



*Glory to God in the highest, and on
earth peace, good will toward men.*

• LUKE 2:14 •



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!

Once again, I want to share with you insights concerning the discipleship study, "Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God." This particular topic concerns the church. The authors state that "Churches are often more interested in what God wants them to do than in what He wants them to be. Being the kind of people who please God is far more important than doing something for Him. Yes, God wants a church to obey Him by doing what He asks. Yet He doesn't want a church to violate His commands to get a task done. Can you imagine how God must feel when a church splits because one group wanted to do something for God and the other group refused?"

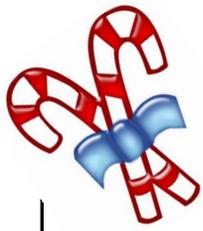
"Does God want a church to complete an assigned task no matter what the cost to the church's unity? The answer is no. Does God want His people to demonstrate love above all else? The answer is yes. As long as a church is working for God, can it do it in whatever way it chooses? The answer is no.

"Individuals often think a work for God can be done with whatever means are necessary. They don't hesitate to violate God's written will to accomplish something they think is His plan for them. God wants His people to be holy, clean, and pure. He desires unity in the church: 'There should be no division in the body' (1 Corinthians 12:25). He calls members to love one another, because the world will know we are His disciples by our love (see John 13:35). God will accomplish His work through His people in ways that are consistent with His commands and His nature. The New Testament expresses God's desires for the church. Keep these in mind as we here at Dover go about to do God's will in His name while a world watches and takes notice:

God wants His people to be holy and pure.
God wants His people to display unity.
God wants His people to love one another.

"Church members need to know how to walk with God and to know how to hear Him speaking. In the Bible God gave direction to people and enabled the spiritual leaders He called. Their leaders then led the people. Their walk with God and their sensitivity to what God was doing among the people were crucial. Perhaps one of the greatest challenges for Christianity in our day is for churches to walk with God so closely that the world comes to know Him through their witness. When a church allows God's presence and activity to be expressed through them, a watching world will be drawn to Him." Dover can that kind of church!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor QB



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

'Tis the season. I hope everyone is getting ready for some Christmas fun. The kids, Yo-yos and youth certainly are. We will practice on December 9th at 10:00 am for "Red-Letter Christmas—the musical to be presented on December 10th during service.

The kids and yo-yos and youth will also present the musical to a nursing home on December 17th, meeting at church at 2:00 pm. What a great way to spread some Christmas cheer for residence that do not get out, We will then go out for ice cream. The Youth will do a skit on December 24th during the worship service. We will practice briefly every Sunday during Sunday school.

During the season of lights, let Jesus be the light in you, the best gift you could give someone.

Many Blessings,
Donna

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

There will be a Children's Cantata on December 10th at 11:00 AM. The Adult Choir Cantata will be December 17th during at 11:00 AM. The youth will perform a skit at the Christmas Eve service. (12-24) at 5:00 pm.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY
FOR JESUS**

There will be a Birthday Party for Jesus Celebration on December 10th in Heritage Hall. This will take place after the Youth & Children's Cantata at 12:00 pm.

WMU

The WMU will meet December 12th in the church Library. We will pack 'goody bags' for shut-ins. Please bring a piece of fruit or small candy for each bag. A finger food luncheon will follow and volunteers will then deliver the bags.

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Joanie Collins

COMMUNION SERVERS

Keith Catlett	Maye Higgs
Tom Heffinger	Rebecca Mills
* Joanie Collins	

BELL RINGERS

December 03	Regan Davis
December 10	Lindsay Roberts
December 17	Drake Parker
December 24	Genna Hammack
December 31	Elsa Wright

NURSERY WORKERS

December 03	Pat Heffinger
	Tom Heffinger
December 10	Gail Cochran
	Chris Kasenchak
December 17	Joanie Collins
	Sara Rowe
December 24	Jean Eyrolles
	Maye Higgs
December 31	Chris Kasenchak
	Genevieve Wood



A Christmas Prayer

Loving Father,
Help us to remember the birth of Jesus
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and the worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and
open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift and
good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing
which Christ brings, and teach us to
be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy
to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening
bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

~ Robert Louis Stevenson
American Author
(1850 - 1894)



December 2017

Dover Baptist Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3</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>4</p>	<p>5</p>			<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:00 AM Breakfast & clean up day...9:45 AM Children's Choir...6:00 PM Women's Ministry</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9:00 AM Community Prayer Service...9:45 AM Bible Study/Kid & Youth Choir Practice...11:00 AM Children's Cantata...12:00 PM Birthday Party for Jesus</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11:00 AM WMU Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 AM Ashland Bible Study ...DBC 5:30 PM Fellowship Meal...6:00 PM Bible Study ...6:30 PM Children's Choir... 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir & Team Kids...8:00 PM Bell Practice</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30 PM Exp. God Class</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:30 AM Lex. Court Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00 AM Breakfast & clean up day...9:45 AM Children's Choir...11:00 AM Adult Choir</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM Community Prayer Service...9:45 AM Bible Study...11:00 AM Sanctuary Choir Cantata...2:30 PM Lex.Ct...3:00-5:00 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:00 Bible Study... 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice & Team Kids ...8:00 PM Bells Practice</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30 PM Exp. God Class</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 AM Adult Choir Practice</p>
<p>24</p> <p>9:00 AM Community Prayer Service...9:45 AM Bible Study...11:00 AM Worship Service with M/zmor96 ... 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service with M/zmor96</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Christmas</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00 AM Ashland Nurs.Home Bible Study...DBC 6:00 PM Bible Study in HH...8:00 PM Bells Practice</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:30 AM Lex. Court Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>31</p> <p>9:00 AM Community Prayer Service...9:45 AM Bible Study/Kid & Youth Choir Practice...11:00 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00 AM Ashland Nurs.Home Bible Study...DBC 6:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>