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2019 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 2019 W. Paul Hepler Scholarship must be received in the Dover Office no later than March 15.

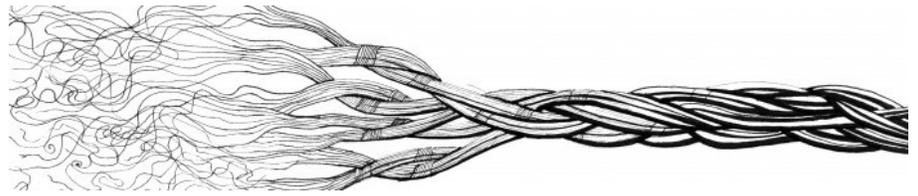
Download an application at www.doverbaptist.org or contact the Dover Office for an application or more information.

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.

Inclement Weather Policy

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



Save the Date

Mission Possible: Seeing and Being Seen

Art + Justice + Mission = Mission Possible VA
Saturday, March 2 – 12:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Randolph-Macon College, Birdsong Hall
106 E. Patrick Street, Ashland
www.missionpossibleva.com
More details coming soon!

Students and young professionals: How can you use your unique skills and passions to join in the mission of God?

Mission Possible is a one-day conference that allows you to explore your faith and calling through art, justice and mission.

Who is invited to Mission Possible Virginia 2019? You are!

2019 Mileage Rate Increase

Beginning January 1, 2019, the standard mileage rates will be 58 cents per mile for business miles driven.

Visit www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-issues-standard-mileage-rates-for-2019 for more information.

Carolyn Hollins Memorial Scholarship

Application deadline is Thursday, March 28.

Visit www.doverbaptist.org/wmu or contact Michelle Brown at (804) 928-2927 for information and/or apply.

Office Closed for Holidays

The Dover Association Office will be closed on Monday, January 21, in observance of Martin Luther King Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 22.

GOD'S FINGERPRINTS ON SHALOM

New Ministries on a New Site (Ephesians 3:20)

On November 17, Shalom Baptist Church dedicated a new building on 30 acres of land at 8116 Walnut Grove Road in Mechanicsville. A packed house of members and guests gathered for celebrative worship. Four banners --- Thanks, Joy, Shalom, Prayer --- framed the service.

But, the gathering was about much more than simply completing a building. Shalom's members had practiced "prayerful dependence" well in advance. God's hands had been preparing Shalom's new chapter long before it was obvious that His fingerprints were on their congregation's transition to a new site.

Unexpected Opportunities: God's Surprises

Shalom had outgrown its spaces on US360 next to Lowes. Landlocked on three sides, they bought a house for extra space and considered building a multi-purpose gymnasium. Shalom's members were already looking ahead.

Then, an unexpected call came, inquiring about buying the Shalom property for a Lidl grocery store. In three congregational meetings, members began a process of discerning God's future. In the first gathering, the basic facts about buying the property were shared. Members were asked to pray for two weeks and write down their questions. The second meeting focused on answering those questions as fully as possible. The third gathering involved a vote. Ninety-one percent (91%) of members approved the sale, and the church's trustees were asked to guide the pathway forward.

Shalom's members showed they were able to debate issues while loving each other. They were teachable, exercised a "let's try" faith, and stepped out. The house they'd bought adjacent to their former site became their transition office. Shalom was ready to birth new ministries.

A move was underway, but it wasn't automatic. As the process slowly unfolded, hurdles from Lidl and Hanover County seemed to block the way forward. Encircled by prayer from Shalom's 115 member prayer chain, with God's help, the faith community watched obstacles melt away.

More Than Expected Growth: God's Provisions

The land on Walnut Grove Road was purchased, and members began to prayer walk the land, imagining possibilities. With a building designed, ground was broken.

Shalom's members --- already equipped by God for their 17-month transition --- stepped forward. Some led sales negotiations or created logistics teams; some managed projects or assisted with set up for worship in a temporary new space; others guided construction and interior design; even cleaning services emerged. With these unique gifts, Shalom's steadfast

practice of "seeking first the kingdom of heaven" came to life. God blessed beyond expectation or explanation.

The church arranged to worship at Pole Green Elementary School and hold their mid-week services at nearby Broadus Memorial Baptist Church. Then, something began to happen that's rare for churches in transition. With congregational unity strong, Shalom grew in attendance and expanded its ministries.

Sixty new members joined the church during services at the school. New ministries were launched, all flowing from God's callings on members' lives. A cancer support group was begun. Just Breathe, a respite group for the caregivers of dementia patients, was launched. Bless the Boots and Bless



the Desks, two appreciation ministries for the church's construction workers and the teachers at Pole Green Elementary, respectively, were established. Adoption of the nearby Pebble Creek sub-division and the Rescue Squad site across the street from the new church is opening new ministries now. Home fellowship groups are being launched. And, after all of

the new construction and transitioning, Shalom is praying to be debt-free. Beginnings of new ministries are underway and have momentum.

Prayerful Dependence on God

At the end of the Dedication Service on November 17, those who had worshiped together joined in singing "Bless Be the Tie" and then prayer walked the new building. They asked that God's will be done in each area of the building --- the nursery, choir room, Sunday School spaces for all ages, the Fairmount Fellowship Hall, kitchen and gym and music suite and offices, and even the parking lot. Shalom's new site is prayerfully poised to do God's work.

At every stage of the transition, care has been taken to rely on God fully. When the steeple was hoisted into place, "Adonai" ("Lord of All") was written on the highest point of the structure. When walls were ready to be enclosed, members wrote favorite Scriptures, prayers, and their names on the beams and studs. When members drive by the new building, they ask God for protection. When they drive into the parking lots, they pray for vision.

