

The Dover Dove



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Dear Church Family,

Grace and Peace to you in the Name that is above all names: Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior! I have been facilitating a discipleship course entitled “Experiencing God” to a group on Thursday evenings. In that class, we have learned about servanthood and that a definition of a servant is one who is moldable and available. I want to share some excerpts as follows with the hope that one day God may challenge and inspire you to participate in this Bible Study.

[Begin excerpts...] James 5:17-18 (ESV) states, “Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.” Elijah was an ordinary man just like us. He prayed, and God responded powerfully.

When God healed the crippled beggar through Peter, Peter and John were called before the Sanhedrin (the highest Jewish court in the land) to give an account of their actions. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter boldly spoke to the religious leaders. Notice the leader’s response: “When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realize that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus” (Acts 4:13).

The people you generally see in the Scriptures were ordinary. Their relationships with God and the activity of God made them extraordinary. Did you notice this statement: the leaders recognized Peter and John “had been with Jesus”? Anyone who takes the time to enter an intimate love relationship with God can see Him do extraordinary things through this or her life.

Could God work in extraordinary ways through your life to accomplish significant things for His kingdom? When you believe nothing significant can happen through you, you have said more about your belief in God than you have declared about yourself. You have said that God is incapable of doing anything significant through you. The truth is, He is able to do anything He pleases with one ordinary person who is fully consecrated to Him.

Would you be willing to make yourself moldable and available to God? People come to know God when they see His nature expressed through His activity. When God does a work, He accomplishes something only He can do. When He does that, God’s people and the world come to know Him in ways they have never experienced Him. That is why He gives God-sized assignments. The reason much of the world is not being attracted to Christ and to His church is that God’s people lack the faith to attempt things only God can do. If you or your church is not responding to God and attempting God-sized tasks, you are not exercising faith. “Without faith it is impossible to please God” (Hebrews 11:6). [...end excerpts.]

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor QB

Nursing Home Worship and Bible Study Ministry

November 2017

God continues to bless and prosper this ministry far beyond our human expectation. It's hard to believe we first darkened the doors of Lexington Court almost six years ago. We started providing one Worship Service a month and God took that one hour, blessed it, built upon it and turned it into the vast field of harvest we are charged with today. He has provided us with everything we need in the way of spiritual gifts to enable us to serve Him.

Over the past six years God has taken that one hour at one health care center and turned it into a "field of harvest" at two health care centers (Lexington Court Rehabilitation & Healthcare and Ashland Convalescent Center) with five to six worship services a month, two to three expositional bible studies, periodical Christian movie matinees and ongoing personal visitations to residents and their families (on call and as needed).

God has surely delivered increase in the ministry opportunities for our little group; he has truly provided us with whatever we, as individual disciples of our Lord Jesus, needed to accomplish what He has called us to do. God has also given us His promise and our hope that one day we may hear him say: '*...Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.*' (**Matthew 25:21**)

We are in the process of planning a meaningful Christmas experience for the residents and staff at Lexington Court on our scheduled third Sunday Worship Service. Jackie Schultz is our talented and faithful minister music at both nursing home facilities. She also holds part-time positions at two churches. Both of these churches are having their Christmas Cantatas on the same day as our Lexington worship service and will be unable to minister with us.

The Dillard Family has answered God's call to minister with their musical talents at Lexington on December 17th. Donna Martin is also planning to prepare our Dover children and youth for sharing with the residents a blessed time of Christmas Caroling through the halls leading up to the worship service in the dining room.

Children's Caroling will begin at 2:00 pm in the Halls leading up to worship service beginning at 2:30pm.

Every one is invited to share in this blessed time of worship and celebration with our brothers and sisters who reside at Lexington. We go with the purpose of being a blessing to others, yet, God has a way of returning the blessing to His faithful.

Our December Worship Service Schedule at Lexington is:

December 17, 2017

Children and Youth Caroling

2:00pm – 2:30pm

Worship Service

2:30pm – 3:30pm

Place

Lexington Court Rehabilitation and Healthcare

1776 Cambridge Dr.

Richmond, Virginia 23238

"Come and see"

Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest. (John 4:35)

And He was saying to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. (Luke 10:2)

Nursing Home Worship and Bible Study Ministry
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Our November Schedule For Lexington Court is:

Sunday Worship and Praise Service
19 November 2017 at 2:30pm.

