



# Dover Diary

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## JOIN THE 10:59 GROUP CONVERSATIONS!

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 seminar, Future Leaders Will Work Creatively with Entire Congregational Systems, on June 19 to prepare you for leaders' new demands and opportunities. This fast-moving, practical seminar will meet at the Dover office with lunch provided.

We'll meet at 10:59 am for a 30 minute briefing, 30 minutes of conversation, and lunch along with more table talk. See you there!

Call the Dover office (804) 550-1980 or e-mail [dover.info@doverbaptist.org](mailto:dover.info@doverbaptist.org) to reserve your lunch, your study materials, and your chance to win a FREE BOOK!

Plan now to be part of the 10:59 Group!

Leslie and Hazel Watson  
Association Missions Offering

Goal: \$39,500

Received as of May 24: \$3,533.89  
Thank You!

## A Special Announcement

The Dover Search Committee has initiated the recruitment process for the new Executive Director(s). The following job announcement was recently posted with the Baptist General Association of VA (BGAV), Baptist News Global, Nurturing Faith Journal, and also appears in the Dover Weekly News as well as, the Dover Diary.

Josh Hayden  
Chairman, Search Committee

## DOVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION – JOB ANNOUNCEMENT – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS POSITION(S)

Dover Baptist Association, comprised of 66 churches, in Ashland, VA, (near Richmond, VA), is ready for new leadership! We are looking for either an individual or a team who can help us embrace the best of our tradition while helping us explore and live into the new future God has for us while leading as the Executive Director(s). We believe that God is up to some Kingdom-work here in our region and we are looking for adaptive leader(s) to help inspire, collaborate, and lead us with generous hope. If you are interested in learning more, please find a full profile for the position(s) at: [doverbaptist.org/executive-director-search](http://doverbaptist.org/executive-director-search). To apply, please submit a resume with references by email at: [search@doverbaptist.org](mailto:search@doverbaptist.org). The Dover Baptist Association website is: [www.doverbaptist.org](http://www.doverbaptist.org).

Deadline to apply: June 15, 2018.

## Student Addresses Wanted!

Many new high school graduates from Dover churches will seek more education. Baptist Collegiate Ministry provides a Christian community in higher education settings.

We need your help! Dover's Student Ministries Council wants to send a care package and information about Baptist Collegiate Ministry to every Dover high school graduate. Will you help us get their names and contact information?

If someone in your family or your church family is graduating high school and will continue their education, please send the names and contact information to us. It would really help us to have the names and contact information by July 13.

We promise to use that information only to send them the packages and help connect them with Baptist Collegiate Ministries. E-mail each student's name, home address, e-mail address, and the name of the college or school he/she will attend to [ridgeeducation@comcast.net](mailto:ridgeeducation@comcast.net) or mail it to our Student Ministries Council at the Dover office. Thank you!

# CELEBRATING TWO DOVER STAFF MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARY MILESTONES

**CONGRATULATIONS to Sandy Weakley on her 20 year anniversary with Dover Baptist Association, on June 8.**

**CONGRATULATIONS to Rev. Sam Duenckel on his 10 year anniversary with Dover Baptist Association, on May 1.**

Sam and Sandy will be recognized for their achievement of these special anniversary milestones and their dedicated years of service to Dover at the July 10, Executive Committee meeting.

## Reflecting on 10 Years

When I reflect on reaching my tenth anniversary serving Dover Baptist Association, the first word that comes to mind is adventure! Growing up in Georgia, I never learned about associations; I never really heard about Baptists doing much of anything together—church to church. My family and I went to a variety of Baptist churches, some with several thousand members, to perhaps barely one hundred.

Fast forward to when I was a junior in college. I began looking and thinking about seminaries. I strongly felt that God called me to Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. I did not know a soul in Virginia; believe it or not, I had never visited Richmond before! I just knew that was where God wanted me and that is where I went.

I enjoyed learning and obtaining new tools to explore the Bible and grew in my ability to teach others. My wife, Abbie, and I were engaged by the last year of seminary, where we had met. She began serving at Ridge Baptist Church, which led me to finding a job in the Richmond area too. I worked for an Information Technology company where I learned how to build websites. Dover, Middle District, and Richmond Associations were some of the clients. This was how I was first introduced to associations

Dover called me as their first Associate for Missions at the 2008 semiannual meeting, and I began working on May 1, 2008. Dover was celebrating its 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary that year, so I received a crash course in Dover's history! Richard Moore and Steve Allsbrook shared about their experiences leading Dover Baptists.

