

# 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'm going to take a slight detour from my articles on the Constitution and share with you a blog by Albert Mohler because it relates to some of our Wednesday night Bible study discussions. And, it is only a slight detour because Religion, Morality and Self-Governance are interrelated as we have discussed. (<http://www.albertmohler.com/2016/04/07/keeping-the-faith-in-a-faithless-age-the-church-as-a-moral-minority/>)

"The greatest question of our time," offered historian Will Durant, "is not communism versus individualism, not Europe versus America, not even East versus the West; it is whether men can live without God." That question, it now appears, will be answered in our own time.

For centuries the Christian church has been the center of Western civilization. Western culture, government, law, and society were based on explicitly Christian principles. Concern for the individual, a commitment to human rights, and respect for the good, the beautiful, and the true—all of these grew out of Christian convictions and the influence of revealed religion.

All of these, we now hasten to add, are under serious attack. The very notion of right and wrong is now discarded by large sectors of American society. Where it is not discarded, it is often debased. Taking a page out of Alice in Wonderland, modern secularists simply declare wrong, right, and right, wrong.

Quaker theologian D. Elton Trueblood once described America as a "cut flower civilization." Our culture, he argued, is cut off from its Christian roots like a flower cut at the stem. Though the flower will hold its beauty for a time, it is destined to wither and die.

When Trueblood spoke those words over two decades ago, the flower could still be seen with some color and signs of life. But the blossom has long since lost its vitality, and it is time for the fallen petals to be acknowledged.

"When God is dead," argued Dostoyevsky, "anything is permissible." The permissiveness of modern American society can scarcely be exaggerated, but it can be traced directly to the fact that modern men and women act as if God does not exist, or is powerless to accomplish His will.

The Christian church now finds itself facing a new reality. The church no longer represents the central core of Western culture. Though outposts of Christian influence remain, these are exceptions rather than the rule. For the most part, the church has been displaced by the reign of secularism.

The daily newspaper brings a constant barrage which confirms the current state of American society. This age is not the first to see unspeakable horror and evil, but it is the first to deny any consistent basis for identifying evil as evil or good as good.

The faithful church is, for the most part, tolerated as one voice in the public arena, but only so long as it does not attempt to exercise any credible influence on the state of affairs. Should the church speak forcefully to an issue of public debate, it is castigated as coercive and out of date.

How does the church think of itself as it faces this new reality? During the 1980s, it was possible to think in ambitious terms about the church as the vanguard of a moral majority. That confidence has been seriously shaken by the events of the past decade.

Little progress toward the re-establishment of a moral center of gravity can be detected. Instead, the culture has moved swiftly toward a more complete abandonment of all moral conviction.

The confessing church must now be willing to be a moral minority, if that is what the times demands. The church has no right to follow the secular siren call toward moral revisionism and politically correct positions on the issues of the day.

Whatever the issue, the church must speak as the church—that is, as the community of fallen but redeemed, who stand under divine authority. The concern of the church is not to know its own mind, but to know and follow the mind of God. The church's convictions must not emerge from the ashes of our own fallen wisdom, but from the authoritative Word of God which reveals the wisdom of God and His commands.

The church is to be a community of character. The character produced by a people who stand under the authority of the Sovereign God of the universe will inevitably be at odds with a culture of unbelief.

The American church is faced with a new situation. This new context is as current as the morning newspaper and as old as those first Christian churches in Corinth, Ephesus, Laodicea, and Rome. Eternity will record whether or not the American church is willing to submit only to the authority of God; or whether the church will forfeit its calling in order to serve lesser gods.

The church must awaken to its status as a moral minority and hold fast to the gospel we have been entrusted to preach. In so doing, the deep springs of permanent truth will reveal the church to be a life-giving oasis amidst American's moral desert.

Pastor Kube

### Nursing Home Worship and Bible Study Ministry

On Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, our Lord called His servants “Mizmor 96” to share their spiritual gift of melodic praise with the residents of Lexington Court Rehabilitation and Healthcare. The residents are always ready to worship and praise the Lord and this day would be no exception. After an opening prayer, Sara, Corey and Heather ministered God’s Word with hymns and song, a message was offered and more musical praise. It was obvious that all was well received by our brothers and sisters in the Lexington community. As always after the service our team from Dover began to personally share and pray with each member of this little congregation of worshipers. The Holy Spirit certainly stirred the hearts of all.

The members of “Mizmor 96” expressed how much they were blessed by the experience of ministering to these dear people at Lexington. As I have said before, we go to be a blessing to those who have nothing to give in return, but as a result of our obedience to our Lord we receive blessings as well. God’s Word says:

*How blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,  
Who walks in His ways. (Psalm 128:1)*



Mizmor 96 Worshiping with the residents of Lexington Court on May 15th  
(L to R – Sara, Corey and Heather)

Returning to Lexington for the fourth Friday Bible Study the hour was spent in our serial study in the Acts of the Apostles. As we came to the close I noticed a line forming to my left. Some of my brothers and sisters of Lexington had spontaneously decided to offer their testimonies. Those testimonies went on for another 45 minutes. No one had planned this. It was truly the work of the Holy Spirit. They shared things like:

“I always attended church from childhood until I came here. Now I don’t get to go to church. I thank God for sending people like you - this is my church.”

