



# The Dover Dove



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Dear Church,

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

The following is a pledge that can be signed online at <http://defendmarriage.org>. I am asking that you read it and if you agree with it, sign the online document. Please do not be silent any longer! Thanks! Pastor Kube

## PLEDGE

We stand together in defense of marriage and the family and society founded upon them. While we come from a variety of communities and hold differing faith perspectives, we are united in our common affirmation of marriage.

On the matter of marriage, we stand in solidarity. We affirm that marriage and family have been inscribed by the Divine Architect into the order of Creation. Marriage is ontologically between one man and one woman, ordered toward the union of the spouses, open to children and formative of family. Family is the first vital cell of society, the first government, and the first mediating institution of our social order. The future of a free and healthy society passes through marriage and the family.

Marriage as existing solely between one man and one woman precedes civil government. Though affirmed, fulfilled, and elevated by faith, the truth that marriage can exist only between one man and one woman is not based on religion or revelation alone, but on the Natural Law, written on the human heart and discernible through the exercise of reason. It is part of the natural created order. The Natural Law is what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., referred to as a higher law or a just law in his famous *Letter from Birmingham Jail*.

Marriage is the preeminent and the most fundamental of all human social institutions. Civil institutions do not create marriage nor can they manufacture a right to marry for those who are incapable of marriage. Society begins with marriage and the family.

We pledge to stand together to defend marriage for what it is, a bond between one man and one woman, intended for life, and open to the gift of children.

The institutions of civil government should defend marriage and not seek to undermine it. Government has long regulated marriage for the true common good. Examples, such as the age of consent, demonstrate such a proper regulation to ensure the free and voluntary basis of the marriage bond. Redefining the very institution of marriage is improper and outside the authority of the State. No civil institution, including the United States Supreme Court or any court, has authority to redefine marriage.

As citizens united together, we will not stand by while the destruction of the institution of marriage unfolds in this nation we love. The effort to redefine marriage threatens the essential foundation of the family.

Experience and history have shown us that if the government redefines marriage to grant a legal equivalency to same-sex couples, that same government will then enforce such an action with the police power of the State. This will bring about an inevitable collision with religious freedom and conscience rights. The precedent established will leave no room for any limitation on what can constitute such a redefined notion of marriage or human sexuality. We cannot and will not allow this to occur on our watch. Religious freedom is the first freedom in the American experiment for good reason.

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Conferring a moral and legal equivalency to any relationship other than marriage between a man and a woman, by legislative or judicial fiat, sends the message that children do not need a mother and a father. As a policy matter, such unions convey the message that moms and dads are completely irrelevant to the well-being of children. Such a policy statement is unconscionable and destructive. Authorizing the legal equivalency of marriage to same-sex couples undermines the fundamental rights of children and threatens their security, stability, and future.

Neither the United States Supreme Court nor any court has authority to redefine marriage and thereby weaken both the family and society. Unlike the Legislative Branch that has the power of the purse and the Executive Branch which has the figurative power of the sword, the Judicial Branch has neither. It must depend upon the Executive Branch for the enforcement of its decisions.

As the Supreme Court acknowledged in the 1992 decision of *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, its power rests solely upon the legitimacy of its decisions in the eyes of the people. If the decisions of the Court are not based on the Constitution and reason, and especially if they are contrary to the natural created order, then the people will lose confidence in the Court as an objective arbiter of the law. If the people lose respect for the Court, the Court's authority will be diminished.

The Supreme Court was wrong when it denied Dred Scott his rights and said, "blacks are inferior human beings." And the Court was wrong when Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote in *Buck v. Bell*, "three generations of imbeciles are enough," thus upholding Virginia's eugenics law that permitted forced sterilization. Shamefully, that decision was cited during the Nuremburg trials to support the Nazi eugenic holocaust.

In these earlier cases, the definition of "human" was at issue. Now the definition of "marriage" is at issue. The Constitution does not grant a right to redefine marriage — which is nonsensical since marriage intrinsically involves a man and a woman. Nor does the Constitution prohibit states from affirming the natural created order of male and female joined together in marriage.

We will view any decision by the Supreme Court or any court the same way history views the *Dred Scott* and *Buck v. Bell* decisions. Our highest respect for the rule of law requires that we not respect an unjust law that directly conflicts with higher law. A decision purporting to redefine marriage flies in the face of the Constitution and is contrary to the natural created order. As people of faith we pledge obedience to our Creator when the State directly conflicts with higher law. We respectfully warn the Supreme Court not to cross this line.

We stand united together in defense of marriage. Make no mistake about our resolve. While there are many things we can endure, redefining marriage is so fundamental to the natural order and the common good that this is the line we must draw and one we cannot and will not cross.



