

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 be continuing our discussion on the Constitution with a twist: something that is not in the constitution but most people think that it is. In 1802, Thomas Jefferson wrote a letter to the Danbury Baptists. In this short letter of three paragraphs and 233 words, Jefferson included a phrase, “a wall of separation between Church and State.” This letter remained in relative obscurity (other than it was a letter by Jefferson) until 1947 when Justice Hugo Black of the Supreme Court lifted the phrase in the “Everson v. Board of Education” decision. This decision led to the politically correct understanding that religious activities could no longer occur in the public square.

Note that Jefferson was writing the letter to the Danbury Baptists (of Connecticut) in support of their religious freedom against the state establishment of a particular church (like the Episcopal Church here in Virginia). They had written to Jefferson as the President of the United States and he assured them of his support, as well as the protection of the 1st Amendment. He concludes the letter with these words: “I reciprocate your kind prayers for the protection & blessing of the common father and creator of man, and tender you for yourselves & your religious association, assurances of my high respect & esteem.”

The common phrase, “separation of Church and State,” is not in our Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Federalist Papers or any of our nation’s founding documents. The First Amendment simply states that “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.” Yet somehow, we have equated a teacher placing a Bible on his or her desk at school as somehow equivalent as Congress passing a law. The intent was to keep government out of religion, not religion out of the public square, which includes government. In effect, in today’s understanding, we are closer to preventing “the free exercise thereof.”

I ponder over Jeremiah’s words, “Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the clans of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: “What wrong did your fathers find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthlessness, and became worthless? They did not say, ‘Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that none passes through, where no man dwells?’ And I brought you into a plentiful land to enjoy its fruits and its good things. But when you came in, you defiled my land and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, ‘Where is the Lord?’ Those who handle the law did not know me; the shepherds transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal and went after things that do not profit. “Therefore I still contend with you, declares the Lord, and with your children’s children I will contend. For cross to the coasts of Cyprus and see, or send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.”

Blessings,
Pastor Todd

Nursing Home Worship and Bible Study Ministry

Breaking from our usual, I have decided this month to simply share with you the following short piece from the "Sonshine Society" newsletter "Bits of Sonshine." I have been hoping for and praying for this to be a part of our nursing home ministry for years. The prayers continue and God has been preparing the path for this to happen.

"A Family Affair"

Where can Mom, Dad and the kids minister as a family? At a jail? Not likely. Or street meetings? Not on the streets of today!

There are perhaps a few places where families can minister as a family but surely none offers a better opportunity than a Nursing Home. This can be done as a ministry team with all family members taking part in a public ministry in a Care Center or it can be visiting individual residents in their room.

Nursing Home Residents love to see children. Little ones have a transforming effect at a Nursing Home. Eyes sparkle, hands reach out, frowns turn to smiles and lethargic countenances come alive at the sight and sounds of a child.

Many times children can do something that we as adults are unable to do.

They can often soften hearts and prepare those hearts to hear the message of One Who came as a Babe in a Manger.

To minister as a family is wonderful for the folks at a Care Center and, yes, also for the family. It is good for the children to see Mom and Dad putting their faith into action, and who can doubt that such a ministry is pleasing to the Lord.

A family ministry can help bind a family together in a day when families are perilously fragmented. As opportunity affords itself, let's encourage those within our circle to minister as a family. Where? Where else!

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¹⁴ *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)**

¹⁵ *But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He had done, and the children who were shouting in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became indignant ¹⁶and said to Him, "Do You hear what these children are saying?" And Jesus *said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'OUT OF THE MOUTH OF INFANTS AND NURSING BABIES YOU HAVE PREPARED PRAISE FOR YOURSELF?'"* **(Matthew 21:16)**

¹ *O LORD, our Lord,*

How majestic is Your name in all the earth,

Who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens!

² *From the mouth of infants and nursing babes You have established strength*

Because of Your adversaries,

To make the enemy and the revengeful cease. **(Psalm 8:1 – 2)**

We are continuing 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)

Anyone who is experiencing a tugging on your heart by the Holy Spirit to join in on the work God is doing at Lexington Court, please stand with us and answer His call to serve those who cannot serve themselves.

For Information Contact:
Bob Gearheart

⁷ How lovely on the mountains
Are the feet of him who brings good news,
Who announces peace
And brings good news of happiness,
Who announces salvation,
And says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"
(Isaiah 52:7)

Our August 2016 Schedule For Lexington Court is:

Sunday Worship and Praise Service
21 August 2016 at 2:30pm.