“I taught Sunday School my entire adult life, and now I look forward to the services and bible studies offered here. This is my ‘home’ now.”

“I have for many years been in the church choir and cherish being able to share experience here.”

“All of my family lives far away and only visit once in a while. My family is here with God’s family”

“I was without hope, but with the bringing of God’s Word I am encouraged and hope has returned”

“I have been so lonely, but have found love and new friends in the bible study group.”

I wish I had time and space to share with you more detail of what they shared. That will have to wait for another time. The fact is God has called us to deliver His message to people who need it. Is God calling you to serve Him? If so are you willing to answer as did 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).

On behalf of the residents at Lexington Court and myself, our thanks go out to God for the ministry of “Mizmor 96”. To God be the glory!

**Our June 2016 Schedule For Lexington Court is:**

**Sunday Worship and Praise Service**

**June 19, 2016 at 2:30 pm.**

**Friday Bible Study**

**June 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.**

**Visit The Rooms At The End Of The Hall**

**Spontaneous visits on an as needed or as requested basis.**

**No particular schedule**

**Our June 2016 Schedule For Ashland Convalescent Center is:**

**Worship and Praise Service**

**Every Wednesday (Except the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday) at 10:00 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 Gearheart

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

I will be sharing my Greece experience on June 5th during the worship service. I hope you can make it. I will tell you how I saw the Holy Spirit.

We had a lot of fun roller skating last month. This month's activity will be Color Me Mine on a Monday. We will meet at church at 6:00 pm on June 13th. The studio fee is waived for adults with one child that will paint a piece. The studio fee for kids under 12 is \$6.00. I hope you can make it and if you have an extra kid, bring he/she along. (I need to borrow one.) LOL. This could be a good time for your child to make something for the dads. Happy Father's Day on June 19th.

God Bless and Happy Summer kids,  
 Donna Martin

**WMU**

The **WMU** will have their next meeting on Tuesday, June 10th 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.

**SUMMER WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP STUDY**

The next gathering of our **Summer Women's Discipleship Study** will be on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. We invite all the women of Dover and encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors. We will meet from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in Heritage Hall. Our time together will include food (Subway for lunch), fellowship, discussion of the book and what we learned, and a service project. If you plan to join us for the June 11<sup>th</sup> gathering, please read "The Jesus I Never Knew" by Phillip Yancey. If you don't have a copy of this book, it is available at the public library or can be bought/downloaded for your Kindle or Nook OR Traci has 1 copy of the book left.

In July, we will be reading/working through the book "Having a Martha Home the Mary Way: 31 Days to a Clean House and Satisfied Soul" by Sara Mae. We will be handing out the July book at our June 11<sup>th</sup> gathering. If you haven't already signed up, please let Traci Kube know if you plan to attend our July gathering and would like a book (cost \$9.00)

**DEACONS' MEETING**

Deacons will meet on Sunday June 5th at 12:00 pm after Worship Service.

**DEACON OF THE MONTH**

**JENNIFER NAPIER**

**COMMUNION SERVERS**

Gary Tolley	Gloria Bennett
Juanita Deck	Rob Martin
#Chad Hammack	*Margaret Hill

**BELL RINGERS**

June 05	Genna Hammack
June 12	Lindsay Roberts
June 19	Regan Davis
June 26	Lelia Parker

**NURSERY WORKERS**

June 05	Maye Higgs
	Jean Eyrolles
June 12	Virginia Parrish
	Amanda Team
June 19	Pat Heffinger
	Tom Heffinger
June 26	Gail Cochran
	Mishelle Lawler



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service & Communion Service 12:00 PM Deacons' Meeting	6	7	1 5:30 PM Fellowship Meal 6:00 PM Prayer & Bible Study 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir & Team Kids	2	3	4
12 9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service	13	14 11:00 AM WMU Meeting	8 6:00 PM Prayer & Bible Study 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir & Team Kids	9	10	11 7:00 AM Men's Discipleship Study 10:00 AM Women's Discipleship Study
19 9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 2:30 PM Nursing Home Ministry	20	21	15 6:00 PM Prayer & Bible Study 6:30 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir & Team Kids	16	17	18
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## **THE ANVIL—GOD’S WORD**

**Last eve I passed beside a blacksmith’s door,  
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;  
Then, looking in, I saw upon the floor  
Old hammers, worn with the beating years of time.**

**How many anvils have you had,” said I,  
“To wear and batter all these hammers so?”  
“Just one,” said he, and then, with twinkling eye,  
“The anvil wears the hammers out, you know.”**

**An so, thought I, the anvil of God’s Word,  
For ages skeptic blows have beat upon;  
Yet, though the noise of falling blows was heard,  
The anvil is unharmed—the hammers gone.**

**Author Unknown**