



# Dover Diary

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### Leslie and Hazel Watson Association Missions Offering



Goal: \$39,500

Received as of  
July 26: \$26,084.85

Thank You!!

### Annual Church Profiles

It's almost that time again, Annual Church Profile time. Please be on the lookout for them around the end of August.

### Monthly Dover Sunday School Director's Meeting

Hosted by: Steve Smith  
August 27 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Dover Office Building  
Light supper provided

### BGAV'S "EMPOWER COACHING" CLASSES ARE COMING TO DOVER!

Dover Baptist Association recognizes that our church leaders need "thought partners" to walk with us in ministry. Therefore, Dover has partnered with Empower, the BGAV's Coaching Network, as a host site for training. Here, we will learn to serve as objective and confidential friends, guiding others next steps in God's will.

Coaching is becoming a pivotal skill set for congregational ministry. You can hone these important skills this summer and fall here at Dover's office location. BGAV's Ken Kessler, Coaching Network Director of Empower, will teach two classes:

- August 27-28: "Foundation for Christian Coaching," Empower Class 501
- October 29-30: "Establishing a Dynamic Coaching Relationship," Empower Class 502

These two classes and others to be offered in 2019 will enrich your personal ministry and can qualify you to become a professionally certified leader coach.

Because of scholarships from the BGAV and Dover, the 2018 classes will cost only \$100 each for the first five Dover leaders who sign up for the classes. Dover leaders who register later will receive a BGAV scholarship and pay \$300.

Here's what you need to do now:

- Save the dates.
- Registration is already open on the BGAV website. Sign up before all of the seats are gone.
- Request a Dover scholarship from Bob Dale, call (804) 814-1463 or email [bob.dale@doverbaptist.org](mailto:bob.dale@doverbaptist.org). Only a limited number of scholarships are available, so apply as soon as possible.

### Baptist Ministry Assistants of Virginia

2018 Fall Conference: "Loss, Leisure & Liability"

"For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven."  
– Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NLT)

Friday, September 21 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Randolph Memorial Baptist Church

4626 S. Amherst Hwy

Madison Heights, VA

For more information and to register visit: <https://bmav.org/conferences>

## God's Presence in a Crisis

June 29, 2018 unfolded events that have both challenged and inspired the faith family at Ridge Baptist Church. As our students and their sponsors traveled home from the SeeSalt summer youth camp at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, they were involved in an accident that overturned the church bus and left everyone on board with varying levels of injury. The accident occurred a little after 1 p.m. and within two hours news of what had happened spread throughout South Carolina and central Virginia.

Within 10 hours, ten parents, my wife and I, and two other volunteers from Ridge were in South Carolina where we learned that three of our students and one adult were in the intensive care unit of the hospital with a combination of cuts, burns and head injuries. Seven students and one adult had been discharged and were awaiting our arrival at the hospital. One had been discharged and picked up by relatives who lived in the area. We also learned how good it is to be part of God's family.

From the moment the accident occurred, we began to see miracles take place that will forever change the way we experience God and look at the people around us. People from various places stopped to offer assistance to those who were trapped and injured. A U.S. Army captain from Georgia began breaking glass out of the bus with his hands to help get people out. As soon as emergency responders arrived this same man called the church to let us know the injuries observed and assure us that everyone had survived the crash. A young woman from Midlothian, Virginia stopped to help get folks out of the bus. Emergency responders were both professional and compassionate as they helped those who were injured. Phone calls, emails and text messages began to come in from all over the country as people shared their concern and prayers for those who were injured. Even some of our missions partners in Macedonia sent word that they were praying for us.

At Grand Strand Regional Medical Center our students were greeted by caring professionals who not only ministered to physical needs but were keenly aware that these were primarily young people a long way away from home and separated from their families. There were caring volunteers from the Horry County chapter of the American Red Cross. They provided food and companionship for students as they were discharged and came to the room where they waited for those on their way from Virginia. Those same volunteers greeted families as they arrived with hugs and debit cards to help defray the costs of food, lodging and medicine. Volunteers from the Jared Project brought boxes with goodies and puzzles to occupy the students as they waited and recovered. Their gifts provided a needed diversion at a time of emotion and uncertainty.