Friday Bible Study
12 August & 26 August 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 August 2016 Schedule For Ashland Convalescent Center is:

Worship and Praise Service
Every Wednesday (Except the 2nd 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

MUSIC NOTES

This has been a “great” week - VBS is always a blessing in many ways. So nice to see so many young people and to have them here for Sunday was an extra treat.

We will be singing some of VBS’s songs for our Call to Worship. Hope we can keep up with the Jump! And the Shout! Short!

Youth and kids will be starting choir soon... Just to remind you we still have August !!! All youth and kids be ready for choir after school gets started. We will be sharing a musical “Special Delivery Wrapped in the Father’s Love.” The entire youth and kids choir will be made up of angels. Angels means messenger. Let’s pray that God will use our kids to be His messengers this year.

Our youth and sanctuary choir will bring us “Then Came the Light...The Love...The Life” by Derric Johnson - all of the quiet night in Bethlehem and how that unstoppable love broke through the darkness, showing us the everlasting light. We invite you to come and join the choirs as they prepare to celebrate the wonder of His eternal light.

Thanks for your prayers and support as we prepare for the beginning of a new season of songs. Let the music we sing swell your heart. May God’s great love for us be so evident as we sing about Jesus our Savior, and may Jesus be glorified.

Choirs are open come and join us in song or just join us for Christmas music.

May the Lord watch over you and bless you.

Thank you for allowing me to serve in your music ministry.

Love in Christ our Savior,
Marsha Ann Worsham

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.



From Richmond: Take I-16 west, take the Oilville/Goochland exit 167. Take a short left on Rt. 617 to U.S. Rt. 250 west. Then take a short right west on Rt. 250 to Rt. 632. Turn left on Rt. 632 and proceed to Rt. 522 south (turn left), and proceed to Rt. 6 at Goochland Court House. Turn right (west) on Rt. 6 and follow the directions from Goochland.

From Goochland: Continue west on Rt. 6 about 4 miles. At the “Rock Castle-Westview” sign, turn left onto Rt. 600. Proceed about 5 miles on Rt, 600 (from this point, Westview has directional signs along the route. Turn right on Rt. 643 Westview Road. The camp entrance is about 1/2 mile on the left.

Look for Westview signs.

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

Jesus blessed us with a wonderful trip to Cherokee NC. We were able to replace a floor in kitchen suffering extensive damage due to a roof leak. We also replaced insulation under the house. I never thought Jesus would lead me in this way. No one else would be leading me under a house with snakes. LOL Since we have the church picnic and yard sale this month and a youth pool party I will not schedule an outing. Seems like the calendar has taken over. Dates to remember:

Church Picnic is 8-6 - I plan to bring balls and wiffle ball. Would love to get a game going.

Shopping for Bright Beginning 8-3—during Team kids. The kids love the shopping trip and through faith express good works.

Youth Fund Raiser Yard Sale—8-13

Items for the yard sale will be collected 8-10 and 8-12.

Youth Pool party—8-20 for the teens.

Have a blessed, glorious summer.

Donna Martin

WMU

The **WMU** will have their next meeting on Tuesday, August 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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The men of Dover will meet on August 13th 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, August 13th. We will meet from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in Heritage Hall. Our time together will include a discussion of a book and what we learned.

DEACONS' MEETING

There will be a Deacons' Meeting following worship service on August 7th in the church Library.

DEACON OF THE MONTH

ROB MARTIN

COMMUNION SERVERS

Margaret Hill	Gary Tolley
Jennifer Napier	Gloria Bennett
#Chad Hammack	*Juanita Deck

BELL RINGERS

August 07	Regan Davis
August 14	Katie Roberts
August 21	Genna Hammack
August 28	Lelia Parker

NURSERY WORKERS

August 07	Joanie Collins
	Sara Rowe
August 14	Jean Eyrolles
	Maye Higgs
August 21	Virginia Parrish
	Amanda Team
August 28	Pat Heffinger
	Tom Heffinger



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Deer Baptist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">5:30 PM Fellowship Meal</div> 6:00 PM Prayer & Bible Study & Children's Choir 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Team Kids			10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Picnic
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service/Communion 12:00 PM Deacons' Meeting		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">10:30 AM WMMU Meeting</div>	6:00 PM Prayer & Bible Study & Children's Choir 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Team Kids			7:00 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10:00 AM Ladies' Discipleship Class 8:00 - 11:00 AM Youth Yard Sale
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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
