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2017 Leslie and Hazel Watson Offering for Dover Association Missions

Goal: \$36,800.00

Received: \$39,398.88

Thank you for your generous support!

Faith Moves Forward

Member church Fairmount Memorial, more recently Spring Run Baptist Church, has graciously given \$300,000 to Dover's future. Both gifts reflect Fairmount /Spring Run's heart. One gift is for our mission work, the other is for student scholarships.

Thank God for the vision and legacy of Fairmount (Spring Run).

Faith moves forward at Dover.

Office Holiday Schedule

The Dover office will close for Christmas and New Year's holidays, December 25, 2017 - January 1, 2018.



*Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled
Within my heart, that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for Thee.*

*My heart for very joy
doth leap,*

*My lips no more can silence keep;
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue,
That sweetest ancient cradle song.*

*Glory to God in highest heaven,
Who unto man His Son hath given,
While angels sing with tender mirth,
A glad new year to all the earth.*

—Martin Luther (1535)

We thank God for you! Merry Christmas!

*Bill, Bob, Elizabeth, Rose Mary, Sam,
Sandy, Sue, and Steve Smith*

Dover Baptists Exceeded Our Offering Goal!

Each year Dover Baptists promote a local missions offering. Dover named its missions offering for Leslie and Hazel Watson, two faithful missionaries who served Christ and Southern Baptists in Japan for many years. When they returned to the United States, the Watsons served in this area, taking an active role in their local church and in Dover Baptist Association.

Our 2017 Association Missions Offering supported local ministries. It also provided Dover churches the opportunity to nominate other ministries they deem worthy of our support.

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Ministry to Our Baptist Community

Inner City Ministry	\$3,000
Tipi Wakan Ministries Partnership	\$5,000
Ministry to Ministers and Families	\$3,000
Central Virginia Raceway Ministries	\$500
Partnership Missions Scholarships	\$2,500
The Beckett Center for Christian Understanding Of Islam	\$750
Richmond Christian Leadership Institute	\$500
Virginia Center For Restorative Justice	\$500
Good News Jail and Prison Ministry	\$500
*North Run Baptist Church Jail Ministry	\$500
GraceInside Virginia's Prison Chaplain Service	\$500
The Pregnancy Resource Center of Metro Richmond	\$500
Cross Over Healthcare Ministry	\$600
Health Brigade (formerly Fan Free Clinic)	\$600
The Doorways (formerly Hospital Hospitality House)	\$600

Hallelujah Grant Recipients

Deep Run Baptist Church Backpack Ministry	\$1,674.44
Eastern Henrico FISH	\$3,000
MCEF's Hanover Senior Rides Program	\$1,674.44
King William County Fatherhood Program	\$1,500
Sonshine Folk School Farm	\$3,000
Child Evangelism Fellowship of Greater Richmond	\$3,000
Crisis Care Ministry Team (BGAV)	\$3,000
New Kent Community Development Corp.	\$3,000

Your generosity makes a difference for the ministries that received a gift from the 2017 offering. Thank you!

*Since Gospel Jail Ministry closed in December 2017, the funds are given to North Run's jail ministry in Chaplain Joe Driver's honor. Chaplain Driver faithfully served for over forty years.

The 2018 Leslie and Hazel Watson Mission Offering

Goal: \$39,500

Transition News

Save the Dates!

THE 10:59 GROUP

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 January-February seminar series to prepare you for leaders' new demands and opportunities. These fast-moving, practical seminars will meet at the Dover office with lunch provided.

- What FUTURE LEADERS Do Differently (January 9)
- CONTRAST COMMUNITIES in (but not of) a Crazy World (January 23)
- CUSTOMIZING MINISTRY to Cultural Contexts (February 6)
- Surviving TANGLED TRANSITIONS (February 20)

The format is simple: @ 10:59AM leader briefings will begin, @ 11:29AM local church applications will be explored, and @ 11:59AM lunch and additional conversations will be enjoyed.

Save the dates. Plan now to be part of The 10:59 Group! More details will be provided later.

A Request to All Dover Churches

We, Bob Dale and Rose Mary Stewart, your Co-Intentional Interim Directors of Missions in Dover, have a request. We'd like to meet with you to listen to you and to learn about your church. May we come to your church for a brief conversation?

