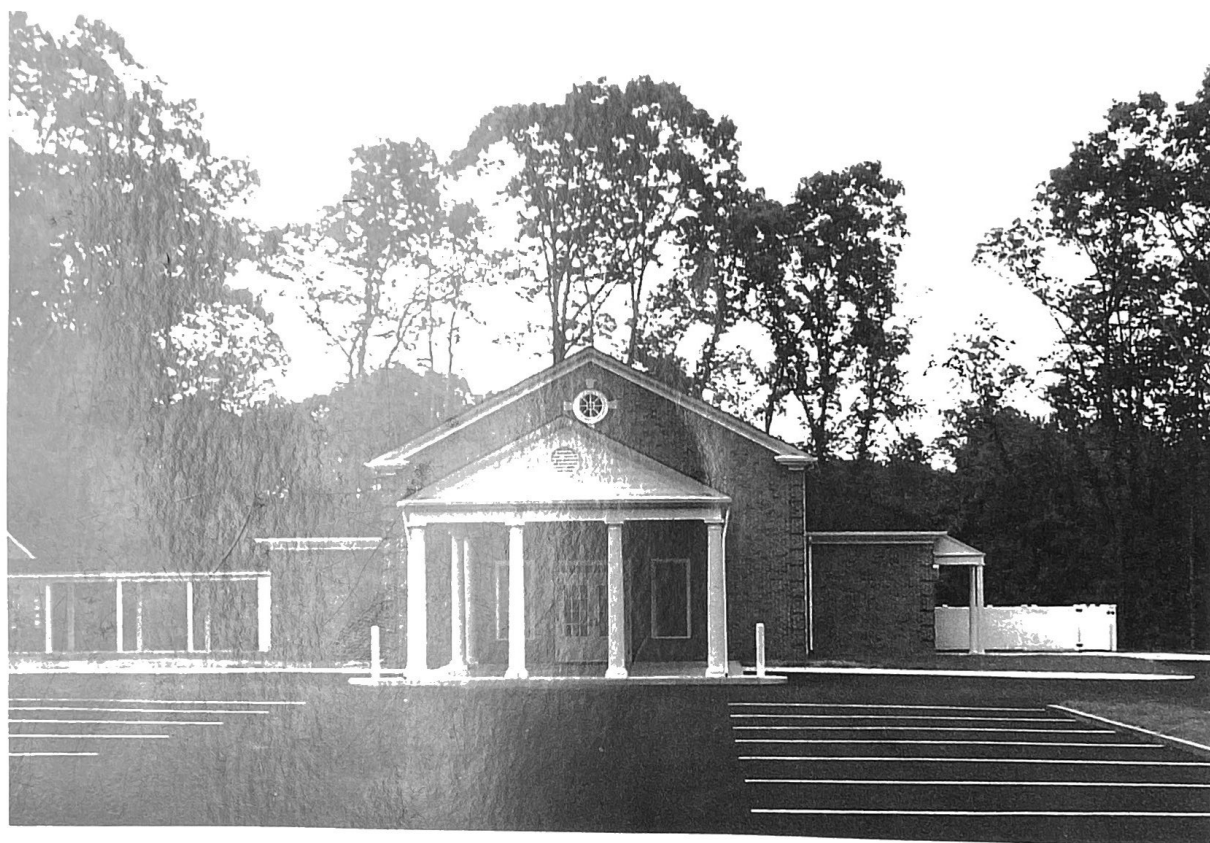


“.....and the Word was God.....”

John 1:1

*History of
Dover Baptist Church
Manakin, Virginia
1960 - 2007*



*by
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***THIS HISTORY IS DEDICATED TO MY PARENTS
WHO WERE LIFE LONG MEMBERS OF
DOVER BAPTIST CHURCH***

***BERNARD SMITH HENLEY – MARCH 1896-MARCH 1963
RUTH A. GORDON HENLEY – NOVEMBER 1891-APRIL 1992***

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A History of Dover Baptist Church – 1960-2007
Constituted as Dover Meeting House 1773

As the first written words of Dover Baptist Church's history came to a close (“In the beginning was the Word...”, 1773-1959, by Helene Barret Agee), Dover's congregation faced a new decade. It had been 186 years since this congregation was first planted as Dover Meeting House in 1773. Times had been rocky and times had been fruitful, yet as the members plodded onward they did so with the desire to be the congregation that their Lord wished them to be. Many good and dedicated people have labored to share and spread God's word of love in this then small rural community. Their mission has been to serve the spiritual and physical needs of a people with diverse backgrounds and needs. While the usual problems and frustrations would continue to face this congregation, the spirit and dreams of yesterday's dedicated members would continue to shine through and give hope and meaning to the future. It's said “We live in the shade of trees planted by others”. Over the years, many trees of love, hope and service have been planted here. The shade of history has provided dense cover at times but with passing years all shade becomes dappled or fades and eventually disappears completely as the tree dies. New plantings must be cultivated so that fresh shade is provided to give hope and purpose to those who come after us. I believe that Dover's present congregation has the desire and determination to plant and nourish God's word for future generations as those before us have done for us.

As a title for these words I have chosen “*...and the Word was God...*” a continuation of Verse one, Chapter one, Gospel of John, which was the title of the Agee history. I find this appropriate because God's Word and hand has certainly been visible in the life of Dover's membership through the years. His Word has been, and hopefully will always be, the watchword of this congregation.

As I first began to record happenings in the life of Dover, I began to realize how challenging this process would be. I am not a historian nor an author. I really did not know what events to include and what to exclude. My review of recorded business session minutes and information from old worship service bulletins and/or snapshots and other materials that I have kept in church scrapbooks have been the basis for my writings. My style will be a review of events that make up an annual time-line of happenings and my desire is that this history will be more about people – those who have labored in love and the spirit and made contributions in the life of Dover. More detailed information on some events may be obtained from a personal reading of business session minutes which are on file in the church office. Church membership and Sunday School enrollment numbers have been gleaned from Dover Church's Annual Church Profile (filed each year with the Dover Association) and from documents such as annual Slate of Officers/Teachers included in Clerk's records. Included with this history is EXHIBIT I, "A Listing of Baptisms 1960-2007", EXHIBIT II, "A Listing of Pastors 1773-2007", and EXHIBIT III, "A Child's Remembrances" which I wrote in 1994-95 and which was published in Goochland County Historical Society Magazine, Vol. 27, 1995. EXHIBIT IV is a summation of Deeds and land holdings of Dover with a drawing of property boundaries.

It seems appropriate here to provide a brief recap of Dover's past to bring us up to the year 1960. In the autumn of 1773, Dover Meeting House was constituted at Manakin with membership of 45. There is no record of charter membership. Rev. William Webber became the first pastor and his pastorate here was the only pastorate he ever held. He served Dover until his death in 1808. This meeting house was a simple one room, log structure and was located on the west side of present day Manakin Road, slightly south of our present location. In 1855, a new meeting house was built across the road and the log structure was abandoned. It is difficult to determine exactly when the congregational description "meeting house" was changed to "church". In recorded business session minutes, long after the erection of the frame building, the congregation was sometimes referred to as "meeting house" and at other times, records during this same period refer to the congregation as "church". This new building was a weather-

board structure, facing south and contained one large, square, high-pitched room with a door on either end, both front and back. The pews were handmade benches of very wide heart pine boards. In the fall of 1923, the 150th anniversary of the constitution of Dover Meeting House, the churches of Dover Baptist Association, named for the church of Rev. William Webber, presented the Webber Memorial to Dover Baptist Church. This memorial still stands on the front lawn of the church. Unfortunately, in the early morning hours of October 30, 1951, nothing remained of Dover Church except a pile of ashes. The building, with contents, was burned to the ground. Ground breaking exercises for a new brick building were held in August 1952 and laying of the cornerstone took place in June of 1953. The congregation, who had in the meantime been worshipping in old Manakin schoolhouse (approximately one-half mile north on Manakin Road), moved into the basement of the new building in July 1954 with dedication services held in April 1955. A frame board and batten Education Building was built in 1967. Our beautiful "Heritage Hall" fellowship facility was dedicated in September, 2006.

Dover's cemetery (3/4 acre adjacent to and north of present sanctuary building) was deeded (and recorded) to Dover as a "burying ground" in 1887 by Mr. E. J. DuVal and his wife, Mrs. Rhoda DuVal. A "burying ground" was referred to in business session minutes of June 1885 when a committee was appointed to "enclose the cemetery". This is the first mention of a cemetery associated with the church and suggests that the cemetery was indeed in use as early as 1885 and maybe even earlier. In fact, grave stone inscriptions indicate fourteen deaths prior to 1885. At a January 1886 meeting, minutes state that the June 1885 committee "reported and was continued". No information is included on report contents and no account of purpose for "continuation" was given. It is interesting to note that the earliest recorded marker date in the cemetery is that of Elizabeth Cheatham Walton (wife of Jessie W. Walton) whose death is recorded as the "21st of April 1848", a date 7 years prior to the building of the 1855 frame church, 39 years before the Deed for the cemetery land was recorded (1887) and 37 years prior to first mention of cemetery (1885). I suspect that the 1848 inscription was just that – a record of a family death included on the Walton family marker (that also includes death information of additional family members) with Elizabeth's original interment

somewhere else – possibly in a family cemetery or maybe even a re-interment at this site when the stone was placed. The Deitrick family marker is an interesting stone – and usually a surprise to cemetery visitors. It is the tall marker inside the iron fence and appears to be stone – it is not stone – but made of metal and is what is referred to as a “Sears & Roebuck” marker. The base has small metal plates that can be removed when needed to record a death, mailed off to Sears for engraving, returned and placed back into the marker. Seventeen Confederate veterans are interred here, none from “killed in action” but several from injuries which caused premature death. Eight of these veterans served in Company F, 23rd Virginia Infantry, a Company of State Volunteers formerly known as the Goochland Grays. Company F enlisted at Manakin on May 21, 1861, when 58 local men signed to be part of the Confederate Army.

This record covers a span of 48 years. I’m sure some who will read this will recall a special event or have a memory of an especially meaningful happening that is not recorded herein. Many events have occurred in the life of Dover that have not been recorded in business meeting minutes or similar documents! I have not injected my personal remembrances or interpretations unless I so state that a particular thought is my personal opinion. My sincere hope is that you will enjoy reliving this history of Dover Baptist Church and that fond memories of events and people will be brought to mind as you read.

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1960

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP - 203

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT - 169

PASTOR - REV. WALTER L. BRADLEY

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT - MR. RICHARD (DICK) HAMEL

Dover's general fund balance was reported as \$286.62 by Treasurer, Mrs. Lois Henley as Dover started a new year and a new decade. There was debt of \$2,234.79 still remaining from construction of the new sanctuary building. The annual approved budget was \$11,112.00. The Sunday School, led by Mr. Dick Hamel, was in process of departmentalizing - Junior, Intermediate, Primary and Beginner Departments were established. Nursery and Cradle Roll Departments were also formed. The Youth Fellowship, as reported by Counselor Mrs. Phyllis Clarke, was meeting on Sunday evenings with "good attendance of an alert, thinking group". Mrs. Eva Henley reported that the Business Women's Circle (BWC) had 14 members and in April would host the Federation West spring supper meeting expecting around 140 ladies to attend. Spring revival was held in March. Vacation Bible School, with 132 enrolled, was held with Mrs. Phyllis Clarke as Principal. Pastor Walter Bradley attended, as Dover's messenger, the Baptist World Alliance in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and enjoyed a tour of several South American countries. Miss Elizabeth DuVal, Women's Missionary Society (WMS) President, reported membership of 11. The Music committee chair, Mrs. Audrey Henley, said that Mrs. Margaret H. Wash had been employed as church organist and choir director at pay of \$25.00 per month. Draperies were installed in the sanctuary. Deacon Board chair, Mr. Howard Henley, and Deaconesses Board chair, Mrs. Edith Chenault, reported many activities and contacts with members and community friends. Trouble was reported with the water pump and the lawn mower was in need of repair or replacement! Manakin Men's Brotherhood was active and "looking to the new year with much enthusiasm". Homecoming was held on October 10th with Mrs. Lois Phillips as

chairman of the day. Rain kept lunch festivities inside. An afternoon service was held with Dr. L. D. Johnson speaking on "Our Baptist Heritage". Mrs. Helene Agee shared excerpts from her recently completed church history and presented her manuscript to the church which was accepted by Mr. Thomas Staples, Trustee, on behalf of the church. The silver communion service and one of the oil lamps thought to have been used in the old log Meeting House were displayed. On recommendation of the Buildings & Grounds committee, four of the old oil lamps from the 1855 frame structure (removed when "power" came in 1940) were subsequently mounted on the side walls of the new sanctuary and plans were made to secure a proper cabinet for display of the silver communion set and other church memorabilia. The office of "Historian" was added to the Slate of Church Officers with Mrs. Helene Agee assuming this position. The second outdoor Christmas pageant was held. The picnic shelter was converted into a manger scene, complete with live cow and donkey. A new scene, since last year, "The Inn" was added at one end of the shelter with the innkeeper coming at the appropriate time and hanging a lantern to answer the knock of Mary and Joseph. Another scene depicted Mary and Joseph, with the donkey, trudging along the road to Bethlehem and arriving at the Inn. The shepherds mingled around an open fire tending live sheep. Wise Men arrived bringing their precious gifts. Mrs. Eva Henley, Mrs. Phyllis Clarke and Rev. Bradley directed the pageant. Thus ended the year 1960!

1961

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 202

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 165

PASTOR – REV. WALTER L. BRADLEY

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT – MR. RICHARD (DICK) HAMEL, JR

Treasurer reported that 1960 disbursements exceeded receipts by \$25.26. The balance due on new building loan was not reported; however, it apparently was coming down rapidly as plans were formulated for a note burning ceremony. A committee to investigate purchase of a cabinet to display church memorabilia was appointed as Mr. Howard Henley, Mrs. Mary Katherine Sheppard and Mrs. Lois Henley. The Kitchen

committee was instructed to have the large burner on kitchen range repaired. A note burning service was held on March 26th, the opening Sunday of spring revival.

“A very impressive noteburning service took place this morning during the regular worship service. Following the opening hymn and scripture, there was a unison prayer by Pastor and the congregation, and then responsive reading by minister and congregation with reference to the burning of note. The choir’s anthem “Open the Gates of the Temple” preceded the note burning. Then the officers of the church assisted with the actual burning of the note. These representatives were as follows: Sunday School – Mr. R. E. Hamel, Jr.; Trustees (3) – Mr. T. S. Staples, Mr. B. S. Henley, Mr. Earl Henley; WMS – Miss Elizabeth DuVal; Deacons – Mr. Frank Henley; Deaconesses – Mrs. T. S. Staples; Treasurer – Mrs. Lois Henley; Youth – Mrs. Eva Henley; Buildings & Grounds – Mr. John Smith; Clerk – Mrs. Phyllis Clarke. Each representative lit a candle from one the pastor held, and each stated his connection with the service and then in a group, when all the candles were lit, the note, which was placed on a grill at the front of the church was ignited. As the note burned, all joined in the following: As this note burns we dedicate ourselves anew to the work and support of this, our beloved Church, and the extension of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ throughout this community, this nation and the world”.

Seven GA’s, under leadership of Mrs. Margaret Thieme, met requirements to be honored as Maidens: Judy Amos, Peggy Amos, Susan Berkle, Alice Martin, Brenda Wade, Patsy Wade and Sherron Daughtery. Four Dover girls attended Training Union Week at Eagle Eyrie: Carol Breed, Lyn Dorsheimer, Mary Powers and Ruth Powers. Baptismal service was held on April 16th with 11 candidates. In April, Rev. Bradley announced his engagement to Miss Kathryn Bailey. The first telephone was installed in the church. The B&G committee chair, Mr. Earl Henley, reported that insurance had been raised to \$10,000. This committee also recommended several needed items: new doors to replace the front doors and side doors, painting of the sanctuary, and the need for a storage building. Motion made and approved to borrow funds to pay for these items. A

vote was taken on the matter of observing Daylight Savings Time or staying on Eastern Standard Time. The majority voted to observe Daylight Savings Time. Mrs. L. C. Clarke (Annie) and her daughter, Miss Mary Clarke, donated two boxwoods for planting in front of the church. The church received two electric fans, gifts from Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Gordon and Mr. T. C. Woodson (no A/C!!). The Men's Brotherhood requested and was granted permission to pave an area (50'x 80') of the parking area to provide multiple play area for tennis, basketball, volleyball, etc. Mrs. Lois Phillips and Mrs. Phyllis Clarke agreed to make a membership roster available to members. VBS was held with registration of 145. A parade, led by a Manakin fire truck, was the highlight of Preparation Day. On July 1, 1961 this happy event took place:

"The marriage of Miss Mary Kathryn Bailey of Richmond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Chase Bailey of Bassett, to the Reverend Walter Lee Bradley of Manakin, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Armstead Nelson Bradley of Sandston, took place Saturday, July 1st, at high noon at Dover Baptist Church in Manakin. Performing the ceremony was the brother of the bride, the Reverend Rolan Conway Bailey of Roanoke. The bride was attired in a street length dress of white silk trimmed in satin. Her hat was of white satin and she wore a corsage of white rosebuds. The bride's only attendant was Mrs. Rolan Conway Bailey. The Reverend Charlie Henry Bradley of Sandston was his brother's best man. Ushers were Howard Hamilton Henley and John Emmitt Smith, both of Manakin. Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held at the church".

Several pews from the old frame church, which had been stored elsewhere when the building burned, were placed in the balcony of the new church. Homecoming was held on October 8th with Mrs. Beverly Holmes as chairman. This also being Layman's Day, the message was brought by Mr. Clarence Manning, a resident of this community and a member of First Baptist, Richmond. Rev. Walton Connelly spoke at the afternoon service. Mrs. Eva Henley reported that the Youth group had been officially organized into a Training Union with Mr. and Mrs. Thaxton Martin, Mr. Jimmy Holmes and herself

as counselors. Tile was installed on the basement floor. The congregation participated in the County Christmas Basket project to provide food, clothing and toys for needy families. The budget for year 1962 was approved at \$13,500. Mrs. Kathryn Bradley presented a Christmas Vesper service with assistance from Mrs. Eva Henley.

1962

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 220

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 161

PASTOR – REV. WALTER L. BRADLEY

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT – MR. RICHARD (DICK) HAMEL, JR.

The General Fund balance was reported as \$318.81 by Treasurer Mr. Jimmy Holmes. Dover's newly organized Training Union reported enrollment of 48 with average attendance of 30. Revival was held in April. The dire need for additional educational space was discussed and a committee was formed to investigate land availability, space needs and financial resources. Dover's adult choir joined with five other church choirs to present an Easter cantata at Berea Baptist Church. The matter of the Leonard Henley property which had been bequeathed jointly to Dover and Hebron Presbyterian Churches at Mr. Henley's death was discussed. Mrs. Henley survives and must be cared for as long as she lives. Dover Trustees were instructed to work with Hebron representatives to determine a course of action, i.e., borrow money on the property or sell property to meet the financial needs of Mrs. Henley. Five hundred dollars (\$500) was borrowed from the Bank of Goochland and placed on deposit there to care for immediate needs of Mrs. Henley who was living in a Richmond nursing home. Nine BYU members attended Training Week at Eagle Eyrie. Two pianos were purchased at cost of \$1,224.75. Printing of church history (Mrs. Agee's) was tabled due to financial problems. A candlelight baptism service was held in May for 8 candidates. Mrs. Kathryn Bradley led a one-week Junior Music Camp with 19 Juniors participating. VBS had registration of 118. Homecoming was held on October 14th with Mrs. Eva Henley as chairman. The church family rejoiced with our pastor and his wife on the birth of a baby girl, Mary Kathryn Bradley, on September 7th. A new pump was installed. A Cemetery Fund was

established with a bequest from the Will of Miss Mary Clarke. A committee to review needed changes in Constitution and By-Laws was formed. Mr. John Smith reported that Mr. Fleetwood Garner would give Dover land for expansion. The Training Union sponsored a bake sale prior to Christmas to raise funds to provide for a needy family. A Christmas candlelight service was held. Budget for year 1963 was set at \$14,550.

