

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!

I realize that it is impossible to fully comprehend the “what-if” scenarios. But nevertheless, I do wonder “what if?” I know that in the brief-existence of our country, the faith-based nature of our people has been a positive force in the moral fabric of our nation which has led to much success. However, I also realize that many do not share my convictions. In fact, there are some (modern day liberal, secularists, progressives, socialists, communists, etc.) would argue that religion is keeping us “down.” Their mantra has been to force the faith-based people out of the public square. And, unfortunately, I believe that they have succeeded.

The “what-if” scenario that I would like for you to imagine happened over thirty years ago. Please read the following presidential statement and wonder “what-if” it had passed. On May 17, 1982, in a proposed Constitutional Amendment of Prayer in Schools, President Ronald Reagan stated:

[begin quote] I have attached for your consideration a proposed constitutional amendment to restore the simple freedom of our citizens to offer prayer in our public schools and institutions. The public expression through prayer of our faith in God is a fundamental part of our American heritage and a privilege which should not be excluded by law from any American school, public or private.

One hundred fifty years ago, Alexis de Tocqueville found that all Americans believed that religious faith was indispensable to the maintenance of their republican institutions. Today, I join with the people of this nation in acknowledging this basic truth, that our liberty springs from and depends upon an abiding faith in God. This has been clear from the time of George Washington, who stated in his Farewell Address: “Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports ... And let us with caution indulge the suppositions that morality can be maintained without religion.... Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.”

Nearly every president since Washington has proclaimed a day of public prayer thanksgiving to acknowledge the many favors of Almighty God. We have acknowledged God’s guidance on our coinage, in our national anthem, and in the Pledge of Allegiance. As the Supreme Court has stated: “We are a religious people whose institutions presuppose a Supreme Being.”

The founders of our nation and the framers of the First Amendment did not intend to forbid public prayer. On the contrary, prayer has been part of our public assemblies since Benjamin Franklin’s eloquent request that prayer be observed by the Constitution Convention:

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“I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth—that God governs in the affairs of men ... I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel: We shall be divided by our little partial local interests; our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and a bye-word down to future ages.... I therefore beg leave to move—that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business....”

Just as Benjamin Franklin believed it was beneficial for the Constitutional Convention to begin each day’s work with a prayer, I believe that it would be beneficial for our children to have an opportunity to begin each school day in the same manner. Since the law has been construed to prohibit this, I believe that the law should be changed. It is time for the people, through their Congress and the state legislatures, to act, using the means afforded them by the Constitution.

The amendment I propose will remove the bar to school prayer established by the Supreme Court and allow prayer back in our schools. However, the amendment also expressly affirms the right of anyone to refrain from prayer. The amendment will allow communities to determine for themselves whether prayer should be permitted in their public schools and to allow individuals to decide for themselves whether they wish to participate in prayer.

I am confident that such an amendment will be quickly adopted, for a vast majority of our people believe there is a need for prayer in our public schools and institutions. I look forward to working with Congress to achieve the passage of this amendment [end quote].

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Kube (a 2 Chronicles 7:14 Pastor)

Do It Anyway

People are often unreasonable,
illogical and self-centered;
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind,
people may accuse you of selfish ulterior
motives;
Be kind anyway.

If you are successful,
you will win some false friends and true enemies;
Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank,
people may cheat you;
Be honest anyway.

What you spend years building,
someone could destroy overnight;
Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness,
they may be jealous;
Be happy anyway.

The good you do today,
people will often forget tomorrow;
Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have,
and it may never be enough;
Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis,
it is between you and God;
It was never between you and them anyway.

— Mother Teresa

Nursing Home Worship and Bible Study Ministry March 2015

What is Christian ministry? *Ministry*'s from the Greek word *diakoneo*, meaning to serve or *douleuo*, meaning to serve as a slave. In the New Testament, ministry is seen as service to God and to other people in His name. Jesus provided the pattern for Christian ministry—He came, not to receive service, but to give it (see [Matthew 20:28](#); [Mark 10:45](#); [John 13:1-17](#)).

The Christian should minister by meeting people's needs with love and humility on Christ's behalf (see [Matthew 20:26](#); [Mark 10:43](#); [John 2:5,9](#); [Acts 6:3](#); [Romans 1:1](#); [Galatians 1:10](#); [Colossians 4:12](#)). Christians are to minister to others out of their devotion to Christ and their love for others, whether the other people are believers or unbelievers. Ministry to others should be impartial and unconditional, always seeking to help others as Jesus would.

