

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! My primary understanding of my role as pastor in the life of the church comes from Ephesians 4:11-16.

¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. (ESV)

In these verses, I see God's calling ("He gave"), my call ("shepherd"), my task ("to equip the saints for the work of ministry"), our purpose as a church ("building up the body of Christ"), and, a time of completion of my task and our purpose ("until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" / "to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ"). Members of the Body of Christ or the church are called "saints." Saints are "joined" into the church by Christ and "held together" as a church by Christ. Saints are called to the "work of ministry" in which they are "equipped." Then, when we, as members of the church, are "speaking the truth in love" and when each of us are doing our part in the work of ministry and are "working properly," Christ will "make the body grow so that it builds itself up in love" (growth, maturity, Christlikeness).

It is a great privilege and honor to have a calling from the Lord of All. It is also a great and exciting responsibility. It also appears that God's expectation of the church is GROWTH. What would cause a lack of growth, Christlikeness and maturity? Based on these verses, there are three possible reasons. One, a lack of equipping on the part of those whom God gave to the church. Two, the Saints not working properly. Or three, a lack of speaking the truth in love. Of course, combinations of these three are also possible. I look at these three things as an Equipping Ministry, Church Health, and Proper Motivation.

Over the next two months (June and July), I will be speaking on these verses and the theme of growth. My hope is that we can incorporate our growth imperative into the core of who we are as a church. Specifically, (1) how we are to grow spiritually into Christlikeness and maturity; (2) how we are to grow together in love, one for the other; and, (3) how we are to grow with those outside our church family – either through incorporation into the church family (evangelism) or through work of missions. I look forward with great excitement and anticipation in what God is preparing Dover to be and do!!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Kube

Nursing Home Worship and Bible Study Ministry

June 2017

Last month we were all blessed by a praise song “He Set Me Free” written and sung by our own Joe Lasser accompanied by an instrumental recording of a Melody “Will Ye No Come Back Again” * Phil Coulter – Scottish Tranquility. Joe is on fire for the Lord and is committed to serving Him in the ministry at Lexington Court. He and the residents have really formed a bond. Joe has truly been blessed with talent, and what a blessing it is to be working alongside him as we minister to our Lexington family.

We have also begun a new study for the Friday Bible Study held twice monthly. The new bible study at the request of the residents began last month on “The Revelation of Jesus Christ”. Our resident family is really getting into what many call the most mysterious and scary book in the bible. Many have been reading up on the lessons before hand and are coming each session with some amazingly challenging and well thought out questions.

God continues to pour out His blessings on our family of residents and us at both Lexington Court and The Ashland Convalescent Center. Praise God for His good works at both facilities. *Do not cast me off in the time of old age; Do not forsake me when my strength fails. (Psalm 71:9)*

Our June 2017 Schedule For Lexington Court is:

Sunday Worship and Praise Service

June 18th at 2:30pm

Friday Bible Study

May 9th and 23rd 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 June 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



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

Now that we have been “Born Again” by God’s grace through faith; what’s next? Jesus gave His disciples and us specific instructions in His last commandment on earth just prior to His ascension into heaven. The bible says: ¹⁶ “*But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated.*” ¹⁷ “*When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some were doubtful.*” ¹⁸ “*And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.*” 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.*” (Matthew 28:16-20). Verse 17 tells of the reaction of His eleven disciples. They naturally worshiped their Lord; but some doubted. It wasn’t so much that some didn’t believe, but rather being caught up in the experience that was so overwhelming and mysterious they fell into a state of uncertainty and hesitation. Not exactly a description of a group of men who had hallucinated or made up a story of a resurrected Jesus as their critics asserted. Jesus reminds them in verse 18: “*All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.*” With “all authority” Jesus commands his disciples “*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations*” Verse 19a. That is an authoritative command, not a suggestion.

Isaiah 43:7 reinforces God’s purpose for creating man in the first place, “*...Everyone who is called by My name, and whom I have created for My Glory, whom I formed and made.*” Psalm 100:2 – 3 says: “*Serve the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful singing, know that the LORD Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture*”.

So God made us for His glory and we are His people, His possession and yet statistics tell us that only 1 in 10 Christians ever share the gospel with another person in their lifetime. We were created for His glory and we were born again solely to further glorify our Creator by going and making disciples of all nations.

