

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!

Former President Barack Obama put out, in my opinion, an innocuous tweet concerning the death of Billy Graham as follows: "Billy Graham was a humble servant who prayed for so many - and who, with wisdom and grace, gave hope and guidance to generations of Americans." However, the Washington Times headline read, "Obama faces progressive backlash for tweet honoring the late Rev. Billy Graham."

Thus, I thought to myself, could America really be divided over the death of Billy Graham? Sometimes, I learn more about people in their responses than the actual story. For example, retweeting Obama, Christian Carter expresses this division when he writes: "Wasn't really feeling the love and guidance... He may have done well by many people, but the man also hurt countless individuals in the LGBT and other communities. We don't need to celebrate his death, the same as we don't need to celebrate his life."

Another response was by Kaylara, a self-professed pagan: "Nope. He spent decades demonizing my religion and directing hatred at us as well as the LGBTQ community. He gave hope and guidance to horrible people on how to be more horrible and bilked poor people to enrich himself, and taught his kids that too." A similar response is by Brian: "No he wasn't. He was a manipulative bigot who lied and cheated his way to riches while oppressing the LGBT+ community among others. He deserves no eulogy."

In my opinion, these responses are sad because they do reflect the division in America. In Joseph Boot's book, "The Mission of God; A Manifesto of Hope for Society," (2014), he writes, "There is no such thing as a neutral culture. 'Multiculturalism' is therefore just a contemporary term for polytheism (many gods). But no society can be governed by more than one ultimate source of authority without provoking civil conflict and social chaos. This is for the simple reason that Sharia law is not equal to English Common Law; nor is the Hindu caste system equal to the Western legal tradition of equality before the law. Each system has a different source of sovereignty and thereby a different God or 'god' behind them." Furthermore, he writes, "America cannot function when both Secularism and Christianity 'are perceived and treated as equally ultimate - the result of such irrationality can only be social suicide and judicial chaos.'"

Thus, when we go to write laws concerning cultural and moral issues, like abortion, marriage, etc., there will be winners and losers. As Boot writes, "Clearly someone's vision of law and justice is going to be legislated and someone's vision of 'love' endorsed by the state - an 'establishment orthodoxy' that opposes rival orders is inescapable."

Therefore, the question appears to me to be, "Where am I going to stand?" I made that decision long ago, "On Christ the solid rock I stand!" Will you stand with me?

Thanks to David Lane of the American Renewal Project who provided the source of this article.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Kube

Nursing Home Worship and Bible Study Ministry

March 2018

The Nursing Home Ministry continues under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. We witness new souls being added the Body of Christ each month. Our God is truly working. Come and join Him.

Do you not say, "There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest." (John 4:35)

And He was saying to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." (Luke 10:2)

Our March Schedule For Lexington Court is:

Sunday Worship and Praise Service

March 18, 2018 at 2:30 pm

Friday Bible Study

March 9th and 23rd 2018 at 10:30 am

Visit the Rooms at The End of the Hall

**Spontaneous visits on an as needed or as requested basis
No particular schedule**

Our October 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

March 2018

“Follow Me and I Will Make You Fishers of Men”

Whose Church Is This, Anyway?

We can travel through almost any area today and see buildings bearing signs of denomination such as Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Episcopalian, Catholic etc. We can ask people we encounter, “What Church do attend?” They will often answer; I belong to Pastor Tom’s church, Pastor Rick’s church, the Covenant Baptist Church, the Holy Cross Catholic Church or maybe the Possum Holler Community Church - and on and on. We far too often take the position that our church is the true church and the rest are flawed. I’m right; you’re wrong.

Jesus, speaking to Peter said: *“I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.”* (Matthew 16:18) *“I will build My church”* clearly indicates that the church is His (Jesus’) and He is the builder. He owns it. The bible also describes true believers as His body, *“So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”* (Romans 12:5) And the body is presented as the bride of Christ: *“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, ²⁶ so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.”* (Ephesians 5:25 – 27)

It becomes very plain that it is Jesus who builds His church, His church is His body, His body is His bride and He is the head of His church. (Colossians 1:17 – 18) *He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.*

Truly, the church belongs to Him and not us. He has already planned her destiny and laid out His plan for us to follow. We need to do nothing more than be obedient to Him.

