

The Dover Dove



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Dear Church of Dover Baptist,

Grace and Peace to you in the Name that is above all names: Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior!

This month I want to share with you an excerpt from a "pamphlet" entitled *Overcoming the Walls to Witnessing* by Dr. Timothy Beougher. The introduction goes as follows:

Why don't Christians witness more often to the reality of their faith? Or to personalize the question, why don't you witness more regularly – why don't I? This is an important question for each of us to consider as we seek to understand what it means to be a committed follower of Jesus Christ.

Some time ago a survey was taken of those attending evangelism training sessions at a Billy Graham Crusade held in North America. One of the questions on the survey asked: "What is your greatest hindrance in witnessing?" How would you answer that question?

Following are the responses of those attending the training sessions:

More than 50% of those surveyed said their biggest problem was fear of how the other person would react.

Over 25% said they felt they didn't know enough to share the Gospel adequately.

Others said being too busy, not really caring about others, and that their own lives were not consistent enough to share with others.

On the first Sunday of every month, in conjunction with Communion, I will be examining these issues. The outline of the topics covered is as follows:

February – Breaking the Barrier of Ignorance, or "I don't know how to witness"

March – Breaking the Barrier of Fear, or "I'm afraid to witness."

April – Easter Services

May – Breaking the Barrier of Apathy, or "I lack the desire to witness."

June – Breaking the Barrier of Introspection, or "First I need to get my own life in order."

July – Breaking the Barrier of Busyness, or "I can't ever find the time."

The remainder of the sermons for this period, I will be doing a sermon series from the devotional book "The Love Dare." The movie "Fireproof" was based on this 40-day challenge for married. I will be adapting this marriage challenge to the church as a challenge for us in all of our relationships. Our Scripture memory and application verse will be "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this shall all people know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:34-35).

Finally, church, I do believe God is stirring in the hearts of the believers here at Dover. And I am sure that Satan has noticed and it has his attention. Thus, I offer this verse for all: "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Don't be that "someone."

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Kube (a Jeremiah 3:15 Pastor)

A THOUGHT FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

He still puts the stars to bed
And plants each tiny seed;
Puts every petal on each flower,
Provides our every need.
Yet He who knows our future paths

Veils our eyes here below;
Although we strain to see ahead,
Love says we must not know.
Eternal Wisdom planned it thus ~
No human comprehends,
The child of God must learn to trust
In faith, what our Lord sends.
No matter what the future holds,
Entreat your soul to rest;
Secure to know.

Day
After day,
Your Father does know best!

“For I know the plans I have for you,
declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to
harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

By Connie Hinnen Cook

Nursing Home Worship and Bible Study Ministry February 2015

We were unable to worship with our brothers and sisters (residents) of Lexington Court in January. I received a call from the activities director announcing a suspension of all group activities due to an infectious bug among the residents and staff. The schedule was resumed for the planned Friday morning Bible study on January 23rd. We are looking forward to worshipping with the residents on February 15th. I have been told of the possibility that our Dover children will join us for that praise and worship service emphasizing Valentine's Day. I can't begin to express how much the residents enjoy the visits from the children.

Not much has been said about the twice monthly Bible studies on Friday mornings. Since the start of this part of the ministry in May 2014, there have been many blessings. It was the residents that asked for this time of exploring God's Word. God opened the door leaving little choice but to enter.

Lexington Court is a private, for profit facility and has offered this ministry a great deal of flexibility and access. With that said, there is a plethora of other outside religious groups, with the same benefits. This has by its nature created a measure of confusion about matters of biblical truth. The residents came to me back in March with their concerns about biblical questions. Some were spending much of their free time sitting in groups discussing biblical subjects and gathering in rooms watching "The American Bible Challenge" on TV. They told me that they wanted a Bible study that could help answer their many questions. When they asked me about leading it, I accepted the challenge knowing that God had answered my many prayers to expand this ministry. The activities director gave full approval and the rest is history.

