

The Dover Dove



February 2016 Newsletter of Dover Baptist Church Phone (804) 784-5681
635 Manakin Road - P. O. Box 96 - Manakin-Sabot, VA 23103
Dr. Todd Kube, Pastor

Dear Church,

Grace and Peace to you in the Name that is above all names: Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior! I have a conviction of writing to you about things that for so long I, myself, have been ignorant concerning. And by ignorant, I mean shallow and superficial – certainly not the depth of knowledge that such a critically important topic deserves. I trust that for the remainder of 2016, you will indulge me on my quest concerning a deeper knowledge of the Constitution of the United States of America and its relevance for today.

Let me assure you that this endeavor is a very biblical one. In a 1988 book by political scientist Donald Lutz, *The Origins of American Constitutionalism*, Lutz summarizes (pages 136-149) the results of a 1984 paper in which he and colleague Charles Hyneman analyze some 15,000 items of American political commentary published between 1760 and 1805 (“The Relative Influence of European Writers on Late Eighteenth-Century American Political Thought,” *The American Political Science Review*, 78 (1984), pp. 189-197). The purpose of the paper was to determine the sources that most influenced the development of American political thought during our nation's founding period. Lutz and Hyneman demonstrate that the Bible was the most frequently quoted source between 1760 and 1805, and he concludes that future research on the development of American political thought should include increased attention to “biblical and common law sources” (*Relative Influence*, p. 190). In fact, Lutz found that 34% of the founder's quotations were taken directly from the Bible. Add to that 34% indirect thoughts derived from the Bible, and you can understand and appreciate the role of Scripture in the adaptation of the Constitution and in the founding of the United States of America.

In the book, *The 5000 Year Leap*, we find the following statement:

Like the Framers themselves, many Americans in the early years of the Republic truly regarded the Constitution as a miracle. Not only did they praise the competence, wisdom, and motivations of those who served in the federal convention of 1787, but they declared that the formation and adoption of our new system of federal government represented a political achievement unprecedented in human history. They looked upon it, moreover, as an event that was actually “influenced, guided and governed” by the hand of God. Thus it is not hard to understand why our Founding Fathers believed that the Constitution was destined to bless all mankind – and that it was “incumbent on their successors” to preserved and defend our national charter of liberty.

For example, James Madison writes: “The great objects which presented themselves [to the Constitutional Convention] ... formed a task more difficult than can be well conceived by those who were not concerned in the execution of it. Adding to these considerations the natural diversity of human opinions on all new and complicated subjects, *it is impossible to consider the degree of concord which ultimately prevailed as less than a miracle*” (“To Thomas Jefferson, 24 October 1787, in *The Papers of James Madison*, ed. William T. Hutchinson, William M. E. Rachal, and Robert A. Turland, 15 vols. by 1985 (Chicago and Charlottesville: University of Chicago Press and University Press of Virginia, 1962-), 10:207-8, *emphasis added*.)

The Dove Continued

Additionally, concerning Benjamin Rush: “Doctor Rush then proceeded to consider the origin of the proposed [Constitution], and fairly deduced it [was] from heaven, asserting that he as much believed *the hand of God was employed in this work* as that God had divided the Red Sea to give a passage to the children of Israel, or had fulminated the Ten Commandment from Mount Sinai” (Notes of remarks in Pennsylvania ratifying convention, 12 December 1787, in John Bach McMaster and Frederick D. Stone, eds., *Pennsylvania and the Federal Constitution, 1787-1788* (1888, reprint ed., New York: Da Capo Press, 1970), p. 420, *emphasis added*.)

Benjamin Franklin writes: “I have so much faith in the general government of the world by Providence that I can hardly conceive a transaction of such momentous importance [as the framing of the Constitution] ... should be suffered to pass without being in some degree *influenced, guided, and governed by that omnipotent, omnipresent, and beneficent Ruler* in whom all inferior spirits live and move and have their being” (To the editor of the Federal Gazette, 1788, in *The Writings of Benjamin Franklin*, ed. Albert Henry Smyth, 10 vols. (New York: Macmillan Company, 1905-7), 9:702 3, *emphasis added*.)

George Washington writes: “[The adoption of the Constitution] will demonstrate as visibly *the finger of Providence* as any possible event in the course of human affairs can ever designate it” (To the Marquis de Lafayette, 28 May 1788, in *The Writings of George Washington*, ed. John C. Fitzpatrick, 39 vols. (Washington: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1931-44), 29:507, *emphasis added*.)

So please indulge me in my quest and feel free to comment and make suggestions. Two thousand and sixteen promises to be a very critical year.

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Kube

Nursing Home Worship and Bible Study Ministry
February 2016

Most if not all of us have heard the “bible passage”: “God works in mysterious ways”. Actually the passage is not from the bible. The words were composed by William Cowper (1731–1800). Comprising six verses, they were written in 1773.

First verse: God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform; He plants His footsteps in the sea, And rides upon the storm. The Fact that these words are not found in the scriptures doesn't negate the truth found in them either. We know from other passages in God's word “*that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*” (Romans 8:28). “*All things*” means simply all things, no matter how great or small; no matter what our human perception of those things may be. Jesus said, “*My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working.*” (John 5:17).

God has worked in the hearts of the residents at Lexington in many ways. Worship Services, Bible Studies and even individual visits have, by the grace of God, illuminated the hearts and souls of many. There are still some who never come to a Worship Service or any other “religious” activity but gravitate to the weekly Bingo. Bingo is the most popular resident activity in Nursing Homes or Rehabilitation and Health care facilities. This is the next phase of taking the Gospel to the residents. There is one Word that sticks out in the “Great Commission” That Word is “GO”. That is, don't wait for the people to come to us; go to where they are and pass on the Loving Grace of God.