In light of recent events within our numbers, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally, I leave you with the following scripture and a question to ponder. Read them prayerfully with determination and in your own hearts and minds allow the Holy Spirit to reveal the application.

This subject will be covered in more depth in the next issue.

(Philippians 2:1 – 18) ¹*Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,*

²*make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.*

³*Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;*

⁴*do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.*

⁵*Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,*

⁶*who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,*

⁷*but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.*

⁸*Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

⁹*For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,*

¹⁰*so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,*

¹¹*and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

¹²*So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;*

¹³*for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*

¹⁴*Do all things without grumbling or disputing;*

¹⁵*so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,*

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¹⁶ holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.

¹⁷ But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all.

¹⁸ You too, I urge you, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me.”

(John 13:34 – 35) ³⁴ “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

(1 Peter 4:7 – 11) ⁷ “The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer. ⁸ Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaint. ¹⁰ As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. ¹¹ Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

Consider this question: If a nonbeliever was seeing what goes on inside our local churches would he desire joining the body saying, ‘see how they love one another’ or would he say ‘see, they are no different from the rest of the world - why bother?’

“By Scripture alone, to the glory of God alone”

Bob Gearheart

Reminder:

We are continuing our Wednesday evening bible study in the **Acts of the Apostles**. Our focus is learning from God’s word, His ways as opposed to man’s ways. “*For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.*” (**Isaiah 55:8 - 9**)

This is an in-depth expositional bible study titled: “What Did The First Century Church Know That We Don’t Know?” This, taught by Richard Hanes, is probably the most revealing study that Dover B.C. has hosted in many years. This is anything but a “Stoic” bible study as some have dubbed it. It is simply looking into God’s word and listening to what He has to say to us.

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 to 7:00 pm in Heritage Hall and hear what our Lord has to say.

On the first Wednesday of each month we meet at 5:30 pm for a covered dish fellowship meal before the scheduled 6:00 pm study. Come and hear.

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

We have an exciting summer planned for younger youth and youth. Some of our middle schoolers are going to a Bible Study camp located at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. This program is called Centrifuge. In July our Youth will go on a mission trip through World Changers in Chesapeake, VA. World Changers is a work related mission program with a focus on evangelism. I am excited as to how this will strengthen their faith. We covet your prayers for eager participation and a stirring of the Holy Spirit.

There is a car wash fund raiser on March 17th from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm weather permitting. If you are like me, you are ready to wash off the winter crud. There will likely be a yard sale fund raiser in June. All of your donations to the yard sale will help to make it a success.

On March 18th, our outing will be bowling! We will meet at 2:00 pm. Please RSVP me so that I can reserve a lane in advance. Cost is approximately \$12.00.

God Bless you all,
Donna

WMU News...

The WMU assisted with the Caritas (homeless) program. We assisted with meal preparation and serving 28 persons a home cooked meal. We thank the many church volunteers who helped by monetary donations, food, grocery shopping and serving.

We are now planning and assisting with the Tea and Testimony on March 31st at 11:00 am. Roberta Damon, a retired missionary and author will discuss her latest book, "Dear Mrs. Noah." There will be light refreshments and entertainment.

In March we will be celebrating Annie Armstrong and praying for home missionaries. The monthly WMU meeting will be March 13th at 11:00 am. All are welcome.

DEACONS' MEETING

The Deacons will meet in the church Library on March 12th at 7:00 pm.

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Robin Angle

COMMUNION SERVERS

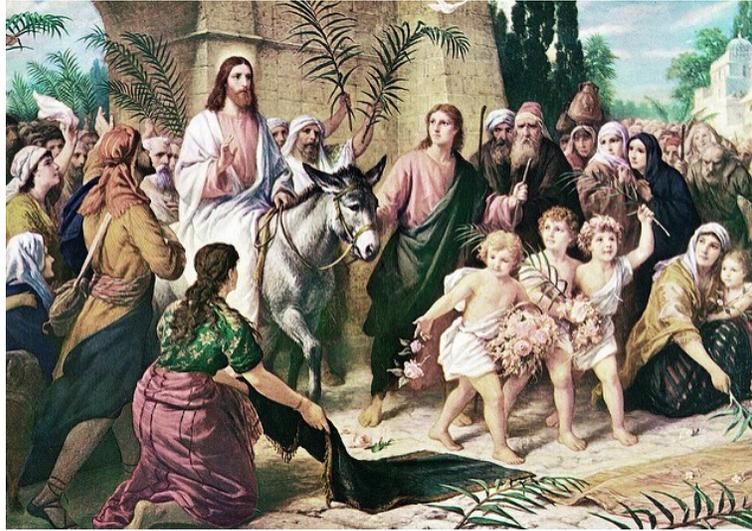
Rebecca Mills Robin Angle
Heather Marshall Rob Martin
* Keith Catlett