The residents ask questions and the studies are designed around those questions. Our time is dedicated to what the Word of God says, sometimes about proven history and not about someone else's opinions. Paul writing about the Bereans says "*Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.*" (Acts 17:11). Our noble-minded brothers and sisters at Lexington are certainly eager to receive God's Word and are certainly interested in what God's Word actually says. So far we have addressed subjects such as: Did Jesus have siblings? Was Mary without Sin? Heaven, Angels and presently we are doing a series on the Offerings and Sacrifices of the Old Testament as They Relate to the Cross. We have in the past had questions of a different nature, like, what was the first hymn?: Where is St. Valentine and St. Patrick found in the Bible?

The Bible study time is somewhat informal and allows for open discussion and active participation by all present. They are not only getting their questions answered but sharing what they have learned with other residents. Every week there are new people coming to Bible study. A community of joyful believers has built up at Lexington because of God's Word. It is the Word of God alone, and not clever programs or gimmicks, that has put together this fellowship.

I was recently asked by a lady (we will call her Anna) for special prayer. She told me how she had no immune system and was scheduled to have her arm amputated. Obviously an infection could be fatal. After addressing Anna's relationship with God we prayed together. We prayed for God to guide the surgical

And all of her post surgical caregivers. We prayed for God's healing grace and protection. We asked God to keep Anna aware of His everlasting presence. "*Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you.*" (Deut.31:6). Anna's face was nothing but smiles, her attitude nothing but courageous and God's Spirit was empowering her.

Anna left Lexington on Wednesday to have her arm removed. When I arrived on Friday morning for our Bible study the staff informed me that Anna returned to Lexington on Thursday. Surgery was successful and Anna's face was glowing with her usual smile. They told me that she sat in the lobby for hours praising God and greeting everyone coming through the door. Everyone I saw expressed how great a witness she is. When I got to the dining room for our study she was already there and anxiously waiting to bathe in God's Word. Anna has been a blessing and inspiration to many, including me. God is good!

Watching God work through this ministry is truly a lesson in itself. God is not only always working around us but allows us to be a part of what he is doing. We go hoping to be a blessing to others, yet we are blessed beyond measure.

We visit Lexington (Court) Rehabilitation and Healthcare for Bible study every 2nd and 4th Friday at 10:30 am. and for worship every 3rd Sunday at 2:00 pm. Please join God in the work that He is doing.

May our Lord keep you all under the wings of His protection.

Bob

KID'S STUFF
By Donna Martin
Youth & Children's Director

Our outing this month will be to visit Lexington Court Nursing Home on February 15th. We will meet at church at 1:30 pm. We will make a craft for the residence, play a game and share God's love.

During Children's Church and Team Kids we will be practicing a song for the Easter Cantata and a skit. I hope everyone will participate.

God Bless and Happy Valentines Day,
Donna

WMU

The **WMU** will meet on February 10th 10:30 am in the church Library. Bring a covered dish and join us. Gentlemen are welcome to attend!

The **WMU** project for February will be to make "Valentines for Homebound, Nursing Home Residents and our Military." This will be open to the congregation to participate if you would like. We want to show these folks our love and appreciation by making 'Valentine Cards' for them. Come to the February 10th meeting and join in the fun!

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

There will be a Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, February 14th in Heritage Hall. This will benefit Robbie Wood who will be traveling this summer with the Youth Ambassadors. Along with spaghetti, a salad, bread, desserts will be served. Proceeds will help offset the travel costs. Tickets are \$10.00—available from Everette Smith or Genevieve Wood.

DEACONS' MEETING

The Dover **DEACONS** will meet on Monday, February 9th at 7:00 pm in the church Library.