I believe that God is calling the brothers and sisters of Dover to be a part of the Lexington Bingo days: not necessarily by participating in the actual game but with your small gifts of loving support.

The Nursing Home Ministry Team will be collecting small items to be used as Bingo prizes for the residents at Lexington Court Rehabilitation and Healthcare.

Suggested Bingo Prizes

Body Wash (men & women)
Perfume/Cologne
Snack cakes (ex: little Debbie oatmeal pies)
Small bags of potato chips
socks (men& women)
small bags of peanuts
snack size packs of cookies
lipstick
baseball caps
Costume Jewelry
small statues - animals, religious, etc.
Picture Calendars
other small items - pictures, picture frames (No breakable glass), etc.

Note: Powders (bath, cosmetics, etc.), and oils that are easily spilled are not suggested.
These Suggested items go a long way to brighten the lives of those who receive them. Please be generous!

This will be an ongoing collection of small gifts for prizes as Bingo is a weekly activity at Lexington.

Items can be deposited in the receptacle marked Nursing Home in the downstairs hallway outside the Pastor's office or given directly to Bob Gearheart. **Thanks.**

¹⁶ *And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.* (Hebrews 13:16)

Our February 2016 Schedule is:
Sunday Worship and Praise Service
21 February 2016 at 2:30pm.

Friday Bible Study
12 February & 26 February 2016 at 10:30am.

Visit The Rooms At The End Of The Hall
Spontaneous visits on an as needed or as requested basis.
No particular schedule

'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

MUSIC NEWS
FEBRUARY 2016

Looking forward to Spring and rebirth. To the birds singing their carols, the morning light and the lily white declaring their Maker's praise. There's not a plant or flow'r, but makes Thy glories known. O let me ne'er forget that though the wrongs seem oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet. The battle is not done, Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

"Jesus, keep me near the cross. Oh, let me never stray. Jesus, keep me near the cross. Oh, may I not forget."

In our busy lives today let's not lose sight of what Jesus did for us on the cross. Like the old hymn says, "I will cling to the old rugged cross."

I pray we will remember that this Easter. Surrender to Him. Stay near Him; cling to the cross. This Easter season our music ministry will lead us in many times to remember. Our youth/children will lead us in a Easter musical, "Christ Is Risen". Our adult choir and congregation members will lead us in The Last Supper, the living dramatization of Leonardo da Vinci's The Last Supper.

In the Service of
Our Risen Lord,
Marsha Ann Worsham

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

I am writing this article waiting on the snow, how exciting! By the time you read this, you will be sick of the snow. Haha. I pray all is well for those weathering the storm.

Last months outing was a great success. We had 12 participants enjoying the fellowship and creativity. Our next outing will be to visit the nursing home on February 21st. We will meet at church at 2:00 pm. I would like 100% participation so that we can present our Easter skit to the residence. I hope we can share the message of Jesus' love through drama.

We will continue to practice the skit and an Easter musical during children church and team kids. Your regular participation will assure the best outcome. Colossians 1:12....
"Giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light." I love the encouraging words that God has given us, 'the quality and authority to share.'

God bless.
Donna
804-852-9652

DEACONS' MEETING

Deacons will meet on Sunday, February 7th at 12:00 pm after Worship Service.

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Juanita Deck

COMMUNION SERVERS

Todd Vance	Margaret Hill
Charles Burton	Chad Hammack
#Rob Martin	*Gloria Bennett

BELL RINGERS

February 07	Leila Parker
February 14	Dakota Higgs
February 21	Genna Hammack
February 28	Lindsay Roberts

WMU

The **WMU** will have their next meeting on Tuesday, February 9th at 11:00 am in the church Library. All are welcome to attend. Come for an inspiring missions message, and bring a favorite covered dish to share for lunch.

Future Plans—members of the WMU are busy making plans to do special projects that will involve the congregation.

NURSERY WORKERS

February 07	Gail Cochran Mishelle Lawler
February 14	Joanie Collins Sara Rowe
February 21	Jean Eyrolles Maye Higgs
February 28	Virginia Parrish Amanda Team



February 2016

Dover Baptist Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service & Communion 12:00 PM Deacons' Meeting		11:00 AM WMU Meeting	5:30 PM Fellowship Meal 6:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM Youth & Children's Choir 7:00 PM Adult Choir & Team Kids			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service			6:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM Youth & Children's Choir 7:00 PM Adult Choir & Team Kids		10:30 AM Lexington Ct. Bible Study	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Valentine's Day 9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service			6:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM Youth & Children's Choir 7:00 PM Adult Choir & Team Kids			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Law Enforcement Appreciation Sunday & Worship Service 2:30 PM Nursing Home			6:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM Youth & Children's Choir 7:00 PM Adult Choir & Team Kids		10:30 AM Lexington Ct. Bible Study	
28	29					
9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service						



God's Valentine Gift

**God's Valentine gift of love to us
Was not a bunch of flowers;
It wasn't candy, or a book
To while away the hours.**

**His gift was to become a man,
So He could freely give
His sacrificial love for us,
So you and I could live.**

**He gave us sweet salvation, and
Instruction, good and true--
To love our friends and enemies
And love our Savior, too.**

**So as we give our Valentines,
Let's thank our Lord and King;
The reason we have love to give
Is that He gave everything.**

*By
Joanna Fuchs*

Hearts Fixed on the Lord

On Valentine's Day, we pray
that we will always have our hearts
fixed on the Lord.

On Valentine's Day, we pray that
the love our Lord showed for us
will transfer from Him to us, mani-
fested in our desire to serve those
who need us.

On Valentine's Day, we pray to
remember the origin of all love,
from the beginning, and the
source of all love we know now is
our Lord, Jesus Christ.

In Jesus' name we pray;
Amen.

*By
Joanna Fuchs*