

# 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 need to be a virtuous and moral people.

Our founding fathers were very clear that self-government was dependent on virtuous people. Ben Franklin stated, "Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters" (Smyth, *Writings of Benjamin Franklin*, 9:569). George Washington stated that the Constitution could only survive "so long as there shall remain any virtue in the body of the people" (Padover, ed., *The Washington Papers*, 244).

Gordon Wood, a historian, explains, "In a Republic, each man must somehow be persuaded to submerge his personal wants into the greater good of the whole. This willingness of the individual to sacrifice his private interest for the good of the community – such patriotism or love of country – the eighteenth century termed public virtue ... The eighteenth century mind was thoroughly convince that a popularly based government could not be supported without virtue" (Wood, *The Creation of the American Republic*, 1776-1787, 68).

Perhaps it is good to reflect at this time on the current state of our national dialogue. Do we hear more about individual rights or what is best for the country? This question is a double-edged sword and cuts both ways. We need individual rights to protect against the tyranny of the majority. But we need virtuous people to protect against the tyranny of the minority and individual rights.

Even if one generation exudes morality and virtue, there is no reason to assume the next generation will. James Madison said that "If there be no virtue among us, we are in a wretched situation. No theoretical checks, no form of government, can render us secure. To suppose that any form of government will secure liberty or happiness without any virtue in the people, is a chimerical idea." Madison continued, and please note the importance of the virtue of the electorate, "If there be sufficient virtue and intelligence in the community, it will be exercised in the selection of these men; so that we do not depend upon their virtue, or put confidence in our rulers, but in the people who are to choose them" (Elliot, ed., *The Debates in the Several State Conventions on the Adoption of the Federal Constitution*, 3:536-7).

The importance of virtue and morality cannot be under emphasized. In his farewell address, George Washington instructed us, "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens ... reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle" (Padover, *The Washington Papers*, 318-9).

In the exit polling data from the various primaries that have been held across the country this election cycle, many people have voiced the view that they want their country back. While I will not surmise what those poll respondents meant about that assertion, I know what it means to me. Something is missing in America, and I believe it is her moral fabric. Benjamin Franklin wrote, "I think that nothing is of more importance for the public weal, than to form and train up youth and wisdom and virtue. Wise and good men are, in my opinion, the strength of the state; more so than riches or arms" (Koch, ed., *The American Enlightenment*, 77).

This month, on the 17<sup>th</sup>, Hunter Country Day School, will have an appreciation day for Dover Baptist Church. As someone who does chapel for the school once a week, I want you to appreciate what that school does for our nation. Every day, they process into the sanctuary, pledge allegiance to the flag, and say the Lord's Prayer. After a devotion – I use the Bible! – they sing the doxology and then process out. I want that for all who desire it without the financial burden that goes along with a private school. But, I am told that it would be "bad" for America. I want my country back!

Pastor Kube

## Nursing Home Worship and Bible Study Ministry

As we find ourselves well into the fifth year of ministry at Lexington Court Rehabilitation and Healthcare, we are pleased to announce yet another expansion of God's work with this mission.

There has been for many years a group from Winn's Baptist Church ministering to the residents of the Ashland Convalescent Center. The music is mostly gospel with guitar accompaniment and the preaching has been delivered by Pastor Jeff Chadwick from The Church On The Avenue (a Winn's Church Plant). Pastor Jeff, also a talented guitar player and singer has added a lot to the ministry at ACC.

Pastor Jeff has answered God's call to a missions position in Texas and the ministry team with Jeff's help began to search for a replacement. Jackie Shultz called me in early February about becoming the message bearer in The Pastor's place. Unlike my previous call the Lexington ministry, I really wanted to do this. Because I wanted take on this ministry I decided to step back, go to my knees and pray, "Is this your will for me Lord, or is this only the desire of my flesh?" After long and intense prayer. I decided to visit for the purpose of informative observation. Pastor Jeff asked me right away to preach the message that day and I immediately began to choke. God quickly reminded me of His Word: "*preach the word; be ready in season and out of season...*" (2 Timothy 4:2a).

The rest is history as I have accepted God's call to bring the message of the Gospel to the residents and staff of the Ashland Convalescent Center in addition to God's work at Lexington Court. Jackie is also stepping up with her strong musical talents to enhance the musical portion of this ministry.

I have been blessed to have met Pastor Jeff and served under his leadership even if only for a short while. God has called him to new horizons, and I ask you all to pray for Jeff and his wife in their ministry. Jackie Shultz and I also ask for your continued prayers as we humbly deliver God's Word to the residents and staff of these care centers. Also, pray for the many others who have stepped up from time to time serving as part of this ministry in many other ways.

