplaincy Relation Annual Training  
April 24-27  
Location: Doubletree by Hilton Hotel  
50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg  
[www.bgav.org/events](http://www.bgav.org/events)  
Registration Fee: \$100 per person (fee does not include  
hotel costs. Hotel Rate is \$109 a night.  
Contact the Doubletree Hilton to reserve a room  
(757) 220-2500. Code: BGVA Pastoral Care for \$109  
per night rate.