



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 would like to take the opportunity in this newsletter article to recommend a book to you. I'm sure you have heard me mention this book from the pulpit before as it is a very enlightening book, and I am sure I've recommended it before. Sometimes, we just know, instinctively, that something's not right but can't explain how we got to this point. That's how I feel about today's culture. Right is wrong and wrong is right. Up is down and down is up. How did we get to the point where biblical morality is viewed as immorality?

The book is *Total Truth: Liberating Christianity from Its Cultural Captivity* by Nancy Pearcey. While it is not always an easy read, it is a very worthwhile read as it helps to explain how we got to the point where Christianity has lost its influence in the public square. The following is the abstract for the book.

Does God belong in the public arena of politics, business, law, and education? Or is religion a private matter only-personally comforting but publicly irrelevant?

In today's cultural etiquette, it is not considered polite to mix public and private, or sacred and secular. This division is the single most potent force keeping Christianity contained in the private sphere-stripping it of its power to challenge and redeem the whole of culture.

In *Total Truth*, Nancy Pearcey offers a razor-sharp analysis of the public/private split, explaining how it hamstringing our efforts at both personal and cultural renewal. Ultimately it reflects a division in the concept of truth itself, which functions as a gatekeeper, ruling Christian principles out of bounds in the public arena.

How can we unify our fragmented lives and recover spiritual power? With examples from the lives of real people, past and present, Pearcey teaches readers how to liberate Christianity from its cultural captivity. She walks readers through practical, hands-on steps for crafting a full-orbed Christian worldview.

Finally, she makes a passionate case that Christianity is not just religious truth but truth about total reality. It is total truth.

As a concluding word of encouragement, I offer you 1 Peter 3:13-17, "Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil."

Live Faithfully ... Pastor Kube



Spring



Nursing Home Worship and Bible Study Ministry

Nursing Homes; *Why We Need To go.*

There are 2.5 million in the nursing homes in America today.

They are distributed in 25,000 nursing homes across America.

With the average stay of 20 months, 1 million per year will go into eternity with yet another million or so, to replace them.

That is an average of 40 per home in the USA.

The average cost of the resident is 41 thousand dollars per year.

The average of 10 % of the residents are saved.

40 % are castaways because they are an inconvenience to their relatives.

Knowing that for every nursing home in your city, 40 residents will die, and most likely without Christ?

By the year 2030 1 in 5 Americans will be 65 or older, imagine 42 million elderly in nursing homes. What a ministry to reach out to these forgotten people.

John 5:24

²⁴Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Romans 10:17

¹⁷So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:13-15

¹³For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. ¹⁴How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

[Modified from *Autumn Leaves Ministry*: 6 Reasons we are in the nursing home ministry By, Charley the Chaplin].

I recently found this poem that succinctly expresses our need to go; both as a group on our scheduled Sundays, as well as individuals visiting individuals on non scheduled days.

~ **Hold My Hand** ~

By, Trish Haakenson

*Hold my hand as I "pass over"- over to be with my lord –
I'm all alone – my life is fading – your one of the few who seem to care... "Hold my hand"
I know my Lord is waiting – waiting to take me in.
But until then, I need a caring someone - encouraging me on my way.
You've brought hope to me in these last weary years – you and your Sonshine friends.
And now as time draws near – "hold my hand" as I pass over and my journey ends*

From "White Unto The Harvest" 2012 : Sonshine Society

We are thankful for the adults who participate in this ministry. Our brother Joe Lasser has recently committed himself to serving our Lord at Lexington Court. His voice blends so well with the talent of Jackie and Bobby Schultz and enhances the worship experience of the residents.

Amanda, Leila and Drake Parker have become such a blessing as they walk the halls visiting with the residents one on one. Thanks also to Linda Nuckols for her help with the children and support of Amanda's ministry. What a joy it is to see the affect of the children on those who rarely get visitors from outside. A little smile a twinkle in the eye a renewed purpose in the voice.

We are asking God to bring more servants like these to minister to our residents by helping to find hymns in the hymnal, look up a bible passage or just being a friend sitting alongside a resident worshipping our Lord and praying together.