Many make excuses as I did. “I can’t go away on a mission field to all nations I told myself. I don’t have the finances or the time to do that. I’m just not called to do that.” God said, “Walk out to the street in front of the house I gave you and look up and down the neighborhood. What do you see?” “I see houses”. “Who is living in the houses?” Across the street there is a couple from India, a few houses up from them is a Chinese family, a ways further are some students from Nigeria. Next door are some people with a funny accent. I think they are from Ireland or someplace. God continued, “are any of them Christians?” I didn’t know. “Go find out and if they don’t know Me, tell them my good news. If any of them give their heart to Me they may share the experience with their families in maybe New Delhi, Hong Kong, Abuja or Dublin. The seed you sow here can bear fruit half a world away.” Jesus told His disciples in Matthew 19:26, “*And looking at them Jesus said to them, ‘With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible’*”.

Far too often when we do share the Gospel with another and they accept Jesus into their hearts as their personal Lord and savior we tend to think our job is somehow done. It is not done. It has only just begun.

Next month we will unpack the rest of Jesus’ Great Commission - *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.*” Matthew 28:19b – 20

May our Lord keep us all under the wings of His protection and help us be a special blessing others in His name.

In His service,
Bob Gearheart



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

We were able to raise \$300 during our car wash last month. Thank you to everyone who participated.

We will have a Yard Sale on June 10th at 8:00 am in Heritage Hall. We will accept donations on June 4th after church, June 7th from 6:00—7:00 pm, and June 9th from 7:00—8:00 pm and at 7:30 am on June 10th. Proceeds will go toward youth missions and items not sold will go to charity.

There is not an outing this month since we are having VBS. Hope to see everyone.

God bless and happy summer,
 Donna

WMU

The WMU will meet on Tuesday, June 13th in the church Library. Come and bring a friend for an inspiring missions program. Bring a covered dish to share and enjoy lunch with the ladies of the WMU.

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Rebecca Mills

COMMUNION SERVERS

Robin Angle	Genevieve Wood
Keith Catlett	Charles Burton
	* Joanie Collins

BELL RINGERS

June 04	Elsa Wright
June 11	Katie Roberts
June 18	Regan Davis
June 25	Genna Hammack