Throughout my ministry with Dover, I have had the opportunity to connect with a number of community organizations. I enjoy working with the wide array of volunteers and leaders from Dover churches. It is a joy and privilege to see a glimpse of the bigger picture of what God is doing in Metro Richmond and beyond.

I have had the opportunity to travel while serving Dover. I visited our partners in Macedonia twice (2014 and 2016) and our former Toronto Baptist partners in 2015. I was able to serve on a mission trip to Ecuador with several members of New Bethesda Baptist Church. I have made four trips to North and South Dakota, connecting with our partners at Tipi Wakan – Pete and Angela Adkins—and serving alongside at least seven Dover churches during WMUV's annual mission trip to Standing Rock.

An adventure indeed, one that I could never imagined. If I had been told while growing up in a small town in Georgia, that one day I would be celebrating ten years of ministry with a family of Baptists called Dover (in Virginia)—I would have thought the messenger was beyond crazy!

Thank you for allowing me to serve Dover. I look forward to having more adventures with you as we grow and serve together in the future!

—Sam Duenckel,  
Associate for Missions

## Reflecting on 20 Years

They say it's been 20 years...wow! It is a privilege to serve the Dover Baptist Association.

This privilege extends not only to the office experience of learning and working daily but to the relationships with you and your church.

Hearing the excitement of how you love your church...learning of the events you have sponsored...how you are reaching out to the lost. But also sympathizing with you in your losses (death, staff leaving, church division).

I appreciate the ministry of working with your church's ministry assistants and being available for them. I love planning our once a year get together (lunch, speakers, tours). Someone once said Sandy you are the "ministry assistant's assistant"...what a honor!

Thank you for allowing me to represent Dover by being a part of the Baptist Ministry Assistants of Virginia and the National Association of Ministry Assistants. I have been privileged to serve on the board of both of these organizations. I cherish my friendships with other ministry assistants across the country.

I enjoy working with our staff and how we are a family. I miss those who no longer serve alongside us....Steve, Doug, Scott, Peggy, Elaine, Bill and others. I have enjoyed being a part of participating with our Dover partners....in other associations, in Toronto, and in Macedonia. The opportunity to go and visit with these partners has been an awesome experience.

I thank God for allowing me to be a part of the Dover ministry!

—Sandy Weakley,  
Executive Assistant

## Virginia Baptist Historical Society Annual Meeting, June 7th

The 2018 Annual Meeting of VBHS will be held Thursday, June 7th, at 7:30 pm, at Bon Air Baptist Church in Richmond. This year, we welcome as our keynote speaker Dr. Elijah Brown, General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. His passion for justice has led him to conduct research among displaced camps in Africa and the Middle East, testify before the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission of the U.S. Congress, and speak around the world. Join us as we reflect upon the Baptist contribution to global religious liberty and human rights and share updates on the work of the Society. The program is open to the public. Location: Bon Air Baptist Church, 2531 Buford Rd, Richmond, VA 23235.

## Pray for These

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

June 3: **Little Elam**

Danny Patterson, Daniel Wallace, Julene Branch, Thelma King

*Prayer:* Lord, help us to be a shining light for those who are lost.

*Praise:* Our church is implementing a Grief Share Ministry for our members and for the community.

June 10: **Manakin, First**

Deborah Sams, Travis Harris, Elizabeth Howell

June 17: **Mattaponi Indian**

Kevin Watkins

*Prayer:* Pray for our growing youth ministry.

*Praise:* Our children are creating their own Bible games and are enthusiastic about learning about God.

June 24: **Mechanicsville**

Tim Madison, Dwight Hedges, Jean Dart, Linda Dickerson

*Prayer:* Pray for our Mission Team traveling to the Dominican Republic July 12-20, that God will use them to bring people to Christ.

*Praise:* For the first year of our new Wednesday night and Sunday night programs.

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

## Church News

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

## Personnel Changes

**Kentwood Heights Baptist Church** welcomes Lori Taylor as their Church Secretary.

**Mount Olivet Baptist Church** welcomes Alice Rusher as their Administrative Assistant.

## Congratulations

...to Thomas and Helen Lane on the birth of their son, Dempsey Samuel on May 9. Steve and Martha Crane are the grandparents. Steve is the Pastor of **Poplar Springs Baptist Church**.