1963

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 213

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 199

PASTOR – REV. WALTER L. BRADLEY

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT – MR. RICHARD (DICK) HAMEL, JR.

Money in the Cemetery Fund previously deposited from bequest of Miss Mary Clarke were used to purchase VEPCO stock. Dividends will go into Fund. Mrs. Virginia P. Nash was appointed church organist. VBS was held in June. Additional space for Sunday School was again discussed. A delegation attended, with Rev. Bradley, an ABC Board hearing to oppose the Board's proposal to locate a liquor store in Goochland. Mrs. Ann Tilman, Mrs. Lois Phillips and Mrs. Phyllis Clarke volunteered to prepare a Church Newsletter. Constitution and By Laws committee chairman, Mr. William Sheppard, presented recommendations for changes. Report approved as submitted. New Baptist Hymnals were purchased with many members purchasing books in memory of or in honor of loved ones. These hymnals were dedicated on October 13th, Homecoming, when Mrs. Nancy Meece served as chairman. Mr. Paul Brandt was morning speaker and speaker for the afternoon service as well as revival services in the following week was Rev. Preston Taylor, a former ministerial student supply at Dover when he was a student at University of Richmond. Miss Mary Powers, an active Dover youth was elected head cheerleader at Goochland High School. The adult choir participated in Dover Association's Music Festival at New Bridge Baptist Church. Mr. John Smith and Mr. Earl Henley (Trustees) reported that Mr. Fleetwood Garner had agreed to sell property (2 acres) behind our existing property for \$2,000 and that he would return the cost as a gift to the church. This transaction was expected to be finalized in early 1964.

Building Fund total stood at \$1,788.69. Mr. Leonard Henley's farm was sold with proceeds being invested for future care of Mrs. Henley. The church and Sunday school joined in a covered dish Christmas supper with a program directed by Mrs. Beverly Holmes. Carol singing was led by Mrs. Eva Henley accompanied by Mrs. Virginia Nash. Mrs. Kathryn Bradley directed the Junior Choir in several selections. A budget for 1964 was approved at \$12,020.00.

1964

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 219

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 150

PASTOR – REV. WALTER L. BRADLEY

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT – MRS. MARY KATHERINE SHEPPARD

Balance in checking account shown as \$197.44 as reported by Treasurer, Mr. Dick Hamel, Jr. Mr. Jimmy Holmes, chair of B&G committee, made following report in January: "The Deed to the property given by Mr. Fleetwood Garner is to be turned over to us in the next couple of months. Mr. Harold Keeton" (local contractor) "has drawn a sketch which is on display in the vestibule and will give us a preliminary estimate of the cost shortly." The final note balance on loan to purchase two pianos (1962) was paid in full. Congratulations were extended by congregation to Mr. Earl Henley on being elected Chairman of Goochland County Board of Supervisors. Intermediate girls presented a program written and directed by Miss Connie Moore. Mr. John Smith reported that Deacons had agreed to assign a "Deacon of the Month" to be responsible for opening/closing church, etc. Mrs. Sheppard, S.S. Superintendent, reported that many members were participating in a program to read the Bible through during this year. Vacation Bible School, for the first time, was held for two weeks with 120 folks enrolled. Mrs. Nancye Meece was Principal. Revival week was held commencing on March 15th. Rev. Bradley preached the Baccalaureate Sermon for Goochland High School graduation services. Easter Sunday baptismal service was held for 9 candidates. Mr. John E. Smith was elected Trustee to fill vacancy caused by death of Mr. Bernard S. Henley. Miss Alice Martin and Miss Peggy Amos represented Dover at Youth Music camp at Eagle

Eyrie. Youth Sunday was observed in June with youth of the church teaching Primary through Adult age classes. The worship service was also staffed by the youth and several spoke on their theme "Issues Confronted by Today's Youth": Misses Mary Powers, Carole Breed and Mr. David Amos and Mr. John Filler. Homecoming was held in October with Mrs. Nancye Meece serving as chairman of the day. The annual Thanksgiving service, usually held on Thanksgiving day morning was moved to Thanksgiving eve. The Deed for the newly acquired property (2 acres from Mr. Fleetwood Garner) was recorded in Goochland County Clerk's Office. Budget for 1965 was fixed at \$13,457. The Christmas program was led by Junior Choir under direction of Mrs. Kathryn Bradley.

1965

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 214

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 185

PASTOR – REV. WALTER L. BRADLEY

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT – MRS. MARY KATHERINE SHEPPARD

Vacation Bible School was held in June, a two-week session with Mrs. Nancye Meece as Principal. Request to Mrs. L. C. Clarke (Annie) regarding acquisition of narrow strip of land between old fence line of cemetery and Manakin Road (relocated slightly) was referred to her Attorney, per her request. Mr. James Bullard was researching the possibility of having the church history (Mrs. Agee's) printed. Our Sunday School picnic was held at Mr. Luck's pond. Mr. Basil Gordon, Jr. and Mrs. Anna Proffitt reported for Deacons and Deaconesses. A youth led program was held during Baptist Youth Week. Folding doors were installed between the rear classroom and sanctuary. The death of Mrs. Ada Henley was reported by Trustee Board. The Board was instructed to work with Hebron Presbyterian representatives to determine a settlement date for this estate. A Building committee was re-activated as Mr. James Bullard, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Mary Katherine Sheppard, Mr. R. W. Hamel, Jr., Mr. John E. Smith and Mrs. Nancye Meece. This committee subsequently made several recommendation in conjunction with the Finance committee: 1) "ask Nashville (S.S. Board) to prepare a master plan for a

facility based on 300 in attendance in Sunday School; 2) then employ a competent architect to create a design especially for Dover; 3) survey Dover's entire land holdings; 4) use Henley (Mr. Leonard) estate funds to pay off any debt at Bank of Goochland incurred for Mrs. Henley's care; 5) invest \$10,000 in a one-year savings certificate; and 6) place any remaining funds in Church Building fund." Recommendation approved. A budget of \$14,662 for the year 1966 was approved. Mrs. Margaret Thieme was elected B.W.C. President. Nine Juniors (Blanche Adams, Paige Clarke, Juanita Deck, Kathryn Hamel, Melinda Parrish, Charlene Wilton, Dale Meece, Johnny Wilton, Steve Hamel) attended Music Camp at Eagle Eyrie with Mr. and Mrs. Hamel serving as chaperones. New robes for the adult choir and a duplicating machine were purchased. Buildings & Grounds committee chair, Mr. Charlie Gilley, reported the theft of copper downspouts from the sanctuary structure. Homecoming was established as an annual event with date being moved from October to September. The adult choir presented a Christmas cantata "Love Transcending" during morning worship time and the church family met for a covered dish supper after a cantata "Lo, a Star!" was performed by the joint Junior choirs of Dover and Salem Baptist Church under direction of Mrs. Kathryn Bradley and Miss Alice Martin. Mrs. Joe Ann Proffitt was elected Deaconess chair for the coming year.

1966

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 219

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 191

PASTOR – REV. WALTER L. BRADLEY

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT – MRS. AUDREY H. HENLEY

Checking account balance reported as \$712.99. Mrs. Audrey Henley (S.S. Superintendent) reported that a new Sunday School class for young adult ladies, ages 25 – 34, had been organized. She also reported that three Christmas "baskets" had been delivered to needy community families. The Young Married Ladies' Bible Class was named The Elvie Daves Bible Class in honor of their teacher of many years and the Adult Ladies' Class was named The Elizabeth E. DuVal Class in memory of their long time teacher. Mr. James Bullard, Deacon Board chair, and Mrs. Joe Ann Proffitt,

Deaconess chair, made reports of church and community ministries. Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Ida Henley for the lovely embroidered bookmark she had stitched for the pulpit Bible. Pastor Bradley was selected by the Baptist State Board to be one of 18 state ministers to attend a study on rural churches in the 20th century to be held in Gulfport, Mississippi. In April, Mrs. Margaret Thieme, for the Business Women's Circle, presented the following recommendation: "Whereas the BWC feels the need of a library and wishes to establish a memorial to Miss Elizabeth E. DuVal, we recommend that the church sanction the establishment of the Elizabeth E. DuVal Memorial Library and thereafter assume its maintenance and support". The BWC further agreed to assume initial responsibilities of finding a place for the library, set up definite times when the library would be open, establish a loan system to include records, charge cards, etc. and donate five or more books which would be a collection start. They also recommended that a Librarian and two staff members be elected by the Church and added as a standing committee. Mrs. Bertha Henley DiServio was elected Librarian and Mrs. Ann Tilman and Miss Alice Martin were named as Assistants. Mr. Boyce Rufty, reporting for a committee formed to investigate church insurance, reported that the church now has \$75,000 coverage. VBS, with enrollment of 123, was led by Mrs. Nancy Meece with Mrs. Audrey Henley assisting her. In July, following VBS, baptismal services were held for 8 candidates. Also in July, Mrs. Eva Henley, for BWC, presented a recommendation that dedication of The Elizabeth E. DuVal Memorial Library be done on Homecoming Day during the morning worship time "with the stipulation that the program and speaker be exclusively for the dedication and that the dedication not be an addendum to the program". Recommendation adopted as presented with October 23rd set aside for this purpose. Dr. Solon Cousins and Dr. Helen Monsell, both long time friends of Miss DuVal, were speakers for this dedication. Eleven youth attended Junior Music week at Eagle Eyrie. Mrs. Ann Tilman, Mrs. Janet Wilton and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Adams served as chaperones for the group. Seven youth attended Youth Music week with Mr. and Mrs. Thaxton Martin as chaperones. The Sunday School and Church picnic was held on the church grounds. On recommendation of Deacons and Deaconesses, a proposal was made to air condition the sanctuary. They reported that A. C. Gunlacht Company had given an estimate of \$2700.00 to do this work. Mr. Charlie Gilley volunteered to do the

wiring work free of charge! Plans for additional space have been received from Nashville. These plans depict a two-story T-formation addition attached to the rear of existing sanctuary building with something less than 10,000 square feet of space at a cost of approximately \$100,000. Discussion of this proposal brought forth many opinions – consensus being that, although space is desperately needed, our current building fund balance appears to make this plan not possible at this time. Something smaller and less expensive should be pursued. Mr. Charlie Gilley was elected Deacon chair for 1967 and Mrs. Pauline Staples will serve as chair of Deaconesses. Mr. Ed Deck and Mr. Charlie Gilley were thanked for their work in building cabinets to house Junior choir robes and shelving for library books. Appreciation was expressed to Mr. William Sheppard and Mr. Larry Walker for the music cabinet they built for the Adult choir. Gutters (copper ones previously stolen) were replaced. Budget for 1967 was approved at \$14,568. The Will of Miss Elizabeth E. DuVal bequeathed \$500 each to the Cemetery Fund and general fund. The bequest to Cemetery Fund will be added to existing VEPCO stock investment. Mrs. Eva Henley was elected Sunday School Superintendent for year 1967. An evening baptismal service was held in December for 8 candidates.

NOTE: BUSINESS SESSION MINUTES COVERING
THE YEARS 1967-1974 HAVE BEEN LOST. THE
ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS RECORDED HERE HAVE
BEEN GLEANED FROM OLD BULLETINS
AND SCRAPBOOK ENTRIES.

1967

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 224

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 144

PASTOR – REV. WALTER L. BRADLEY (THROUGH MARCH)

DR. GEORGE W. SADLER (INTERIM IN JULY)

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT – MRS. EVA B. HENLEY

Treasurer, Mrs. Ann S. Tilman, reported balance in checking account as \$1,879.05. Building Fund balance was \$6,650.00. Dover received the resignation of Rev. Walter Bradley at the end of March. His last sermon was delivered on Easter Sunday. Miss

Kate Bullard volunteered to serve as Adult Choir accompanist. Mrs. Ruby Adams was elected Youth Counselor. The youth presented a drama "Daniel and the Tempter". Youth Sunday was held with Taylor Putney serving as Pastor, Paige Clarke as pianist and Charlene Wilton as organist. Dr. George W. Sadler was called as Interim Pastor, effective July 1967. Homecoming was held in September with Mrs. Phyllis Clarke serving as chairman. Dr. O. W. Rhodenhiser was morning speaker. Dedication and Open House for the newly completed Education Building was held in the afternoon with Dr. Sadler presiding. Mrs. Marsha Worsham was employed as Choir Director in September. Mr. William (Bill) Durrett was elected S. S. Superintendent for 1968. An invitation was extended by the Pastor Search committee to Rev. John Poole Elliott, Jr., of Scottsville to preach a trial sermon on October 29th. In December, Dover called Rev. Elliott as pastor. He along with his wife, Nancy, and two sons, John and David, came to Dover in mid-January of 1968.

1968

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 239

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 188

PASTOR – REV. JOHN P. ELLIOTT, JR.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT – MR. WILLIAM (BILL) DURRETT

A candlelight baptism service for 7 candidates was held in February. Rev. Ernest Clarke, former Dover pastor (June 1953 – October 1955) visited and was guest speaker. Mrs. Marsha Worsham resigned as Choir Director in June. Mr. Carlton Dickinson, a Virginia Commonwealth University sophomore, was employed as Director of Music in September 1968. Dr. C. Spurgeon Paschall was guest speaker for Homecoming. A second baptismal service was held in November for 17 candidates. Year end treasury balance was reported as \$12,183.79.

1969CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 289SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 212PASTOR – REV. JOHN P. ELLIOTT, JR.SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT – MR. WILLIAM (BILL) DURRETT

The Deacons and Deaconesses hosted a reception honoring Rev. and Mrs. Elliott on completion of their first year at Dover. Revival services were held in March by Rev. Leland H. Waters. The "Religious Drama Quintette" featuring Virginia Baptist Student Union members from several Virginia colleges visited Dover and made a presentation with Miss Alice Martin, a student at Westhampton College, as a member. Alice was an active participant and leader in Dover's youth organization and choir before entering college. An Easter cantata, "No Greater Love", directed by Mr. Carlton Dickinson, was presented by the Adult Choir who also traveled to Carlton's home church in Charlotte Court House to perform this cantata. The choir members sponsored a backyard/rummage sale to help finance this trip. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burbach were elected as sponsors for the Junior and High School youth. Baptismal service was held in July for 16 candidates. Dr. George W. Sadler was guest speaker and assisted in ordination service for Mr. R. Earl Gowin and Mr. Meredith Alvis. A two-week VBS had an enrollment of 131. Homecoming speaker was Dr. James R. Bryant. The Adult Choir presented a Christmas cantata "Born A King" and the youth group enjoyed a night of caroling in the community.

1970CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 285SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 217PASTOR – REV. JOHN P. ELLIOTT, JR.SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT – MR. WILLIAM (BILL) DURRETT

Dover entered another decade with Mr. Meredith Alvis, Mr. Charles Burbach and Mr. Charles Parker as speakers on Baptist Men's Day. Special music was a solo by Mr. Earl

Henley. A concert of Easter music was presented by Miss Paige Clarke and Mr. Carlton Dickinson. A Parent-Child dedication service was held and Baptism services were held in July. Homecoming speaker was Rev. Harry T. Dixon, Jr. Thanksgiving Eve service was led by the youth. Cash balance in treasury at end of 1970 was reported as \$1,869.27 and the Education Building note balance was reported as \$4,550.00.

1971

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 281

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 178

PASTOR – REV. JOHN P. ELLIOTT, JR.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT – MR. WILLIAM (BILL) DURRETT

A Deacon ordination service was held for Mr. Lewis V. Henley and Mr. David L. Roberts. Miss Alice Martin served as a summer missionary in Jamaica and Mr. David Elliott worked at Eagle Eyrie for the summer. Congratulations extended by congregation to Mr. Carlton Dickinson on his graduation from Virginia Commonwealth University. VBS was held with 112 enrolled. Baptism service held in July. The Homecoming speaker was Dr. Linwood T. Horne and guest evangelist Rev. Cecil Marsh led revival services during the following week. The adult choir presented a Christmas cantata "Memories of the Manger".

1972

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 280

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 172

PASTOR – REV. JOHN P. ELLIOTT, JR.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT – MR. WILLIAM (BILL) DURRETT

A committee was appointed to begin planning for Dover's 200th anniversary as follows: Mr. Charles M. Parker, Mrs. Mary K. Sheppard and Mrs. Eva Henley. A Sunday School and Church picnic was held at Richmond's lake. Baptismal services were held in

February and May. Mrs. Margaret Walker was employed as Organist and Choir Director. Mr. Charles (Chuck) Burbach was elected Sunday School Superintendent for year 1973. Dr. F. Lawson Pankey was Homecoming speaker and Dr. W. Landon Miller led revival services in week the following Homecoming.

1973

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 266

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 146

PASTOR – REV. JOHN P. ELLIOTT, JR.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT – MR. CHARLES (CHUCK) BURBACH

1973 was a special time for Dover's congregation as this year marked the 200th anniversary of our founding as Dover Meeting House. We began the year by hosting the Spring (semi-annual) meeting of Dover Baptist Association. Prior to our main celebration, Rev. and Mrs. Elliott enjoyed a trip to the Holy Land and celebrated the graduation of their son, John, from Wake Forest. The Men's Bible Class sponsored a breakfast for class members and men of the community. Dover worshipped with St. James Baptist Church (Blair Road) where Rev. Elliott brought the message and our adult choir presented choral selections. Our Homecoming and 200th Anniversary Celebration was held on October 14th with Dr. Theodore Adams, pastor of First Baptist, Richmond, as speaker. This service was recorded by radio station WRVA for broadcast on the following Sunday morning. Many members, and even guests, dressed in colonial costume. Approximately 400 people attended. In recognition of the fact that in Dover's early years, the races worshipped together, the choir of St. James Baptist presented music for the afternoon service. Also as a part of the afternoon celebration there was a presentation by Baptist Student Union Drama Team members telling the story of early Virginia Baptists. Mrs. Joyce Smith produced and directed the Dover ladies in scenes from Dover's early days. A mini museum was staffed and included displays of commemorative plates (depicting old frame church) and tiles (depicting current sanctuary building) as well as many pictures and other items of interest. Revival services were held the following week with former pastors serving as guest speakers: Rev. Preston Taylor,

Rev. Paul Wallington, Rev. Walter L. Bradley, Dr. William Rhodenhiser, Rev. William Bruffey Conner, Rev. Joseph Rotella and Dr. George A. Sadler. Special music was rendered each night by several groups: Salem Baptist Church Choir, Goochland Baptist Church Quartet, First Baptist, Manakin Choir, soloist Mary Pickens from Richmond, and Bon Air Baptist Church Quartet. On October 23rd the congregation participated in the planting of a 200th anniversary tree on the front lawn. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Henley (Ida) turned the first shovels of dirt in the act of planting. On the next Sunday, October 28th, Dover's congregation worshipped at Cannon Memorial Chapel, University of Richmond. Our final anniversary year celebration was a program "Christmas 1773" with a covered dish supper and service of Carols and Communion. Dover member, Mr. Charles M. Parker, was elected to a four year term as Member-At-Large on the Virginia Baptist General Board. Bank balance at year's end was \$3,995.48 with Education Building note at \$2800.00.