DEACON OF THE MONTH

BOB GEARHEART

COMMUNION SERVERS

Chad Hammack Juanita Deck
Suzanne Mills Gloria Bennett
*Gary Tolley

BELL RINGERS

February 01 Dakota Higgs
February 08 Lindsay Roberts
February 15 Genna Hammack
February 22 Elijah Higgs

NURSERY WORKERS

February 01 Janice Gordon
 Jean Eyrolles
February 08 Audrey Smith
 Genevieve Wood
February 15 Pat Heffinger
 Tom Heffinger
February 22 Gail Cochran
 Maye Higgs



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship & Communion Services	2	3	4 5:30 PM Fellowship Meal 6:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Practice & Team Kids	5	6	7
8 9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 2:00 PM Council Meeting	9 7:00 PM DEACONS' Meeting	10 10:30 AM WMU Meeting	11 6:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Practice & Team Kids	12	13	14 5:00 - 7:00 PM SPAGHETTI SUPPER
15 9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 2:30 PM Nursing Home	16	17	18 6:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Practice & Team Kids	19	20	21
22 9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service	23	24	25 6:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Practice & Team Kids	26	27	28



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2015 Daily Bible Reading Plan



- [] February 1 [] February 6 [] February 11
 - Genesis 33
 - Mark 4
 - Esther 9-10
 - Romans 4
- [] February 2 [] February 7 [] February 12
 - Genesis 34
 - Mark 5
 - Job 1
 - Romans 5
- [] February 3 [] February 8 [] February 13
 - Genesis 35-36
 - Mark 6
 - Job 2
 - Romans 6
- [] February 4 [] February 9 [] February 14
 - Genesis 37
 - Mark 7
 - Job 3
 - Romans 7
- [] February 5 [] February 10 [] February 15
 - Genesis 38
 - Mark 8
 - Job 4
 - Romans 8
- [] February 6 [] February 11 [] February 16
 - Genesis 39
 - Mark 9
 - Job 5
 - Romans 9
- [] February 7 [] February 12 [] February 17
 - Genesis 40
 - Mark 10
 - Job 6
 - Romans 10
- [] February 8 [] February 13 [] February 18
 - Genesis 41
 - Mark 11
 - Job 7
 - Romans 11
- [] February 9 [] February 14 [] February 19
 - Genesis 42
 - Mark 12
 - Job 8
 - Romans 12
- [] February 10 [] February 15 [] February 20
 - Genesis 43
 - Mark 13
 - Job 9
 - Romans 13
- [] February 11 [] February 16 [] February 21
 - Genesis 44
 - Mark 14
 - Job 10
 - Romans 14
- [] February 12 [] February 17 [] February 22
 - Genesis 45
 - Mark 15
 - Job 11
 - Romans 15
- [] February 13 [] February 18 [] February 23
 - Genesis 46
 - Mark 16
 - Job 12
 - Romans 16
- [] February 14 [] February 19 [] February 24
 - Genesis 47
 - Luke 1:1-38
 - Job 13
 - 1 Corinthians 1
- [] February 15 [] February 20 [] February 25
 - Genesis 48
 - Luke 1:39-80
 - Job 14
 - 1 Corinthians 2
- [] February 16 [] February 21 [] February 26
 - Genesis 49
 - Luke 1:1-12:21
 - Job 15
 - 1 Corinthians 3
- [] February 17 [] February 22 [] February 27
 - Genesis 50
 - Luke 2
 - Job 16-17
 - 1 Corinthians 4
- [] February 18 [] February 23 [] February 28
 - Exodus 1
 - Luke 3
 - Job 18
 - 1 Corinthians 5
- [] February 19 [] February 24 [] February 29
 - Exodus 2
 - Luke 4
 - Job 19
 - 1 Corinthians 6
- [] February 20 [] February 25 [] February 30
 - Exodus 3
 - Luke 5
 - Job 20
 - 1 Corinthians 7
- [] February 21 [] February 26 [] February 31
 - Exodus 4
 - Luke 6
 - Job 21
 - 1 Corinthians 8
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 - Exodus 8
 - Luke 10
 - Job 25-26
 - 1 Corinthians 12
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 - Exodus 9
 - Luke 11
 - Job 27
 - 1 Corinthians 13
- [] February 27 [] February 31 [] February 31
 - Exodus 10
 - Luke 12
 - Job 28
 - 1 Corinthians 14

Suggested daily prayer from 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and Hebrews 4:12 ... Dear LORD, Help us to understand. Help us to understand that all Scripture is "GOD-breathed" and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that YOUR people may be complete, equipped for every good work. For YOUR word is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. LORD, help us to understand.