

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!

The theme I envision for Dover is Growth. Specifically, spiritual growth which I will call upward growth; growth in unity and love which I will call together growth; and, growth in missions and evangelism which I will go outward growth. Thus, I would visualize it as follows:

G R O W I N G . . .
UPWARD. OUTWARD. TOGETHER.

Those three items with growing are fairly easy to remember. Growth would be the measuring stick for what we do. If it doesn't help us grow upward, outward or together, we wouldn't do it.

Growth, in some ways, implies maturing. In a spiritual sense, maturing into Christlikeness. So how do we grow upwards? Certainly we can spiritually mature through prayer, Bible reading, and maturation of the Spiritual Fruit given to all believers. Outward Growth can be understood in broad terms like Evangelism and Missions or through specific events like VBS. Likewise, Together Growth can be understood in broad terms like Fellowship or specific events like taking a meal to a homebound member or even simply praying for your Sunday School teacher. As a church, we should encourage one-another to Grow: upward, outward, together.

Additional benefits would be to organize our calendars. One focus per month each quarter. For example, January could emphasize Growing Upward, February would be Growing Outward, March – Growing Together, etc. Thus we could emphasize spiritual formation in January; Missions in February; Unity, Love or Fellowship in March, etc.

In addition, we have a natural motto to serve as an invitation: "Come Grow With Us!" Or think of a Manakin road sign:



In any case, growth is the church theme that I envision. Now, treat it like a shoe. Try it on. See how it feels. Look in the mirror. See how it looks. Wear it a while. See if it's a useful shoe. Above all, pray about. Would it bring God glory and advance His Kingdom by striving to please Him by growing: upward, outward, and together?

In Christ's Love,
Pastor QB

Nursing Home Worship and Bible Study Ministry

July 2017

As God continues to bless His ministry at both Lexington Court Rehabilitation and Healthcare and Ashland Convalescent and Healthcare we as His servants continue to pray and wait with great expectation to see what He is going to do next. We have certainly come to expect His mighty works on a regular basis.

Last month during our Wednesday morning worship service just after the message from Gods word was given, a new resident named Sam raised his voice and with the great power of the Holy Spirit belted out "*Im On The Battlefield Of My Lord*" a *cappella*. Everybody stopped what they were doing turned and began to praise the Lord with him. It was obvious that Sam was anointed by God as his unannounced participation in that service blessed all.

After the service I introduced myself and as we shared with each other he revealed his background as a member of a very well known and popular Southern Gospel family. Sam was the youngest member of the family group and now finds himself apart from his family as most of them have "crossed that great river".

Since that time Sam is becoming a regular part of the worship services at Ashland. He tells us that he feels like he has found a new earthly home because God through his servants has offered him the opportunity to continue to use his gift of song in ministering to others. God is so good!

At Lexington Court we have spending our Friday bible studies on "*The Revelation of Jesus Christ*". The residents and even some of the staff are really getting into this study. They are reading their lessons before class, taking notes during class, and sharing with others between the by-weekly classes. It's like some of them are starting small groups to stay involved in their bible study.

We hold the bible study in the dining room and there is a wall between that room and the main hallway. That wall has a row of pass-through windows so people using the hall can see and hear what goes on in the dining room. It has become quite normal to look behind me during the bible study time and see those windows occupied with people wanting to listen in on the bible study. The Friday meetings are growing each week as the residents are bringing in new people as fruit of their willingness to share with and encourage their friends and neighbors.

God has brought together a group of loving, committed, godly servants to minister to the residents and staff of both the Lexington and Ashland healthcare facilities including the individuals who continue to bring bingo prize items. The residents are blessed because of these individuals collectively. We are all a part of one body, sent by one God, with one gospel, using different gifts to serve the same mission. *Do not cast me off in the time of old age; Do not forsake me when my strength fails. (Psalm 71:9)*

Our July Schedule For Lexington Court is:

Sunday Worship and Praise Service

16 July 2017 at 2:30pm.

Friday Bible Study

14th and 28th July 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 July 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

July 2017

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

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit...” (Matthew 28:19)

Now let us focus on the order of action as Jesus spoke them in the commission. First we Go, second we make disciples and third we are commanded to baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

What does the verb baptize mean and what does it do?

We get the verb from a Greek word (*baptizo*) which means literally to be completely immersed in water. Sprinkling or pouring water over someone does not fulfill the original meaning. If the *New Testament* writers had intended sprinkling or pouring they would have used the Greek word (*rhantizo*) which means to sprinkle or (cheo) meaning to pour.

Water baptism did not originate with first century Christians or John the Baptist. It has been used throughout the Old Testament for ritual purification, commonly for the purpose of cleansing new pagan converts to the Jewish faith as an initiation into the Hebrew nation as adopted children and heirs of the Abrahamic covenant. As we read through the scriptures (Old and New Testaments) we will find that Israel and Jerusalem in particular were replete with pools for ritual purification.