1974

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 269

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 152

PASTOR – REV. JOHN P. ELLIOTT, JR.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MR. CHARLES (CHUCK) BURBACH

Miss Sharon Gilley was recognized for 18 years of perfect Sunday School attendance. Miss Alice Martin was licensed to the ministry by Washington City Church of the Brethern, Washington, D.C. Mr. Charles M. Parker was speaker for Layman's Day. A Deacon ordination service was held for Mr. Atlee Amos and Mr. Wally W. Platt. Mr. Charles Reynolds was welcomed into Dover's fellowship and employed as Student Youth Minister. In the fall, just in time for Homecoming, a picnic area in the ravine behind the sanctuary building was completed. This consisted of curved serving and eating tables in a beautiful shady setting. On Baptist Men's Day, messages were brought by Mr. Edgar Smith and Mr. William Sheppard. Mrs. Rosalie Alvis served as VBS principal. Three baptism services were held. The Dover and Salem adult choirs joined in presenting a cantata "Child Jesus" directed by Mrs. Roberta Cottrell of Salem and Mrs. Margaret Walker of Dover.

1975CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 267SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 152PASTOR – REV. JOHN P. ELLIOTT, JR.SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MR. CHARLES (CHUCK) BURBACH

As we begin year 1975, Treasurer Mr. R. Earl Gowin reported \$6,680.78 as balance in checking account. Seventeen hundred fifty dollars (\$1750.00) was balance due at Bank of Goochland on Education Building note. In January Business Session, the congregation approved a Recommendation from the Music Committee to purchase a pipe organ for Dover's sanctuary. The model selected was a free standing type, made by Casavant Company of Canada, to be purchased through Mr. Lawrence Walker, Casavant's representative in this area. Mr. Walker graciously donated his commission on this sale as a gift to the church. Mr. Andy Griffey, local architect and Dover member, volunteered to prepare a schedule of work that will be needed to implement the installation of the organ. Choir members and Music Committee, under leadership of Mrs. Margaret Walker, sponsored several avenues throughout the year for raising funds for this purchase. It was noted that Miss Sharon Gilley was doing a great job of mowing the church lawn! In February, the JUBILATE choral group from University Baptist Church, Charlottesville, a group of 40 University of Virginia students sponsored by Baptist Student Union and University Church, presented a program of sacred and secular music to a great crowd. One of Dover's own young ladies, Miss Juanita Deck, a student at UVA, was a member of this chorus. Mr. Charles Reynolds came to Dover as Youth Minister in March, 1975. He had spent several previous months working with RA's at Peaks of Otter and will be a student at University of Richmond in the fall. The Landscaping Committee reported that two dogwood trees have been planted and willow oaks will be planted soon. The Special Occasions Committee hosted a reception honoring Rev. and Mrs. Elliott on their 25th wedding anniversary which also was the 25th anniversary of Rev. Elliott's ministry. A pair of silver candleabra and other gifts were presented to the Elliotts as was a memory book of cards and letters from relatives and friends. The church, under sponsorship of

the Youth, purchased a used bus to provide transportation for activities. Vacation Bible School enrollment was 87. Rev. and Mrs. Elliott attended Baptist World Alliance in Stockholm, Sweden. The ownership of the strip of land between the old fence along the west side of the cemetery and Route 621 (now Manakin Road which had been relocated slightly to the west) and in front of the sanctuary building had been discussed for a number of years. Mr. John Smith presented a letter from Goochland Attorney, Mr. Paul H. Miller, stating that a search of Goochland Clerk's Office records indicated that this land belongs to Dover Baptist Church. The BWC hosted the Area Fall Dinner Meeting at Dover with around 60 ladies attending. Homecoming was cancelled due to sanctuary construction work for installation of the new pipe organ. Dover's congregation worshipped with members of First Baptist, Manakin, with Rev. Elliott bringing the message. The Deaconesses prepared and delivered Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to community shut-ins.

1976

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 265

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 139

PASTOR – REV. JOHN P. ELLIOTT, JR.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MR. MEREDITH ALVIS

Company No. 1 (Manakin) Volunteer Fire and Rescue members worshipped with Dover in a special service recognizing their service to our community. The Olive Riddell W.M.U. met with Dover for their spring meeting with around 100 ladies attending. The Elvie Daves S.S. Class presented dogwood trees for the church grounds in memory of Mrs. Elvie Gooch Daves who passed away on March 21, 1976. A service of baptism was held. Dover's adult choir, dressed in colonial costumes, participated in Goochland County's Bicentennial Day with a fifteen minute recital of early American folk hymns. A dedication service for the pipe organ was held on October 10th, Homecoming, with a recital by Mr. Granville Munson, Organist and Choir Master of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Richmond. Mrs. Eva Henley served as Homecoming chairperson with approximately 200 folks in attendance. A week of revival services with guest evangelist

Rev. Robert Melvin followed Homecoming. Mr. Robert Swift, Minister of Music at Culpeper United Methodist Church, a former Goochland County resident and nephew of Mr. William Sheppard, was guest organist for a program of Advent and Christmas music on October 28th. Mrs. Ruth Starke donated a piano to the church for the many music programs. An auction and bazaar were held in September at Ackerley's barn next to the home of Meredith Alvis for the benefit of the organ fund. The position of Assistant Clerk was approved and plans made to amend the Constitution and By-Laws to include this office. Discussion was held regarding disposal of old electronic organ. Subsequent sale was made to a buyer in Culpeper for \$300.00. The Sunday School picnic was held at Few Acres pond. It was reported that a new seal was needed for the refrigerator door! In November, the youth group, "QUEST", under leadership of Mr. Charles Reynolds, sponsored a "This is Your Life!" program honoring Mrs. Pauline H. Staples for her many years of teaching in Dover Sunday School. Miss Alice Martin visited with Dover just before her graduation from Seminary and reported that she had accepted a call to be Pastor at The Church of The Brethern in Champayne, Illinois. A decision was made by congregation to instigate holding a Wednesday family night supper each quarter. 1976 treasurer's report indicated balance on Education Building loan as \$350.00.

1977

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 271

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 133

PASTOR – REV. JOHN P. ELLIOTT, JR.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MR. DON NEAL

A new floor was laid in the kitchen and sink faucets were replaced. A leaking restroom commode was repaired and a rail installed on the stairway. This necessary work reported by Buildings & Grounds Committee. Permission was granted to remove the wall partition between two small classrooms in basement. Mr. Charles Reynolds submitted his resignation as Youth Director due to heavy school schedule and recommended Mr. Steve Webster for his replacement. Mr. Webster was subsequently hired in February for

this position. The B&G Committee is again quite busy under direction of Mr. John Smith who reported that all radiators had been fixed. Congratulations extended to Miss Kellie Burton who won a mini-spelling bee at her school. Rev. Elliott reported that Greenwood Memorial Gardens Cemetery had given the church four burial spaces – two for Rev. and Mrs. Elliott and the other two for use as the church wishes. The W.M.U. reports that they are now sponsoring/supporting a Korean child through Christian Children's Fund. Bookcases were given for the library in memory of Mrs. Elvie Daves. Two baptismal services were held. Congratulations extended to Mr. Charles Reynolds and Miss Paige Clarke on their graduation from University of Richmond. The water pump has been stolen! – but replaced. Mrs. Lois Henley served as Homecoming chair. Mr. David Roberts reported for Deacons that they had delivered Homecoming lunches to homebound and shut-ins. The Music Committee scheduled another bazaar/bake sale/yard sale for benefit of the organ fund. Mr. Charles Reynolds was commissioned as a Missionary Journeyman to serve two years in Austria. A budget for 1978 was presented and approved at \$27,194.00. A bequest to the Cemetery Fund was received from the estate of Mr. George W. Henley. A Christmas cantata "A Son is Given" was presented by the adult choir.

1978

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 269

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 95

PASTOR – REV. JOHN P. ELLIOTT, JR.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MRS. KATHY ROBERTS

Congregational approval granted for Trustees to invest bequest from estate of Mr. George W. Henley in a 6-year Certificate of Deposit. Motion made and approved to amend Constitution and By-Laws to appoint Deacon Board chairman as Moderator for business sessions. In June, the church received letter of resignation from Rev. Elliott to be effective the 30th of the month. A pulpit search committee was elected, as follows: Mr. Meredith Alvis, Mrs. Kathleen Bullard, Mrs. Edith Durrett, Mr. Russell Hester and Mr. Mark Smith. This committee was instructed to offer a pastor's salary range at \$10,000 to

\$14,000 and they were charged with securing supply pastors. A reception was held for Rev. and Mrs. Elliott with a cash gift from the congregation along with other gifts being presented. A Baptismal service was held on the Sunday evening of Rev. Elliott's retirement. Congratulations extended to Mrs. Audrey Smith on her graduation from Richmond Public School of Practical Nursing. VBS was held with Mrs. Eva Henley as Director and an enrollment of 98. Mrs. Kathleen Bullard was elected chairman for Homecoming. Dr. Thomas O. Hall was Homecoming speaker and there was no revival following Homecoming this year. Mrs. Margaret Mulhollen, reporting for W.M.U. said they had gained two new members for a total of fifteen on roll. An Acteens group has been organized. Mrs. Barbara Stone was elected BWC chairman. On November 26th, in a special called business session, the Pulpit Search Committee presented the name of Rev. John C. Cowell as candidate to pastor Dover. Forty-five members were present and an approval vote was taken by secret ballot. Rev. Cowell said he would assume duties as of January 1st, 1979. Treasurer, Mrs. Kathy Roberts, reported that receipts, for 1978, exceeded expenditures by \$1201.62.

1979

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 272

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 93

PASTOR – REV. JOHN C. COWELL

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MR. WILLIAM SHEPPARD

A reception was held by Deaconesses for new pastor Rev. John C. Cowell and his wife, Bronwyn. A motion was approved to have Constitution & By-Laws amended to include the office and duties of Church W.M.U. Director. Rev. Cowell thanked the congregation for the recent reception given for him and Bronwyn and expressed his appreciation to officers and committee chairmen for their thorough reports. A Deacon ordination service was held for Mr. Leonard Burton. Congratulations extended to Miss Sharon Gilley on her recent graduation from St. Luke's School of Nursing. Special congratulations to Miss Evelyn Deck on her high school graduation as Valedictorian. Insurance has been increased to cover church buildings and contents including pipe organ. Also included is

bus insurance. Discussion ensued as to whether to sell the bus due to expenses incurred for its maintenance, etc. Trustees were charged to investigate expenses associated with bus upkeep versus consideration to rent a bus/van for needed occasions. VBS enrollment was 85. Miss Juanita Deck reported that a Youth Retreat was attended by 17 youth. The BWC hosted their Federation dinner meeting. Seventeen youth and three adults attended Eagle Eyrie under leadership of Mrs. Lorraine Charlton. Rules for wedding procedures, as presented by Mrs. Kathleen Bullard, Music Committee chairman, were approved. The Constitution & By-Laws are again amended to include Youth Committee. Mrs. Joyce Smith was elected to serve as Homecoming chairman. Mr. Steve Webster, a former Youth worker here at Dover, is now serving as a Missionary Journeyman in France. Budget for year 1980 was approved as \$30,360.00. The Buildings & Grounds committee reported that some of the plumbing problems had been corrected, the furnace room had been cleaned and work was progressing on clearing clutter from closets. Memorial gifts for the late Mrs. Louise Moses were used to plant a willow oak tree in front of sanctuary. A Christmas drama, "Gift Wrap, Please", was directed by Mrs. Eva Henley.

1980

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP - 272

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 93

PASTOR – REV. JOHN C. COWELL

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MRS. ROSALIE ALVIS

A motion was made and approved to install storm windows on both buildings as well as installation of weather stripping on all doors. At a called meeting on March 9th, Mr. Rusty Curling, a Virginia Commonwealth University senior, was presented and approved as Youth Director. Deaconess chair, Mrs. Kathleen Bullard, said they had assisted with baptismal service candidates and were involved with repairing baptismal robes. The W.M.U. continues to meet and made Easter bunnies for children hospitalized at Medical College of Virginia. The BWC continues to do programs at River Road Nursing Home and Acteens meet regularly. Mr. Charles Reynolds was ordained to the ministry in his

home church, Chestnut Grove, near Charlottesville. The subject of liability insurance was again discussed having been tabled for study from a previous business session. Advice was assigned to Trustees to contact the Baptist Board to determine the church's legal responsibility in this matter. A subsequent report from a Baptist Board attorney indicated that the church should "take no further action on this matter other than to check with our insurance carrier regarding the amount of liability coverage" in force. Mrs. Eva Henley directed VBS with 71 enrolled. It was reported by Mrs. Margaret Thieme, W.M.U. Director, "that not as many are active. Day group is decreasing, youth are not functioning. The Acteens are not meeting and the GA's have no leader". She asked for special prayers regarding missions work. A church party was held in August for Mrs. Hattie Jones as she celebrated her 96th birthday. The Library committee, under direction of Miss Juanita Deck, presented "Media Center General Policies & Procedures" that would be used in administrating the Media Center as they work on reclassification of materials.

1981

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 272

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 91

PASTOR – REV. JOHN C. COWELL

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MR. DAVID ROBERTS

Budget for year was approved at \$32,248.00. It was reported that the missions groups (day/WMU & night/BWC) were now meeting together. Night group members volunteered to provide transportation for members of day group so they could attend night meetings. Mrs. Barbara Stone is guiding the church music programs. Business session approved motion to dispose of bus and advertise in Religious Herald for a buyer. The bus was subsequently sold to Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church for \$500.00 to be used for Scout Troop transportation. Congratulations to Miss Sharon Gilley on receiving

an Arts & Science Scholarship Award from Virginia Commonwealth University. A Bible Conference was held with Dr. David James-Morse from Wales as speaker. Salem Baptist and Goochland Baptist Churches joined with Dover for this study. Mrs. Kathy Roberts was Director for VBS. In July, Rev. Cowell presented his letter of resignation, effective August 9th, saying he had accepted a position at Kings College in Bristol, Tennessee. Four youth, along with Youth Minister Rusty Curling, attended Eagle Eyrie. Motion passed to hold Homecoming on the third Sunday of September instead of in October to get away from cooler weather and take advantage of opportunity to use the picnic area. Mrs. Gerry Ewing was elected chairman of Homecoming. A Pulpit Search Committee was appointed as follows: Mr. Dave Roberts, chairman, Mr. Mike Cox, Mrs. Sue Cox, Mrs. Kathy Roberts, Mr. Leonard Burton, Mrs. Carol Burton and Mrs. Barbara Stone. Committee chair asked for pay approval for supply speakers and reported that committee was hearing candidates. A salary range of \$18,000 to \$22,000 for a full-time pastor was approved.

1982

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 252

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 92

PASTOR – REV. WALTER MAYES (6/82)

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MR. WALLY PLATT

Deacons reported that a proposal to rent the Education Building for purpose of operating a Day Care Center had been received from Mr. and Mrs. Dennis (Debi) Parker. Discussion followed on the need for such a facility and the financial and legal responsibilities of the church in such an endeavor. The Deacon Board was instructed to consider this request and make recommendation for church action. (This matter was subsequently brought before the congregation for vote and turned down.) A called business session was held on March 2nd to hear recommendation from Pulpit Search Committee for Dover pastor. The name of Rev. Walter Mayes was presented. He will be available by first Sunday in June after school classes close. The vote was unanimous to

call Rev. Mayes. Miss Juanita Deck served as VBS Director. The S.S. picnic was held at Naylor's Beach on suggestion of Mr. Wally Platt. In mid-year, a balance of \$9,508.18 was reported as working funds. A coffee reception was held to welcome Rev. Mayes, his wife Kaye and two sons. Mrs. Patricia Heffinger was elected chair person for Homecoming. An extension telephone was installed in the Education Building. A bequest was received from the estates of Mrs. Esther (Cosby) Pickins and Mr. Samuel Pickins. The Buildings & Grounds committee again has a number of items on their agenda: front columns and steeple need repair; the storm windows have not been installed; the church needs painting and there is an odor and dampness problem in the basement classrooms and restrooms. The budget for 1983 was approved at \$40,689.00. The congregation sponsored a needy family through the Goochland County Christmas Mother program and the choir presented a cantata "The Night the Angels Sang".

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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 253

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 74

PASTOR – REV. WALTER MAYES

PASTOR EMERITUS – REV. JOHN P. ELLIOTT, JR. (JUNE)

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MISS JUANITA DECK

A reception was held for Rev. and Mrs. John P. Elliott, Jr. honoring him as Dover's Pastor Emeritus and thanking him for his leadership and dedication to this congregation during his time of being Interim Pastor. Congratulations to Mrs. Frances F. K. Wang on the successful passing of her citizenship examination. Eleven youth attended a retreat at Eagle Eyrie. Rev. Mayes attended, for study and teaching, the Hebrew University in Israel during the month of July. Carpet was installed over tiles in the sanctuary and adjoining rooms. A successful VBS was reported with around 40 students attending. This was the first time that VBS was held at night. Homecoming was celebrated with Rev. Walter L. Bradley as guest speaker assisted by Rev. John P. Elliott, Jr., both former pastors at Dover. First mention was made of having a "Deck the Halls" party and

covered dish supper to decorate the church for Christmas. A budget of \$36,912.00 was approved for the year 1984.

1984

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 251

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 56

PASTOR – REV. WALTER MAYES

PASTOR EMERITUS – REV. JOHN P. ELLIOTT, JR.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MISS JUANITA DECK

Treasurer, Mrs. Lois P. Henley, reported a balance in Treasury of \$2,525.94. She also reported that the average weekly offering in 1983 was only \$365.24 with \$709.85 needed to meet budget expenses. A cabinet was (finally) purchased to be placed in vestibule to house old communion set and other memorabilia. Mr. Virgil Ewing was elected Homecoming chairman. The congregation voted to sponsor a Boy Scout Troop. The Deaconesses hosted a party honoring the birthdays of two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Henley on her 92nd and Miss Roberta Gordon on her 90th. The ladies of the church sponsored a baby shower for Mrs. Kaye Mayes. The WMU reported that they were sponsoring Miss Juanita Deck to attend an Evangelical Crusade in London, England. A S.S. picnic was held at Westview-on-the-James. A bequest from the estate of Dover friend, Miss Anna Fuller (sister of Mrs. Margaret Mulhollen), was received. Sunday School attendance reported as very low. The WMU has been re-organized with 16 ladies on roll. Mrs. Lois P. Henley was elected Director assuming this position from Mrs. Margaret Mulhollen who had led the ladies for many years. A softball team has been organized and a "Children's Time" has been added to the Sunday morning worship service. In October, Rev. Mayes submitted his letter of resignation to be effective on December 30th. A Pulpit Search committee was elected consisting of Mrs. Joyce Smith, Mrs. Sandy Duke, Miss Juanita Deck, Mr. Dave Roberts and Mrs. Charles Burton.

