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Newsletter of Dover Baptist Association

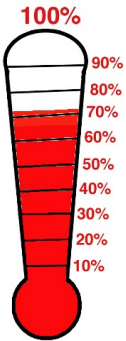
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Leslie and Hazel Watson Association Missions Offering



Goal: \$39,500

Received as of
October 23: \$29,434.56

Thank You!!

2018 Annual Church Profiles

The 2018 Annual Church Profiles will be sent out January 2019. The deadline to receive them at the Dover office is the first week of February. You may also complete the Annual Church Profile online.

Remember to "Fall Back" on Sunday, November 4

Daylight Savings Time ends November 4.

Office Holiday Schedule

The Dover office will be closed Wednesday, November 21-23 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mark the Date Now!!

Resource Roundtable

"Ministering to Families Coping with Addictions"

Thursday, November 8, 2018

10 a.m.—12:30 p.m., lunch provided.

Dover Baptist Association

Please call (804) 550-1980 or email dover.info@dobaptist.org to RSVP.



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Collection Schedule

Ashland, First Baptist Church

800 Thompson Street, Ashland

Monday, Nov. 12: 10 am-Noon

Tuesday, Nov. 13: 5:30-7:30 pm

Wednesday, Nov. 14: 10 am-Noon

Thursday, Nov. 15: 5:30-7:30 pm

Friday, Nov. 16: 10:00 am-Noon

Saturday, Nov. 17: 10 am-Noon

Sunday, Nov. 18: 9:00-11 am

Monday, Nov. 19: 10 am-Noon

Mount Vernon Baptist Church

11220 Nuckols Road, Glen Allen

Monday, Nov. 12: Noon-7 pm

Tuesday, Nov. 13: Noon-7 pm

Wednesday, Nov. 14: Noon-7 pm

Thursday, Nov. 15: Noon-7 pm

Friday, Nov. 16: Noon-6 pm

Saturday, Nov. 17: Noon-2 pm

Sunday, Nov. 18: Noon-7 pm

Monday, Nov. 19: 9-11:30 am

New Bethesda Baptist Church

9019 New Bethesda Road, Mechanicsville

Monday, Nov. 12: 10 am-2pm & 4-7 pm

Tuesday, Nov. 13: 10 am-4 pm

Wednesday, Nov. 14: 10 am-3 pm

Thursday, Nov. 15: 10 am-2 pm & 5-7 pm

Friday, Nov. 16: 10:00 am-2pm

Saturday, Nov. 17: 10 am-Noon

Sunday, Nov. 18: 1-5 pm

Monday, Nov. 19: 10 am-4 pm

THE POWER OF “IF”

In the former Industrial Age, Baptists’ national and state denominations had a religious monopoly, producing and providing programs for local churches. Pre-planned activities and structures, like gumballs, were placed in the chute in Nashville, Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis, Dallas or Richmond, and those programs rolled all the way to your congregation’s door. Ministry was simple and stable.

Then, our world tipped into a Digital Age powered by the younger generations. Traditional ministries stopped working. Programs-in-a-box no longer fit new times or new needs. Mechanical methods didn’t serve living communities or causes. Consequently, larger denominations were stymied, and dependent churches didn’t know what to do next. Doing church “wholesale” waned.

But, many of our Baptist congregations are still thriving by thinking and acting locally. Interestingly, the same culture that’s closing old doors for big denominations is opening new doors for local churches and their community ministry partners.

If. If those local churches face several challenges well.

IF...FAITH OVERCOMES FEAR — Transitions are scary. They push us out of our comfort zones. When large-scale cultural watersheds occur and the familiar ends for us, our world feels chaotic. It’s challenging to practice faith when fear has us by the throat.

We need local companions who invite God to shrink our fears and make our journey easier. We can thrive, if we practice faith that’s stronger than our fears.

IF...“OUT OF THE BOX” CREATIVITY BUILDS ON “INSIDE THE BOX” CLARITY — Struggling organizations often wander off course, becoming less and less defined. In their anxiety, they may simply flounder faster.

Clarity about God’s call anchors our churches. Local creativity can then be generated freely, if clarity of vision and direction is already established.