Nursing Home Worship and Bible Study Ministry (Cont'd)

Our March 2017 Schedule For Lexington Court is:

Sunday Worship and Praise Service

March 19th at 2:30pm.

Friday Bible Study

March 10th and 24th 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 March 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 Name,
Bob

The Tackle Box

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

If you are reading this, you have discovered a new addition to “The Dover Dove”. The purpose here is simply to offer a map through our wanderings as we strive to become mature Christians while dwelling as aliens on this earth. **1 John 3:1-3** tells us; ¹*“See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”*

This is just as implied, a process and not necessarily an easy process. As children we find ourselves looking up to an older sibling or a parent and desperately trying to imitate them, as imperfect as they may be. We often find ourselves falling short of that goal especially as children. How much more difficult is the task of imitating our Lord and Savior, who is perfect and pure, while still living in this imperfect world with all of its brokenness.

We will be, in the coming installments, looking into the following two bible passages and discover the nature of God’s call, our response and His provision in equipping us to meet the challenges of that call. God never calls without giving the gifts needed to fulfill His call. He will make us “fishers of men” and fill our “Tackle Box” enabling our success in completing His will through us.

It’s as if He is saying: “You cast the bait, I’ll reel’em in and I’ll even clean’em”.

The First Disciples

(Matthew 4:18 – 22) ¹⁸*Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.*

¹⁹*And He *said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”*

²⁰*Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.*

²¹*Going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them.*

²²*Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.*

The Great Commission

(Matthew 28:19 – 20)

¹⁹*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,*

²⁰*teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

We sometimes look around us, see a world falling apart, and wish for the “good old days”. I’m not sure when the “good old days” were. As we reflect on the history of mankind since his fall in the garden, there really has not been much change in our nature. The bible says in **Romans 10:23**; “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...”

The following message was delivered by C. H. Spurgeon more than a century ago. Looks like some of the problems of that time are the same in our own time. The “preacher” nailed it in **Ecclesiastes 1:10**; *Is there anything of which one might say, “See this, it is new”? Already it has existed for ages which were before us.*

Feeding Sheep or Amusing Goats?

by Charles Haddon Spurgeon

1834-1892

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*The need of the hour for today's ministry is believing scholarship joined with earnest spirituality, the one springing from the other as fruit from the root. **The need is biblical doctrine, so understood and felt, that it sets men on fire!***

The Tackle Box (Cont'd)

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

An evil is in the professed camp of the Lord, so gross in its impudence, that the most shortsighted can hardly fail to notice it during the past few years. It has developed at an abnormal rate, even for evil. It has worked like leaven until the whole lump ferments. The devil has seldom done a cleverer thing than hinting to the church that part of their mission is to provide entertainment for the people, with a view to winning them.

From speaking out as the Puritans did, the church has gradually toned down her testimony, then winked at and excused the frivolities of the day. Then she tolerated them in her borders. Now she has adopted them under the plea of reaching the masses.

My first contention is that providing amusement for the people is nowhere spoken of in the Scriptures as a function of the church. If it is a Christian work, why did not Christ speak of it? "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15) That is clear enough. So it would have been if He had added, "and provide amusement for those who do not relish the gospel." No such words, however, are to be found. It did not seem to occur to him.

Then again, "He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers ... for the work of the ministry" (Eph. 4:11-12). Where do entertainers come in? The Holy Spirit is silent concerning them. Were the prophets persecuted because they amused the people or because they refused? The concert has no martyr roll.

Again, providing amusement is in direct antagonism to the teaching and life of Christ and all his apostles. What was the attitude of the church to the world? "Ye are the salt" (Matt. 5:13), not the sugar candy---something the world will spit out not swallow. He was in awful earnestness.

Had Christ introduced more of the bright and pleasant elements into his mission, he would have been more popular when they went back, because of the searching nature of His teaching. I do not hear him say, "Run after these people, Peter, and tell them we will have a different style of service tomorrow, something short and attractive with little preaching. We will have a pleasant evening for the people. Tell them they will be sure to enjoy it. Be quick Peter, we must get the people somehow." Jesus pitied sinners, sighed and wept over them, but never sought to amuse them.