Upon arriving home the next day, we learned of the prayers of believers and received offers of prayer, help and support from sister churches. We were grateful for the presence of Bob Dale and Rose Mary Stewart in our worship



Sunday. Neighboring churches have sent gifts and treats to the church and local schools have sent flowers to show their concern. Two churches from South Carolina have sent financial contributions to help families with expenses.

We have learned firsthand the blessing of God's presence in remarkable ways. He was with our students and sponsors, strengthening them in the midst of a terrible time. He has shown us how blessed we are to be part of a family of churches like the Dover Baptist Association and the BGAV.

As I write this, only one student is still hospitalized here in Richmond. Wounds and spirits are healing. Thank you so much for being the presence of Christ to your Dover sisters and brothers at Ridge Church.

—Alan Ray,  
Ridge Baptist Church

### Congratulations

**Black Creek Baptist Church** welcomes Rev. Randy Rains as their Pastor.

**Cool Spring Baptist Church** celebrated the following employment anniversaries: Rev. Greg English on 10 years as Minister of Recreation and Mark Billups on 5 years as Maintenance/Security Technician.

**Pioneer Baptist Church** celebrated the following employment anniversaries: Rev. Paul Beith on 10 years as Pastor and Judy Stell on 25 years as Ministry Assistant.

### Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to the family Charlotte "Becky" Mallory who passed away on June 29. Charlotte Mallory was the mother of Wendy Reynolds, Account Manager at **Virginia Baptist Foundation**.

...to the family of Ernie Lewis who passed away in June. Ernie Lewis was on the **Dover Baptist Association Music Committee**.

## Pray for These

The leaders of Tipi Wakan Ministries, our Dover Staff, and in Dover's churches:

### August 5: **New Life**

Lee Mitchell, Interim Pastor, Joni Welborn, Tempie Ruff, Lori Lambert

### August 12: **North Run**

Larry Frakes, Interim Pastor, Kerry Smith, Morgan Day, Mary Saunders

*Prayer:* Pray for the Pastor Search Committee as they search for a full-time pastor.

*Praise:* A big thank you goes to all the volunteers who helped with VBS.

### August 19: **Northside**

Jeff Scott, Pastor, Nancy Schneider, Karen Mills, Marlene Bresee, Donise Boone

*Prayer:* That the children are touched by the gospel during VBS

*Praise:* VBS - it is always a joyful and fun week

### August 26: **Oak Hall**

Matt Fretwell, Pastor, Agnes Loyall, Jackie Adams

*Prayer:* Pray for the rejuvenation and continual growth of Ignite, our men's discipleship ministry.

*Praise:* Oak Hall has partnered with our local elementary school to supply children with supplemental food during the summer months.

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

## Positions Available

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

**Atlee Church - Scottsville Campus** seeks a part-time Music Director. For more information and/or apply, visit [atleechurch.org](http://atleechurch.org).

**Atlee Church - West End Campus** seeks a part-time Music Director. For more information and/or apply, visit [atleechurch.org](http://atleechurch.org).

**Biltmore Baptist Church** seeks a bi-vocational or part-time pastor. Please submit a resume with references to [biltmorepastorsearch@gmail.com](mailto:biltmorepastorsearch@gmail.com).

**New Bethesda Baptist Church** seeks a part-time accompanist. Please e-mail resume and references to [personnel@newbethesda.org](mailto:personnel@newbethesda.org).

**North Run Baptist Church** seeks a full-time Senior Pastor. For more information, visit [www.NorthRunBaptistChurch.org](http://www.NorthRunBaptistChurch.org) and/or email [nrbsearchteam@gmail.com](mailto:nrbsearchteam@gmail.com).

**Walnut Grove Children's Learning Center** seeks a Schoolage Teacher. Please e-mail Kristi Bowles at [office@wgclc.com](mailto:office@wgclc.com) for more details.

## Homecoming

Sunday, August 19

Pamunkey Indian Baptist Church celebrates its 153rd anniversary at 11:00 a.m. with lunch immediately following. A gospel concert will be at 2:00 p.m. Revival services will be Monday, August 20 through Wednesday, August 22 beginning at 7:00 p.m. nightly. Rev. Vance Shearin, Pastor of Pamunkey Indian Baptist, will be preaching the message at all services.