IF...MINISTRIES AND MISSIONS ARE LAUNCHED IN NEIGHBORHOODS FIRST AND THEN TO NATIONS — Acts 1:8 tells us to minister to our neighbors first and then reach out to more distant needs. We Baptists have concentrated on the Great Commission more than the Great Commandment. Our churches have reached out to our nations more than our neighborhoods.

Now, in a more connected world, churches can begin nearby and then extend our outreach to faraway places, if we love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

IF... LEADERSHIP BATONS ARE SHARED ACROSS GENERATIONS — For the first time in human history, six generations are alive simultaneously. But, we find few congregations with all generations worshiping inside their walls and serving outside in their communities. In fact, most congregations are led by older members.

Top-down leadership is receding, and side-by-side leadership is ascending. Churches can enrich and empower our leader circles, if we bridge generations.

IF...DIVERSITY IS EMBRACED — In traditional churches, we sang “red and yellow, black and white, all are precious in His sight,” but we didn’t reach out to others who are different from us and invite them to join us.

Now, in a connected global world where different backgrounds, cultures, and outlooks live side by side we see the diversity of God’s creation everywhere. Ministries that reach out to all people groups can become portals for redemptive relationships and innovative outreach, if we act on “God so loved the world.”

IF... WHILE RECOGNIZING DIFFERENT CONGREGATIONAL SIZES, WE AFFIRM THAT GOD’S KINGDOM IS NOT DEFINED BY CHURCH SIZE — In earlier time, bigger was better. Large churches were lauded, and megachurches became ideal models. We drifted away from the view that every size church is vital in God’s eyes. “On earth as it is in heaven” calls us to value every believer and all churches. We can welcome God’s kingdom on earth, if we say “yes” to God’s absolute reign in our lives and congregations.

IF... TRAINING IS TAILORED TO LOCAL NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES — Older denominational programs were “one size fits all.” But, that’s no longer true.

Now, training for growth and discipleship can be customized to specific settings and needs, if we know our contexts and seize our opportunities.

THE POWER OF “IF”

“If” is a tiny word. But, “if” has huge ministry potential. It’s time for Central Virginia’s churches to explore “if.”

—Bob Dale and Rose Mary Stewart

Pray for These

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

November 4: **Sharon**

James Sevon, Alyce Vinson, Lynn Buker, Luke Fisher, Kristen Fisher

Prayer: For the youth, Awanas, Good News Club in February, and for grieving families—there have been a lot of funerals.

Praise: For a successful bazaar for Haiti missions, a strong youth group, for Awanas club program.

November 11: **Tabernacle of Praise International**

Joe Reeves

Prayer: That God will continue to provide strength as we train/disciple people in South Richmond and Liberia. Planning to start an elementary school in Liberia.

Praise: TPI recently planted a second church in Liberia; starting a Children's Ministry in November; building project running smoothly in South Richmond.

November 11: **Taylorville**

Ted Dougherty, Debbie Taylor, Melissa Miller, Betsy Hawkins

Prayer: The ministries and leaders of Taylorville Baptist Church.

Praise: Melissa Miller, Youth Minister, has been with us for just over a year now.

November 18: **Tree Ridge Community**

Bradley Harris, Craig Suiter

Prayer: Continued growth in our vision for the world through missions and giving.

Praise: That we are a vibrant multi-ethnic church; thankful to be a church that reflects more of the Kingdom of God on Earth.

November 25: **Tsena Commocho**

Ed Preston, Valerie Temple

Prayer: Please pray for the physical well-being and spiritual health of our membership and their families.

Praise: Thank God for the humble hearts of the congregation for service and missions.

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 for all the Church News!

Personnel Changes

Dan Reeves concluded his ministry at **Emmaus Baptist Church** on September 16.

Dr. Josh Franklin began his ministry as Senior Pastor of **Mount Vernon Baptist Church** on October 28.

Congratulations

Jennifer & Nick Blevins welcomed a daughter, Paige Catherine, on October 24. The proud grand-parents are Alan & Melinda Ray and equally proud aunt is Lindsay Ray. Alan is the Pastor of Ridge Baptist Church, and Lindsay is the Student Minister at Ridge Baptist Church.

Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to the family of Sue Gusler who passed away on October 15. Sue was the mother of Susan Combee and the mother-in-law of Todd Combee. Todd is the Senior Pastor of **New Bethesda Baptist Church**.

DWMU News

Women's Get-Away

(WMUV Annual Event & Meeting)

November 2-3 or 3-4

Eagle Eyrie Conference Center, Lynchburg, Virginia

World Day of Prayer

Monday, November 5

10:30 a.m and 7:00 p.m.

Mechanicsville Baptist Church

Everyone is invited to come and join us for a meaningful time of prayer for people at home and around the world.

Both sessions will be the same.

Lottie Moon Christmas Tea

Sponsored by the Dover WMU

Sunday, December 2nd 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

New Highland Baptist Church

9200 New Ashcake Road, Mechanicsville

The event is free. Please make reservations with DWMU Treasurer, Anita Roy (804) 843-4147 by

Friday, November 30.



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Rose Mary Stewart, Intentional Interim Director of Missions
Sam Duenckel, Associate for Missions
Sandy Weakley, Executive Assistant
Sue Hall, Ministry Assistant
Steve Smith, Associate for Ministry to Church Leaders

Positions Available

Antioch Baptist Church seeks a part-time Music Director. For more information, please call Pastor Greg Soult at (804) 737-0500 or email bowtiepastor@gmail.com

Atlee Church - Scottsville Campus seeks a part-time Music Director. For more information and/or apply, visit www.atleechurch.org.

Berea Baptist Church seeks a part-time nursery leader. Please email Berea.personnel@gmail.com

Black Creek Baptist Church seeks a part-time Director of Worship Ministries. For more information, visit www.bit.ly/blackcreekmusicapp

Deep Run Baptist Church seeks a full-time Director for their Child Development Center. Please e-mail resume to pastordrbc@gmail.com.

Gwathmey Baptist Church seeks a part-time pianist. Please call Pastor Butch Hudson at (804) 798-6615 for more information.

Mount Olivet Baptist Church seeks a part-time Children's Minister (20 hours per week). Visit the church website: www.mtolivetbaptist.org for more information, or call (804) 883-5950.

New Bethesda Baptist Church seeks a part-time accompanist. Please e-mail resume and references to personnel@newbethesda.org.

North Run Baptist Church seeks a full-time Senior Pastor. Visit www.NorthRunBaptistChurch.org and/or email nrbsearchteam@gmail.com for more information.

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

Partnership Missions Focus

Collecting Gift Cards for Tribal Elders

Tipi Wakan Baptist Church wishes to collect (25) \$25.00 Wal-mart gift cards for the Cannon Ball Elder Christmas Dinner. The dinner will be on December 6, and they would like to give each elder a gift card.

Please email partnership@doverbaptist.org or call (804) 550-1980 for more information.

Christmas Gifts for Cannon Ball Children

As a part of Dover's partnership with Tipi Wakan Ministries, we are asking Dover Baptists to collect gift items for the children in Cannon Ball, North Dakota. Please leave all donations unwrapped and ship to Tipi Wakan Baptist Church, 7039 8th Ave. Cannon Ball, ND 58528 by December 1. See www.doverbaptist.org/christmas-2018-gift-suggestions-for-cannon-ball for the complete wish list.

Infants: Baby care items, soft books, stuffed animals, age appropriate toys

Children: Socks, scarves, hats, gloves, hygiene items, books, school supplies, puzzles, silly putty, silly bands, etc.

For Boys: matchbox cars, balls, basketballs

For Girls: Dolls, doll clothes, hair bows, barrettes, jewelry

Teens: Socks, scarves, hats, gloves, throws, hygiene items, Christian bookmarks, wallets, flashlights, puzzle books, lip balm, candy, school supplies, card games, calculator

For Boys: tape measure, camo duct tape, screwdrivers, screws, basketballs

For Girls: make up, manicure set, small purses, pretty patterned duct tape, hair ties

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