In vain will the Epistles be searched to find any trace of this gospel of amusement! Their message is, "Come out, keep out...!" Anything approaching fooling is conspicuous by its absence. They had boundless confidence in the gospel and employed no other weapon.

After Peter and John were locked up for preaching, the church had a prayer meeting but they did not pray, "Lord grant unto thy servants that by a wise and discriminating use of innocent recreation we may show these people how happy we are."

If they ceased not from preaching Christ, they had not time for arranging entertainments. Scattered by persecution, they went everywhere preaching the gospel. They turned the world upside down (Acts 17:6). That is the only difference! Lord, clear the church of all the rot and rubbish the devil has imposed on her, and bring us back to the Bible.

Lastly, the mission of amusement fails to effect the end desired. It works havoc among young converts. Let the careless and scoffers, who thank God because the church met them halfway, speak and testify. Let the heavy laden who found peace through the concert not keep silent! Let the drunkard to whom the dramatic entertainment has been God's link in the chain of the conversion, stand up! There are none to answer. The mission of amusement produces no converts. The need of the hour for today's ministry is believing scholarship joined with earnest spirituality, the one springing from the other as fruit from the root. The need is biblical doctrine, so understood and felt, that it sets men on fire.

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To God be the glory,
Robert W. (Bob) Gearheart

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

Our outing in February was roller skating. We had at least 5 kids attend. The Youth also decorated Valentine cookies, thanks to Annette and Scott Wilson for sponsoring this activity.

Our March outing will be Beauty and the Beast on March 26th - times to be announced later, since the schedule is not out this early. Youth and children are welcome to come. It is not exclusive to any age group and extra chaperones are always welcome.

During Team Kids we finished our lessons on Creation and started on the Armor of God. Going forward, we will be practicing for our Easter skit during Team Kids.

The Youth Mission trip has been scheduled with Team Effort going to VA Beach July 16th through 22nd. Currently, we have 5 attending, but we can add more without penalty by 4-1. The only requirements are that you must have completed 6th grade, you help raise \$ and you have a heart to help others in need while enduring the summer heat. Payment options could be different for non-Dover members, depending on fund raising. This mission trip not only allows us to strengthen our relationship with each other, but is a deed pleasing to Him and keeps His commands. As Mark 16:15 says, "Go into the world and preach the good news to all creations."

Tentative fund raising dates and other Activities:

- 3-18 Carwash, weather permitting, 8:30 to 11:30 am**
- 5-20 Car wash, weather permitting**
- 6-10 Yard Sale—we ask the congregaion to donate items**
- 3-26 Outing To Be Announced**
- 4-9 Perform Easter Skit**
- 4-15 Easter Egg Hunt (more details to follow)**

April or June—Painting in Heritage Hall. This will be our church mission project and rising 6th grades are welcome to participate.

May God be the glory in all we do, bless our activities and all who participate.

