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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 Friday, March 15.

Download an application at www.doverbaptist.org or contact the Dover Office for an application or 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 February 25, 2019
At the Dover Office Building

Resource Roundtable: "The Future"

Tuesday, February 19
11 a.m.—1:00 p.m., lunch provided.
Dover Baptist Association
Please call (804) 550-1980 or email dover.info@doverbaptist.org to RSVP.
Learn about this spring's certification class on futures' skills at Dover.

Mission Possible: Seeing and Being Seen

Art + Justice + Mission = Mission Possible VA
Saturday, March 2 – 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Randolph-Macon College, Birdsong Hall
106 E. Patrick Street, Ashland
www.missionpossibleva.com

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.
Register at www.missionpossibleva.com

Partnership Missions

Saturday, June 1, 2019
Cannon Ball, North Dakota
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

Inclement Weather Policy

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

WELL DONE!

Dover's longest tenured female pastor is retiring. After 18 ½ years of service at Emmaus Baptist Church in New Kent County, Vallerie King is opening a new ministry chapter on March 3.

Typical of so many Baptist ministers who were raised in local churches, Vallerie felt God's call to ministry as a teenager as she knelt by her bed and prayed. After graduating from the University of Maryland, she enrolled at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where she earned a Master of Divinity degree with an emphasis in Christian education and won the Clyde T. Francisco Award for Preaching in 1985. She also completed a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education in a hospital setting. Vallerie's home church, Tacoma Park Baptist Church in DC, where she had served as a deacon, asked to ordain her to the Gospel Ministry. Tacoma Park's pastor, Joe Smith, remained a key mentor for Vallerie.

University Baptist Church in Carbondale, Illinois, near Southern Illinois University, called Vallerie as their minister of music and education. She served well there for nine years. Then, she returned to Northern Virginia to serve in a variety of staff roles in Fairfax and Clarendon Baptist Churches for four years.

Then, two deaths brought a new awareness to Vallerie's spirit and refocused her call. A dear encourager passed away as did Vallerie's mother, inviting a long look inside. She realized God was calling her to the pastorate.

On the day her mother died after a short illness, the Chair of the Pastor Search Committee at Emmaus called to say that the committee believed Vallerie was the one God was calling to serve as their first full-time pastor. Dover, especially Claude Evans, then pastor at Samaria, welcomed her into the community of churches. During her service in Dover, Vallerie served as the Moderator in 2006 to 2007 and is now a member of the search team for new associational leadership.

Pastors' strengths are quickly evident to their churches. Prayer has marked Vallerie's ministry. On Vallerie's first Sunday at Emmaus, she and the deacons met for prayer before Bible study and worship, a practice that continues to this day. As a pastor, Vallerie also established and continued an annual pattern of personally retreating to the Abbey of Gethsemane in Kentucky for what she describes as her "week with Jesus." These retreats have been deeply spiritual opportunities to seek God and to realize we all have shadow sides that compete with our relationship to Christ. In a 2015 sabbatical, Vallerie was awarded a Lilly Grant for study at the Abbey and in England. This extended experience was a time of genuine renewal and discovery.

Vallerie's faith has been tested as a female in ministry. Her churches have been threatened with exclusion. She's been called a witch. These experiences have triggered careful reflection in her with a reaffirmation of her calling to the

Gospel ministry. The discovery from confrontation? Deep sadness opens doors to even deeper joy.

Now, retirement has arrived for Vallerie. Her gift to Emmaus has been showing them that a smaller membership church, in God's hands, can do mighty things. Together, community and county outreach have been done with impact by Emmaus. Vallerie, like all of us, faces this transition with some insights that more could have been done. She wishes more equipping of leaders and more emphasis on outreach had been accomplished. But, the congregation is ready to step into those roles now.

Vallerie will move back to Carbondale in March. She will share a home with Mary, the good friend who was pianist when Vallerie directed the music ministries for the church. Mary, who taught math at the university, is also now retired. These long-time friends, who talk weekly, have renovated a house for independent, yet shared, living arrangements. They plan to live simply in order to do more for others.

So, we say "well done," "thank you," and "blessings" to our friend Vallerie King, one of Virginia's longest tenured female pastors, if not the longest. May God direct you into new ministries.

—Bob Dale and Rose Mary Stewart



Centering Prayer

One of the spiritual disciplines Vallerie King has long practiced is Centering Prayer. [Join us on Thursday, February 7 at 7 p.m. at Dover's Conference Center](#) to learn from her how centering prayer can enrich your time with God.

Register now at (804) 550-1980, or by sending an email to dover.info@doverbaptist.org to reserve your place in this class and to enjoy Vallerie's final gift to Dover.