1985CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 244SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 65PASTOR – DR. BEN BRUNER (INTERIM APRIL – NOVEMBER)PASTOR EMERITUS – REV. JOHN P. ELLIOTT, JRSUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MISS JUANITA DECK

The adult choir joined with the Berea Baptist Church choir to present an Easter cantata as reported by Mrs. Barbara Stone. The Pulpit Search committee chairman, Mrs. Joyce Smith, said the committee was working with Association representatives and their suggested guidelines for interviewing/hearing prospective pastors. In April, the name of Dr. Ben Bruner was submitted and approved to be Interim Pastor. VBS was planned and again was held at night. There was an average attendance of 40 and for the first time, an Adult class was held. The sanctuary was painted by Mr. Edgar Smith. Chairman for Homecoming was approved as Mrs. Rosalie Alvis. The proposal for Dover to sponsor a Boy Scout Troop was again discussed and dropped due to lack of interest and no leader available. Mrs. Joyce Smith was elected Director for the upcoming World Missions Conference that Dover and other Association churches will participate in. Members provided bed and board for visiting missionaries and provided transportation to other churches where these missionaries were scheduled to speak. In October, the Pulpit Search committee presented, and the congregation approved, the calling of Dr. William R. Hollis as pastor. He will be available in two weeks.

1986CHURCH MEMBERSHIP - 259SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT - 72PASTOR - DR. WILLIAM R. HOLLISPASTOR EMERITUS - REV. JOHN P. ELLIOTT, JR.SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR - MISS JUANITA DECK

An ordination service was held for Deacons and Deaconesses. Plans were made to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of Dover's Elizabeth E. DuVal Memorial Library. An annual budget for 1986 was approved totaling \$42,296.00. Congratulations were extended to Miss Janis Roberts who had recently been tapped into the National Honor Society Chapter at Goochland High School. Baptismal services were held on Palm Sunday. Mrs. Kathy Roberts and Mrs. Georgia Burton were elected to co-chair Homecoming. The Trustees reported on their previous charge to review past estate bequests and determine which gifts should be set aside for cemetery perpetual care and which gifts should be invested for church use. Their recommendation stated that all funds bequeathed to the Cemetery Fund be invested in one location and that existing VEPCO stock be sold and added to this account. Other bequests which were received as "unspecified" should be placed in a Certificate of Deposit with stipulation that interest be earmarked for buildings and grounds projects. Flame proof sheers were purchased for windows in the sanctuary, balcony and baptistry. Chair cushions were purchased for pulpit chairs. VBS met with attendance of 48. Nine youth attended Eagle Eyrie with chaperones Mr. and Mrs. Cecil (Ham and Linda) Nuckols. A Dedication Service for the Scotland Partnership Evangelistic Team members (Joyce and Edgar Smith, Kathy Roberts, Charles and Georgia Burton, Juanita Deck, Rev. and Mrs. Hollis) was held on September 28th just prior to their departure on October 2nd. A congregational covered dish supper was held honoring Mrs. Ruth Henley on her 95th birthday. Motion was made and approved to start a fund for purpose of purchasing pew cushions. This project was funded by use of memorial donations made by Mrs. Virgie Webb, Mr. Wally Platt and Mrs. Gerry Ewing. A Christmas cantata "The Night the Angels Sang" was presented by adult choir.

1987CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 258SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 69PASTOR – DR. WILLIAM R. HOLLISPASTOR EMERITUS – REV. JOHN P. ELLIOTT, JR.SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MRS. JOYCE SMITH

The church received a crystal goblet that had been a possession of Rev. William Webber, Dover's founding Pastor, from Miss Elizabeth Angle, a fifth generation granddaughter of Rev. Webber. The Olive Riddell WMU group met with Dover WMU in the fall. Soup bowls are needed for the kitchen!! Invitation was extended to Rev. and Mrs. (Ann) Topping and Mr. George McQueen and several others from Scotland to come to Dover to participate in Homecoming and revival services in the fall. The Dover evangelistic team who had been to Scotland last year volunteered to chair Homecoming and plan activities for these guests. The WMU entertained the visiting group with a luncheon and visit to nearby Tuckahoe Plantation. The group enjoyed tours of County places of interest and visited the Missionary Learning Center at Rockville. The BWC sponsored a project to handcraft Chrismon ornaments for the sanctuary Christmas tree. They also baked 100 dozen cookies for Chimbarazo VBS. Special plans were made to participate in the 100th anniversary of WMU to be held in Richmond next year. The possibility of a partnership evangelistic team trip to Australia was discussed with invitation to all who would like to go. The Youth group is being led by Mr. Edgar Smith and Mr. Charles Burton. They are an active group – studying the Bible, taking rafting trips, visits to Kings Dominion and pool parties. The Men's adult Sunday School class was named the "William Durrett Bible Class" honoring this classes' long time teacher. The Buildings & Grounds committee reported many activities – a general "spruce up" of buildings and grounds; broken tiles replaced in basement floors; broken windows and lights replaced; air conditioner was repaired. Consideration was given to construction of an outside handicap ramp – no action taken. Mr. Robert B. Stone, (14 year old son – at the time - of Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Stone), was pictured on the Religious Herald cover (issue of September 24, 1987) ringing Dover's steeple bell in connection with bell ringing across

the nation celebrating the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. Dover's bell had been earlier presented to the church by Mr. J. Boyd Webb. Finalization for a prior proposal to purchase chimes was approved. Dover's adult choir worshipped with First Baptist, Manakin, during their revival week.

1988

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 248

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 107

PASTOR – DR WILLIAM R. HOLLIS

PASTOR EMERITUS – REV. JOHN P. ELLIOTT, JR.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MRS. JOYCE SMITH

Plans for the handicap ramp were tabled. Consideration was given to the purchase or rental of a copy machine – no action. Mrs. Patricia Heffinger was elected Deaconess chairman. Hymn books were reported as “deteriorating” and suggestion made to purchase new books. Decision made to hold off purchase until the New Baptist Hymnal would be published – scheduled for spring of 1990. A plaque was approved to list memorial donations to the chimes fund. Congratulations were extended to Miss Lindsey Alvis on her induction into the Quill and Scroll Journalism Society and her Cum Laude graduation from Collegiate School. Bible racks, crafted by Mr. William Sheppard, were installed under pews and memorial bibles were purchased by WMU in memory of Miss Roberta Gordon. Miss Juanita Deck was elected to serve as Homecoming chairman. Dover held their WMU/SBC Centennial Celebration in May. WMU ladies conducted the morning program and many dressed in clothing depicting styles of the past 100 years. Mrs. Lois Henley presented an overview of missions and the work of WMU. Mrs. Mary K. Sheppard presented a talk “Missions: The Early Years”. Dr. Joan Goatcher, a former missions worker in Thailand and India, was guest speaker. The children's choir performed the Sunbeam song. Approximately 11,000 WMU women descended on Richmond to attend the 2-day 100th birthday celebration. Richmond was the site of WMU's founding in 1888. The storm windows were (finally) reported as complete. Mrs. Mary K. Sheppard, reporting for the Cemetery committee, said that 24 unmarked gravesites have been identified and small stones (12” x 10”) with name, dates of birth and

death, have been placed to mark these graves. Also, 4 brick-sized stones have been ordered to provide additional information for four Confederate Veteran gravesites. Mrs. Sheppard also reported that the WMU wishes to take on project to publish the church history compiled by Mrs. Helene Barret Agee. The WMU asked for financial help from the church – one-half of the cost to publish – which would be returned to church treasury from sales proceeds. This project was approved and the loan was subsequently repaid in January 1989. A team of nine (Rev. and Mrs. Hollis, Joyce and Edgar Smith, Charles and Georgia Burton, Juanita Deck, Judy Gilley and Sara Rowe) journeyed to Australia on a missions trip. Ordination service for new Deacons was held on Palm Sunday. In late 1988, a group (Rev. and Mrs. Hollis, George Powers, Barbara and Oliver Stone, Edgar Smith, William and Mary K. Sheppard) hiked into the woods across Manakin Road in search of the site of the old Dover Meeting House. An area indicating grave sinks was located and a small wooden cross was planted. Our fellowship was deeply saddened by the death of our beloved former Pastor (January 1968 – July 1978) and Pastor Emeritus (June 1983 – October 1988) John P. Elliott, Jr. Rev. Charles Reynolds, a former Dover Youth Director, was guest speaker on a visit in October. The WMU and Elvie Daves Bible Class collected gifts and toys for the Oregon Hill Center Christmas Shop. A dedication service for the organ chimes was planned for next year.

1989

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 247

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 76

PASTOR – DR. WILLIAM R. HOLLIS

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MISS JUANITA DECK

Bank balance reported as \$12,055.26 by Treasurer, Mrs. Lois Henley. In February, Sunday School and worship service were cancelled due to snow. A lightning strike that caused minor damage to the pipe organ was repaired. The WMU reported that they are participating in the Ukrops/Golden Gift program hoping to purchase a TV/VCR for Sunday School and church use. Dover noted with regret the death of former Pastor, Rev.

Randolph Hall, who served here from January 1950 to December 1951, during which time the old frame church burned. Miss Juanita Deck suggested that a Church Council be established to coordinate activities and set goals for Sunday School and church projects. She agreed to prepare, for approval, an amendment to the Constitution & By-Laws to this affect. A pictorial directory was discussed but no action taken due to lack of interest. Mrs. Linda Nuckols was elected to chair Deaconesses and Mr. Charles Burton will chair Deacon Board. Dover was open to visitors during the Fall Goochland Historical Society House tour. Mrs. Jackie Hollis provided organ music during this time and hostesses, dressed in colonial costumes, provided church historical facts for visitors. Eleven youth attended a Fall Youth Conference in Pennsylvania. Funds for van rental and gasoline were approved. The church received a bequest from the Will of Mrs. Hazel B. Manning, a local resident and friend of Dover. Services were again cancelled in early December because of ice and snow.

1990

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 243

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 72

PASTOR – DR. WILLIAM R. HOLLIS

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MISS JUANITA DECK

Adult choir members journeyed to Nashville, Tennessee, in March to attend the 150th anniversary of Southern Baptist Convention's Music Department. The 1991 Edition of Baptist Hymnal was unveiled and dedicated at this time. Fifty new hymnals were purchased and paid for by member donations. WMU purchased a TV/VCR for church and Sunday School use. The Youth group attended Busch Gardens. Updated air conditioning for the sanctuary was installed by Barnett Company. A successful VBS, directed by Mrs. Jackie Hollis, was well attended and the annual picnic was planned. The WMU, jointly with Salem Baptist Church WMU, held a birthday party for Women's Correctional Center residents, playing bingo and serving cupcakes. The possibility of hiring a part-time Youth Director was discussed. Mr. Charles Burton and Mrs. Kathy

Roberts led Homecoming celebration. Several additional cemetery gravesites have been identified and markers are on order. Budget for 1991 approved as \$56,743.00.

1991

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 249

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 78

PASTOR – DR. WILLIAM R. HOLLIS (THRU NOV.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MRS. SARA ROWE

Average attendance in Sunday School was reported as 28 with enrollment of 68. The WMU made a visit to the Virginia Baptist Historical Society enjoying a tour of this facility and a talk by Executive Director Fred Anderson. Dover's VBS was attended by 38 students. A VBS activity was making over a hundred batches of play dough for Whitcomb Court VBS in Richmond. The BWC prepared a meal for Ronald McDonald House guests and prepared "goody bags" for a homeless shelter in Richmond. In June, members of Goochland County's Chapter of United Daughters of the Confederacy visited Dover's cemetery to commemorate and honor the lives of seventeen Confederate Veterans buried here. Mrs. Mary K. Sheppard, church Historian, gave the group a brief history of Dover Church and our cemetery after which a Confederate flag was placed at each veteran's grave. A flag was also placed at the gravesite of Miss Elizabeth E. DuVal, a Real Daughter of the Confederacy. Mrs. Sheppard told the group that the 17 veterans buried here were local men, most being members of Dover's congregation. Eight of the seventeen served in Co. F, 23rd Infantry, CSA, known as the GOOCHLAND GRAYS. Dr. Hollis, early in the year announced that he planned to retire by the end of the year. A Pastoral Search committee was elected consisting of Mr. Cecil Nuckols, Mr. William Sheppard, Mrs. Rosalie Alvis, Mrs. Kathy Roberts, Mrs. Sara Rowe and Mrs. Georgia Burton. Plans were approved to microfilm old church records presently stored at Virginia Baptist Historical Society and Historian was charged with investigating what records were on file there. The Olive Riddell group met with Dover W.M.U. with 72 ladies attending. This program honored the upcoming 100th birthdays of two long time group

members – Mrs. Vernon Noel from Berea Baptist Church W.M.U. and Mrs. Ruth Henley from Dover's W.M.U. Mrs. Rosalie Alvis and Mrs. Sara Rowe served as co-chairs for Homecoming. The old communion service was re-silvered as a memorial to Mrs. Pauline Staples, a long time Dover member and Sunday School teacher. A re-dedication service was held in November. A reception was held for retiring Pastor Hollis and wife, Jackie. A "Remembrance Quilt", made by church members, was presented.

1992

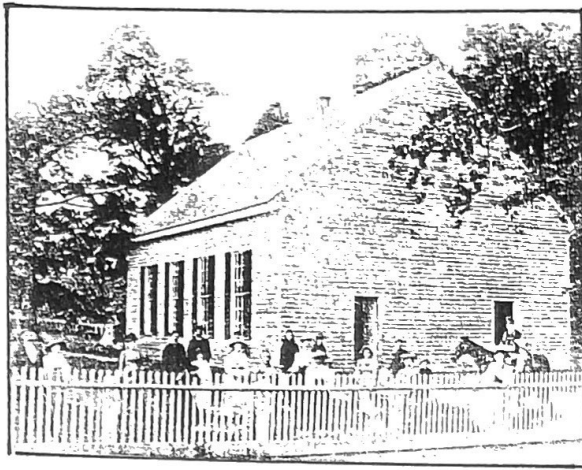
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 249

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 60

PASTOR – REV. RONALD C. HALL (MAY)

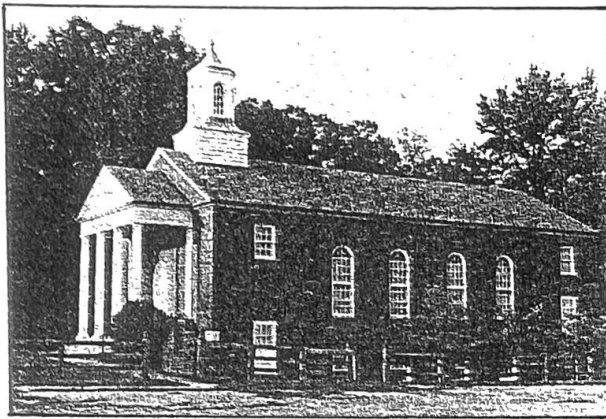
SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MRS. SARA ROWE

A re-dedication of the Library (25th anniversary) was held. The Constitution & By-Laws, Article on Deacons, was amended to call for a total of 12 Deacons, male and female members. This was a combination of the existing 9 member Deacon Board and the 9 member Deaconess Board into one Board. A called meeting was held to hear resume of candidate recommendation from Pastoral Search Committee, with the name of Rev. Ronald C. Hall, presented. Rev. Hall was accepted and will assume duties on May 1st. Mrs. Rosalie Alvis and Mrs. Mary K. Sheppard were elected to chair Homecoming festivities. Approval was granted to the family of the late Mr. J. Boyd Webb and Mrs. Virgie Osborne Webb to present a memorial stained window which would be placed on back wall above baptistry. (This beautiful window was dedicated at Homecoming 1992.) A welcoming reception was held for Rev. Hall, his wife, Celeste, and two daughters, Sara and Caroline. Approval was granted to Buildings & Grounds Committee, per their request, to upgrade and renovate basement restrooms. The WMU (day and night groups) sponsored a project to dress dolls and bears for the Salvation Army Christmas program. Rev. Hall presented a Christmas program "The Fourth Wiseman". A contract to have the first Dover pictorial directory published was agreed upon.

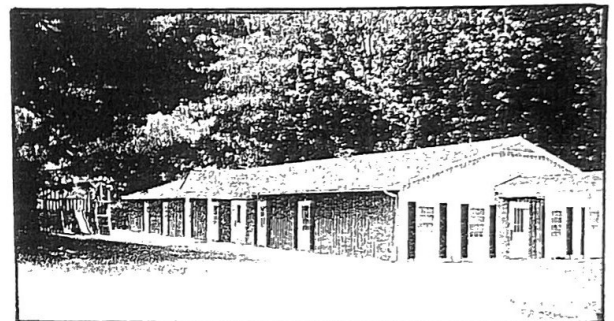


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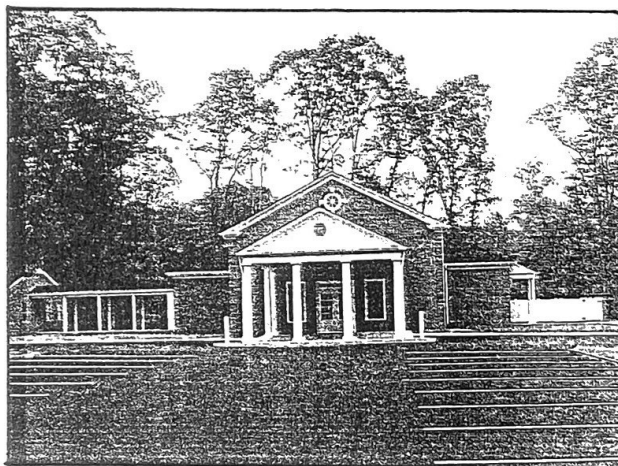
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HERITAGE FELLOWSHIP HALL
DEDICATED SEPTEMBER 2006

1993

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 232

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 41

PASTOR – REV. RONALD C. HALL

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MRS. SARA ROWE

Treasurer reported balance of \$15,544.44. The WMU continues to have monthly meetings and covered dish luncheons. Miss Juanita Deck continues work with the RA/GA groups (7 on roll). The 220th anniversary Homecoming, co-chaired by Ms. Sara Rowe and Mrs. Mary K. Sheppard, was held with Mr. Fred Anderson, Executive Director of the Virginia Baptist Historical Society as guest speaker. He presented "A Monologue Portrayal of John Waller". VBS theme was "Summershine" directed by Miss Juanita Deck. Historian, Mrs. Mary K. Sheppard, requested approval to loan the old silver communion set and William Webber's goblet to the exhibit of County Churches sponsored by the Goochland Historical Society. Congratulations extended to Mrs. Joyce Smith on her graduation from University of Richmond with a Bachelor of Arts degree. The Deacon Board reported that Dover's membership roll had been divided among Deacons for purpose of implementing a "Family Ministry Plan". The WMU, with 16 on roll, sponsored congregational project "Seeds for Croatia". A revised Constitution & By-Laws was approved as well as regulations relating to weddings held in Dover sanctuary. The Youth committee presented guidelines for filling a summer Youth Director position. VBS was termed a success with 46 enrolled. In late summer of 1993, the congregation assumed a missions project, in cooperation with Capital Area Agency on Aging, that would assist with building a home for a needy Goochland County resident. Miss Catherine Tutterow was called as part-time Youth Director for 1994 (no mention in minutes of resignation of Miss Alyssa Traylor who had been called earlier in year.)