## DWMU News

Spiritual Enrichment Retreat

Thursday, August 9

North Run Baptist Church  
2100 Lydell Drive, Richmond

Speaker: Rev. Rose Mary Stewart

(Dover Baptist Intentional Interim Director of Missions)

Dinner (for those registered) begins at 6:00 p.m.

Program starts at 7:00 p.m.

For questions call Anita Roy at (804) 843-4147.

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### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE!

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

5:15-8:30 PM  
FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH ASHLAND  
800 THOMPSON STREET  
ASHLAND, VA 23005  
[WWW.BAPTISTLEADERS.ORG](http://WWW.BAPTISTLEADERS.ORG)  
(804) 314-0294



DINNER, BREAKOUT SESSIONS, AND  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER:  
MATT THORNHILL  
"WINNING CHURCHES OF TOMORROW"





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## Church News

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

**Antioch** had a free celebration of summer July 21; will have Vacation Bible School August 13-17.

**Ashland, FBC** had a river baptism July 18; Senior Adult Ministry went to the Marine Museum in Quantico, VA July 14; hosted CARITAS July 7-14; had music camp July 23-27; youth went to Kings Dominion July 28.

**Atlee** had Vacation Bible School July 9-13; over 60 middle and high school students went to Watermarks Camp the week of July 22.

**Cool Spring** participated in the Gratitude Experiment July 29-August 5.

**Fort Lee** having a BBQ lunch fundraiser to benefit Eastern Henrico FISH on Sunday, August 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Hillcrest** hosting Vacation Bible School August 5-9.

**Hopeful** had Revival July 26-August 1.

**Little Elam** hosted No Greater Love which is a consortium on churches in the county July 3; Youth Recognition Sunday was July 8; Homecoming will be August 19 at 2:30 p.m.; Revival will be August 20-24 beginning each night at 7:30 p.m. except Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

**Mechanicsville** mission team went to Dominican Republic July 12-20; had Vacation Bible School July 29-August 2.

**Mount Olivet** had a river baptism July 15.

**New Bethesda** had Vacation Bible School July 9-13.

**New Highland** Farmers Market is on Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; CARITAS was July 28-August 4.

**Northside** had Vacation Bible School July 16-20.

**Oak Hall** Sewing Group met on July 17; annual church picnic is Saturday, August 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Parham Road** hosted the Dixie Melody Boys in concert on July 14; hosted Glory Way Quartet in concert on July 27; had Vacation Bible School July 29-August 2.

**Pioneer** had Vacation Bible School July 15-19; Musical Theatre Camp is August 5-12.

**Ridge** went to Standing Rock for a mission trip July 18-28; Caring Hearts group went to Gelati Celesti July 30; hosted family movie night July 26.

**Shalom** youth mission trip to Burtonsville, MD July 15-20; will have a Singspiration at Pole Green on Sunday, August 26 at both worship services.

## Central Virginia Raceway Ministries Needs Volunteers and Cookies

Richmond Raceway turns into one of Virginia's largest cities for race weekend, September 21-22. CVRM helps race fans, vendors, workers, and others know Christ is present. We need many volunteers to make this ministry possible. If you can help set up the site, greet guests, give away cookies and water, act as a chaplain, or otherwise share your talents, then help us engage a multitude of people one by one.

CVRM Volunteer Orientation will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11 at the River City Faith Network of the Richmond Baptist Association office.

Please contact the Dover office to volunteer or get more information.

As in the past, CVRM invites you to participate and asks for your help by making cookies. *CVRM leaders ask that church mission groups, Sunday School classes, youth groups, and individuals make "homemade" cookies. Please bag these in small clear lock-style plastic bags, 2-3 medium sized cookies per bag. Put a label on the outside of each bag "compliments of \_\_\_\_\_ Baptist Church."* (Dover Baptists may bring their bags of cookies to the Dover Office, September 17-20, 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 contact the Dover office to volunteer or visit [www.varacewayministries.org](http://www.varacewayministries.org).