## Nursing Home Worship and Bible Study Ministry

May 2015

### Beatitudes For Friends Of The Aged

*Blessed are they who understand my faltering step and palsied hand.  
Blessed are they who know my ears today must strain to catch the things they say.  
Blessed are they who seem to know that my eyes are dim and my thoughts are slow.  
Blessed are they who look away when juice is spilled at the table today.  
Blessed are they with a cherry smile who stop and chat for a little while.  
Blessed are they who never say, "You've told that story twice today."  
Blessed are they who know the ways to bring back memories of yesterdays.  
Blessed are they who make it known that I'm love, respected and not alone.  
Blessed are they who know I'm at loss to find the strength to carry the cross.  
Blessed are they who ease the days of my journey home in loving ways.*

### **Sonshine Society Spring 2015: Used by permission.**

Our Lord continues to bless the residents of Lexington Court and it is apparent that he can use anybody to minister to those in need. God commands that we "go". We, like Moses or Jeremiah, want to make our excuses before God. When God called, Moses declared "*for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue*" (Exodus 4:10), and Jeremiah pleaded "*Alas, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, because I am a youth.*" (Jeremiah 1:6). Both times our Lord commanded them to go anyway. "*Now then go, and I, even I, will be with your mouth, and teach you what you are to say.*" (Exodus 4:12); "*Donotsay 'Iamayouth,' Because everywhere I send you, you shall go, and all that I command you, you shall speak.*" (Jeremiah 1:7), (1 Corinthians 3:7) "*So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth.*"

Our Lord Jesus ([Adonai Yeshua](#)) gave us the "[Great Commission](#)" (Matthew 28:19 – 20) *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*". That Commission comes to us from our *Adonai Yeshua* with three commands: "Go", "Baptize" and "Teach". The commandments also come with a promise from "*Yeshua*": (Matthew 28:20<sub>b</sub>) "*and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age*".

I know that God is calling others to serve in this or another ministries. Maybe you are a youth, a young adult, married with children, grandparents and even great grandparents. Each of us has a certain level of godly wisdom to be shared with others. Please answer God's call with the surety that He has equipped us to serve Him according to His call.

We visit our dear brothers and sisters at Lexington Court on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month for WORSHIP and PRAISE at 2:00 pm. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month at 10:30 am, we meet for BIBLE STUDY.

If God is calling, please join us at Lexington Court. *'You shall rise up before the grayheaded and honor the aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the LORD.* (Leviticus 19:32)

In His Name,  
Bob Gearheart

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

ARE YOU READY TO GET YOUR CAR WASHED? If you can wait until May 9th, the youth will have another fundraiser. We will start washing cars at 9:00 am and finish about 11:30 am. Also, we are asking for donations for a yard sale. The yard sale will be on Saturday, June 6th from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm. Items may be dropped off Sunday after church, Wednesday, June 3rd from 7:00 to 8:00 pm and on Friday, June 5th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Items will be collected in Heritage Hall.

Thank you in advance for making all of our fund raisers a success.

Unfortunately, I am not able to plan an outing due to scheduling conflicts.

God Bless,  
Donna

**DEACONS' MEETING**

The Deacons will meet on May 11th at 7:00 pm in the church Library.

**DEACON OF THE MONTH**

**SUZANNE MILLS**

**COMMUNION SERVERS**

Gary Tolley            Todd Vance  
Jennifer Napier      Joanie Collins  
                                 \*Bob Gearheart

**BELL RINGERS**

May 03            Elijah Higgs  
May 10            Katie Roberts  
May 17            Jenna Hammack  
May 24            Dakota Higgs  
May 31            Katie Roberts

**WMU**

The WMU will meet on May 12th at 11:00 am in the church Library. Please note the time change.

For this month's project the WMU will be collecting **OVER THE COUNTER MEDS** for the Goochland Free Clinic. This is open to the congregation for donations. Medicines and/or bandage supplies are requested for those in our county who are in need and less fortunate. Please bring sealed items in to the church Parlor.

**NURSERY WORKERS**

May 03            Maye Higgs  
                         Gail Cochran  
May 10            Joanie Collins  
                         Sara Rowe  
May 17            Janice Gordon  
                         Jean Eyrolles  
May 24            Audrey Smith  
                         Genevieve Wood  
May 31            Pat Heffinger  
                         Tom Heffinger



Gospel Light's  
**SonSpark**  
**Labs**

Discovering  
God's Plan 4 U = Jesus!

Calling ALL assistants!!!  
We NEED your help!!

Vacation Bible School is always a time of fun, fellowship, music, crafts, bible study, and games!!

Our VBS is for all ages (preschool thru adults) on June 10 -12, 2015 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The snack supper begins at 5:30 p.m. and opening assembly starts at 6:00 p.m.

We will be Discovering God's Plan 4U = Jesus! as we learn about God creating us, loving us, dying for us, and saving us.