1994CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 240SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 82PASTOR – REV. RONALD C. HALLSUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MRS. SARA ROWE

Treasurer, Mrs. Lois Henley, reported that church did not meet the 1993 budget. The WMU is active, reporting many service projects: again dressed dolls and bears for The Salvation Army Christmas project; decorated paint cans and filled with goodies for shut-ins; donated \$100 to the church mission project to build a home for a needy Goochland County resident; collected food for Family Service food pantry; enjoyed a trip and lunch to visit the Anne Franck exhibit at University of Richmond. The night group is not presently meeting. The project to provide assistance in building a home for County resident continued. Funds for materials were raised by members and outside work was completed. Other organizations and area Churches pitched in to help so as to get this person “housed” before winter. RA/GA group met regularly and collected school supplies for a mission church in Tennessee. Music Director, Mrs. Barbara Stone, reported that a picture of Dover Church was featured on cover of recent issue of “Glory Songs”, a publication of the SBC Church Music Department. Homecoming was held with Mrs. Nancy Elliott, wife of former Dover Pastor, John P. Elliott, as speaker. Rev. Hall organized a three month schedule of congregational covered dish suppers with speakers: Dr. Reginald McDonald, Dr. Tom Graves and Dr. Don Sewell. A Benevolent Fund was established with a maximum balance of \$500 to be used for emergency needs in our community. This Fund was named in honor of Rev. John P. Elliott. The Nursery areas were up-graded and the parking area was asphalt paved. Landscape dividers with trees and lights were installed. A reception was held honoring Mrs. Lois Henley who was retiring from our Treasurer position after serving eleven years. Dover hosted the fall meeting of the Goochland County Historical Society. Christmas 1994 was celebrated with a fifteen foot Poinsettia tree with plants being donated in memory or in honor of loved ones.

1995CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 236SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 122PASTOR – REV. RONALD C. HALLSUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MRS. SARA ROWE

Notice was received that Dover Baptist Church along with three other churches would be recipients of assets from the Will of Mrs. Pansy J. Gary. Mrs. Gary's grandmother was a long-ago member of Dover and is buried in our cemetery. The Trustees reported that this gift could be approximately \$399,000 after assets and property are sold. The WMU group visited Lottie Moon's burial site in Crewe, Virginia, viewed a film on Miss Moon's forty year ministry and toured Crewe Baptist Church, where several beautiful stained windows are in Miss Moon's memory. Mrs. Polly Deck continues to lead Mission Friends. A Long Range Planning committee was elected to formulate a vision for future missions of Dover. Rev. Rex Bennett chaired this committee with members Mrs. Carol Burton, Miss Heather Nuckols, Ms. Sara Rowe, Mrs. Mary K. Sheppard, Mr. Dave Roberts and Miss Sharon Gilley. VBS was held with Ms. Sara Rowe and Mrs. Janet Hawk as co-directors. Rev. Richard Moore was Homecoming speaker. There is no record of current Youth Director, Miss Cathy Tutterow, leaving church employment; however, the Personnel committee reported that they are in process of securing a replacement and subsequently, Miss Alyssa Traylor is reported as leading youth and children's activities. A committee was elected to provide assistance with cemetery information. Mrs. Mary K. Sheppard chaired this group with members Mr. Meredith Alvis, Mrs. Joe Ann Proffitt, Mrs. Joyce Smith and Mr. Leonard Burton. Dover entertained, jointly with St. Matthew's Methodist Church, a boys choir "Les Petits Chanteurs Du Comte De Flandre" from Flanders, France. Several of the boys stayed with Dover families. The Buildings & Grounds committee made request for additional dollars over those in current budget to provide needed repairs/maintenance: water line replacement; installation of filter on water system to prevent clogging; attention to drainage problem in front lawn; church exterior needs repair and paint. They are

pursuing installation of vinyl siding for steeple and outside trim in lieu of painting. Funds received from a partial distribution from the Pansy Gary estate were approved to cover these expenditures. The Cemetery committee reported that a full testing/probing of the cemetery area had been done and existing grave sites have been plotted. The "probing" was executed by a representative from Joseph Bliley Funeral Home who was experienced in testing old cemetery sites. This committee also requested that a review of past bequests to Dover's cemetery be examined to determine gifts that were specific to cemetery perpetual care and establish a Cemetery Fund for these monies. The Charlie R. Gilley family gifted the church with a grand piano in memory of their daughter, Miss Karon Ann Gilley. An ordination service for new Deacons was held. A letter of resignation, effective October 1st, from Miss Alyssa T aylor, Director of Youth and Children, was accepted. A budget for 1996 was approved as \$87,097.00. A Recommendation from the previously appointed Long Range Planning Committee dealt with several items: (1) request to Personnel committee to employ a part-time Church Secretary; (2) a request to Trustees to explore possibility for obtaining additional land; (3) a request to congregation to establish a new committee – Building Survey committee – to seek ways to better utilize existing space; (4) pursue new church signs to advertise our location and (5) explore ideas for outreach and bus ministry. "A Child's Remembrances", memories of her childhood years at Dover, by Mrs. Mary K. Sheppard, was published in Goochland County Historical Society Magazine, VOL 27, 1995. This article is attached as EXHIBIT III.

1996

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 230

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 85

PASTOR – REV. RONALD C. HALL (THRU OCTOBER)

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MRS. JANET HAWK

Plans were discussed and approved for installation of an elevator to provide handicapped access in the sanctuary building. Access from outside was located at the side entrance with lift going up to the sanctuary level as well as down to the basement level. Gay Elevator Company provided bid of \$29,727.00 and installation was completed in August.

A 1995 Ford 15 passenger van was purchased from Parrish Motor Company at a cost of \$19,289.88. A committee to oversee usage and operation of the van was approved as follows: Mr. Lewis Henley, Mr. Steve Collins and Mrs. Patsy Brooks. On recommendation of Treasurer, Ms. Sharon Proffitt, motion was approved to cash an existing Certificate of Deposit in order to reimburse treasury for the van purchase, since operating funds for current expenses had fallen to \$4,063.86. A group of nine (Rev. Ron Hall, Mrs. Joyce Smith, Mrs. Kathy Roberts, Mrs. Georgia Burton, Mrs. Maxine Powers, Mrs. Joe Ann Proffitt, Mr. Edgar Smith, Mr. David Roberts and Mr. Brandon Proffitt) traveled to Pennsylvania in July to make repairs on a mission church. Sunday School Director reported average attendance of 40 and 55 attended Easter Egg Hunt. Vacation Bible School was held in July. A generous gift of a piano bench and music stand was made by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Stone. The need for a covering over the side door was discussed. The heating and air conditioning system in the Education Building is obsolete. The Buildings & Grounds committee was authorized to proceed with installation of a new system. A second Long Range Planning committee was established to monitor future needs in buildings and grounds, as follows: Mr. Pat Brooks, Mr. David Roberts, Mrs. Mary K. Sheppard, Mr. Charles Burton, Mrs. Janet Hawk and Mr. Oliver Stone. Mrs. Patsy Brooks, Outreach Chairman, planned an exciting "Dover Day". Activities included a story teller, musical entertainment, clowns, pets, face painting and pony rides. A County Sheriff's Deputy performed child finger printing and provided child abuse prevention information. Mr. David L. Roberts was elected to fill the vacant Trustee position caused by the death of Mr. John E. Smith. Mrs. Barbara Stone, Music Director for the past 16 years, submitted her resignation, effective May 31st. Mrs. Stone was honored with a silver tray and a \$150 scholarship, in her name, to a graduating senior at Goochland High School to further their music career. Mrs. Georgia Burton will act as Interim Music Director. The WMU was busy throughout the year as reported by Director Mrs. Lois Henley: collection of paper and laundry supplies for aids ministry as well as a monetary donation to an aids victim; vegetable seed packets were sent to Mozambique, lunch was taken to and games played with residents of "Cedar Grove", a nearby home for elderly ladies operated by member, Mrs. Audrey Smith. Christmas stockings were prepared for The Salvation Army; and supplies for Whitcomb Court (Richmond) VBS

were collected. WMU has 18 on roll. In October, Dover received the resignation of Rev. Ronald C. Hall, Pastor since May 1st, 1992, to be effective October 28, 1996. Rev. Hall leaves Dover to accept a position with Virginia Baptist Foundation. The Personnel committee announced they are working to fill two positions: Music Director and Part Time Director of Youth and Children. A new copy machine was purchased and the old copier was given to a member since there were no replacement parts available and it had little or no value. A Deacon's ordination service was held in October. A Pastor Search committee was approved with Mrs. Patsy Brooks as chairman and members Mr. Steve Collins, Mrs. Janet Hawk, Mr. David Roberts and Miss Heather Nuckols. A reception for Rev. Hall and family was held and a monetary gift was presented in recognition and appreciation of his service to Dover. Dr. Julian Pentecost was called as Interim Pastor effective January 1st, 1997.

1997

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP - 225

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT- 85

PASTOR – DR. JULIAN PENECAST (INTERIM)

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MRS. KATHY ROBERTS

The Deacon Board, with direction of Dr. Pentecost, brought for approval, a recommendation to appoint a Transition Committee to assist the Interim Pastor in ministering to church family needs, new leadership and new visions as Dover prepared to call a new Pastor. This committee was approved with Mrs. Mary K. Sheppard as chairman, Mr. Meredith Alvis as vice-chairman and members Mrs. Kathy Roberts, Mr. Charles Burton and Mrs. Lois Henley. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burton have been publishing the monthly Newsletter. This is a costly undertaking and motion was made and approved to dispense with this publication until a later date. "Dover Day" was again held with emphasis on ministry to children. Activities included pony rides, crafts, games, face painting, cake walk, yard sale and more!! It was reported that the van was used each Sunday to pick up children for Sunday School and other groups were also making use of the van. The Buildings & Grounds committee reported that a new pump was needed and the church roof had been repaired. The new air conditioning system in the Education

Building was to be completed soon. The Trustees said an additional disbursement from the Pansy Gary Estate had been received and invested with Virginia Baptist Foundation. The church Nursery Department was dedicated in memory of the late Mrs. Gerry Ewing. Our adult choir, in cooperation with the choir from Ragland Memorial Baptist Church, presented an Easter cantata. A committee, to study and revise if necessary, our Constitution and By-Laws was approved as Mrs. Rosalie Alvis, Mrs. Joannie Collins and Mr. William Sheppard. It was felt that this document needed updating to provide a more workable solution to church matters. The WMU celebrated "Incredible Kids" project by each member sending a note to a different Sunday School child telling them that they were important to Dover and that they were loved and appreciated. The ladies of WMU enjoyed a tour of the Baptist Resource Center. Mrs. Polly Deck is working with Mission Friends. The Finance committee held a program to inform members of the church's financial needs, i.e., operating and salary costs, capital improvements needs, funds in our investments, etc. This program was presented in the fall Stewardship emphasis. The Transition committee recommended that Dover conduct a telemarketing survey as a tool to reach a broader segment of our community and to stimulate interest and participation of members. Dover Association assisted with this project. A cook-out for church families was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Smith. The Personnel committee presented the name of Mrs. Dorothy Johnson as candidate for the new position of Church Secretary. This recommendation was approved and Mrs. Johnson assumed these duties in August, 1997, as Dover's first - ever - Church Secretary. Several renovation projects were completed: the Library was moved from the sanctuary building to the Education building, the Pastor's office was refurbished and relocated to the lower level and a secretary's office and multi-use office space was situated also on the lower level as part of the secretary's office. The space off the vestibule, previously the Pastor's office, was renovated into a Parlor. Miss Heather Nuckols was awarded "Best In Show" in recent Woman's Club Youth Art Contest. The Transition committee gave results of the telemarketing project and thanked those who helped. This committee also presented a recommended Mission Statement for Dover and further recommended that this statement be made a part of Dover's Constitution and By-Laws. These recommendations were approved. This Mission Statement follows:

“THE MISSION OF DOVER BAPTIST CHURCH IS TO
BE A CARING, CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF FAITH, STRIVING
TO MAKE DISCIPLES, NURTURE THEM IN CHRIST-LIKENESS,
AND EQUIP THEM FOR EFFECTIVE LIVING AND
MINISTRY IN OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR WORLD”.

The Transition committee sponsored a wills-writing ministry with services donated by Mrs. Kitty Johnson. Many Dover members participated. A new monthly newsletter was planned and a “New Member Information Packet” was implemented. The Youth group was led by Mrs. Alyssa Mathes. A fishing party with pizza and watermelon was held at the farm of Mr. Virgil Ewing and enjoyed by many adults and kids. The youth participated in the County’s Relay for Life cancer walk and held a car wash to raise funds for future projects. The Buildings & Grounds committee reported that a storage building had been purchased. They also reported that a canopy-type cover had been installed at the side door entrance to the sanctuary building and a new walk installed to this door would make handicap access a reality. The WMU and Kitchen committee prepared and delivered lunches to an Impact Virginia team working in Goochland County as well as to a Habitat for Humanity crew building a Goochland home. Rev. Richard T. Moore was Homecoming speaker.

1998

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 210

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 81

PASTOR – DR. JULIAN PENTECOST (INTERIM THRU JULY)

PASTOR – REV. TERRY M. WELBORN (CALLED NOV. 1998)

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MRS. KATHY ROBERTS

An installation and ordination service for Deacons serving in 1998 was held in early January. The annual budget was approved at \$114,282.00 and was delivered in line-item format for better tracking of expenditures. A large slate Dover Baptist Church sign, purchased with memorial gifts from friends of the late John E. Smith, was installed roadside and dedicated on March 8th, 1998. The Sunday School and Acteens sponsored a

Valentine banquet to raise funds for the Acteens' attendance at the National Acteens' Convention. The youth are quite active with 15-20 at meetings. They provided entertainment for the Halloween party last fall and delivered cans of "goodies" to our homebound at Christmas. WMU has 19 on roll and hosted the Association Area I Group WMU Spring meeting and luncheon. Mrs. Nancy Elliott, wife of former Pastor John P. Elliott, visited and shared experiences of her recent trip to China. WMU continued sponsorship of many congregational projects: collection of personal items for the Youth Emergency Shelter, seed packets for Croatia and collection of match box cars for the Acteens' Seminar at Eagle Eyrie. They continue to sponsor a child through Christian Children's Fund and enjoyed a visit to the Virginia Baptist Historical Society's quarters to see their current exhibit on China. The Media committee continues to sort and catalog books and associated printed materials in the Library's new location. They were gifted with a special junior-age book "My Lord and My God" from Kyle and Kim Hawk. The Buildings & Grounds committee reported that painting of the sanctuary foyer, windows and doors had been completed. Outreach chairman, Mrs. Joyce Smith, coordinated visitation sessions with groups going out to visit in the neighborhood. VBS was held with theme "Sonlight Island" and reported as best in last several years. The committee addressing the state of the cemetery – its maintenance needs and space – presented a detailed report of their work. A scaled plat plan of the cemetery grounds was prepared indicating occupied and vacant gravesites as well as spaces that are marked with stones and those that are unmarked. Several recommendations were received from this committee and approved including the purchase of 21 smooth-faced granite markers (12" x 10" x 4") for placement at identified but presently unmarked gravesites. Funds to purchase these stones will come from the Cemetery Fund. Authorization to proceed with the formulation of rules and regulations governing future burials and sale of sites was granted. A Sunday School/Church picnic was held at Westview-on-the-James – attendance very poor. Mrs. Patsy Brooks, Miss Heather Nuckols and Mr. Virgil Ewing presented paintings for the newly established and decorated parlor off the vestibule. Mrs. Brooks' gift was her painting of blooming wisteria in the yard of "Oak Grove", home of Edwin J. DuVal, who is thought to have given the land on which Dover stands. Heather's painting was her inspiration of our Easter 1998 bulletin cover depicting angels

at the tomb. Mr. Ewing presented a painting from the collection of his late wife and artist, Mrs. Gerry Ewing. The resignation of Dr. Pentecost as Interim Pastor, effective July 26th, was received with regret and accepted with deep gratitude for his generous dedication and leadership. Several supply pastors were speakers until in September, The Pastor Search committee presented the name of Rev. Terry Mack Welborn to be Dover's pastor. A called business session on October 18th resulted in an unanimous call to Rev. Welborn, to be effective November 23rd. The 225th anniversary of Dover's founding was celebrated at Homecoming when Dr. Reginald McDonough was speaker. Commemorative mugs were sold as souvenirs of this occasion and an exhibit of artifacts, old documents and photos was provided. The Transition committee, which had been appointed to provide guidance for congregation and pastor during interim period, was disbanded and the Pastor Search committee was authorized to continue liaison with new pastor. Dover was honored and recognized as a "Pioneer Church" at the November meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, held in Virginia Beach, as one of 34 Virginia churches established in or prior to 1773 and which had had a continued ministry since Constitution.

1999

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 213

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 71

PASTOR – REV. TERRY M. WELBORN

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MRS. KATHY ROBERTS

The "Dover Dove", Dover's latest newsletter began publishing with "Winter, 1998-99" edition. The name "Dover Dove" was suggested by Mr. Meredith Alvis, based on Matthew 3:16-17. Plans were approved to issue a new Pictorial Directory since the previous issue was over 6 years old. The church received the resignation, effective 3/21, of Alyssa and Dave Mathes as Youth Leaders due to heavy work and study schedules. Subsequently, Miss Laura Monfalcone was called as Youth & Children Director in June. Pastor Welborn presented a dramatic monologue "I, Judas ..." on Maundy Thursday outlining why Judas felt he had to do what he did in regard to Jesus. The pulpit area was covered with many lilies on Easter Sunday given in memory and honor of loved ones.

"Alter of Prayer", a musical trio, provided a musical and witnessing program in May. The WMU continued monthly meetings with enrollment of 18. The Acteens saved labels from selected canned products for the Bland Ministry in southwest Virginia. A flyer was distributed in the community announcing Rev. Welborn's arrival at Dover and inviting neighbors to participate in the many activities provided by Dover. The Personnel committee continues to search for a Music Director. Mr. and Mrs. William Sheppard gave a slate "Dover Church" sign for placement at the intersection of Manakin Road and Patterson Avenue (Route 6). Dover member Mrs. Joe Ann Proffitt was recognized for "Outstanding Professionalism as a (school) Bus Driver". A motion was made and approved to form a committee to investigate setting aside a portion of the bequest from the Pansy Gary estate to help and serve people around us. The committee consisted of volunteers Mrs. Joyce Smith, Mrs. Alyssa Mathes and Ms. Sara Rowe. Subsequent to formation, the committee scheduled a "town hall" meeting to discuss their recommendations. Many suggestions were discussed – some were approved and some tabled for further review and discussion. A Scholarship committee was established for the purpose of providing financial grants to Dover members/Sunday School members as they pursued higher education. Playground equipment, a welcome addition for Dover's childrens' ministry, was installed and dedicated on Homecoming afternoon. A Rules and Regulations document for ownership and burial in Dover's cemetery was presented by Cemetery committee and approved. The Buildings & Grounds committee reported on Education Building renovations: painting of restrooms and removal of a wall in Education Building to create office space for Youth Director. They also reported that repair and painting of portico columns had been completed and that pine benches from the old frame church had been relocated to the balcony from the Education Building halls. Additional handrails were installed on front steps (a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Burton). Also, the drainage problem at front of Education Building was corrected. An ordination service for newly appointed Deacon, Odis Midkiff, was held. A commissioning service for Missioners participating in Impact Virginia was held in July. Those youth going to serve on Impact Virginia were Tabatha Balsley, Christian Rowe and Joseph Wood accompanied by Laura Monfalcone. Mrs. Jennifer C. Barrier, a student at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, was called as Youth & Children Director

(no mention of the departure of Miss Monfalcone). The Scholarship committee previously appointed (Mrs. Gloria Bennett, Mrs. Lois Henley, Mrs. Mary K. Sheppard) presented Rules for implementing the "Pansy Gary Scholarship". These rules were approved. At request of Finance committee, the congregation was asked to re-consider the distribution plan for Cooperative Program gifts made by our church. It was explained that there are three standardized plans for distribution of monies given by Virginia churches to Cooperative Program ministries through the Baptist General Association of Virginia. The local church decides if they wish to participate in one of these plans or formulate their own plan of giving. Dover was, at this time, participating in World Missions Plan #1, giving 10% of budget receipts, distributed 68% to Cooperative Missions in Virginia, 2% to Partnerships Missions and 30% to World Missions causes (a mixture of SBC and other ministries approved by BGAV). Much discussion ensued relative to our giving plan and the Finance committee was asked to review giving plans further and make recommendation in early 2000 as to how future funds would be distributed. A motion was made and approved to participate in Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's missions as well as Southern Baptist Convention's missions as members desire. Subsequently, in January 2000, the congregation approved and BGAV was advised that Dover wished to change to a Church Designated Plan with Cooperating Program contributions divided thusly: 70% to Cooperative Missions in Virginia, 2% to Partnership Missions, 7% to SBC International Missions, 3% to North American Missions & 18% to Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Missions. Ms. Sara Rowe and Mr. Steve Collins served as VBS co-directors with average attendance of 61. The theme was "Mt. Extreme: The Ultimate Good News Challenge". The Media committee, under direction of Mrs. Gloria Bennett, sponsored a summer reading club. An ice cream social was held at the end of program for all participants. An outdoor worship service was held in the picnic area in June. Revised Constitution & By-Laws were approved, as presented. Two changes were incorporated: addition of Kitchen Committee and the Nursery Director position was changed to Pre-School Director. The quartet "Dominion" from Derbyshire Baptist Church provided a musical concert in August and "Fifth Stanza" provided worship through music on Homecoming afternoon. A ceremony for Billy Angle who had attained the rank of Eagle Scout was held in August. Dover recorded the death

of former Pastor, William Bruffie Conner (June 1946 – September 1949) in October. An outdoor nativity was held with carols and live animals. The adult choir presented cantata “Come and Behold Him”.

