



The Dover Dove

*September 2017 Newsletter of Dover Baptist Church Phone (804) 784-5681
635 Manakin Road - P. O. Box 96 - Manakin-Sabot, VA 23103*

Dr. Todd Kube, Pastor

Dear Church: Grace and Peace to you in the Name that is above all names: Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior! Below, I am sharing with you excerpts from an article by Bryan Fischer entitled, "How Much Time Does America Have Left?" It is a curious question, but more importantly, is it possible that God will judge America? If you believe He will judge us, does that thought knock you to your knees?

~ begin excerpt ~ There are times when God will bring one nation against another as a form of judgment on the utter moral collapse of the invaded nation. God, for instance, brought the armies of Assyria against the corrupt and idolatrous northern kingdom of Israel in 722 B.C. In Isaiah 10:5-6, God refers to Assyria as "the rod of my anger; the staff in their hands is my fury! Against a godless nation [Israel] I send him, and against the people of my wrath I command him." He then brought the armies of Babylon as his rod of discipline against the corrupt and idolatrous kingdom of Judah in 586 B.C. In each case, Scripture makes clear that the invading army was God's hammer of judgment on a morally wayward nation that should have known better.

The Scriptures make it clear that nations can morally forfeit the right to maintain sovereign control over their own territory through savagery, superstition, and sexual debauchery. When a nation indulges in such practices long enough, God intervenes in judgment, usually by bringing stronger nations in to transfer control of the land through conquest. When God brought Abraham into the land of promise, he declared to Abraham that the entire land of Canaan would one day belong to Abraham's descendants. But the transfer of land to his heirs could not happen for 400 years, for one simple reason: "[T]he iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete" (Genesis 15:16). The Amorites, or Canaanite peoples, practiced one moral abomination after another, whether incest, adultery, sexual immorality, homosexuality, bestiality or child sacrifice, and God finally said, "Enough!"

By the time he brought Joshua and the warriors of the nascent nation of Israel to the borders of Canaan, he had already been patient with the native peoples for 400 years, waiting for them to come to the place of repentance for their socially and spiritually degrading practices. His patience was not rewarded, and finally, the day came when their sin had reached its full measure. The slop bucket was full, and it was time to empty it out. Israel under Joshua was God's custodian to empty the bucket and start over. God explained that because of the "abomination(s)" of the indigenous Canaanite tribes, the land had become unclean and "vomited out its inhabitants" (Leviticus 18:25) as if the soil itself had been made physically sick through moral toxicity. Time eventually ran out for the Canaanites as they exhausted God's patience by filling up the full measure of their iniquity.

But God wasn't finished. He warned the ancient nation of Israel not to lapse into the abominable practices of the native peoples "lest the land vomit you out ... as it vomited out the nation that was before you" (Leviticus 18:28). Israel could suffer the same fate for the same reasons.

America in 2017 is as guilty of "abominations" as the people of Canaan. We have the blood of almost 60 million babies on our hands through abortion. We have normalized sexual immorality, adultery, and homosexuality – all horrors in the eyes of God – and are witnessing a surge in incest, pedophilia, bestiality, and even necrophilia in our midst. We honored notorious pedophile Harvey Milk by putting his face on a postage stamp, and we have so exalted the mental disorder of transgenderism that we are now punishing parents who dare to protect their children from its tragic deception.

~Pastor's Message Continued ~

This leaves a burning question: **How much time does America have left to repent of its superstition, its savagery, and its sexual deviancy and debauchery before it is too late, before we will have filled up our own slop bucket and will have morally disqualified ourselves from sovereign control of our own land?** We have welcomed the worship of pagan gods into our land and have insisted that our people adjust to their traditions, beliefs, and practices rather than the other way around. The slop bucket is filling up.

The key to our national security is not a bigger military but a profound national repentance. It is our sin which has made us vulnerable because through our sin, we are forfeiting any claim on God's protection for our land. Only our repentance can make us strong again. We can empty the slop bucket through repentance or the day will come when God will empty it for us. The only question that matters today is this one: **How much time does America have left to repent of its superstition, its savagery, and its sexual immorality before it is too late, before we will have filled up our own slop bucket and will have morally disqualified ourselves from sovereign control of our own land?** Perhaps, God forbid, the pagan armies of Allah will be the rod of God's wrath on the United States today, as the pagan armies of ancient Babylon were the rod of His wrath in the days of Ezekiel.

Thomas Jefferson wrote at the time of the Founding, "I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that his justice cannot sleep forever." It is long past time for all of us to tremble once again. ~ end excerpt ~

Acts 3:19-20a reads, "Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord..." There cannot be times of refreshing (revival) in America with repentance. Unfortunately, I see no signs that America desires to repent. But, there is hope! Our land can be healed when God's people – Christians –humble themselves, pray, seek His face and turn from their wicked way (2 Chronicles 7:14).

