

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! I will continue in my quest concerning a deeper knowledge of the Constitution of the United States of America and its relevance for today. In particular this month, we will explore the concept of exercising power from the prospective of the Constitution.

In discussing the atmosphere of today's political environment, we often hear words like progressive, liberal, moderate, or conservative. Thoughts that come to mind when discussing these words are really not germane to the constitution and its system of government. Government can be defined as "a system of control exercised over the actions of the citizens or society." When understanding government as a system of control, the issue concerning the founding fathers were words like tyranny, liberty and anarchy – or the power (control) that the government would have over the citizenry. Obviously, no one wants to live in anarchy, where there is no law. On the other side of anarchy is tyranny, where the law is by the ruling class (a king, dictatorship, or centralized government). The framers of the constitution wanted to prevent these two extremes and so devised a system of self-government or a government "of the people, by the people and for the people." The sweet spot between tyranny and anarchy is what we will call liberty and the system of government that the framers developed was a representative republic.

The founding fathers – though history and reason – realized that all forms of government eventually gravitate towards tyranny. Centralized government leads to authoritative control. Thus, as James Madison explained:

The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite The powers reserved to the several States will extend to all the objects which, in the ordinary course of affairs, concern the lives, liberties, and properties of the people, and the internal order, improvement, and prosperity of the State (*Federalist Papers*, No. 45, pp. 292-93).

W. Cleon Skousen explains, "The idea was to keep the power base close to the people. The emphasis was on strong local self-government. The states would be responsible for internal affairs and the federal government would confine itself to those areas which could not be fairly or effectively handled by the individual states" (*The 5000 Year Leap*, p. 23).

President Obama said that the problem with the Constitution is that it is "a charter of negative liberties ... [It] says what the federal government can't do to you, but doesn't say what the federal government or state government must do on your behalf." What Obama was calling for is increased power of the Federal Government for what he referred to as "redistributive change" (From a radio interview on Chicago's public station WBEZ-FM in 2001).

There is an old adage which states, "A people must from time to time, refresh themselves at the well-spring of their origin, lest they perish." My question to you, "Have we forgotten from whence we came?" Ronald M. Mann, Deputy Director of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, opines:

Today we have become a nation based on a society of rule by man. The Constitution, once held in high esteem, is now often ignored, changed to meet the opinion of a judge, or considered outdated; whereas our founders revered it and considered it a document written for the ages. In spite of the blessing accrued to the average American, many hate this nation's form of government and are dedicated to destroying it, while others are indifferent, apathetic, and could care less about its rapidly deteriorating condition. They seem to be materialistic and hedonistic with the attitude of letting George do it ... I believe that earlier generations in America made mistakes, but nothing comparable to the betrayal and abandonment of the present one. We must reverse this trend if we are to survive as a free nation (Skousen, *The 5000 Year Leap*, p. xix).

The question I suppose we must ask is, "Where the founding fathers right in their fear and warnings of a tyrannical big government?" And as a follow-up question, "Have we abandoned the safe guards that the founders incorporated in the Constitution which were intended in preventing tyranny?" Also, in reflecting on last month's article, "Was the Constitution, as the founders believed, a gift from God?" Furthermore, if so, "Have we been good stewards of God's gift to us?" Finally, "What does God want us to do – especially if we have an understanding that we have not been good stewards of God's gift?" This last question will obviously take much prayer and conviction.

Pastor Kube

Nursing Home Worship and Bible Study Ministry

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But Jesus said, Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. **(Matthew 19:14)**

On Sunday, February 21st our Lord blessed the residents of Lexington Court with a visit from our Dover youth. Our youth and children are truly a gift from God and a cause for deep heartfelt thankfulness for them to be a part of our lives. I never cease to be amazed at the smiles that break out on the faces of adults, especially the more seasoned adults, when the young enter a room. They shared a skit that they are practicing for Easter with the group. After they had gone, some of the residents commented on the joy they experienced and the time and efforts they shared.

I recently heard the residents of another care facility express their great blessing when two young girls began to visit them on Saturdays and just read scripture, stories and even the newspaper. The girls had done this on a fairly regular basis for some time. When the girl's family moved away, their absence was truly felt. The residents fondly remember and talk about that time when those two girls visited them and brought with them such joy and sunshine. Sometimes we never know how much our presence can mean to others.

I thank God for our young people who took the time to share with the residents and for Donna and her commitment to the leadership of our youth and children. I thank God for the parents who commit themselves to the rearing of godly children and encouraging their desire to bless others.

I also want to thank those of you in the Dover family who have generously provided articles for the Bingo Days at Lexington. Your faithfulness and gifts is greatly appreciated. We will be collecting for this project on a continuing basis. There is a list of suggested items on the table in the vestibule. These Suggested items go a long way to brighten the lives of those who receive them. Please be generous!