The ministry in our day has taken on more of a vocational meaning as we call pastors ministers to full-time service. Pastors do spend their lives in the ministry. They do minister to others, and they can rightly be designated as ministers, but pastors are not the only ones who are to be involved in ministry. From the early New Testament churches to the churches of our day, each Christian should be in the ministry of helping others (see [Romans 12:3-8, 10-13](#); [2 Timothy 2:24-26](#)).

The content of ministry seems to prioritize the ministering in spiritual things, not just practical things. Ministry should certainly place emphasis on sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others so they can come to know Him and receive Him as personal Savior, go on to experience Him as Lord of their life, and go even further to know Christ as the essence of their Life (see [John 1:12](#); [Colossians 2:6-7](#); [Galatians 2:20](#); [Philippians 3:8-10](#)). Ministry can and should include ministering to the physical, emotional, mental, vocational, and financial needs of others. Jesus did, and so should we!" (Excerpted from "The Master's Plan for the Church" By: [John MacArthur](#): Moody Publishers / 2008 – emphasis added).

God's ministry at Lexington Court is an opportunity for many to offer their service to others in the name of our Lord. We offer a time of worship on the third Sunday of each month. This includes prayer, music, a message from God's Word and a special time of personal prayer and sharing. There is also a need to visit the residents who are unable to leave their rooms. That has been described as "the room at the end of the hall" the room that is far too often forgotten and passed by. There are so many in need of the hearing a friendly, loving voice, a quiet prayer, and a patient attentive ear. There are so many in need and so few of us answer the call to minister.

³⁶ Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. ³⁸ Therefore, beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." (Matthew 9:36 – 38)

I pray that you consider joining us on Sunday, March 15th at 2:00 pm. and become a blessing to others. If "the Lord of the harvest" is calling you, please contact Bob Gearheart.

Our March 2015 schedule is:

Worship and Fellowship
Sunday, March 15th at 2:00 pm
&
Bible Study
Friday, March 13th & March 27th at 10:30 am

"You shall rise up before the grayheaded and honor the aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the LORD" (Leviticus 19:32).

May God Bless,
Bob Gearhart

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

Our Mission Trip this summer will be 7-19 to 7-25 in VA Beach. We are very excited for the opportunity to help others as God leads us. This experience as always is humbling and has helped me to mature spiritually. You have to surrender to the conditions of the heat, limited materials and not having it your way. The rewards are seen by the smiles of home owners and the joyful giving from the teenagers, but more so the overwhelming sense to glorify God. There is no doubt He is in control, and I am humbly thankful.

There is a need for fund raising to lift the financial burden on parents. The plan is to have a car wash on 3-21 and 4-18 from 9:00 to 11:30 am. Also a yard sale is scheduled for June 6th. Save these dates and collect items you would like to donate to our yard sale. All donations not sold or picked up by their owner will go to Goodwill or the Goochland Clothes Closet. We are also considering selling a parking space for the general public to sell items. Stay tuned for more details. We will also sell greeting cards after worship service. Please be in prayer for us.

Our outing this month is to Lexington Court Nursing home. We will make St. Patrick crafts, share a song and maybe share our Easter skit with the residents. We will meet at 1:30 on 3-15.

We will practice the Easter skit during Children Church and Team Kids this month. Hope you can make it!

God Bless,
 Donna

WMU

The **WMU** will meet on March 10th 10:30 am in the church Library. Bring a covered dish and join us.

This month's project is called "Undie Sunday." We will be collecting underwear and socks for boys and men all during the month. These will be sent to HopeTree Family Services. HopeTree Family Services provides residential care and independent living programs for at-risk youth on the Salem main campus. Salem is also home to HopeTree Academy. There is a wilderness camp program for boys (Camp on Craig) in Craig County and also for girls (Camp Glory Road) in Henry County. HopeTree also provides foster care and adoption services from both the Salem and the Chester offices.

March 1st through 7th is **Week of Prayer for Send>>North America and Annie Armstrong Missions**. Prayer Guides are located in the church Vestibule. Offering envelopes are available in the church pew pockets.