In Christ's Love,
Pastor QB

Nursing Home Worship and Bible Study Ministry

September 2017

We continue to praise God for the way He has blessed this ministry over the years. We are so blessed to working with Tricia Geary (Activities Director) and her team of dedicated staff at Lexington Court Rehabilitation & Healthcare. We have never suggested or asked for anything pertaining to expanding God's work with the residents of Lexington that they didn't grant with great enthusiasm.

It is official. On September 23, 2017, we will be sponsoring our first **Saturday Christian Movie Matinee** with a screening of "**The Hiding Place**", the true story of Cory Ten Boom and her imprisonment for hiding Jews during the Nazi Holocaust.

We are hoping to sponsor a Saturday Christian Matinee once a month so we will be looking for a resource for good faith based DVDs with a program length of 100 minutes or less. We will publish the suitable criteria of our ongoing needs at a later date.

God has answered our prayers for a piano to replace the one at the Ashland Convalescent Center. Seems that someone spilt a lot of sticky liquid into the keyboard of the old one and some of the keys do not function. Jackie was able to play on the new instrument on August 30th and it sounded absolutely beautiful as she played and sang "We Shall Behold Him" during the morning worship service.

The Holy Spirit has mightily revealed Himself in both facilities. How wonderful it is to hear a resident say, "I can't go to my church anymore but this is my church now."

Great thanks are in order for those who are regularly donating articles for bingo prizes at Lexington. You can't imagine the happiness these gifts bring to the ones receiving them.

If any of you wish to come with us to see God working in these health care facilities, "come and see".

Please be in prayer as we continue to expand God's ministries in these two facilities. To God be the Glory.

Do not cast me off in the time of old age; Do not forsake me when my strength fails. (Psalm 71:9)

Our September Schedule For Lexington Court is:

Sunday Worship and Praise Service

September 17th at 2:30pm

Friday Bible Study

September 8th and 22nd at 10:30am

Saturday Movie Matinee

"The Hiding Place"

September 23 at 3:00pm

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 September 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
September 2017

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



Pray without ceasing...

If we honestly stop and think about the overall vitality of the church we must conclude that prayer is the centerpiece of God’s table. It is essential to a personal and thriving relationship with our heavenly Father. Growing up it was expected that our family shared our meals together at the same table, at the same time. Each meal started with asking our Father in heaven to bless food and our time together. The food and drink prepared by my mom was always excellent and always satisfied us until the next meal. What I remember most, however, is the conversation. It was what was learned from the mealtime dialogue that continues to sustain me to this day.

Prayer is like that. It is our conversation with our heavenly father; not a monologue with us asking for things, but coming to His table and engaging in a full conversation, a dialogue of back and forth information and fellowship with our Creator: the One who loves us most. That holy conversation is most essential to everything a Christian believer will ever do. Jesus’ reply to Satan was; *“It is written, ‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.’”* (Matthew 4:4)

We read this story of Jesus in the home of Lazarus, Martha and Mary in (Luke 10:38 – 42) ³⁸ *Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home.* ³⁹ *She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord’s feet, listening to His word.* ⁴⁰ *But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up to Him and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me.”* ⁴¹ *But the Lord answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; ⁴² but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.”*

Far too many of us are so caught up in doing things for Jesus, we forget to serve Him. We forget to sit at his feet and listen to His words. We get caught up in our own desires and forget the needs of the full body of Christ, the Church. Yes; Jesus told us to pray in our secret place, but He also wants us to come together in one accord and pray as His body. Simply put we pray because He commanded it (Philippians 4:6-7) ⁶ *“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.* ⁷ *And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”* 1Thessalonians 5:17 - 18 says, ¹⁷ *“Pray without ceasing; ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”*

It is also “God’s will” that we come together as a body and engage in corporate prayer especially in matters that involve the body. Families come together when addressing family concerns and so should we as God’s family come together to address concerns of the Church. Every Sunday morning there is a prayer gathering at 9:00 am in the Dover sanctuary for the purpose of praying for matters of the church and its leaders. Sadly, there are rarely more than three believers in attendance on any given Sunday. Jesus led by example. He said in (Philippians 4:8 – 9) ⁸ *“Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.* ⁹ *The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.”* (1 John 3:18) says: ¹⁸ *“Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.”* When leaders lead by example, followers will follow.

The Tackle Box

~Continued~

The hardest things I have found to do as a Christian is found in **(Matthew 5:44 – 45)** ⁴⁴ “*But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,*” ⁴⁵ *so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.”* And **(1 Timothy 2:1 – 4)** ¹ “*First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,*” ² *for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.* ³ *This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,* ⁴ *who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”*

WOW! God wants us to pray for our worst enemies and our political authorities even when we disagree with them and He commands us to love them as well. That is just plain hard to do, if not impossible. What God’s command is not telling us to do is to affirm the actions of wicked people. We are commanded to love them and to pray for them. The fact that our Lord commands these things is saying that these things are a matter of choice. Just as God’s command in **(Ephesians 5:25)** ²⁵ *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her....”* We choose to love others. There is no such thing as falling in love or out of love with another. It is simply a matter of our own choices and our obedience to God. I have found that it is difficult not to love someone when you have been praying for them, so I pray.

