

# The Dover Dove



*July 2016 Newsletter of Dover Baptist Church Phone (804) 784-5681  
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Dear Members and Friends,

I came across this message that a former Pastor, Mike Garner, wrote and decided to published it this month. I hope you find it (again) as spiritually uplifting as I did.

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January 29, 2006

## **Pastoral Ponderings**

We all want to do God's will. We struggle to know what that is. Oh, we know what the big picture is – God wants all people to come to Him and experience His love and blessing in this life and in the next. But, the question with which we grapple is, “What am I to do now, today?”

When I first entered seminary, I was concerned that the call I thought I had received might be something I had invented. I thought God's call had been very clear, but my human weakness kept asking, “What if it was all just in my head?” Fortunately, through a number of people, God confirmed His call to me in ways that assured me I was in the right place, doing the right things.

One of those people was a seminary professor who opened class one morning with this prayer by Thomas Merton:

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.  
I do not see the road ahead of me.  
I cannot know for certain where it will end.  
Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am  
following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.  
But, I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.  
And, I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.  
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.  
And, I know that if I do this, you will lead me by the right road,  
though I may know nothing about it.  
Therefore, I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in  
the shadow of death.  
I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me  
to face my perils alone.

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That really put it in perspective for me. Merton is telling us that wanting to please God is the most important thing. If we genuinely dedicate ourselves and our actions to that end, God will use our desire to accomplish His purposes.

Above all, what matters is that we do our very best to love God and to love our fellow human beings. God is faithful, loving and caring. God honors our desire to do what is right. The outcome of our efforts is not up to us, but to Him.

I keep a copy of this prayer in my wallet. I hope that it will be as meaningful for you as it has been for me.

In Jesus' Love,  
Mike Garner

## **Nursing Home Worship and Bible Study Ministry**

This past month has been one of those times when God's will triumphed over my own physical abilities. With my recent surgery and follow-up visits to my doctor, a death in the family, graduation ceremonies and parties of two grandchildren, and a power outage; there just didn't seem to be enough time to follow through on the mission God called me to. Not only did I feel that my time was eaten up by things from the outside, my energy level was low and my desire to do anything was nonexistent.

This is not a "woe is me" story. It is a story of God's plan and the power of prayer. I know that God called me to be a part of this ministry and I, in faith, responded to that call.

As it turned out, my dilemma was not about time or energy. It was about obedience and faith. God calls us "to go and make disciples" (**Matthew 28:19a**) and to do everything we need to do to fulfill that calling. He will provide time, energy, desire and talents.

Through the power of prayer God blessed me with new energy, new desire and a new sense of time priority. The Word of God is replete with stories of God's servants making excuses when called. Those excuses fall flat, because when God calls all he wants from us is our faith and obedience: He will provide the rest.

If God is calling you, we have a place for you in the Nursing Home Ministry. ***Come and see!***

### **Our July 2016 Schedule For Lexington Court is:**

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

**July 17, 2016 at 2:30 pm**

#### **Friday Bible Study**

**July 8 & 22, 2016 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 July 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

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**VBS** is coming. *Come join us for a Deep Sea Discovery adventure where we will learn that God is with us wherever we go. VBS is for all ages (babies thru adults). There will be singing, bible stories, crafts, games, and food. So mark your calendars: July 27 - 29, 2016 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm each evening. We will begin each night with a snack supper at 5:30 pm.*



## **CAST-OFF CARNIVAL** — July 16, 2016 (4:00 – 7:00 pm)

Invite your neighbors, friends, and family to come to our carnival for fun and fellowship. There will be lots of activities for the children (i.e. petting zoo, pony rides, slides, etc.) as well as free food. We want to reach out to our community and pre-register students for VBS.



## **Church Picnic** -- Westview on the James – August 6, 2016 (10:00 am – 2:00 pm)

Come join your church family for fun and fellowship!!! Mizmor 96 will lead some singing – Chicken and drinks will be provided – Everyone needs to bring a side dish and/or dessert to “round out the meal” – horseshoes will be available. Other activities will be available for a slight fee: pool (\$5/person), canoe (\$20/2-hr rental), zip ‘n dip (\$15), & high ropes (\$25). Directions and more information will be forthcoming.



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

Hope everyone is having a great summer! Please remember Vacation Bible School Kickoff event on July 16th from 5:00 until 7:00 pm. VBS is July 27th, 28th and 29th from 6:00—8:30 pm. Each night will begin with a 'snack supper' at 5:30 pm.

The Youth Missions trip to Cherokee, North Carolina will be July 17th through 23rd.

There will be a Pool Party on August 20th. Details for this will be announced at a later time.

Hope to see everyone at VBS!! Stay safe and enjoy your summer.