2000

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 220

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 109

PASTOR – REV. TERRY M. WELBORN

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MRS. JANET HAWK

Youth Sunday was celebrated in January with participants Terri Gordon, Tabatha Balsley, Christian Rowe, Harry Hancock III, and Billy Angle. Youth & Children’s Director, Jenny Barrier, brought the morning message. Dover worshipped through music on several occasions: Dr. Fred Mallory presented a piano mini-concert, “The Virginians”, a quartet from Roanoke witnessed through song, “The Bates Family” provided worship through music and Dover’s Trio (Heather Nuckols, Sara Rowe and Tabatha Balsley) provided specials on many occasions. WMU hosted the Association Area I WMU meeting and lunch. Dover’s WMU sponsored a project to provide a public address system for Rev. Kenneth Raore’s work in Kenya, Africa through the sale of note paper depicting a beautiful picture of Dover provided by Mrs. Beth Valentine. On Dover WMU’s suggestion, the “love offering” from Area I’s meeting was added to proceeds from sales and gifts from Dover’s Benevolent Fund to provide \$1831.00 for this project. A church in Rev. Raore’s area of Kenya is named for Dover (“Dober”, a slightly different spelling). WMU also participated in a special offering for “Hospice and Nursing Care in China” in honor of Dover’s own China native, Mrs. Frances F. K. Wang. VBS was held with 50 students participating. The church hosted, with his parents, an Eagle Scout induction ceremony for Harry Hancock III. Pastor Welborn journeyed to Londrina, Brazil, on a two-week Partnership Missions trip sponsored by Dover Association. Early meeting times for Sunday School and worship were implemented for months June – August. The first Pansy Gary scholarships were awarded to Miss Heather Nuckols, Mrs. Jenny Barrier and Miss Katie Welborn. Impact Virginia youth worked in

Farmville, Virginia, painting and repairing homes. Ten members, including pastor and wife, toured Austria and Switzerland and attended the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. Our children and youth sponsored a cook-out to raise funds to help provide a generator for Rev. Emile Sam-Peel from Liberia who had been speaker to their Sunday School classes. The Media Center sponsored an Open House and Exhibit of members' hobbies at an arts and crafts show. On Laity Sunday, Mrs. Patsy Brooks and Mr. Richard Hanes shared the message time and brought inspirational messages. The Deacon Board sponsored a Men's and Boys' Fellowship breakfast with guest speaker meteorologist, John Bernier, WRIC-TV. The Sunday School/Church picnic and pool party was hosted by Mrs. Beth Valentine and family. A church web-site was established. The temperature gauge on the van was reported as not working and needing repair. In November, Mrs. Audrey Smith and Mrs. Margaret Hill were ordained as new Deacons. The Cemetery committee reported that a gift of a decorative stone bench for the cemetery had been given in memory of the late Mrs. Gerry Ewing by a friend. A gift of additional communion plates and covers was received in memory of Mrs. Anna Webb Proffitt. A children's musical "Two Nights Before Christmas" as well as the outdoor nativity provided enjoyment to members and community friends. Sunday School and worship attendance increased during this year over the same period last year. A budget for year 2001 was approved as \$145,955.00. There were two regularly scheduled business meetings in 2000 when a member quorum was not present to allow conduct of business.

2001

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP - 224

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT - 76

PASTOR - REV. TERRY M. WELBORN

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR - MRS. JANET HAWK

The subject of continuing to have early summer hours for Sunday School and Worship service (9:15 and 10:30 a.m., respectively), as implemented last year, was discussed. Motion to continue was defeated. Buildings & Grounds committee reported many

activities completed and in progress: steps to picnic area were replaced, doors on south side of Education Building and at sanctuary building choir entrance were replaced and painted, non-slip treads were placed on baptistry steps, fire extinguishers and smoke detectors were placed in both buildings, a fire-proof five-drawer file cabinet was purchased to store valuable papers, a dead tree in front yard was removed and a new key system was implemented. Lighting on sign in front yard was installed and carpet was installed in balcony. Dover participated in joint Easter sunrise service with Hebron Presbyterian Church. Joint youth groups re-enacted the tomb scene and Rev. Welborn brought the message. Mr. William Sheppard retired as Trustee, effective at the end of July, after having served in this capacity for thirty-eight years. Mr. Cecil (Ham) Nuckols was elected Trustee replacing Mr. Sheppard. Rev. Welborn joined Goochland County's Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors. A Site Evaluation & Planning committee was approved to review needs and space requirements. They reported that a land and topographical survey had been completed and they were in process of interviewing architects who would draw a master plan for church expansion. A successful VBS led by Mrs. Susan Welborn was held with theme "Jesus to the Rescue". An Impact Virginia team worked in Fredericksburg (Tabatha Balsley, Christian Rowe, Terri Gordon, Joseph Wood, Sara Rowe and Rev. Welborn). Kimberly Hawk was crowned "Little Miss Goochland" runner up. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Proffitt made gift of rolling cart for new TV/VCR. The Youth Sunday School class published a cookbook "Holy Chow" under direction of their teacher, Mrs. Susan Welborn. Dr. William R. Hollis (former pastor) was Homecoming speaker. Mrs. Gloria Bennett was ordained Deacon. A budget for 2002 was approved as \$143,290.00. Historian, Mrs. Mary K. Sheppard, said that all available Dover business meeting minutes through 1997 had been microfilmed and filed by The Virginia Baptist Historical Society. Minute books for the period 1967-1974 are lost or have been destroyed. The WMU traveled to the Science Museum of Virginia IMAX Theatre to see the film "China - The Panda Adventures". They also provided "Pac-A-Snac" bags for the homeless. The subject of the number of Constitutional committees was discussed. Motion was made to appoint a Task Force (Mrs. Gloria Bennett, Mrs. Kathy Midkiff and Mr. Edgar Smith, chairman), to study organizational structure of committees and their functions suggesting that all committees be grouped

into five categories: Worship, Education, Fellowship, Missions and Service. Our representatives to Dover Association Executive committee reported that Dr. John Upton had been elected as Executive Director of The Virginia Baptist Mission Board replacing Dr. Reginald McDonough who recently retired. Youth & Children Director, Mrs. Jenny Barrier, spent a three-month study leave at Regent's Park College, Oxford University, England. "Belief", a brother/sister team led worship service in November and provided a program of contemporary Christian music. The children's group presented a Christmas musical "The World Sings Noel", a program of carols from around the world.

2002

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP - 228

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT - 82

PASTOR - REV. TERRY M. WELBORN

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR - MRS. JANET HAWK

An Easter sunrise service was held in cooperation with Hebron Presbyterian Church at Dover with our sanctuary choir providing special music. We welcomed Interim Music Director, Mrs. Patty Prout, effective April 1st. Mrs. Georgia Burton, acting Director of Music, was honored for her faithful service. A parent-child dedication service was held in April. New members of Dover, the Rutledge family (Kevin, Jan, Elisabeth, Jessie and Abby) shared their experiences as missionaries for six years in the Czech Republic. The Site Evaluation and Planning committee reported that architect, Mr. John Chenault, had been selected to prepare a Master Site Plan of Dover's property. He made a presentation to the congregation of his vision for Dover. Twenty-two additional gravel parking spaces were added in the grass area south of the existing paved area. VBS had theme "Amazon Outfitters" with 50+ children attending. The WMU continued their emphasis on missions by collecting a huge supply of clothes and toilet articles for Good Samaritan Inn. Several WMU members volunteered to participate in Meals on Wheels, a new service in Goochland to shut-ins and homebound. WMU enjoyed a fun visit to the Richmond Metropolitan Zoo (mixing with the animals!). They also hosted a baby shower for Crisis Pregnancy Center and sponsored a church-wide collection of non-perishable foods for

Goochland Fellowship and Family Services. They hosted, as speaker, a lay person who was going on a missions trip to the Ukraine and contributed funds to buy boots for children in orphanages there. In December, they sponsored for the first time, a project to fill shoe boxes with children's toys for "Operation Christmas Child". Our Media committee continued their work of purchasing, cataloging and shelving books and library materials. Mrs. Robin Angle and Mrs. Betty Martin were ordained as Deacons. The Order of Recordation for Trustee Cecil H. Nuckols was received from Goochland Circuit Court, effective March 8, 2002. Rev. Welborn announced the resignation of Mrs. Jenny Barrier, Y&C Director, effective June 2nd. Jenny was honored with a special tribute as she moved to North Carolina to pursue doctoral studies. The Personnel committee reported they are now advertising for candidates to fill both the Music Director and Y&C Director positions. The Kitchen and Special Occasions committees reported they are quite busy with preparation and assistance for many dinners, receptions, Homecoming, etc. Baptists love to eat!!! Dr. John Upton was Homecoming speaker. Mr. Edgar Smith, chair of Task Force on Committee restructuring, presented Recommendation outlining proposed changes in committee structure and responsibilities. It was pointed out that this restructuring would require a complete revision of Constitution & By-Laws. Motion approved to go forward with a committee to prepare revised Constitution & By-Laws and bring document before next business session. This revision was subsequently brought for vote and defeated thus also defeating the Recommendation for committee restructuring. The Deacon Board brought Recommendation to elect Mr. Meredith A. Alvis as Trustee, replacing Mr. Earl H. Henley who, after 44 years of service, had submitted his resignation as Trustee, effective September 1st, 2002. A recognition service was held for Mr. Henley in appreciation for his many years of service to Dover. Mrs. Gloria Bennett was ordained as Deacon. Rev. Welborn and two youth participated in Impact Virginia. Modifications were made to the sanctuary sound system with the help of Mr. Page Gordon and Mr. Charlie Gilley. Pastor Welborn led a seminar "Enriching Your Marriage". Mrs. Julie Ball, a third year student at BTSR, was extended an offer to fill presently vacant Y&C Director position. Mrs. Mary K. Sheppard, Dover's historian, was elected to serve on The Virginia Baptist Historical Society's Executive committee. A fall yard sale was held for benefit of Building Fund. The Building

Finance committee reported that they had selected Capital Stewardship Services, an arm of Virginia Baptists, to lend professional advice relative to raising construction funds. Leadership teams were established and training sessions held in order to coordinate all facets of this program. The theme for this campaign was selected as "Our Heritage, Our Hope". Dover held a "Remembering 9-11" service to remember the tragic events in our country on September 11, 2001. Congregational approval was made to participate in a new Pictorial Directory.

2003

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 234

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 57

PASTOR – REV. TERRY M. WELBORN

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MRS. JANET HAWK

Treasurer, Mrs. Kathy Roberts, reported that 2002 ended with budget offerings exceeding expenditures by \$1,367.95. An "Our Heritage, Our Hope" commitment service and celebration luncheon were held in February. Our luncheon was catered and held at Manakin Co. #1 Fire Station with a packed house and much enthusiasm. Youth & Children Director, Mrs. Julie Ball, submitted her resignation effective at the end of April when she will graduate from Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. Mrs. Maxine Powers reported for Homebound committee that they continue to provide food, cards and visits to shut-ins. Hanging microphones were installed in the choir area and new choir robes were purchased. At January business meeting, after interviewing several contractors, Mr. Cecil Nuckols, chair of Building Construction committee, reported that META Construction Company had provided a site drawing and 2-D perspective color rendering for a proposed layout and had been selected, by committee, as contractor for new facilities. In April business session, a subsequent Recommendation from the Building Construction committee was presented and approved, as follows: "The Building Construction committee moves that Dover Baptist Church amend the originally approved Master Site Plan" (the John Chenault plan approved in 2002) "and approve a proposed plan of new building and renovation of existing structures as represented by schematic

drawing and pictorial rendering produced by META Construction/Hardwick & Associates. As drawn, plans represent 8700 square feet of new construction and 9060 square feet of existing structure. Estimated cost is \$1,165,000.00. Plans are subject to change per need of Dover Baptist Church". Much discussion was heard relative to breaking ground for this project and the consensus developed that a called business session be held after morning worship on May 21st to obtain input from a larger membership gathering that would guide in decisions relative to financial aspects of this undertaking. The congregation, in the May 21st meeting, approved the META Construction plan and Chairman Nuckols reported that the contractor had indicated "start date" would be sixteen weeks from date of "go-ahead". Dover member, Augustus (Gus) Thieme, on request of the Norfolk & Western Railroad Historical Society, compiled a 169 page book of his train pictures "The Norfolk & Western as I Knew It". The sanctuary choir presented an Easter cantata, "Majesty", under direction of Mrs. Patty Prout. Pastor Welborn motioned that groundbreaking for new facility be held at Homecoming (subsequently cancelled due to Hurricane Isabel). In October, Building Construction committee said they working with contractor in effort to lower costs for new facilities. A fall revival was held by Tom Cox Ministries. The congregation received and approved a Recommendation from the Personnel committee to employ Miss Megan Temple, a resident of West Point and a student finishing her freshman year at Gardner-Webb University, as Youth & Children Director for the summer 2003 months. The Personnel committee also reported the resignation of our Church Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, due to illness of her husband. Mrs. Johnson was Dover's first Church Secretary. Pastor Welborn visited Greece and Turkey to study the life and teachings of Apostle Paul. The Pictorial Directories were delivered in first quarter. Mrs. Maye Higgs led a Dover team to participate in Goochland's Relay for Life walk. Buildings & Grounds committee chair, Mr. David Roberts, said the heat/AC pump in the Education Building was replaced and the electric meter bases also required replacement. VBS, with theme "Kingdom Caper", was co-directed by Mrs. Janet Hawk and Ms. Sara Rowe. Thirty-nine students plus 16 faculty workers were enrolled. Mrs. Lois Henley, reporting for WMU, said 22 members were enrolled. The group visited the new Dover Association offices and hosted the Association Area I WMU fall meeting and lunch. They collected

white socks for residents of James River Correction Center and sent "snac-paks" to Dover's college students. Mrs. Polly Deck reported that Mission Friends, RA's, and GA's were meeting regularly. Goochland Circuit Court confirmation of appointment of Dover Baptist Church Trustees as David L. Roberts, Cecil H. Nuckols, and Meredith A. Alvis was received, effective June 3, 2003. Cemetery committee chair, Mrs. Mary K. Sheppard, said that interment records had been updated and stored in church computer files. Plat plan of gravesites had also been updated (August 2002 edition). We participated, with other Dover Association churches, in preparing food boxes for distribution among refugees of the war in Iraq. Mrs. Donna Martin assumed Y&C Director position on resignation of Miss Temple. Three Pansy Gary scholarships were awarded. Hurricane Isabel arrived with vengeance in September causing havoc with fallen trees (several in our picnic area), downed power lines, and cancellation of our planned Homecoming and ground breaking services! The Personnel committee presented the name of Mrs. Donna (Danilla) Didenko to fill the Music Director position, effective January 1st, 2004. Our congregation welcomed Mrs. Didenko and honored Mrs. Patty Prout for her services as Music Director since April, 2002.

2004

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 232

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 95

PASTOR – REV. TERRY M. WELBORN

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MRS. BRENDA MEADE

In February, Dr. William R. Hollis (Dover Pastor November 1985- November 1991) was installed as Pastor Emeritus. Dover's Historian participated in a March dedication service with daughter congregation, First Baptist, Manakin, when a Virginia Historical Marker was unveiled denoting First Baptist, Manakin, as the oldest African-American congregation in Goochland County. Dover's children's group held a "Souper Bowl of Caring" with proceeds going to Goochland's Meals on Wheels project. At a March special business session, called by the Building Construction and Building Finance committees, a joint report from these committees was heard when they reported that they

now feel that all of the building plans they had considered are too burdensome, financially, for Dover's congregation. Their joint report suggested that we return to the original "needs" plan and focus on immediate space needs of fellowship hall and kitchen facilities only. They also said they felt this project could be realized without a substantial mortgage – one which Dover could manage. After considerable discussion, the report and recommendation of the two committees were approved with no opposing votes. In April, Dover received a request from Far West End Seventh-Day Adventist Church to use Dover's facilities for their Saturday Sabbath services. Discussion and many questions were heard. Vote, by show of hands, defeated this proposal. WMU Director, Mrs. Lois Henley, filed data relative to this group's activities: paid one-third of campership fee for four girls to attend Camp CrossRoads and collected a large quantity of CCR "wish list" supplies for the girls to take with them. They supplied items for the Christmas Store at Whitcomb Court in Richmond and sponsored a collection of shoe box items for "Operation Christmas Child", a project that provides Christmas joy to poor and suffering children around the world. The group toured the County Sheriff's office to see their facilities and hear about the 911 system and other law enforcement aids. Ms. Sara Rowe works with the GA's and Mrs. Polly Deck leads younger children. The youth enjoyed a Family Fun day with animals, ping pong, balloons, face painting and bingo. Media Director, Mrs. Gloria Bennett, reported that library usage was very low. A Deacon ordination service was held for Mrs. Maye Higgs. Mrs. Higgs leads the church family in "Relay for Life" participation. The Homebound committee continues work with shut-ins – food, cards, visits. The Building Construction committee reported, in July, that due to change in scope and size of building project as directed by congregation in March special meeting, they had ended relationships with META Construction and were now pursuing two new location plans for fellowship and kitchen space. One plan would add to rear of sanctuary building and another would utilize another site on church property. Subsequently, in an October called meeting, the committee recommended that the new facility be a free-standing building located at the south end of the existing Education Building, a plan costing approximately 50% less than an addition to rear of sanctuary building. A dedication service for children was held on Mother's Day. VBS, with theme "Far Out, Far East Rickshaw Rally – Racing to the Son" was directed by Ms. Sara Rowe.