Friday Bible Study
10th and 24th October 2017 at 10:30am.

Visit The Rooms At The End Of The Hall
Amanda, Leila and Drake Parker visit on Monday Afternoons

Otherwise
Spontaneous visits on an as needed or as requested basis.
No particular schedule

Our October Schedule For Ashland Convalescent Center is:

Worship and Praise Service
Every Wednesday (Except the 2nd Wednesday) at 10:00 am.

Anyone interested in learning more about serving in this ministry please contact Bob Gearheart or simply “come and see”.

‘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 Service,
Bob Gearheart

The Tackle Box

November 2017

“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”



*“MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE,
BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.”*

We have spent time in previous installments on how we become Christians in the first place and how our prayer life, both private and corporate, is such an important part of our spiritual growth and the role of the Holy Spirit in all that we do as members of the Body of Christ. It is the Holy Spirit who convicts us. It is the Holy Spirit who helps us in our weakness for when we do not know how to pray as we should He intercedes for us. It is the Holy Spirit who will guide us unto all truth. That my brothers and sisters is an important role of the third person of the God Head; He teaches us God's Word.

Why is the Word of God important to us? It teaches us who He is, What He is, His attributes, His plan for us, His nature but most importantly His ways.

(John 1:1 – 5) explains: *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.*

Moving down to **(verse 14)** *And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

(Hebrews 1:1 – 2) tells us: *God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.*

We have learned by the scripture so far that the Word was in the beginning with God and all that was created was created by Him and His existence preceded all of creation. The Word was God and is the only begotten from the Father. The Word is Jesus, The Son of God. He is the giver of life and the life was the Light of men. We also learn from Hebrews that God speaks to us in His Son in these last days. It certainly indicates that the Word of God is important.

It gets better. After Jesus was baptized we read in **(Matthew 4:1 - 4)** *Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. And the tempter came and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.” But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.’”*

Jesus we know was fully God and fully man at the same time. As a man He must have been suffering extreme pains of hunger after forty days and forty nights without food yet he refused food Satan's plan for bread for the better substance of God's Word

God's Word further expands the idea of the Word/Bread relationship in

(John 6:31 – 35) where it says: *Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘HE GAVE THEM BREAD OUT OF HEAVEN TO EAT.’” Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world.” Then they said to Him, “Lord, always give us this bread.”*

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.

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Jesus proclaims the true Bread of heaven as coming from the Father and it is the giver of life to the world. Jesus, the Son of God, the Word completes the concept when He said, *"I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst."*

Looks like The Word of God is pretty important doesn't it?

Reading **(1 Timothy 3:16 - 17)** we find: *All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*

All Scripture (meaning God's Word), is everything between Genesis 1:1 thru Revelation 22:21 is "God breathed" . Our Bible consists of 66 books, written over a period of 1500 years by 40 authors, in 3 languages, on 3 continents and verified true by more than 24,000 manuscripts, tablets, fragments etc. as well as thousands of extra biblical resources.

Yes, the Word of God is important and true. We achieve great benefit by learning of God's ways through His written Word. It truly benefits us and World around us.

We have amazing opportunities to study God's Word in the newly organized Wednesday bible study of the Acts of the Apostles entitled "What Did The First Century Church Know That We Don't?" led by Richard Hanes on Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 7pm in Heritage Hall. We also have seasonal discipleship courses led by our pastor and his wife as well as Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:45 thru 10:45pm on Sunday mornings. Youth and children's classes are also available throughout the week.

Don't pass up the opportunity to learn God's ways through the studying of His Word. Don't get caught up in the prediction of (**Amos 8:11 - 12**).

*"Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord GOD,
"When I will send a famine on the land,
Not a famine for bread or a thirst for water,
But rather for hearing the words of the LORD.
"People will stagger from sea to sea
And from the north even to the east;
They will go to and fro to seek the word of the LORD,
But they will not find it."*

This famine of the words of the Lord has nothing to do with God's Word no longer be available. It is as the scripture says a famine *"for hearing the words of the Lord"*. People will simply tune God out and no longer acknowledge His Word. We look around and lament this going on today in many quarters of our culture. It is up to us individually not to allow ourselves to get caught up in forsaking the bountiful treasure of our Lord's Words.