BELL RINGERS

March 04 Genna Hammack
March 11 Katie Roberts
March 18 Leila Parker
March 25 Regan Davis

NURSERY WORKERS

March 04 Pat Heffinger
 Tom Heffinger
March 11 Gail Cochran
 Chris Kasenchak
March 18 Joanie Collins
 Sara Rowe
March 25 Jean Eyrolles
 Maye Higgs



The Entrance into Jerusalem

Accordingly, right after the noon lunch, Jesus called Peter and John, and after directing them to go over to Bethphage, a neighboring village a little off the main road and a short distance northwest of Bethany, he further said: “Go to Bethphage, and when you come to the junction of the roads, you will find the colt of an ass tied there. Loose the colt and bring it back with you. If any one asks you why you do this, merely say, ‘The Master has need of him.’”

And when the two apostles had gone into Bethphage as the Master had directed, they found the colt tied near his mother in the open street and close to a house on the corner. As Peter began to untie the colt, the owner came over and asked why they did this, and when Peter answered him as Jesus had directed, the man said: “If your Master is Jesus from Galilee, let him have the colt.” And so they returned bringing the colt with them.

By this time several hundred pilgrims had gathered around Jesus and his apostles. Since mid forenoon the visitors passing by on their way to the Passover had tarried. Meanwhile, David Zebedee and some of his former messenger associates took it upon themselves to hasten on down to Jerusalem, where they effectively spread the report among the throngs of visiting pilgrims about the temple that Jesus of Nazareth was making a triumphal entry into the city. Accordingly, several thousand of these visitors flocked forth to greet this much-talked-of prophet and wonder-worker, whom some believed to be the Messiah. This multitude, coming out from Jerusalem, met Jesus and the crowd going into the city just after they had passed over the brow of Olivet and had begun the descent into the city.

Before they started, the Alpheus twins put their cloaks on the donkey and held him while the Master got on. As the procession moved toward the summit of Olivet, the festive crowd threw their garments on the ground and brought branches from the near-by trees in order to make a carpet of honor for the donkey bearing the royal Son, the promised Messiah. As the merry crowd moved on toward Jerusalem, they began to sing, or rather to shout in unison, the Psalm, ***“Hosanna to the son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed be the kingdom that comes down from heaven.”***



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4</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>5</p> <p>6:30 pm Sportsmen's Ministry</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</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/Hand Chimes & YoYo's...7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir & Team Kids...8:00 PM Bell Practice</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:30 AM Lex.Court Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>11</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>12</p> <p>6:30 pm Sportsmen's Ministry 7:00 PM Deacons' Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>11:00 AM WMU Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:00 PM Bible Study... 6:30 PM Children's Choir/Hand Chimes & YoYo's...7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice & Team Kids ...8:00 PM Bells Practice</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM Youth Car Wash (until 11:30)</p>
<p>18</p> <p>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</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30 pm Sportsmen's Ministry</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00 AM Ashland Bible Study ...DBC 6:00 PM Bible Study ...6:30 PM Children's Choir/Hand Chimes & YoYo's...7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir & Team Kids...8:00 PM Bell Practice</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:30 AM Lex.Court Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:00 AM Community Prayer Service...9:45 AM Bible Study/Kid & Youth Choir Practice...11:00 AM Worship Service Palm Sunday</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30 pm Sportsmen's Ministry</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00 AM Ashland Bible Study ... DBC 6:00 PM Bible Study ...6:30 PM Children's Choir/Hand Chimes & YoYo's... 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir & Team Kids...8:00 PM Bell Practice</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Good Friday</p>	<p>31</p> <p>11:00 AM Tea & Testimony</p>