The Deacon Board, under leadership of Mr. Wally Pritchett, reported they were now taking communion to Nursery workers and an Ordination service for four new Deacons (Everett Smith, Ethel J. Watkins, Roger Watkins and Susan Welborn) was held. The Pastor now takes communion to the homes of homebound. A Yamaha Baby Grand piano was gifted to the church and dedicated on Homecoming Day. A baptism service was held for six candidates in August. The church family decided to participate in the "40 Days of Purpose" program in early 2005. Homecoming 2004 was a special event with Rev. Alice Martin-Adkins, a daughter of Dover, as guest speaker. A large crowd welcomed Alice back to Dover. We welcomed new Church Secretary, Mrs. Dee Hanes, and held a reception in appreciation of the services of Mrs. Dot Johnson, leaving Dover's employ. The Young Adult's S.S. class was named the Polly Deck Class, honoring her for her many contributions to Dover. A new "Fellowship" Bible Study class for couples and singles, was formed and taught by Mr. Richard Hanes. Rev. Welborn visited with friends at Salem Baptist Church (known as "Dover") in Dover, England where he attended a deacon ordination service and preached for a Sunday worship service. The youth and children presented a Christmas drama "The Department Store Window" and the sanctuary choir presented their cantata "Arise, Shine".

2005

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 221

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 89

PASTOR – REV. TERRY M. WELBORN

PASTOR EMERITUS – DR. WILLIAM R. HOLLIS

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR - MRS. SARA ROWE

Dover's budget for 2005 was approved at \$156,710.00. The Building Construction committee filed report indicating Cox & Associates had been selected as architectural firm to prepare new building design and drawings. Soil sampling and testing of ground capabilities is underway. Subsequently, Evans Construction of Sandston, Virginia, was contracted to build. The "Skyline Boys" quartet presented a service of worship in song. Revised Wedding Rules and Regulations were approved as submitted by committee

consisting of Mrs. Barbara Stone, Mrs. Donna Smith and Mrs. Mary K. Sheppard. Deacon Board chair, Mr. Wally Pritchett, said that church family lists had been updated and that Board members were participating in weekly worship services. They plan a Deacon's Retreat in the fall. Members and friends joined in a 7-week study "Forty Days of Purpose". Buildings & Grounds committee chair, Mrs. Heather RePass, said tree outside of Education Building had been removed – free – by Dominion Virginia Power and that the water fountain in Education Building had been replaced. Members in attendance at April '05 business session approved the loan of \$500.00 to W.M.U. for re-printing of 50 copies of history "In the Beginning was the Word ...". Mrs. Mary K. Sheppard explained that there was only one copy of first printing remaining and that the entire document must be re-typed and proofed. VBS, directed by Ms. Sara Rowe, was held in July with attendance of 60 students and adults. "Construction Zone" was the theme. Twelve youth and two chaperones attended Youth Evangelism Conference. A new member class "What's Dover Baptist Church all About?" was held for new members and other interested folks. Constitution & By-Laws was amended to update Personnel Committee responsibilities and a new Committee, Benevolence, was added. W.M.U. Director, Mrs. Lois Henley, reported activities that group had enjoyed: touring the SBC Missionary Learning Center at Rockville and the facilities of Goochland Free Clinic and new Goochland County Administrative Office Building. They provided funds for two camperships at Camp CrossRoads and led the congregation in "World Missions Celebration". A called meeting was held in September to obtain congregational approval to borrow funds to supplement Building Fund monies for construction of new facilities. Motion made, duly seconded and carried to grant Building Finance committee authority to move forward in securing a \$300,00.00 loan from Franklin Federal Savings & Loan Association. On Recommendation of Deacon Board, seventeen names carried on membership roll were removed because these people and/or their addresses were unknown. Subsequently, two names were re-instated when they were located. Ground breaking ceremony for new fellowship hall was held on September 11th, a day looked forward to with much enthusiasm. The Pastor, chairs of Building Construction and Building Finance committees, along with representatives from the architectural and construction firms, turned shovels full of soil using gold painted shovels. Rev. Doug

Frazier was Homecoming speaker on September 18th. Love offering response for victims of Hurricane "Katrina" totaled \$3,647.00. Dover member and Company No. 1 F/R volunteer, Mr. Chad Hammack, was a member of a task force deployed to Louisiana to help with clean-up and other duties. Team Kids were busy during the year attending Laser Quest, enjoying pizza night and held an Easter walk through Manakin Farms carrying an Easter banner and palms. An ordination service for two new Deacons, Mrs. Suzanne T. Mills and Mr. Ernest L. Thomas, was held in October. Chaplain Charles E. Reynolds, Dover member and former Youth Director here, visited and shared his chaplaincy experiences before being deployed overseas. Dover participated in a community wide Thanksgiving Eve service at St. Matthews Methodist Church with Rev. Gordon Pruitt, pastor there, as speaker. Dover's congregation recorded with sadness the death of former Pastor (November 1985 – November 1991) and Pastor Emeritus (since February 2004), Dr. William R. Hollis, in December. The children presented a drama "Christmas Doors" led by Mrs. Donna Martin and the sanctuary choir performed a cantata "His Very Own Star". The budget for 2006 was established as \$194,318.00 which included monthly mortgage payments on new Heritage Hall building loan. A picture of Dover's 1855 frame building was featured in Goochland County Historical Society's calendar for 2006.

2006

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 222

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 87

PASTOR – REV. TERRY M. WELBORN (THROUGH SEPTEMBER)

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MRS. SARA ROWE

Tom Cox, of Tom Cox Ministries, and wife, Kay, led morning worship service in January. Dover's children and youth celebrated "Souper Bowl Sunday" to benefit Goochland Food Bank. Dover hosted a community Easter sunrise service and held Maundy Thursday service in preparation for Easter. The sanctuary choir presented a cantata "Come to the Cross", directed by Ms. Donna Didenko. A dedication service for "Missioners to Appalachia", a group of five who visited Southwest Virginia to participate

in a program making home repairs for a needy family. Those making this trip were Ethel Javins-Watkins, Robin and George Angle, Charles Burton and Ernie Thomas. Laity Sunday was observed in May with participants Mr. Wallace Pritchett, Miss Melissa Houston, Mr. Charles Burton, Mrs. Suzanne Mills, Mr. Kyle Hawk, Mr. Tom Keiningham, Mr. Cecil Nuckols and Mr. Garland Toney, Sr. A men's chorus provided music. Miss Kristin Billingsley was employed to serve Dover as a summer helper for youth and children. Miss Melissa Houston and Miss Danielle Martin attended Camp CrossRoads. Mrs. Susan Welborn and Mrs. Donna Martin co-chaired VBS with theme of "Fiesta". Fifty were enrolled. Additional Bibles and Hymnals were purchased for balcony and additional lighting was installed in balcony. WMU sponsored a kitchen shower for our new fellowship/kitchen facilities. Mr. Chad Hammack shared with the group his experiences working with FEMA in New Orleans in the cleanup after Hurricane Katrina. WMU also sponsored the second printing of Dover's history "In the Beginning was the Word...". Our Special Occasions committee continues to be busy planning for the many times when the church family holds receptions and special events. A number of upgrades to the exterior of the Education Building were implemented: new roofing, painting, new doors, windows and outside shutters. A small canopy porch was added. The congregation was gifted by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Henley with two wild cherry offering plates handcrafted by Mr. Henley. Mr. Robert P. Martin and Mr. Garland Toney, Sr. were ordained as Deacons. A proposal to rent Education Building facilities to provide a Day Care Program was received. Much discussion, questions and thoughts were expressed. A vote, by show of hands, showed 21 voting for rejection of this proposal and zero votes in favor of this proposal. A called August business session approved "Heritage Hall" as the name of our new fellowship facility. Mrs. Donna Martin, Youth & Children Director, led Youth Sunday with participants Thomas Lineberry, Kimmie Hawk, Ana Leahy, Kyle Hawk, Amy Branch, Jessie Leroy, Melissa Houston, D.J. Branch, Kathy Adams, Danielle Martin, Victoria Long and Mackenzie Jones. Heritage Hall was dedicated on Homecoming afternoon, September 17th, with Rev. Ronald C. Hall (Dover pastor 1992-1996) as speaker. This was a very joyful day and many members and friends gathered for a fellowship luncheon and dedication service. A very impressive service was planned by Mrs. Patsy Brooks. "Celebration

Chorus", directed by Mrs. Patty Prout, provided special music. The cornerstone was placed by Mrs. Brooks, Mr. David Roberts, Mr. Kyle Hawk and Mr. Wally Pritchett. Earlier in the year, Rev. Welborn had announced his retirement plans to be effective in September. A reception was held on September 24th to wish him and Susan God's richest blessings as they relocate to their new home in Browns Summit, North Carolina. In October, Rev. Michael A. Garner was guest worship speaker and in November Rev. Garner was called as part-time Interim Pastor. He and wife, Kathy, were cordially welcomed to serve our congregation. The Christmas season brought many activities: the congregation adopted a needy family through the Goochland Christmas Mother program; enjoyed a Deck the Halls party and covered dish dinner; held programs of Advent Wreath lighting; and hosted a Christmas Eve service of Candles, Carols and Communion which was attended by a large crowd of members and friends. The Adult Sunday School Department held their first Christmas party with singing, entertainment and food. Youth and children presented a Christmas skit "Broadcasting Christmas" and the sanctuary choir presented a cantata "Gather at the Manger".

2007

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 225

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 87

PASTOR – REV. MICHAEL A. GARNER

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MS. SARA ROWE-CATLETT

Rev. Michael A. Garner, previously called as Interim Pastor, was called as full time Pastor in February. Rev. Garner received his Master of Divinity degree from Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond in May. Several members attended his graduation service at First Baptist Church, Richmond. WMU reported they had provided "snac-pacs" for Dover's military service personnel and fast food gift cards for our college students. They baked cookies for the Richmond Raceway Ministries, provided items from Camp CrossRoads' "wish list" and assisted with costs for 3 youth to attend Camp there. They also collected school supplies and personal needs for students at Gus Mitchell School, Virginia Baptist Children's Home in Salem, Virginia. They collected

“Seeds for Renewed Hope” in Liberia and participated in a church-wide project “Operation Christmas Child” providing clothing and toys for needy children around the world. WMU always enjoys a “day out” and toured the recently renovated State Capitol and Visitor Center. Mr. Jeremy Slagle served as summer helper for youth and children’s activities. VBS theme was “Game Day Central: Where Heroes are Made”. The congregation enjoyed the movie “The Gospel of John”. LifeTouch Church Directories produced a new pictorial directory of members and friends. Maundy Thursday service was celebrated and Dover participated, with Hebron Presbyterian Church, in Easter sunrise service. In April we received the resignation of Ms. Donna Didenko, Minister of Music, who had served since January 2004. Donna relocated to Florida to be closer to family members. Mrs. Patty Prout, a previous Interim Music Director here at Dover, was called to fill this position on a full time basis in August. Members and friends participated in a 10-week Beth Moore study “Believing God” led by Mrs. Patsy Brooks and Mrs. Kathy Garner. A number of Dover’s members are active in community activities serving as volunteers with Meals On Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, local Fire/Rescue Companies, and Goochland Free Clinic. An ordination service for newly elected Deacons Mrs. Kirkie Archer, Mr. Tom Keiningham and Mr. Stuart Napier was held in September. Dover’s Heritage Hall was designated by Goochland County’s Board of Supervisors as a county polling location. The Buildings and Grounds committee reported that interior painting of the sanctuary and Education Building was completed. Three “NPR” parties (No Particular Reason) were held hosted by different Sunday School classes as an opportunity for all ages to enjoy fun, fellowship and food. The congregation held a special service of recognition and tribute to Mr. & Mrs. Earl Henley (Lois). Miss Jenni and Mr. Paul Ponsiglione, friends and neighbors of the Henleys, provided a video presentation of the lives and many contributions that Earl and Lois had made to Dover Church and to the Goochland community. A large crowd of members, friends and relatives attended this special program. The Christmas season was full of activities: Deck the Halls party; an Angel Tree decorated with tags giving names and gift ideas to provide “Christmas” for a family of six sponsored through Goochland Christmas Mother Program; programs for lighting the Advent Wreaths; the adult S.S. department enjoyed an evening of food and carols; Youth and Children presented a drama “Through

the Eyes of a Child"; the sanctuary choir presented a cantata "One Small Child". Mr. and Mrs. Scott Wilson (Annette) gifted the church with a lovely porcelain nativity scene. An impressive Christmas Eve service of Candles, Carols and Communion was attended by a large group of members and community friends.

Thus ends the year 2007 and my recordation of 48 years of Dover Baptist Church history. My personal appreciation is extended to all who have been a part of the life and ministry of Dover Baptist Church since its constitution. However, the work of those who labored in the past does not make completed success – the future is ahead of us and our Lord is counting on those serving today and those that will serve in the future to keep the spirit and Word of God alive here at Dover.

JEREMIAH 29:11 (NIV)

"For I know the plans I have for you", declares the
Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future".

EXHIBIT I

BAPTISMS 1960 – 2007
AS NOTED IN BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
OR WEEKLY BULLETINS

April 16, 1961

Mrs. L. D. Javins
Mr. L. D. Javins
Shirley Javins Rufty
Florence Javins Martin
Alice Martin
Betty Johnson
Harrell Parrish
Lawrence A. Henley, Jr.
Martha Mayhew
Percy Mayhew
Ronnie Mayhew

May 06, 1962

Binna Martin
Charles Davis
Carol Amos
Joyce Mayhew
Connie Moore
Mr. Dan Dorsheimer
Mrs. Dan Dorsheimer
Harold Mayhew

March 29, 1964

Juanita Deck
Brenda Wade
Jimmy Bullard
Theodore Bullard
John Byron Clarke
C. Reid Gilley, III
Carol L. Henley
Rodney McKinney
Dale Meece

BAPTISMS

July 10, 1966

Reid Putney
Betty Putney
Taylor Putney
Floyd Adams
Leslie (Mann) Apperson
Jimmy Davis
Marty Davis
Bonetta Moses

December 18, 1966

Gladys Alley
Edith Alley
Donna DiServio
James Russell Hester III
Suzanne Huffines
William (Bill) Moore
Doris Moses
Melinda Parrish

February 1968

Mrs. Arlene Toney
Mr. Garland Toney, Sr.
Garland Toney, Jr.
Karen Toney
Marie Toney
Suzanne Toney
Rosalie S. Alvis

November 17, 1968

Catherine Crowthers
Jeffrey Dolan
Marsha Fields
Jeffrey Fields
Juanita Austin Dolan
John Filler, Jr.
William Phillips
Richard Stagg
Sandra Stagg
Debra Stagg
Audrey Smith
Everett Smith
Victor Austin
Sharon K. Gilley
Warren Proffitt
Anne Branch
J. Walter Branch

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BAPTISMS

July 20, 1969

John W. Carter, Jr.
Cheryl Hollins
Lelia R. (Kirkie) Huddleston
Charles Burback
Wayne Hewitt
Cheryl Elliott
Brenda Elliott
Tammy Elliott
Anne Headley
John Parker
William Glen Parrish
Lewis V. Henley
Evelyn Javins Henley
Dianne Henley
Michael Raikes
Sylvia Raikes

July 19, 1970

Deborah McDaniel
Susan Breeding

July 25, 1971

Patricia Deck
Bobby Waldrop

February 27, 1972

Larry W. Platt

May 21, 1972

Evelyn Deck
Sharon Lynn Proffitt

November 11, 1973

Carl Carter, Jr.

February 03, 1974

Dianna Burton

April 28, 1974

Beth Smith
Ann Viola Gordon
Teresa Alvis
Robert McDaniel

November 10, 1974

Michael Pace

July 11, 1976

Donna Crawford

BAPTISMS

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| June 05, 1977 | Virgil E. Ewing Gerry D. Ewing William Seay Mark Walker |
| June 26, 1977 | John Henry Powers |
| June 25, 1978 | Deborah Pace Denice Neal Don Neal Betty Neal |
| January 1980 (possibly April 21, 1980) | J. Michael (Mike) Cox Sue Cox Jimmy Cox Tracy Lynn Cox |
| August 1980 | Thomas Heffinger, Jr. William (Bill) Gordon |
| August 02, 1981 | Tammy Burton Janis L. Roberts Matthew Smith Theresa Pace |
| October 1981 | Kellie Burton |
| April 1982 | Andrew Griffey, Jr. |
| October 02, 1983 | Kimberly Heffinger Christopher Mayes |
| March 23, 1986 | Kristoffer Willis Susan Renee Heffinger Sara Smith Judith Kelley Sandra Hawk Proffitt |
| November 01, 1987 | Patrick Willis Janis Cave Hewitt Mack Tyler Bryan Morris Darryl Morris |

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BAPTISMS

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| January 24, 1988 | Whitney Duke |
| January 1990 | Douglas Stieber |
| August 04, 1991 | Heather Lynn Nuckols Brandon Proffitt Tabatha L. Proffitt Dann Gann |
| August 1992 | Joey Powers |
| February 1994 | Robert Steven Collins Christian Ann Rowe |
| October 1997 | David Mathes |
| August 16, 1998 | William Wesley Hewitt, Sr. |
| April 18, 1999 | Christopher E. Hawk C. Kyle Hawk |
| April 23, 2000 | Teresa Nicole Gordon Deidra Ann Hammack Chad Thomas Hammack Gay Hatcher Timothy Brian Hatcher |
| November 04, 2001 | David W. Branch Gwendolyn H. Branch David Branch, Jr. Amy Branch William Wesley Hewitt, Jr. Kim Newberry Hope Newberry |
| March 31, 2002 | John Wesley Moore Jessica K. Rutledge Maranda Smith |
| May 25, 2003 | Donna Smith Roger Watkins |

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BAPTISMS

November 23, 2003

Teresa Ann Tyler
Wendell Lee Tyler, Jr.