This is an all important element in the concept of corporate prayer and bible study groups. We come together in support of each other and for the good of the entire congregation. You are helping me and I am helping you and we are both better off for it. We are there to set the example for new Christians by “*teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*” **(Matthew 28:20)**.

Jesus prayed often and He prayed to keep Himself in His Father’s will. Shouldn’t we follow His example by doing likewise? If Dover Baptist Church is to become a house of prayer according to His will we should all be praying in our secret place, and we all should be a part of our corporate prayer ministry, too.

We meet every Sunday in the sanctuary at 9:00 – 9:30 am to pray for our church, community and country. We pray for those facing difficulties in our circle of members, families and friends. We pray for the ministries and activities of our congregation and for our leaders.

We also have a prayer meeting and bible study on Wednesday evenings in Heritage Hall from 6:00 – 7:00 pm.

Think about what could be accomplished if we came together in one accord, devoting ourselves to prayer and fellowship with one another and with our Father in heaven. Think about how smoothly and effectively the body of Christ could function in the perfect will of God if we discipline ourselves to love each other the way God loves us. Remember what the scripture says: ⁸ “*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*” **(Romans 5:8)**.

Let us devote ourselves to coming together in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and through prayer and His power and His love glorify Him according to his will for each of us.

May our Lord keep us under His loving wings of protection.

In His service,
Bob Gearheart



WMU

The WMU will meet on Tuesday, September 12th in the church Library. Come for missions and bring a cover dish to share for lunch.

KID'S STUFF

There will be an organizational meeting for the younger youth ("The YO YOs") on Sunday, September 10th during the Sunday school hour 9:45—10:45 am. We are asking that parents attend. A light breakfast will be served.

Starting in September 10th the Youth and Children's Choir will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:45 before Sunday school class

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Ham Nuckols

COMMUNION SERVERS

Keith Catlett	Todd Vance
Rob Martin	Ham Nuckols
* Rebecca Mills	

BELL RINGERS

September 3	Lindsay Roberts
September 10	Elsa Wright
September 17	Regan Davis
September 24	Genna Hammack

CLEAN UP DAY!

On September 9th, DBC will have a Breakfast and clean up day in preparation for "Homecoming Sunday" which is on September 17th.

In case it rains on September 9th, the back up day for cleaning will be September 10th

NURSERY WORKERS

September 03	Pat Heffinger Tom Heffinger
September 10	Gail Cochran Renee Dryden
September 17	Joanie Collins Sara Rowe
September 24	Jean Eyrolles Maye Higgs

When Autumn Leaves Begin to Fall

by [Kathleen Higham](#)

When autumn leaves begin to fall
I think of Him most of all
Colors bursting with the sun
Rays shine down on everyone.

There is a leafy autumn smell
I walk on softness where they fell
Floating gently to the ground
Touching down without a sound.

Animals are scurrying to and fro
Instinctively the creatures know
The leaves scattered everywhere
Beautifies a place once bare.

Rising up to the bluest sky
A tree looks down, creaks a sigh
Nestled in her hollowed place
Life will wait through winter's race.

When the trees at last have shed
Sturdy branches though not dead
Beneath the earth roots hold tight
Tall and stately through the night.

When autumn leaves begin to fall
The Father orchestrates it all
Blooms in waiting seem to say
He is coming back someday.

Again dressed in a formal gown
Branches filled and hanging down
See the miracle of God once more
Birds leap from her branch to soar.

Here I stand in wonder of this
A soft wind blows to me a kiss
My spirit tells my mind to hush
Peace abounds in Christ for us.

The seasons change, come and go
But this is what I truly know
When autumn leaves begin to fall
I think of Him most of all.



September 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 ... 11:00 AM Worship Service & Communion</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00-11:00 AM Ashland Nurs.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>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:30-11:30 AM Lex Court Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00 AM Breakfast and Clean Up Day</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9:00 AM Community Prayer Service...9:45 AM Bible Study/Kid & Youth Choir Practice/YoYo Meeting...11:00 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11:00 AM WMU Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:00 PM Bible Study... 6:30 PM Kid & Youth Choir...7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice & Team Kids...Bells Practice</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Back up for Clean Up Day (in case of rain on 9/9)</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM Community Prayer Service...9:45 AM Bible Study/Kid & Youth Choir Practice...11:00 AM Homecoming Worship Service & Lunch</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00-11:00 AM Ashland Nurs.Home Bible Study...DBC 6:00 PM Bible Study in HH... 6:30 PM Kid & Youth Choir ...7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice & Team Kids...8:00 PM Bells Practice</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:30-11:30 AM Lex Court Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>9:00 AM Community Prayer Service...9:45 AM Bible Study/Kid & Youth Choir Practice...11:00 AM Worship Service...12:15 PM Council Meeting</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00-11:00 AM Ashland Nurs.Home Bible Study...DBC 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>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>