DEACONS' MEETING

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

DEACON OF THE MONTH

ROBIN ANGLE

COMMUNION SERVERS

Todd Vance	Joanie Collins
Jennifer Napier	Bob Gearheart
	*Chad Hammack

BELL RINGERS

March 01	Katie Roberts
March 08	Genna Hammack
March 15	Dakota Higgs
March 22	Lindsay Roberts
March 29	Elijah Higgs

NURSERY WORKERS

March 01	Joanie Collins Sara Rowe
March 08	Janice Gordon Jean Eyrolles
March 15	Audrey Smith Genevieve Wood
March 22	Pat Heffinger Tom Heffinger
March 29	Maye Higgs Gail Cockran



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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 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">5:30 PM Fellowship Meal</div> 6:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Practice & Team Kids	5	6	7
Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer for North American Missions						
8 9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service	9 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">7:00 PM DEACONS' Meeting</div>	10 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">10:30 AM WMU Meeting</div>	11 6:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Practice & Team Kids	12	13	14
15 9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">2:30 PM Nursing Home</div>	16	17	18 6:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Practice & Team Kids	19	20	21 Youth Car Wash 9:00 - 11:30 AM
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
29 9:00 AM Breakfast & Missions Program 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service & Easter Cantata Palm Sunday	30	31				



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2015 Daily Bible Reading Plan



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| [] March 1 | [] March 6 | [] March 11 | [] March 16 | [] March 21 | [] March 26 | [] March 31 |
| • Exodus 12:22-51 | • Exodus 17 | • Exodus 22 | • Exodus 27 | • Exodus 32 | • Exodus 37 | • Exodus 42 |
| • Luke 15 | • Luke 20 | • John 1 | • John 6 | • John 11 | • John 16 | • John 21 |
| • Job 30 | • Job 35 | • Job 40 | • Proverbs 3 | • Proverbs 8 | • Proverbs 13 | • Proverbs 18 |
| • 1 Corinthians 16 | • 2 Corinthians 5 | • 2 Corinthians 10 | • Galatians 2 | • Ephesians 1 | • Ephesians 6 | • Colossians 1 |
| [] March 2 | [] March 7 | [] March 12 | [] March 17 | [] March 22 | [] March 27 | [] March 32 |
| • Exodus 13 | • Exodus 18 | • Exodus 23 | • Exodus 28 | • Exodus 33 | • Exodus 38 | • Leviticus 2-3 |
| • Luke 16 | • Luke 21 | • John 2 | • John 7 | • John 12 | • John 17 | • John 20 |
| • Job 31 | • Job 36 | • Job 41 | • Proverbs 4 | • Proverbs 9 | • Proverbs 14 | • Proverbs 17 |
| • 2 Corinthians 1 | • 2 Corinthians 6 | • 2 Corinthians 11 | • Galatians 3 | • Galatians 4 | • Galatians 5 | • Philippians 4 |
| [] March 3 | [] March 8 | [] March 13 | [] March 18 | [] March 23 | [] March 28 | [] March 33 |
| • Exodus 14 | • Exodus 19 | • Exodus 24 | • Exodus 29 | • Exodus 34 | • Exodus 39 | • Leviticus 2-3 |
| • Luke 17 | • Luke 22 | • John 3 | • John 8 | • John 13 | • John 18 | • John 21 |
| • Job 32 | • Job 37 | • Job 42 | • Proverbs 5 | • Proverbs 10 | • Proverbs 15 | • Proverbs 18 |
| • 2 Corinthians 2 | • 2 Corinthians 7 | • 2 Corinthians 12 | • Galatians 4 | • Galatians 5 | • Galatians 6 | • Colossians 1 |
| [] March 4 | [] March 9 | [] March 14 | [] March 19 | [] March 24 | [] March 29 | [] March 34 |
| • Exodus 15 | • Exodus 20 | • Exodus 25 | • Exodus 30 | • Exodus 35 | • Exodus 40 | • Leviticus 2-3 |
| • Luke 18 | • Luke 23 | • John 4 | • John 9 | • John 14 | • John 19 | • John 22 |
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| [] March 5 | [] March 10 | [] March 15 | [] March 20 | [] March 25 | [] March 30 | [] March 35 |
| • Exodus 16 | • Exodus 21 | • Exodus 26 | • Exodus 31 | • Exodus 36 | • Exodus 41 | • Leviticus 2-3 |
| • Luke 19 | • Luke 24 | • John 5 | • John 10 | • John 15 | • John 20 | • John 23 |
| • Job 34 | • Job 39 | • Proverbs 2 | • Proverbs 7 | • Proverbs 12 | • Proverbs 17 | • Proverbs 20 |
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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.