Pray For These

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

February 3: **Broadus Memorial Baptist Church**

Phil Peacock, Pastor; Randy Cooksey, Carol Golden, Karen Tucker, Ellis Dunton Monfalcone, Gladys Seymour, Dare Wright, Emeroy Crawford; Hebron Campus: Jeff Poythress, Campus Pastor; Charlotte Schule

Prayer: That God would use the current Visioning Process to lead our two campuses to new ministry opportunities that glorify His name in our communities and around the world.

Praise: We praise God for the young families that call Broadus home, and that new leaders are rising up from the new generation of church members.

February 3: **Colosse Baptist Church**

Jeff Mills, Pastor; Gaynell Smith, Marian Carnell, Rose Rice

Prayer: That God would continue to lead lost people to Colosse and to give us wisdom throughout the building of our Family Life Center.

Praise: That God continues to move and we are seeing people choose Jesus at a regular pace and we continue to schedule baptisms.

February 10: **Cool Spring Baptist Church**

Brad Hoffmann, Pastor; Wayne Smith, Ted Tussey, Greg English, David Moore, Bryan Dupuis, Brenda Kidd, Derek Nicksich, Jill Baughan, Sharon Neeley, Nicole Moore, Candace Nahodil, Laurie Spiers, Linda McNally, Sandy Finan, Kim Young, Shane Standlick, Jen Willard, Melvin Terry, Mark Billups, Tyler English, Wendy Shaw, Glen Bohannon, Pam Cross, Greg Marble, Alexandra Freed

Prayer: That God will grant us His clear direction, wisdom, guidance and leadership as we seek to reach out and share His love with the rapidly growing community around us.

Praise: We're grateful for those servants within our church who recently volunteered their time and resources to help those in need by providing hurricane relief to flood victims in North Carolina and Texas. We look forward to God's leading throughout the coming year as more opportunities to serve those in need come our way.

February 17: **Corinth Baptist Church**

Ben Caldwell, Pastor; William Shaw, Tony Vines, Holly Schaub

Prayer: Pray for our AWANA training event and for an upcoming Wild-Game dinner—evangelistic event at Corinth.

Praise: We praise the Lord for the things He is doing through our ministry to widows and widowers. We praise God for what He is doing to help people in New Kent with their substance abuse issue through the Fix ministries. And we praise God for His work among football players in our county.

February 24: **Comerstone Christian Church**

Les Redfern, Pastor; Jamie and Kristy Cosley, Pam Hughes

Prayer: For success in our kingdom ministries and outreach initiatives.

Praise: Campfire our youth outreach ministry is one year old and growing.

Personnel Changes

Paul Rozecki concluded his ministry as the Music Director at New Highland Baptist Church on December 30, 2018.

Ro Penaranda began serving as the Youth Director at **Grace Chinese Baptist Church** on January 1.

Congratulations

Sylvia B. Coates celebrated 50 years as the Minister of Music at **Emmaus Baptist Church** on Saturday, January 5. The church honored her with a tribute dinner.

Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to the family of Don Kammerdiener who passed away January 23, 2019. Don Kammerdiener was a former **Dover Executive Committee member—Ridge Baptist Church.**

...to the family of Coreta Preston who passed away on December 26, 2018. Coreta was the mother of Ed Preston, Pastor of **Tsena Commocko Baptist Church.**

...to the family of Harold Stamey who passed away on December 26, 2018. Harold was the father of Dennis Stamey, a former pastor of **Biltmore Baptist Church.**



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DWMU News

Focus on WMU

The week of February 10-17. "Unshakable Pursuit"

Save the date!

Dover WMU Mini-Retreat

Saturday, March 9 — 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Dover Office, Conference Center

Continental breakfast provided.

RSVP by March 1 by calling Anita Roy at (804) 843-4147

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.

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 bowtiestepastor@gmail.com

Berea Baptist Church seeks a full-time Director of Children, Youth, and Young Adults. Contact Pastor John Baldwin at (804) 749-3597 or email johnbaldwin10@gmail.com

Emmaus Baptist Church seeks a part-time Administrative Assistant for up to 20 hours a week. Please email resumes to darlenenkbb@aol.com

Four Mile Creek Baptist Church seeks a full-time Senior Pastor. For more information and/or apply, visit www.doverbaptist.org/senior-pastor-6

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.

Mount Olivet Baptist Church seeks a part-time Youth Minister (20 hours per week). Contact the pastor at dale@mtolivetbaptist.org or youth.minister.search@mtolivetbaptist.org to receive additional information.

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/ or 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

New Highland Baptist Church seeks a part-time Minister of Music. The position is responsible for planning and directing the musical aspects of the worship services and special events to include Wednesday evening choir practices. Email Michelle Brown at dmbrown6068@aol.com for more information and/or apply.

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. Please visit www.doverbaptist.org/tag/church-jobs for more information.