Water baptism is for believers “believers baptism.” Before we are baptized we must believe in our hearts that we are sinners and are in need of salvation which comes only from God’s grace through His Son Jesus (**Romans 3:23 – 24**) and that Jesus died in our place for that sin, was buried and rose on the third day. We must, by our own free will, ask Him to come into our hearts to be Lord and redeemer sealing our place with Him in His eternal kingdom. At that instant we, individually, have become His disciple and are ready for the baptism in water. We must believe and we must ask.

Those who are baptized must be aware of the significance of the act and have previously made the decision to follow Jesus. Since infants are emotionally and intellectually incapable to decide for themselves we do not practice infant baptism. No one can make a saving decision for another - period.

However, there is no doubt that God by His loving and just nature has made provision for those who are below the age of accountability. This does not discount our age old practice of dedicating our babies. Baby dedication is not baptism.

It is easy to understand at this point that baptism does not save anyone. The water baptism is an important point of obedience for the Christian. For the new Christian it is the first act obedience. It is our public testimony (in the presence of witnesses) of our personal identification with Jesus through his death and resurrection. **Matthew 10:32 - 33** Jesus said: *“Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.”*

Christian baptism is also in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19). Being baptized in this manner simply means we are identifying ourselves with the Trinity. We belong to the Father, are saved by the Son, and indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

It is also most important to understand that water baptism is **not** a prerequisite to salvation. It is a ritual that we willingly submit to as a result of the saving work of the Holy Spirit in me. First person intended. We submit because our Lord commanded it. We submit because we choose to be obedient to our loving Lord who chose to die on a Roman cross for you and me. We submit because of the greatness of his Love for you and me. We choose because of our love for Him. We love Him because He first loved us.

Jesus always led His disciples by example. At thirty years old He submitted to the water baptism from one who was inferior to Him; His cousin John (the Baptist). If Jesus who is the **Son of God**, who is **God** was willing to submit himself to the water baptism, shouldn’t we?

Next month we will look into the remainder of Jesus’ commission to His disciples including us as members of His body today. This is the ongoing part and it comes with a promise.

“Teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20)

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

July is an exciting month, because of our planned mission trip. We leave on July 16th. We have a small group, but we are mighty. We are asked each day how we see the Holy Spirit. The stories remind us of the big and little things God can do and his effect on us and those around us. The trip is just one way for us to step out of our box in a safe setting. We can give glory to God and share our faith with others. We are very fortunate to share this freedom with others.

There will not be an outing this month, but we will continue to have Team Kids each Wednesday, except for July 19th.

Take care and have a great Summer.

Donna



WMU

The WMU will meet on Tuesday, July 11th 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

Todd Vance

COMMUNION SERVERS

Maye Higgs Margaret Hill
Charles Burton Todd Vance
* Rebecca Mills

BELL RINGERS

July 02 Leila Parker
July 09 Drake Parker
July 16 Lindsay Roberts
July 23 Elsa Wright
July 30 Regan Davis

NURSERY WORKERS

July 02 Gail Cochran
 Renee Dryden
July 09 Joanie Collins
 Sara Rowe
July 16 Jean Eyrolles
 Maye Higgs
July 23 Virginia Parrish
 Amanda Team
July 30 Pat Heffinger
 Tom Heffinger

We are...

Called

Called out of darkness

Called into light

Called out of blindness

Called into sight

Called from our burdens

Called into rest

Called to be co-heirs

Called to be blessed

Called out of unrest

Called into peace

Called to be holy

Called to be free

Called to be steadfast

Called to endure

Called to a mission

Called to be pure

Called out of sin

Called into Christ

Called for a purpose

Called at a price



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Dover Baptist Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:00 AM Community Prayer Service...9:45 AM Bible Study...11:00 AM Worship Service/Communion	3	4	5	6	7 10:30-11:30 AM HCCS "Popsicle Play Date	8
9 9:00 AM Community Prayer Service...9:45 AM Bible Study... 11:00 AM Worship Service...12:15 pm Council Meeting	10	11 11:00 AM WMU Meeting	12 6:00 PM Bible Study... 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice & Team Kids	13	14	15
16 9:00 AM Community Prayer Service...9:45 AM Bible Study... 11:00 AM Worship Service...2:30 PM Lex. Court Service Youth Missions Trip	17	18	19 6:00 PM Bible Study... 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice	20	21	22 Youth Return
23 9:00 AM Community Prayer Service...9:45 AM Bible Study...11:00 AM Worship Service...12:00 PM Business Meeting	24	25	26 6:00 PM Bible Study...7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice & Team Kids	27	28	29
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