At Shalom's dedication service on November 17 and its first Sunday worship service on November 18, it was clear that God has left His fingerprints everywhere. When Pastor Mark Miller was asked to sum up the essence of Shalom's transition, he said "prayerful dependence."

—Bob Dale, Mark Miller, Steve Smith,
and Rose Mary Stewart

Pray for These

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

January 6: **Arabic Baptist Church**

Reda Gergis, Pastor; William Khalil

Prayer: That more people are lead to salvation in our community.

Praise: All our praises go to the Lord for allowing us to serve our Arabic community.

January 13: **Ashland, First Baptist Church**

Josh Hayden, Pastor; Tom Lynch, Daniel Peyton, Lisa Reckley, Joanie Tompkins, Laura Ross, Rachel Pierce, Bill Ellis

Prayer: Pray that the Spirit continues to light a fire of renewal and movement so that First Baptist will help our community to flourish by the way we live out our faith together.

Praise: We would like to give thanks for the way the Spirit is bringing unity amongst the churches in Ashland and helping Jesus to be lifted up beyond our differences.

January 13: **Atlee Church**

Jeff Boggess, Lead Pastor; Mark Tapscott, Lil Harris, Sandy Batten, Jason Mallory, Evelyn Boggess, Jeff Lindquist; Mechanicsville Campus: Jesse Martin, Campus Pastor; Tonya Carey, Chatham Dorton, Ras Peel, Sarah Hopkins, Jonathan Harper, Gene Sun, Rhonda Kelly, Bruce McKay; Online Campus: Daniel Kenny, Campus Pastor; Scottsville Campus: Trey Critzer, Campus Pastor; David Henry, Ethan Boor; West End Campus: John Lassiter, Campus Pastor; Michael Lawhorne, Wendy Scheller

Prayer: We pray that we will follow God's leading closely in 2019.

Praise: Over 100 people placed their faith in Christ at our services in 2018!

January 20: **Berea Baptist Church**

John Baldwin, Pastor; Peggy Peck, Andrea Hollins, Kat Raborn, Chris Thomas, Sharon Condry

Prayer: We would ask for prayer that God would guide us in the new service as well as in the new ministries that have been started.

Praise: We would like to praise God for His grace and love, which has been revealed through our need to start a second service.

January 20: **Beulah Baptist Church**

Ed Shepard, Pastor; Judy Shepard, Pat Dressel

Prayer: That we continue to reach people in our community for Christ.

Praise: That we are paying down our debt completely on renovations.

January 27: **Biltmore Baptist Church**

Ken Wright, Pastor; Lesley Lindblad, Marsha Worsham, Mary Lou Warman

Prayer: That our Good Neighbor program is successful in reconnecting with the community.

Praise: We have seen tremendous work by the Holy Spirit.

January 27: **Black Creek Baptist Church**

Randy Rains, Pastor; Travis Tyler, Dawn Parker, Grayson Parker

Prayer: Pray for us as we make a transition to a new Director of Music in 2019.

Praise: We give praise for many who have been faithful servants for years and for several new families who have become a part of our fellowship this past year.

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

Personnel Changes

Ashley Boschen began serving as the Minister to Children at **Shalom Baptist Church** on October 16, 2018.

Jacquie Alleva began serving as the (Temporary) Office Assistant for **Dover Baptist Association** on November 8, 2018.

Anna Miller concluded her service as Pastor of **Westhunt Baptist Church** on November 18, 2018.

Congratulations

Josh and Erin Madison welcomed a daughter, Hallie Anne, on December 16. The proud grandparents are Tim and Janet Madison. Tim is the pastor of **Mechanicsville Baptist Church**.

Steve and Karen DuBrey welcomed a daughter, Zoe, on October 16. The proud grandparents are Dale and Judy Ashley. Dale is the pastor of **Mount Olivet Baptist Church**.



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Sam Duenckel, Associate for Missions
Sandy Weakley, Executive Assistant
Sue Hall, Ministry Assistant
Steve Smith, Associate for Ministry to Church Leaders
Jacquie Alleva, (Temporary) Office Assistant

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

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

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

New Bethesda Baptist Church seeks a part-time Nursery Coordinator. The position requires the coordinator to be at least 21 years of age. For more information and to apply please email resume and references to personnel@newbethesda.org

New Bethesda Baptist Church seeks a part-time Nursery Worker with experience in caring for children between the ages of 0-5 during worship time. The position requires the worker to be at least 16 years of age. For more information, and to apply, please email 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.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church seeks a full-time Family Ministries and Media Coordinator. This position will oversee and lead in the development and implementation of comprehensive ministries for the children, youth and young adults. Additionally, manage church wide digital strategy including website, social media, and on-line marketing. To apply, send resumes to personnel@walnutgrovebaptist.com. Deadline for receiving resumes is January 14, 2019.

DWMU News

Save the date!

Dover WMU Mini-Retreat, Saturday, March 9.
More coming soon.

Operation Inasmuch Training

Saturday, January 26 – 9:30 a.m. to Noon
Dover Conference Center

Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 23 by calling the Dover office at (804) 550-1980, or contact Steve Smith by e-mail steve.smith@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 28, 2019
At the Dover Office Building

Partnership Missions

Saturday, June 1, 2019

Tipi Wakan Ministries Community Day Event

Tipi Wakan Ministries needs up to 25 people to help with this exciting opportunity. Volunteers are needed to help with games, preparing and serving meals, and whatever else needs to be done. There will be plenty of opportunities to love and connect with the families living in the Cannon Ball Community.

For more information, please contact Alan Ray by calling (804) 288-5805 or email partnership@doverbaptist.org