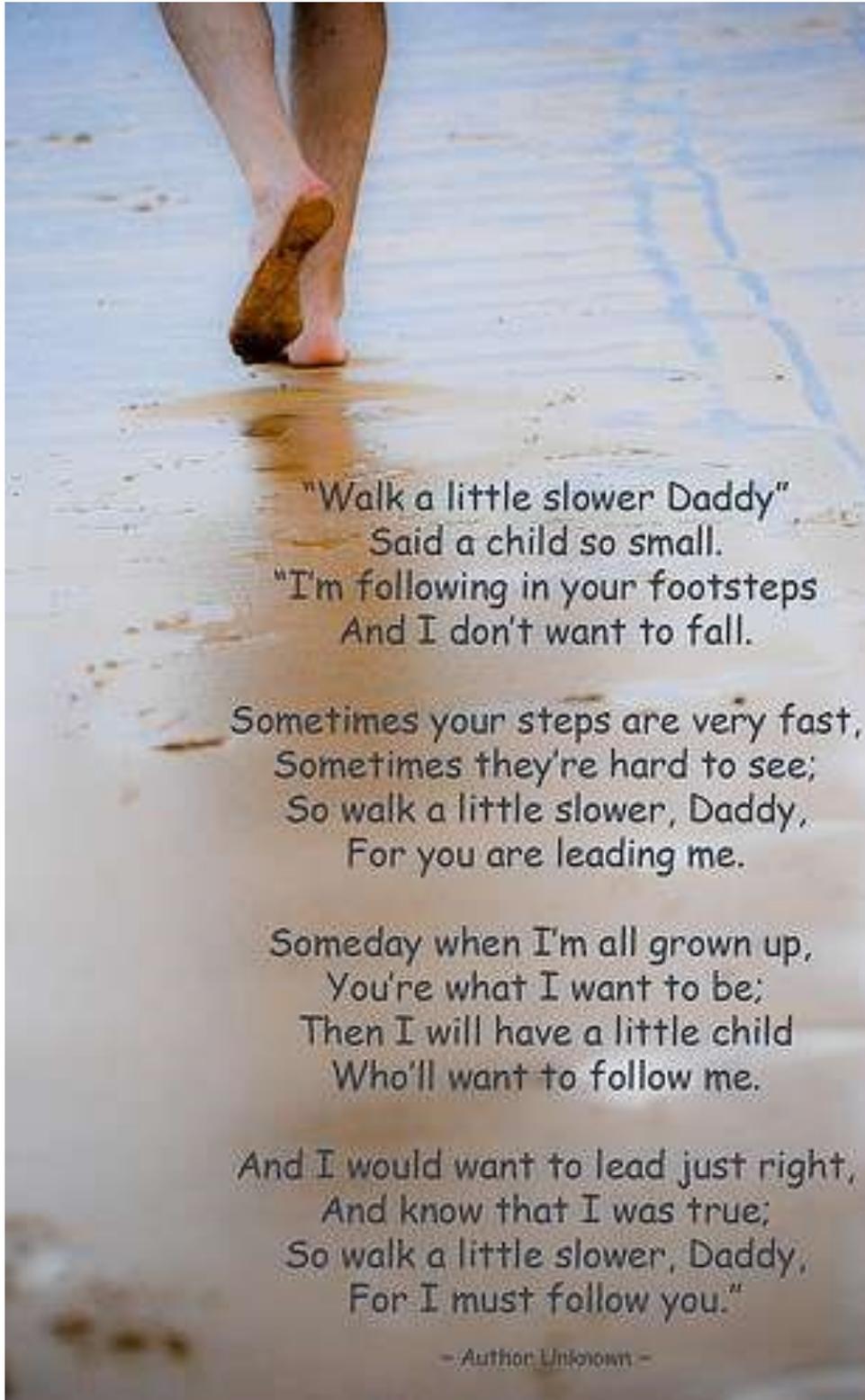


VBS

Gear up for fun at this year's Vacation Bible School! It will be a 'Hoot' . The Kick-Off Carnival is Saturday, June 17th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Then Bible School starts June 21st and runs through 23rd from 5:30 (snack supper) until 8:30 pm (6/23—7:30 pm dismissal). There are classes for all ages. Family Day is Sunday, June 25th during worship service when the children will take part in the service with music they have learned. A light lunch will follow the service in Heritage Hall.

NURSERY WORKERS

June 04	Joanie Collins
	Sara Rowe
June 11	Jean Eyrolles
	Maye Higgs
June 18	Virginia Parrish
	Amanda Team
June 25	Pat Heffinger
	Tom Heffinger



"Walk a little slower Daddy"
Said a child so small.
"I'm following in your footsteps
And I don't want to fall.

Sometimes your steps are very fast,
Sometimes they're hard to see;
So walk a little slower, Daddy,
For you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up,
You're what I want to be;
Then I will have a little child
Who'll want to follow me.

And I would want to lead just right,
And know that I was true;
So walk a little slower, Daddy,
For I must follow you."

- Author Unknown -

Happy Father's Day!
June 18th



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9:00 AM Community Prayer Service...9:45 AM Bible Study/Kid & Youth Choir Practice...11:00 AM Worship Service/Communion Service	5 7:00 PM Constitution & Bylaws Committee Meeting	6	7 5:30 PM Fellowship Meal 6:00 PM Bible Study...7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice & Team Kids	8	9 10:30 AM Lex. Court Ministry	10 8:00 am Youth Yard Sale
11 9:00 AM Community Prayer Service...9:45 AM Bible Study/Kid & Youth Choir Practice...11:00 AM Worship Service...12:00 PM Strategic Planning Meeting	12	13 11:00 AM WMU Meeting	14 6:00 PM Bible Study...7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice & Team Kids	15	16	17 4:00-7:00 PM Kick-Off Carnival for VBS
18 9:00 AM Community Prayer Service...9:45 AM Bible Study/Kid & Youth Choir Practice...11:00 AM Worship Service...2:30 PM Lex.Court Bible Study	19	20	21 5:30-8:30 PM VBS	22 5:30-8:30 PM VBS	23 10:30 AM Lex. Court Ministry 5:30-7:30 PM VBS	24
25 9:00 AM Community Prayer Service...9:45 AM Bible Study/Kid & Youth Choir Practice...11:00 AM Worship Service & VBS Family Day	26 7:00 PM Constitution & Bylaws Meeting	27	28 6:00 PM Bible Study...7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice & Team Kids	29	30	