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!**

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

Our March 2016 Schedule is:

Sunday Worship and Praise Service

March 20, 2016 at 2:30pm.

Friday Bible Study

March 11 & 25, 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

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

Last month we had a great turn out when we visited the nursing home and presented our Easter skit. The residence were excited to see the kids. I was glad to see their light shining.

We have a busy calendar for March -

March 13— we will present a Youth skit during worship service. Practice is immediately after worship each Sunday.

March 20— we have a music program. This is also during the worship service.

March 27— the kids will present "The Message of the Cross" during worship. Practice is during Team Kids and Children's Church.

We will have a dress rehearsal practice on the stage for Kids after the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 26th at 11:00 am.

We will also have a Car Wash on March 12th, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm (weather permitting). The Youth will then have lunch and do a dress rehearsal for the skit.

The Car Wash will be a Youth Fundraiser for our mission trip to Cherokee, NC on July 17th through 23rd. This is right outside of Asheville, NC. I hear it is a beautiful area. I pray that we can honor God's will to help these people in need.

God bless.
 Donna Martin

DEACONS' MEETING

Deacons will meet on Sunday, March 6th at 12:15 pm after Worship Service.

DEACON OF THE MONTH

MARGARET HILL

COMMUNION SERVERS

Gary Tolley	Gloria Bennett
Rob Martin	Juanita Deck
#Chad Hammack	*Jennifer Napier

BELL RINGERS

March 06	Katie Roberts
March 13	Genna Hammack
March 20	Lila Parker
March 27	Lila Parker

WMU

The **WMU** will have their next meeting on Tuesday, March 8th 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.

The **WMU** is starting a memorial fund for Terry Welborn, beginning with \$100.00 from their membership. This will be given to Habitat for Humanity in Terry's name. Checks may be made out to Dover Baptist Church with 'for Welborn Memorial' in the memo line. The deadline for contributing is March 27th.

NURSERY WORKERS

March 06	Pat Heffinger Tom Heffinger
March 13	Gail Cochran Mishelle Lawler
March 20	Joanie Collins Sara Rowe
March 27	Maye Higgs Jean Eyrolles



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 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	3	4	5
6 9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service & Communion 12:15 PM Deacons' Meeting	7	8 11:00 AM WMU Meeting	9 6:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM Youth & Children's Choir 7:00 PM Adult Choir & Team Kids	10	11 10:30 AM Lexington Ct. Bible Study	12
13 9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service & Youth Skit	14	15	16 6:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:30 Youth & Children's Choir Practice & Team Kids 7:00 PM Choir Practice	17	18	19 10:00 AM Children's Choir Practice
20 9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM PALM Sunday Children's Cantata & Worship Service	21	22	23	24 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service	25 10:30 AM Lexington Ct. Bible Study Good Friday	26 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt
27 9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM EASTER Sunday Worship & Children's Skit	28	29	30 6:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:30 Youth & Children's Choir Practice & Team Kids 7:00 PM Choir Practice	31		

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March 2016 Daily Bible Reading Plan

1. Hebrews 1-2
2. Hebrews 3
3. Hebrews 4:1-5:10
4. Hebrews 5:11-6:20
5. Hebrews 7
6. Hebrews 8:1-9:10
7. Hebrews 9:11-28
8. Hebrews 10:1-18
9. Hebrews 10:19-39
10. Hebrews 11
11. Hebrews 12:1-17
12. Hebrews 12:18-29
13. Hebrews 13
14. James 1
15. James 2
16. James 3:1-4:12
17. James 4:13-5:20
18. 1 Peter 1
19. 1 Peter 2:1-12
20. 1 Peter 2:13-3:7
21. 1 Peter 3:8-4:11
22. 1 Peter 4:12-5:14
23. 2 Peter 1
24. 2 Peter 2
25. 2 Peter 3
26. 1 John 1:1-2:17
27. 1 John 2:18-3:24
28. 1 John 4
29. 1 John 5
30. 2 & 3 John
31. Jude

An Easter Prayer - Helen Steiner Rice



God, give us eyes to see
the beauty of the Spring,
And to behold Your majesty
in every living thing -

And may we see in lacy leaves
and every budding flower
The Hand that rules the universe
with gentleness and power -

And may this Easter grandeur
that Spring lavishly imparts
Awaken faded flowers of faith
lying dormant in our hearts,

And give us ears to hear, dear God,
the Springtime song of birds
With messages more meaningful
than man's often empty words

Telling harried human beings
who are lost in dark despair -
'Be like us and do not worry
for God has you in His care'.