However, we need help!! We need folks who are willing to do a variety of tasks, such as:

- Telling the bible story,
- Creating decorations & turning our campus into a LAB,
- Guiding crafts & experiments,
- Leading games & recreation,
- Serving refreshments,
- Registering students,
- Helping with the snack supper,
- Assisting with publicity,
- Doing follow-up,
- Helping with the meal on Sunday,
- Leading the assembly times,
- Teaching the songs & motions,
- Guiding small groups of students,
- Facilitating the adult study,
- Teaching preschoolers

Call Juanita Deck or Sara Rowe-Catlett if you are will to help with VBS.

Two sessions for workers are scheduled for Tuesdays, May 12 & June 2 at 7 p.m.

THANKS for your help!!  
VBS is always a great time of fun, fellowship, & ministry!!

Juanita Deck  
Sara Rowe-Catlett



## **FRIENDSHIP**

Friendship is a priceless gift  
that cannot be bought or sold,  
But its value is far greater  
than a mountain made of gold.  
For gold is cold and lifeless,  
it can neither see nor hear  
And in the time of trouble  
it is powerless to cheer.

It has no ears to listen  
nor heart to understand,  
It cannot bring you comfort  
or reach out a helping hand.

So when you ask God for a gift  
Be thankful if He sends  
Not diamonds, pearls, or riches  
But the love of real true friends.

– Helen Steiner Rice



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service / Communion Service</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:30 PM Fellowship Meal 6:00 PM Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Practice &amp; Team Kids</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 - 11:30 AM CAR WASH</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 PM DEACONS' Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:30 AM WMU Meeting 7:00 PM VBS Workers' Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:00 PM Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Practice &amp; Team Kids</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 2:30 PM Nursing Home</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:00 PM Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Practice &amp; Team Kids</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:00 PM Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Practice &amp; Team Kids</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31</p> <p>9:00 AM Breakfast &amp; Safety/ Security Program 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service</p>						



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2015 Daily Bible Reading Plan



[ ] May 1	[ ] May 6	[ ] May 11	[ ] May 16	[ ] May 21	[ ] May 26	[ ] May 31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers 8</li> <li>• Psalms 44</li> <li>• Song of Solomon 6</li> <li>• Hebrews 6</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers 14</li> <li>• Psalms 50</li> <li>• Isaiah 3-4</li> <li>• Hebrews 11</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers 20</li> <li>• Psalms 58-59</li> <li>• Isaiah 9:8-10:4</li> <li>• James 3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers 25</li> <li>• Psalms 68</li> <li>• Isaiah 15</li> <li>• 1 Peter 3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers 31</li> <li>• Psalms 75-76</li> <li>• Isaiah 23</li> <li>• 1 John 1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers 32</li> <li>• Psalms 77</li> <li>• Isaiah 24</li> <li>• 1 John 2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deuteronomy 1</li> <li>• Psalms 81-82</li> <li>• Isaiah 29</li> <li>• 3 John</li> </ul>
[ ] May 2	[ ] May 7	[ ] May 12	[ ] May 17	[ ] May 22	[ ] May 27	[ ] May 30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers 9</li> <li>• Psalms 45</li> <li>• Song of Solomon 7</li> <li>• Hebrews 7</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers 15</li> <li>• Psalms 51</li> <li>• Isaiah 5</li> <li>• Hebrews 12</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers 21</li> <li>• Psalms 60-61</li> <li>• Isaiah 10:5-34</li> <li>• James 4</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers 26</li> <li>• Psalms 69</li> <li>• Isaiah 16</li> <li>• 1 Peter 4</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers 33</li> <li>• Psalms 78:1-37</li> <li>• Isaiah 25</li> <li>• 1 John 3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deuteronomy 2</li> <li>• Psalms 83-84</li> <li>• Isaiah 30</li> <li>• Jude</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deuteronomy 3</li> <li>• Psalms 85</li> <li>• Isaiah 31</li> <li>• Revelation 1</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers 10</li> <li>• Psalms 46-47</li> <li>• Song of Solomon 8</li> <li>• Hebrews 8</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers 16</li> <li>• Psalms 52-54</li> <li>• Isaiah 6</li> <li>• Hebrews 13</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers 22</li> <li>• Psalms 62-63</li> <li>• Isaiah 11-12</li> <li>• James 5</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers 27</li> <li>• Psalms 70-71</li> <li>• Isaiah 17-18</li> <li>• 1 Peter 5</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers 34</li> <li>• Psalms 78:38-72</li> <li>• Isaiah 26</li> <li>• 1 John 4</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deuteronomy 4</li> <li>• Psalms 86-87</li> <li>• Isaiah 32</li> <li>• Revelation 2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers 3</li> <li>• Psalms 85</li> <li>• Isaiah 31</li> <li>• Revelation 1</li> </ul>
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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.