...to Nathanael Thadikonda who was ordained to the ministry on Sunday, May 20th at **Deep Run Baptist Church**.

## 2018 Hepler Scholarship Recipients

The Student Ministry Council would like to congratulate two students on receiving the 2018 Hepler Scholarship:

Hayden-Anne Breedlove of **Glen Allen Baptist Church** currently attending University of Richmond, School of Law and Cara Dunnivant of **Cool Spring Baptist Church** who will attend Virginia Tech this fall.

## Homecoming

Sunday, June 24

Rappahannock Indian Baptist Church

5595 Bradley Farm Road, Tappahannock

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dan McFaden

Worship service is at 11 am. After the worship service, there will be a music program featuring Rodney Miles.

Lunch will be in the social hall following the music program.

## DWMU News

Mission Awareness Day

Tuesday, June 19 —New Bethesda Baptist Church

Missions Leadership Workshop

Saturday, July 28 — 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Dover Baptist Association

11006 Lakeridge Parkway, Ashland

Lunch will be provided.

This will be a time to receive information on how to lead a mission group, get resources and hear about mission project ideas. Please come and get help and inspiration on how to get "On Mission for the Lord". Call Michelle Brown for questions and to make reservations at (804) 928-2927.

This event is sponsored by the Dover WMU.

## Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to the family of Ellen Frazier who passed away May 8. Ellen Frazier was of the mother of Dean Frazier, **Chair of Minister/Church Relations, Dover Baptist Association**.

...to the family of Meredith Kammerdiener who passed away May 14. Meredith Kammerdiener was a former **Dover Executive Committee member—Ridge Baptist Church**.

...to the family of Mary Ella Gibson who passed away May 15. Mary Ella was the wife of the late Fred Gibson. Fred was an Associate Pastor for **Berea Baptist Church** and past Chair of the Nomination Committee for **Dover Baptist Association**.



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Sam Duenckel, Associate for Missions  
Sandy Weakley, Executive Assistant  
Sue Hall, Ministry Assistant  
Elizabeth Bradley, Ministry Assistant  
Steve Smith, Associate for Ministry to Church Leaders

## Positions Available

**Antioch Baptist Church** seeks a part-time Music Director. Send resume to Antioch Baptist Church, c/o Pastor Greg, 3868 Antioch Church Road, Sandston, VA 23150 or bowtiepastor@gmail.com.

**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.

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

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

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

**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 Olivet Baptist Church** seeks a part-time Children's Minister. Send resume to children.minister.search@mtolivetbaptist.org or Children Minister Search Committee, Mount Olivet Baptist Church, 15583 Coatesville Road, Beaverdam, VA 23015.

**New Highland Baptist Church** seeks a part-time Minister to Children. E-mail resume and references to Mike Barmer, Personnel Committee Chair at blueangel7g@comcast.net.

**North Run Baptist Church** seeks a full-time Senior Pastor to help us begin a work of revitalization and visioning for the future. For more information, visit www.NorthRunBaptistChurch.org and/or email northrunsearchteam@gmail.com if you are interested in pursuing this opportunity.

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

**Walnut Grove Baptist Church** seeks a part-time Administrative Assistant for Children's Learning Center. Send resume to WGBC CLC, 7046 Cold Harbor Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23111 or email office@wgclc.com.

**Westhunt Baptist Church** seeks a part-time Music Minister. Please e-mail resume with references to personnel@westhunt.com.

## Gospel Concerts

**Ivan and Josh Parker & The Harvesters**

Saturday, June 2 — 6:00 p.m.

Cool Spring Primary School

7301 Acquinton Church Road, King William

Doors open at 5:00 pm.

Cost: \$15 adult regular seating and \$5 for children under 10

For tickets, contact Anita Roy, (804) 238-5659 or Cathy

Mitchell, (804) 241-4888. This event is sponsored by

Colosse Baptist Church's Young at Heart.

## The Dixie Melody Boys

Saturday, July 14 - 7:00 p.m.

Parham Road Baptist Church

2101 N. Parham Road, Richmond

No tickets required - Love offering will be taken

For more information, please call the church office at

(804) 270-3262

## Music Camps

July 23-27 - 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

First Baptist Church, Ashland

800 Thompson Street, Ashland

Children K- 6th grade

Registration: www.firstbaptistashland.com

August 5-12 - 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Pioneer Baptist Church

3140 Darbytown Rd, Henrico

Students Grades 3rd - 9th

For more information, call (804) 795-1051.