Celebrations. We want to see your successes. We'd like to be present when you have special celebrations of your ministries. Would you please let us know when you gather to thank God for breakthroughs in ministry?

Conversations. We'd like to listen to you about the ministries you do best, those God-given strengths you build on. Could we please have 30 minutes with a few of your leaders at a convenient time to discover where you excel?

We're convinced Dover has a great future, as we help you extend and enrich your ministries.

Please call (804) 550-1980 or email:
rosemary.stewart@doverbaptist.org or
bob.dale@doverbaptist.org
 We want to learn from you!

Pray for These

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

- December 3 **Walnut Grove** Glen Bohannon, Pastor
Craig Simpson, Danny Minton, David Kim,
Megan Mines, Ashley Boschen, Mary Pollard
Pam Burris, Kristi Bowles
- December 10 **Western Hanover** Lonnie Brawley, Pastor
Michael Shiflett
- December 17 **West Point, First** . . . James Goebel, III, Pastor
Phillip Higgins, Sandra Mauney,
Leslie Elliott, David Neff
- December 24 **Westhunt** Anna Miller, Pastor
Nancy Stanton McDaniel, Wendy Price,
Barry Buriyon
- December 31 **Antioch** Greg Soult, Pastor
Connie Lambert, Jeff Adams

Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to the family of Mary Foote who died November 4. Mary was an Executive Committee Member for **Antioch Baptist Church**.

...to the family of Ken LeFevre who died November 15. Ken was the brother of Joanie Tompkins. Ken was the former newsletter editor of "The Focus" for **Ashland, First Baptist Church**. Joanie Tompkins is the Administrative Assistant at **Ashland, First Baptist Church**.

...to the family of Rose Marie Harris who died November 5. Rose Marie was an Executive Committee Member for **Emmaus Baptist Church** and a long time dedicated volunteer.

...to the family of Rev. Dan Ray who died November 11. Rev. Dan was the father of Alan Ray, the Senior Pastor of **Ridge Baptist Church** and the grandfather of Lindsay Ray, the Minister for Students at **Ridge Baptist Church**.

Personnel Changes

North Run has called Larry Frakes as their Interim Pastor.

Westhunt has called Nancy Stanton McDaniel as their Interim Music Minister.

Vacation Bible School Curriculum Fair

February 8-10, 2018

Vacation Bible School Curriculum Fair at The Resource Center (Thurs. preview 1-4pm, Fri. 1-5pm, Sat. 10am-2pm), partnering with Cokesbury for special discounts

4th Floor of Kingsley Hall (just beyond Wilder Library)

School of Theology at Virginia Union University

1500 N. Lombardy Street, Richmond 23220

For more information, e-mail: info@resourcingchurches.com or call (804) 358-8306. Website: www.resourcingchurches.com

Partnership Missions

December 10-17, 2017 (dates flexible)

Help pack approximately 200 gift boxes for children at Cannon Ball. If you can only go for a few days out of the seven, that's ok! Up to ten volunteers are needed for this mission project.

Saturday, June 2, 2018

Community Day at Cannon Ball

Tipi Wakan Ministries will host the 2nd annual "Community Day" event with games and other activities for the families. They will need up to 25 people to help set up on Friday, June 1 and help on the day of the event. For more information, contact Alan Ray by e-mail partnership@doverbaptist.org or call (804) 288-5805.

Positions Available

Atlee Church (Mechanicsville Campus) seeks a Student Ministry Director. Visit www.atleechurch.org/jobs for more information and/or to apply.

Colosse Baptist Church seeks a full-time Pastor. For more information and/or apply, send resume, references and any electronic media to Colosse Baptist Church, Pastor Search Committee, 23945 King William Road, West Point, VA 23181 or e-mail to cbcpastorsearch959@gmail.com.

Deep Run Baptist Church seeks a part-time teacher for our Child Development Center. Please e-mail resume to deerunCDC@gmail.com or mail to Deep Run Baptist Church, Attn: CDC Committee, 10907 Three Chopt Road, Henrico, VA 23233.

Hopewell Baptist Church seeks a Senior Minister. Send resume to hbc-psc@verizon.net.