Truly hope to see you in one of the bible classes offered. "Come and see."

By Scripture alone - To the glory of God alone,
Bob Gearheart

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

Currently, our children church lessons are based on the popular kids book Heaven is for Real. During team kids we are discussing Jesus' birth.

Glory to God for bringing our youth together to play cards on 10-22 and send out greeting cards. We had a lot of fun. Apple picking was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.

Our Nov outing will be on the 19th. We will meet at church at 2pm. I'm thinking either sky zone or glow golf.

We will dedicate some of our children's church time to practice our Christmas musical on November 12th and 19th. I need all narrators present for this. We will also practice on December 2 and 9th. We will present during worship on December 10th. There will also be an older youth skit this year which will be presented on December 17th or 24th. Practice for this will begin on November 12 during Sunday school. More details to follow.

Stew will be available by popular demand. I have November 18th on the schedule. This means we will need to pick chicken on Friday night November 17th and prepare the stew on Saturday, November 18th. This will be a youth missions and kitchen fund raiser. Those who are completing 6th grade and have interest in attending the mission trip in 2018 are encouraged to help in some way.

Many blessings and prayers,
Donna

WMU

The WMU will meet November 12th in the church Library. Audrey Smith will speak about the Plastic Bag mat ministry. Covered dish meal will follow the meeting.

Join the WMU in support of Operation Christmas Child. Boxes are available in the foyer. See Robin Angle for more information.

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Rob Martin

COMMUNION SERVERS

Keith Catlett	Todd Vance
Rob Martin	Ham Nuckols
* Rebecca Mills	

BELL RINGERS

November 5	Genna Hammack
November 12	Lindsay Roberts
November 19	Leila Parker
November 26	Elsa Wright

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Dover Baptist Church will have a Thanksgiving Service at 7:00 pm on November 22, 2017.

Please invite your neighbors and friends to attend this annual church event.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meeting will be held on the third Sunday after worship service going forward.

NURSERY WORKERS

November 5	Pat Heffinger Tom Heffinger
November 12	Gail Cochran Renee Dryden
November 19	Joanie Collins Sara Rowe
November 26	Jean Eyrolles Maye Higgs



Thanksgiving Prayer

by Ralph Waldo Emerson

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.

For flowers that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;
For song of bird, and hum of bee;
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5</p> <p>9:00 AM Community Prayer Service...9:45 AM Bible Study/Kid & Youth Choir Practice...11:00 AM Worship Service & Communion</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30 PM Couples Class</p>	<p>1</p> <p>5:30 PM Fellowship Meal</p> <p>10:00 AM Ashland Nurs.s.Home Bible Study...DBC 5:30 PM Fellowship Meal...6:00 PM Bible Study in HH... 6:30 PM Kid & Youth Choir ...7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice & Team Kids...8:00 PM Bell's Practice</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 PM Exp. God Class</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9:00 AM Community Prayer Service...9:45 AM Bible Study/Kid & Youth Choir Practice...11:00 AM Worship Service</p> <p>3:00-6:00 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>11:00 AM WMU Meeting</p> <p>6:30 PM Couples Class</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:00 Bible Study...6:30 PM Children's Choir... 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice & Team Kids</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 PM Exp. God Class</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:30 AM Lex. Ct.</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>19</p> <p>4:00 PM Open House HCCS</p> <p>9:00 AM Community Prayer Service...9:45 AM Bible Study/Kid & Youth Choir Practice...11:00 AM Worship Service ..2:30 PM Lexington Ct.</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:30 PM Couples Class</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00 AM Ashland Nurs.s.Home Bible Study...DBC 5:30 PM Fellowship Meal...6:00 PM Bible Study in HH... 6:30 PM Kid & Youth Choir ...7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice & Team Kids...8:00 PM Bell's Practice</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 PM Exp. God Class</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
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