God Bless,  
Donna

**WMU**

The **WMU** will have their next meeting on Tuesday, July 12th 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 July project will be preparing supper for the Goochland Free Clinic on the same day as our meeting, July 12th.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The men of Dover will meet on July 9th at 7:00-10:00 am for breakfast and Bible study. Also, small projects may be accomplished at that time.

**SUMMER WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP STUDY**

The next gathering of our Summer Women's Discipleship **Study** will be on Saturday, July 9th. 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. 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.

**DEACONS' MEETING**

There will be a Deacons' Meeting following worship service on July 10th in the church Library. (Please note the date change.)

**DEACON OF THE MONTH**

**TODD VANCE**

**COMMUNION SERVERS**

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

**BELL RINGERS**

July 03	Lelia Parker
July 10	Katie Roberts
July 17	Regan Davis
July 24	Lindsay Roberts
July 31	Lelia Parker

**NURSERY WORKERS**

July 03	Joanie Collins
	Sara Rowe
July 10	Jean Eyrolles
	Maye Higgs
July 17	Virginia Parrish
	Amanda Team
July 24	Pat Heffinger
	Tom Heffinger
July 31	Gail Cochran
	Mishelle Lawler



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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 Service/Communion</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 Children's Choir 7:00 PM Choir Practice &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 Deacons' Meeting</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>10:30 AM WMU Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>6:00 PM Prayer &amp; Bible Study Children's Choir 7:00 PM Choir Practice &amp; Team Kids</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Breakfast &amp; Bible Study 10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study</p> <p>5:00 PM VBS Kickoff Event for Families</p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service</p> <p><b>2:30 PM Nursing Home</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>7:00 PM VBS Meeting</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>6:00 PM Prayer &amp; Bible Study Children's Choir 7:00 PM Choir Practice &amp; Team Kids</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>
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<p><b>31</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service</p>						

## A BOOK OF NO VALUE?

A book of no value to the man doing the sale  
Just an old Bible the cover feeble and frail.

From use the pages were tattered and worn  
Inscribed in the front is the date he was born.

Almost everyday the old Bible was read  
Then he'd ponder the words that our Savior said.

A comfort to him when he lost his wife  
A comfort to him throughout most of his life.

He looked to that Bible for many a year  
It helped him get over many a tear.

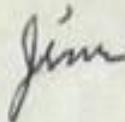
My neighbor has died, his kids have left town  
I guess they didn't want his old Bible around.

The man at the sale was going to throw it away  
I said to the man, "The Bible, with me let it stay."

I read from his Bible once in a while  
A book that one should never defile.

When I read from his Bible I remember him well  
My neighbor who with the Lord does now dwell.

Dr. James K. Huber, 24 August 2009



July, August, September 2016  
Dover Baptist Bible Reading Plan

	July	August	September
1	John 1:1-28	1 John 2:18-3:24	Proverbs 2
2	John 1:29-2:12	1 John 4-5	Proverbs 3
3	John 2:13-3:15	2 John	Proverbs 4
4	John 3:16-36	3 John, Jude	Proverbs 5
5	John 4:1-45	Revelation 1	Proverbs 6
6	John 4:46-5:17	Revelation 2	Proverbs 7
7	John 5:18-47	Revelation 3-4	Proverbs 8
8	John 6:1-21	Revelation 5-6	Proverbs 9
9	John 6:22-59	Revelation 7:1-8:5	Proverbs 10
10	John 6:60-71	Revelation 8:6-9:21	Proverbs 11
11	John 7:1-36	Revelation 10-11	Proverbs 12
12	John 7:37-8:11	Revelation 12-13	Proverbs 13
13	John 8:12-38	Revelation 14-15	Proverbs 14
14	John 8:39-59	Revelation 16-17	Proverbs 15
15	John 9	Revelation 18	Proverbs 16
16	John 10:1-21	Revelation 19-20	Proverbs 17
17	John 10:22-11:16	Revelation 21	Proverbs 18
18	John 11:17-44	Revelation 22	Proverbs 19
19	John 11:45-12:19	Daniel 1:1-2:16	Proverbs 20
20	John 12:20-50	Daniel 2:17-45	Proverbs 21
21	John 13:1-30	Daniel 2:46-3:30	Proverbs 22
22	John 13:31-14:14	Daniel 4:1-27	Proverbs 23
23	John 14:15-15:17	Daniel 4:28-5:12	Proverbs 24
24	John 15:18-16:24	Daniel 5:13-31	Proverbs 25
25	John 16:25-17:26	Daniel 6	Proverbs 26
26	John 18:1-24	Daniel 7:1-8:14	Proverbs 27
27	John 18:25-19:16	Daniel 8:15-9:19	Proverbs 28
28	John 19:17-42	Daniel 9:20-10:21	Proverbs 29
29	John 20	Daniel 11:1-22	Proverbs 30
30	John 21	Daniel 11:23-12:13	Proverbs 31
31	1 John 1:1-2:17	Proverbs 1	N/A

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