Donna 852-9652



DEACON OF THE MONTH

JOANIE COLLINS

COMMUNION SERVERS

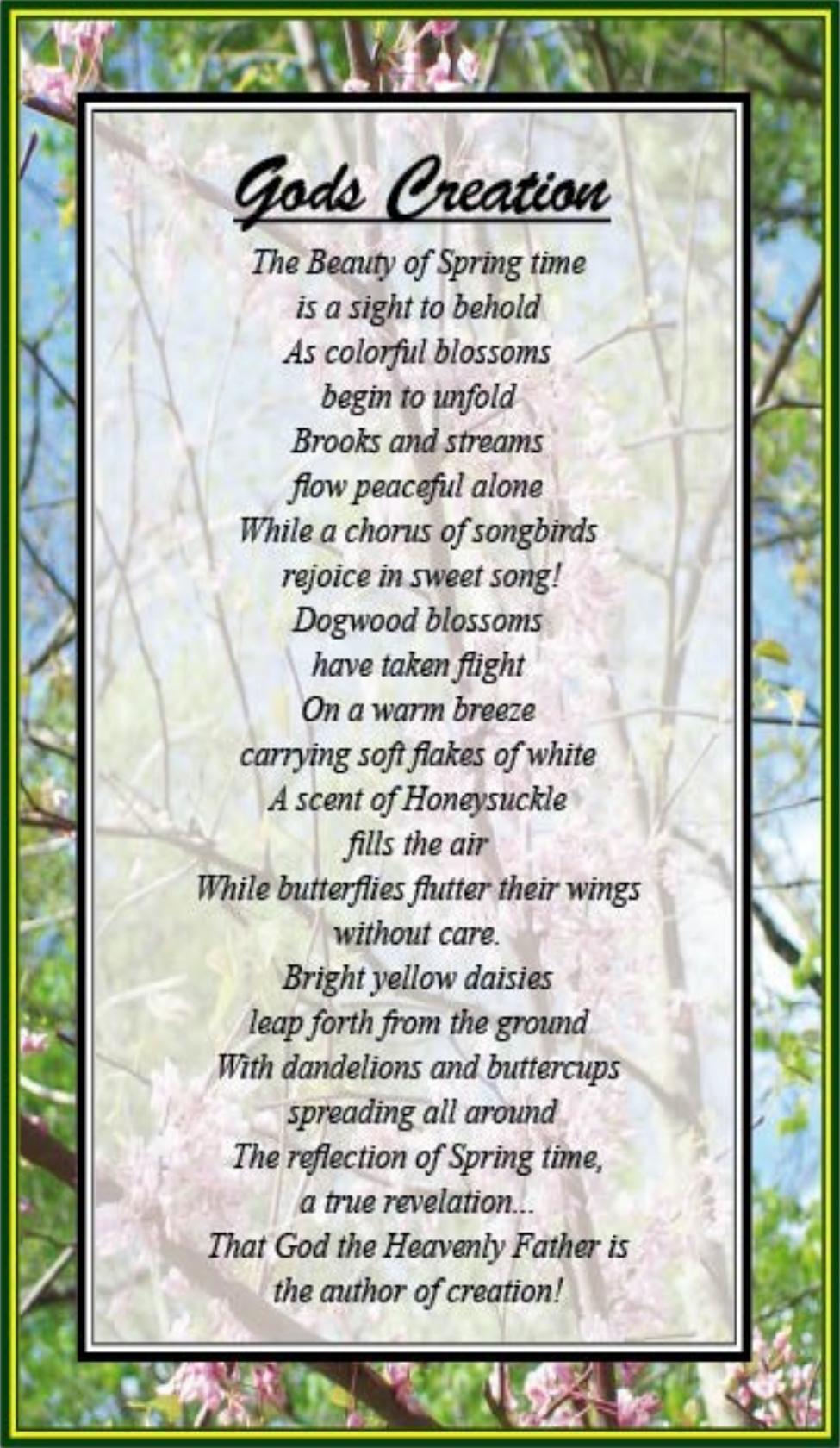
Maye Higgs	Robin Angle
Charles Burton	Todd Vance
* Rebecca Mills	

BELL RINGERS

March 05	Genna Hammack
March 12	Leila Parker
March 19	Elsa Wright
March 26	Lindsay Roberts

NURSERY WORKERS

March 05	Virginia Parrish Amanda Team
March 12	Gail Cochran Renee Dryden
March 19	Gail Cochran Renee Dryden
March 26	Joanie Collins Sara Rowe



Gods Creation

*The Beauty of Spring time
is a sight to behold
As colorful blossoms
begin to unfold
Brooks and streams
flow peaceful alone
While a chorus of songbirds
rejoice in sweet song!
Dogwood blossoms
have taken flight
On a warm breeze
carrying soft flakes of white
A scent of Honeysuckle
fills the air
While butterflies flutter their wings
without care.
Bright yellow daisies
leap forth from the ground
With dandelions and buttercups
spreading all around
The reflection of Spring time,
a true revelation...
That God the Heavenly Father is
the author of creation!*

BY GAYLEN CARPENTER



March 2017

Dover Baptist Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 9:00 AM Community Prayer Service 9:45 AM Bible Study/Kid & Youth Choir Practice 11:00 AM Worship & Communion Service	6	7	1 5:30 PM Fellowship Meal 6:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM Children's Choir Practice & Team Kids	2 7:00 AM Power of Praying Woman Bible Study	3	4
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