I hope to have a chance to share more of how our Lord has already produced much fruit through this expanding ministry. God's Word says: "*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. (Luke 10:2b)* and of Isaiah "*Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)*. We also read these Words of God from **(1 Samuel 15:22)** *Samuel said, "Has the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams.*

## **Nursing Home Ministry—Cont'd.**

We can always make room for more laborers to help gather His harvest. Is God tugging on your heart? If so, give God a willing answer: *“Here am I. Send me!”*

May our Lord continue to bless us all?

You will find below our new schedule for April including both Lexington Court and Ashland Convalescent Center.

We will continue to collect small items to be used as bingo prizes for Lexington Court. Thanks for your generosity. 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 April 2016 Schedule For Lexington Court is:**

#### **Sunday Worship and Praise Service**

**April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 2:30pm**

#### **Friday Bible Study**

**April 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 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**

### **Our April 2016 Schedule For Ashland Convalescent Center is:**

#### **Worship and Praise Service**

**Every Wednesday (Except the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday) 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)*

In His Name,  
Bob

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

March was exciting with all the youth and children activities. Thanks to everyone for their participation. I especially want to thank the parents, grandparents, or whoever you are for bringing the kids to Team Kids, Sunday School, Children Church, etc. Without you we could not have these programs.

During all our practice we had 10 lessons on the Lord's Prayer. Our next 6 session will be on the Holy Spirit. I hope you can come and attend these lessons.

Our outing this month will be roller skating in Ashland either the 10th or the 17th. We will meet at church at 1:30 and return around 4:30. If you have questions, you can call or text me at 804-852-9652.

God Bless,  
Donna

**DEACONS' MEETING**

Deacons will meet on Sunday, April 4th at 12:15 pm after Worship Service.

**DEACON OF THE MONTH**  
**Todd Vance**

**COMMUNION SERVERS**

Juanita Deck	Margaret Hill
Charles Burton	Chad Hammack
#Jennifer Napier	*Gloria Bennett

**BELL RINGERS**

April 03	Leila Parker
April 10	Elijah Higgs
April 17	Lindsay Roberts
April 24	Genna Hammack

**WMU**

The **WMU** will have their next meeting on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING**

The Quarterly Business Meeting will be April 24th immediately following the 11:00 am worship service. A light lunch will be provided. Please bring a dessert to share.

**NURSERY WORKERS**

April 03	Virginia Parrish
	Amanda Team
April 10	Pat Heffinger
	Tom Heffinger
April 17	Gail Cochran
	Michelle Lawler
April 24	Joanie Collins
	Sara Rowe



**April 2016**

*Dover Baptist Church*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Service            9:45 AM Sunday School            11:00 AM Worship &amp; Communion Service            12:15 PM Deacons' Meeting</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>5:30 PM Fellowship Meal</b>            6:00 PM Prayer &amp; Bible Study            6:30 PM Children's Choir            7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir &amp; Team Kids</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Service            9:45 AM Sunday School            11:00 AM Worship Service            12:00 PM Church Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>11:00 AM WMU Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>6:00 PM Prayer &amp; Bible Study            6:30 PM Children's Choir            7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir &amp; Team Kids</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Service            9:45 AM Sunday School            11:00 AM Worship Service            12:00 PM Dover Appreciation Day (HCDS)            2:30 PM Nursing Home Ministry</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>6:00 PM Prayer &amp; Bible Study            6:30 PM Children's Choir            7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir &amp; Team Kids</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Service            9:45 AM Sunday School            11:00 AM Worship Service            12:00 PM Bus. Meeting &amp; Luncheon</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>6:00 PM Prayer &amp; Bible Study            6:30 PM Children's Choir            7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir &amp; Team Kids</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>



### **There's Always Spring**

**There are many blessings,  
that each new Spring brings  
you can see it bloom about  
and hear the song it sings.**

**With winters bleakness over,  
and brighter days ahead  
comes promises of new life  
Springtime loves to spread.**

**As God unfolds the flowers,  
and their buds begin to show  
He gives to us the assurance  
grace in our hearts will grow.**

**He sends us the robin's song,  
with the promise to provide  
a shelter under His mighty wing  
where in His love we can abide.**

**He melts the snowy covers,  
and sends the refreshing rain  
sprinkling us with His mercies  
to heal winter's ache and pain.**

**God's given to all His Son,  
to shed upon us a new light  
and the real blessing of Spring . . .  
is keeping Jesus in our sight!**



*Song of Solomon 2: 11-12 NIV*

*"See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone."  
Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come,  
the cooing of doves is heard in our land."*

**Deborah Ann Belka**