Hunton Baptist Church seeks a part-time Minister to Youth. Contact: Danny Kennedy, Personnel Committee Chair, dkennedy3509@gmail.com.

Mechanicsville Baptist Church seeks a full-time Minister of Music and Worship. E-mail resume and references to Leslie Luck at schmookie@comcast.net by December 22.

Mount Vernon Baptist Church seeks a Children's Ministry Assistant. Contact: Kimberly Braine-Tillem, ktillem@mvbcnw.org.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church seeks a Senior Pastor. Send resume, references and any electronic media to Pastor Search Committee, 7001 Cornfield Lane, Mechanicsville, VA.

Westhunt Baptist Church seeks part time (5 hours/week) Music Director. E-mail personnel@westhunt.com for more information.

Save the Date

2018 Virginia Baptist Ministers

Discussion Group

March 19, 2018

Roslyn Retreat Center, 8727 River Road, Richmond 23229

"Being Reborn in the Spirit: Living in a Whole New Light"

Lerita Coleman Brown, PhD

Professor of Psychology Emerita, Agnes Scott College

More details coming soon.



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Church News

Visit www.doverbaptist.org for all the Church News!

Antioch had a shoebox luncheon and all donations went to the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

Ashland, FBC R-MC Concert Choir & Chamber Singers performed on November 18; hosted the 10th annual free community Thanksgiving dinner on November 23; had Deck the Halls Service and Ornament Decorating on November 29; Christmas caroling in the community on Wednesday, December 13.

Black Creek hosted a BBQ Fundraiser to aid First Baptist Church of Rockport, TX after they received devastating damage to their facility from Hurricane Harvey. Children in Action held a Bake Sale for FBC of Rockport as well. Almost \$2,500.00 was raised between the two.

Broadus Memorial hosted a community Thanksgiving service on November 20; had Fun!Friday on November 10; youth attended War Council at Mechanicsville Christian Center November 4; youth had a bonfire on November 11. Hebron Happenings: Game night on November 17 and went to Winter's Point in West Point on November 18.

Four Mile Creek held a Veteran's Recognition Service for members and community and had a shoebox packing party for Operation Christmas Child on November 12; participated in the Military Bible Stick ministry challenge (<https://militarybiblestick.com>); provided Thanksgiving food baskets to three local elementary schools.

Hopeful had a mission fundraiser lunch on November 5; youth attended Camp ACCOVAC in Millboro, VA November 10-12; hosted a church-wide Thanksgiving dinner on November 19.

Hopewell had a successful trunk or treat with 280 attendance and every family received a Holy Bible to take home; had a Thanksgiving dinner on November 19.

Hunton hosted the community Thanksgiving service on November 21; had a chili cook-off, pie contest and cornhole tournament on November 11; sponsored a blood drive on November 19.

Mount Olivet had an Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes packing party on November 15; hosted a Thanksgiving dinner and service on November 19; youth went to Salem Baptist Church on November 29 for the annual Bethlehem Walk; Gingerbread house family night will be December 6; Living Nativity will be December 16 and 17.

Mount Vernon was a central drop-off center for Operation Christmas Child November 13-20.

New Highland had a shoebox wrapping party on November 12; Senior Adults 55 and older Thanksgiving luncheon on November 19.

Oak Hall Thanksgiving community dinner was on November 13; children's Santa breakfast will be Saturday, December 9; Christmas caroling will be on Sunday, December 17.

Parham Road had Thanksgiving lunch on November 12.

Pioneer had a Lottie Moon Spaghetti Dinner and Auction on November 18; an Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 10.

Ridge hosted Ridge Day on November 4; hosted a community Thanksgiving service on November 20.

Shalom had a ground breaking ceremony on November 12; had a community Thanksgiving celebration on November 20; youth met on November 19 for Friendsgiving Connections and will meet on December 10 for The Uglier Sweater The Better The Party.

Walnut Grove hosted the Harvesters Quartet concert November 18; youth fall retreat was November 3-5; participated in the Angel Tree Ministry.

West Point, FBC had a joint program with the West Point Historical Society to rededicate the refurbished historical marker for Col. West; 55-Alive group had their annual Thanksgiving luncheon on November 2; annual Thanksgiving Church luncheon was on November 19.