August 08, 2004

Erin Mills
Melissa Houston
Mackenzie C. Jones
Christian Ann Rowe
Suzanne T. Mills
Caroline Wheeler

May 22, 2005

Mabel L. Davis
Renea Tyler

August 14, 2005

Katherine LeeAnn Adams

September 24, 2006

Linda C. Good
Ana Gabriela Leahy

October 28, 2007

Marcus Houston

EXHIBIT II

PASTORS DOVER BAPTIST CHURCH MANAKIN, VIRGINIA

William Webber – Fall 1773 – Feb. 1808
Matthew Woodson Webber -
Reuben Ford –
Robert Farrar – 1842 – 1847
I.T. Tinsley –
Joseph Rock – 1847 – 1848
Archar B. Smith – 1849 – Jan. 1867
G. Exall –
? Rennolds – May 1869
Dr. Stringfellow – July 1869
Archar B. Smith – March 1870
D. M. Winfree – Jan. 1870 – Jan. 1882
Hugh D. Ragland – Sept. 1874 – Aug. 20, 1881
Edmund Harrison – March 1883 – April 1895
Prof. R. B. Collier – Aug. 1896 – April 1900
A.D. Louthan – Oct. 1900 – Dec. 1904
F. L. Hardy – May 1905 – Jan. 1908
James A. Clarke – Oct. 1908 – Aug. 1910
W. D. Anderson – Feb. 1911 – Dec. 1911
C. Roy Angel – June 1912 – Oct. 1912
W. T. Halstead – Nov. 1913 – June 1914
H. O. Wyatt – Jan. 1915 – Jan. 1916
Rev. Wicks – Feb. 1917 – May 1917
Llewellyn C. Northern – Oct. 1917 – Feb. 1919
C. I. Herrin – Nov. 1919 – Feb. 1921
J. Hillis Miller – June 1922 – May 1925

Joseph Rotella – Aug. 2, 1925 – Aug. 1938

Daniel Fowler – March 1939 – Aug. 1940

Arthur Brown – Feb. 1941 – May 1942

Melvin Bradshaw – April 1944 – Sept. 1944

William Bruffie Conner – June 1946 – Sept. 1949

Randolph B. Hall – Jan. 1950 – Dec. 1951

E. Hugh Ragland – June 1952 – Sept. 1952 (Interim)

Ernest D. Clark – June 1953 – Oct. 10, 1954

Walter L. Bradley – March 1, 1955 – March 26, 1967

Dr. George W. Sadler – July 1967 – Jan. 1968 (Interim)

John Poole Elliott – Jan. 21, 1968 – July 1978 (Pastor Emeritus -June 83-Oct. 88)

John C. Cowell – Jan. 1, 1979 – Aug. 9, 1981

John Poole Elliott – Oct. 1981 – June 1982 (Interim)

Walter L. Mayes – June 6, 1982 – Dec. 30, 1984

Dr. Ben Bruner – May 1985 – Nov. 1985 (Interim)

Dr. William R. Hollis – Nov. 1985 – Nov. 30, 1991 (Pastor Emeritus-2/04-12/05)

Ronald C. Hall – May 10, 1992 – Oct. 28, 1996

Dr. Julian H. Pentecost – Jan. 1997 – July 1998 (Interim)

Terry Mack Welborn – Nov. 23, 1998 – Sept. 30, 2006

Michael A. Garner – Feb. 1, 2007 –

EXHIBIT III

"A CHILD'S REMEMBRANCES"

MEMORIES OF MY EARLY YEARS AT DOVER BAPTIST CHURCH, MANAKIN, VIRGINIA

BY MARY KATHERINE HENLEY SHEPPARD

The white frame church building stood along side the narrow road and faced south into a grove of century-old trees with broad reaching limbs, knarled trunks and roots that grew along the top of the ground making great ridges and wonderful places for huge black ants to live. Not all families had automobiles in these days and many folks walked to church or even road horseback, tying their horse in the shade of one of the large trees. Those who drove cars parked as if they had suddenly run out of gas and drifted off the road to wait for help. They parked haphazardly outside a wire fence that had a fancy scrollwork top. Some of the fence panels were bent and leaning, maybe from confrontation with an automobile or horse but more probably from carrying the weight of too much resting by members as they visited and waited to go inside.

You entered into the church yard on a graveled walk through a wire gate. The walk continued a few feet before it split into a "Y" formation, each prong leading to one of two identical front doors. The Webber monument, which had been placed in 1923, stood in the fork of the walk. Each walk was lined with daffodils that bloomed to herald spring and the foliage made excellent places for hiding Easter eggs. Daffodils also grew along the west side of the building – another great hiding place! There was not much grass – more like a mixture of green weeds. A wet spring might bring about the need to push a handmower up and down a few times but certainly no need for weekly mowings. Folks didn't feel it was necessary that a lush green carpet cover God's good black dirt. The east side of the church yard had no grass at all – just soft, green moss – always slightly damp and very soothing to the bare foot.

The walks led to about four steps up to an uncovered stoop and right into the building. The doors were wide and heavy with large locks. Mr. L. C. Clarke (Uncle Lou), wearing his trade-mark derby, nearly always stood at the left front door (called the Ladies' side and used more than the door on the right) and welcomed those arriving. Mr. Clarke arrived early to "open up", fill and light the lamps, make fires in the two pot-bellied black stoves and open the tall outside louvered shutters which were closed at the end of every service. I looked forward to arriving early to tag along when he opened the shutters or either I accompanied him on "close-up" (that's how I know the moss on the east side was soothing to the foot – in suitable weather, I was always ready to kick off my shoes as I left the building).

As you entered the building, through either left or right front doors, straight ahead on the back wall of the sanctuary were two identical doors which were only opened during summer and that to allow ventilation (as well as the entrance of bees, bugs and flies, dogs seeking religion with their masters, and sometimes a snake – no doubt a descendent from the “Garden” seeking repentance).

Entering on the left front you came into a short hall, probably twelve feet, before moving through divided swinging doors into the sanctuary. Immediately to the left after entering, there was another short hall, probably eight feet, along the front wall that led to a door to the stairs and balcony where there were three Sunday School classrooms. Another door from this short front hall opened into the “coal room” where all contents were covered with a thick layer of black coal dust. A large bin for coal, a few mops and a broom, some rags, the coal shuttle and oil can as well as the “funeral home” fans were kept here. Mr. Clarke usually decided when the fans were to be brought out for the season and the first “fanning” could produce quite a dust! We had a few “nice” fans made from woven palm and these would appear about revival time. Mr. Clarke collected the fans after each use and deposited them back into the “coal room”.

When you entered by way of the right front door, you passed through a hall and identical swinging doors to the sanctuary. On the right side of this hall was a small classroom used by the Beginner class. It was a cheery room and had “small people” table, chairs and bookcase, all painted white. This was the only classroom where a rug covered the wide pine board floors – the rug was a woven reed-type covering.

Between the two entrance halls and under the balcony rooms, there was a large classroom used by the Adult Men. This was a bright room having two southern exposure windows. Folding paneled doors across the front allowed the room to be opened for overflow sanctuary seating. It contained pine benches like those in the sanctuary. I don't remember this space being needed for overflow very often (maybe for a funeral); however, the men who were to take the “collection” sat here until their “duty” time came.

The sanctuary was a large room, the full width of the building and extending to the back wall. There were three tall, wide windows on each side. These were opened wide in summer and, along with opened doors – back and front – provided fairly adequate cross-ventilation as well as additional opportunities for entrance of all sorts of flying creatures. There were no screens on the windows or doors and no curtains, shades or draperies. These large windows provided sufficient light for daytime services and the lamps were not lit except on dark cloudy days and for night activities. The “whack” of an adventurous insect flying too close to an oil lamp was a common sound during summer night services.

The sanctuary had two aisles extending from the entrance halls. Pine benches – straight and hard – faced the pulpit and filled the center area between the aisles. Toward the outside wall from each aisle there were a few benches facing front, then a large open area where the black pot-bellied stoves stood. Further on, on both sides, there were additional benches facing center. On the left side near the back corner was an upright piano. A small area behind the piano served as a storage space for literature, records and accumulated mess. On the right side back wall (opposite piano) was a glass-doored bookcase which housed the library. I don't remember the subjects or titles of the books kept here; I wasn't much into reading at this point. I do remember that the glass doors were usually locked, and Miss Elizabeth DuVal, apparently the Librarian, held the key. On the few occasions when I examined the books, I remember a damp musty odor.

The benches facing center on the left side were used by the Adult Ladies for classroom space during the Sunday School hour and by the choir during "preaching". The choir was a mixture of humanity from children to senior citizens. There was no organized or scheduled choir practice except in preparation for very special occasions – mostly Christmas pageants or other plays. Benches facing center on the sanctuary right side provided space for the co-ed Young People's class.

The pulpit area was raised two steps from the sanctuary floor, centered on the back wall and covered most of the area between the two back doors. It extended perhaps eight feet to ten feet into the sanctuary. The pulpit floor was covered with a faded, patterned carpet and two chairs on the back wall, as well as one on each side of the pulpit down on sanctuary level, were covered in burgundy velour. There was no communion table, per se. A small table stood center front to hold the bread and juice when the Lord's Supper was shared, and, at other times, the collection plates rested here. A stained memorial window (given by the Misses Bowles) depicting the Good Shepherd was installed in the back wall above the pulpit area.

The middle portion of the sanctuary had three square wooden columns down the center for building support. Oil lamps, sitting in fancy wrought-iron holders, were mounted to the sides on these columns as well as on the outside walls and along the bottom edge of the balcony. Electricity came to Dover in 1939/40. The sanctuary walls were papered in a tone-on-tone cream colored design and the woodwork was painted in an off-white color.

Pipes from each of the pot-bellied stoves rose straight up toward the ceiling and then turned across the sanctuary to meet in the center and rise further in a single pipe out through the roof.

The balcony ran the width of the building and three light and bright classrooms opened unto this walkway. The first room was used for the Primary class. Furniture here was scaled down to fit the age group and the teacher's desk was in the shape of a half-round

(like half of a donut). A bench stood on one wall. As a student here, I remember individual attendance posters depicting a biblical scene on which each student who was present would get to place a sticker of an animal, person or flower, appropriate to the scene. I liked to have, perhaps, a lamb resting on a tree limb or maybe a bunch of flowers sprouting forth from a character's head. The more ridiculous, the better! These posters were tacked along the wall, providing décor and each student could see how many Sundays they had attended. We also had large lesson-teaching posters which would portray the lesson topic or purpose. In a corner of this room was a small storage area where Christmas decorations and pageant costumes were kept. I remember, in particular, a large and beautiful pair of angel wings made with curved and shaped wire covered with white gauze. It was always a great treat to try these on, though they were not quite "me", and there was always a big-to-do at Christmas to see who would be picked to be the "big" angel and wear the beautiful wings! Only girls could be angels, of course! There were several pairs of wings for little girls which included halos made from wire wound in white and gold tinsel.

The middle room on the balcony was a large room (identical in size to the Adult Men's room below) where the Junior class met. This room didn't have any interesting corners and had a combination of benches and odd chairs for seating. All classes were co-ed.

The last balcony room was used by the Intermediate age group and was not a very inviting space – pine benches, a table and a bookcase are the only items I remember being in this room. I felt that this age group was more mature and they were expected to be sort of dull.

The cemetery was where it is today. Amazing, isn't it, that something hasn't changed? The cemetery was enclosed with the same wire fencing that separated the building front from the parking area. A wide gate about halfway on the road side allowed entrance of the funeral truck. Gravel walks passed between the gravesites. Most of the burial sites were surrounded by a cement "cradle". Many sites had no marker but sometimes a name or date was scratched in the cement "cradle". Of course, the Woodson family section with its imposing and threatening (do not enter) iron fence and the Ligon family area with the raised brick border were there. Those laid to rest here enjoyed deep shade from the wide branches of several large oaks. Each family was responsible for upkeep of their section and I spent many carefree hours here with my mother and aunts as they raked leaves, clipped grass or planted flowers. I spent my time skipping and hopping from one "cradle" to the next – seeing how far I could go without touching ground. In the Spring, I would sometimes pick the daffodils and place a few at several gravesites.

There were no modern-day "convenience facilities". An unisex outhouse was located to the east, outside of the fence, and was camouflaged by a dense growth of honeysuckle and poison oak. This place was used only in dire emergency since it was inhabited by black snakes and spiders. Occasionally, someone would throw lime over everything

which created the look of a huge ghost lurking in the bushes. Large trees provided more comfort than just shade!

A really wonderful spring provided refreshment and was located over the eastern knoll and down the hill by the edge of a creek. A worn path led through the woods, down to bubbly, cool and abundant water. It was always an excursion to go skipping down to the spring throwing rocks and sticks along the way. In hot weather, a bucket of cool liquid might be brought back and placed in the shade of a tree where the thirsty drank from a common dipper. The path to the spring provided a convenient stroll for "courting couples".

There was always a week of hot summer revival. Most of the guest preachers were long-winded and quite strong of lung (as were some pastors I remember). They all seemed to feel they had a captive audience of "first class" sinners. Revivals started on Sunday morning and continued Sunday night through Friday night. Families fed the pastor and guest speaker for lunch and supper and occasionally provided the week's lodging. The children made jokes about "having the preacher for lunch/supper - sure hope he's tender"! The last night of revival would go on and on and on - depending on how many sinners had responded to nightly invitations and how many were left warming the benches. I can remember being disciplined a number of times because I would bang my feet against the bench or would conveniently drop the hymn book when I had gotten tired and felt it was time to "hang it up". Revivals were a time for visiting and catching up on local news since attendance was usually good and many community folks who were not regular attendees would come out to hear the "word". Too, family members who had left the community for better (?) places would sometimes return to spend their vacation during revival time.

The church and its sponsored activities coupled with the local school events were the heart of community recreation. There were no nearby theatres, putt-putts or theme parks where children could release pent up energy and no approved hangouts where young people could socialize. I remember the annual Sunday School picnic when adults joined the children in games and fun. There would be tables laden with all sort of "country" food and homemade ice cream for dessert. Two five-gallon hand cranked freezers were used - one for vanilla and the other for chocolate. The young boys were called on early in the afternoon to crank the freezers and then the freezers were packed in newspaper and crocus sacks to ripen. People filled their plates and sat on the ground or on "running boards" to eat. The ants eagerly accepted their standing invitation to attend all events. I remember a few times when the picnic-ers would journey to one of the public lakes east of Richmond or maybe to Mt. Bernard Lake for an afternoon of recreation. I've heard of train excursions to Buckroe Beach but they were before my time. On one such outing, I think to Eley's Lake, I wandered off, exploring, as I was prone to do, and came upon two men boxing. Not having been exposed to this "sport", I thought they were mad with each other and were fighting. I was terrified and the day, for me, was ruined.

Lawn parties were held to raise funds for certain projects. The ladies provided candy, cookies and other baked goodies for sale – two cents for a large chunk of fudge or divinity (appropriate for a church event, don't you think?). A large wooden-staved barrel containing surprises tied with a string that hung out over the rim created a "grab bag". A nickel would buy you a string of your choice and the prize attached to its end. The prizes weren't much, by today's standards - a box of crayons or a book, hair ribbons, a bar of soap or a wash cloth – but the element of surprise created great excitement and joy for a child. Aprons, homemade jams, jellies and pickles as well as other hum-drum items were offered for sale. I was mainly interested in edible items.

The Easter egg hunt was the great event of spring. We came with baskets, brown bags, or even a tin pail (King syrup, of course) to search for and gather eggs hidden in the daffodil foliage and prolific weeds. The eggs were not individually wrapped and were the gummy type, coated in sweet-candy pastel colors. If the foliage was wet, what a mess! There would be a few chocolate covered marshmallow eggs and they were my prime target – you got to keep what you found. I ate the chocolate variety and used the gummy kind for my own "at home" egg hunt, hiding them under chair cushions and in my mother's potted plants. If my mother watered her plants between my "hiding" day and my "finding" day, we had another king-sized googy mess!

Halloween parties were not held at church but at the old Manakin schoolhouse. This was a combined effort since, for the most part, the same families attended both the church and school. Carved pumpkins, apple bobbing and the haunted house were the highlights of this activity. Everyone, including most adults, would dress in costumes even if the costume didn't depict anything in particular. Outfits for tramps, scarecrows, witches and ghosts were devised from old clothing or pulled from the rag bag. We sat around a big black pot and everyone drew a card from the pot on which had been indicated some type of antic you had to perform – sing a song, do a somersault, stand on your head, recite a poem. Of course, we had refreshments.

The Christmas pageant was the highlight and most anticipated event of the year. Miss Mary Clarke wrote and directed the pageants. We had, what I thought were, very professional costumes, sewn by ladies of the church with golden braid, glittering stones and bold beautiful colors. These were not bedspreads or scarves that could be draped over just anyone and still fit. The person portraying a certain part was picked to fit the elegant costume already available for that character. Miss Clarke had great imagination in putting pageants together. We had the usual scenes – shepherds, wise men and manger – but she would have other scenes, too – King Wenceslaus, Herod, Isaiah, Elizabeth and Zechariah. Carols and scripture were interspersed with the scenes. Our pageants would be quite a production for a small rural church. The sanctuary would be filled with people and the congregational singing of familiar carols would bounce from wall to wall to tall ceiling. The Sunday School Superintendent would distribute a small box of hard candy along with an apple and orange to each child. I didn't mind trying to get in line twice!

I was a member of the Sunbeam Band and attended Girls In Action at the same time. While I was of Sunbeam age, my Mother was G.A. Leader and my Sister a member, so I attended both mission groups. The Sunbeams met on Sunday morning once a month during preaching time. The G.A.'s met in member's homes. We had Baptist Young People's Union on Sunday nights. Sometimes there would be quite a crowd. I remember Bible Drills when everyone would line up across the front of the sanctuary – Bibles in hand – and the leader would call out a scripture. The first one to locate chapter and verse would step forward and be rewarded by being asked to read the selection.

Of course, there are remembrances of personalities, habits and customs – some remembered more fondly, I guess, than others. Impressions come and go with passing years. We were not allowed to run, jump, bang on the piano or play in the church building. Folks wore their best clothes – sometimes patched but always clean – to church because “going to church” was a special event. Children did not have offering envelopes but a bowl or basket was passed in class to collect love gifts – mostly pennies, maybe a nickel, sometimes nothing. I usually had a penny and sometimes gave thought to holding it back envisioning the BB-Bats it would purchase on my next trip to the store. We played in the yard or parking area before and after church – tag or hide and seek – while waiting for the adults to finish visiting. If a ball was available, we would play “annie-over” using Mrs. Mollie DuVal's car. This was very vexing to her. The clean clothes we arrived in did not always go home in the same condition.

People sat in the same places Sunday after Sunday. Women (always wearing a hat) sat on the left side of the sanctuary and men on the right. Couples, unless newlyweds or courting, did not sit together. In the winter, you tried to get a seat as close as possible to the pot-bellied stoves and, in summer, you raced for a window seat. Uncle Lou Clarke seemed to pick morning prayer time as his cue to stoke the fires and the rattling and clunking of coal being thrown into the stoves would just about drown out Mr. George Keeton's prayer. Mr. Keeton, who was usually called on to offer the morning prayer, used the same words and phrases week after week until most of the children could recite his prayer with him. His devoted dog often accompanied him to church and would sometimes come inside, search until he found his master, curl up at his feet, and eagerly await the end of service.

Playing the piano always fascinated me but was a talent I was never able to master. We had several pianists, each with their own distinct touch. Two of my aunts played – softly and sedately. One lady played with great gusto – never mind the wrong notes. Our most precise pianist was Mrs. Sue Bess Clarke and her daughter, Frances, could really tickle the ivories. Every key on the board got a good dusting when Frances played. It was a real treat to hear her play.

Church activities were seldom cancelled due to weather or road conditions. After all, these activities were the highlight of the week and everyone was anxious to get out and see neighbors and friends. Too, roads were not four-laners nor even paved in some

places, so what's the difference in four inches of spring mud and four inches of winter snow?

These reminiscences are of a period in my life from the early 1930's to the 1940's. I'm told that I started attending Dover when I was around five weeks old and that I slept and burped on a back bench. I joined with the congregation at about age twelve and have been active here all of my adult life. I joined in marriage with my husband, William Sheppard, in this frame building on June 25, 1949. Sadly, this beloved place of my memories burned to the ground in the early morning hours of October 30, 1951. The existing house of worship was dedicated in April of 1955.

There will be some who may chance to read this, my trip down memory lane, and who will ask "why" and "what's the purpose"? The answer to "why" is because I wanted to recall things and events in my early life that had made me happy – occasions and people that had influenced my sense of adult values. As to "purpose", these remembrances have been written just for me and as I have spent time and thought with these memories, I realize just how much the past influences the present as well as the future. We often talk and sometimes wish for the "good old days", but I have learned that those old days were not a bit better than those I live right now or might live in the future. It's wonderful to remember and learn from the past, but it is stifling to live the present or future there.

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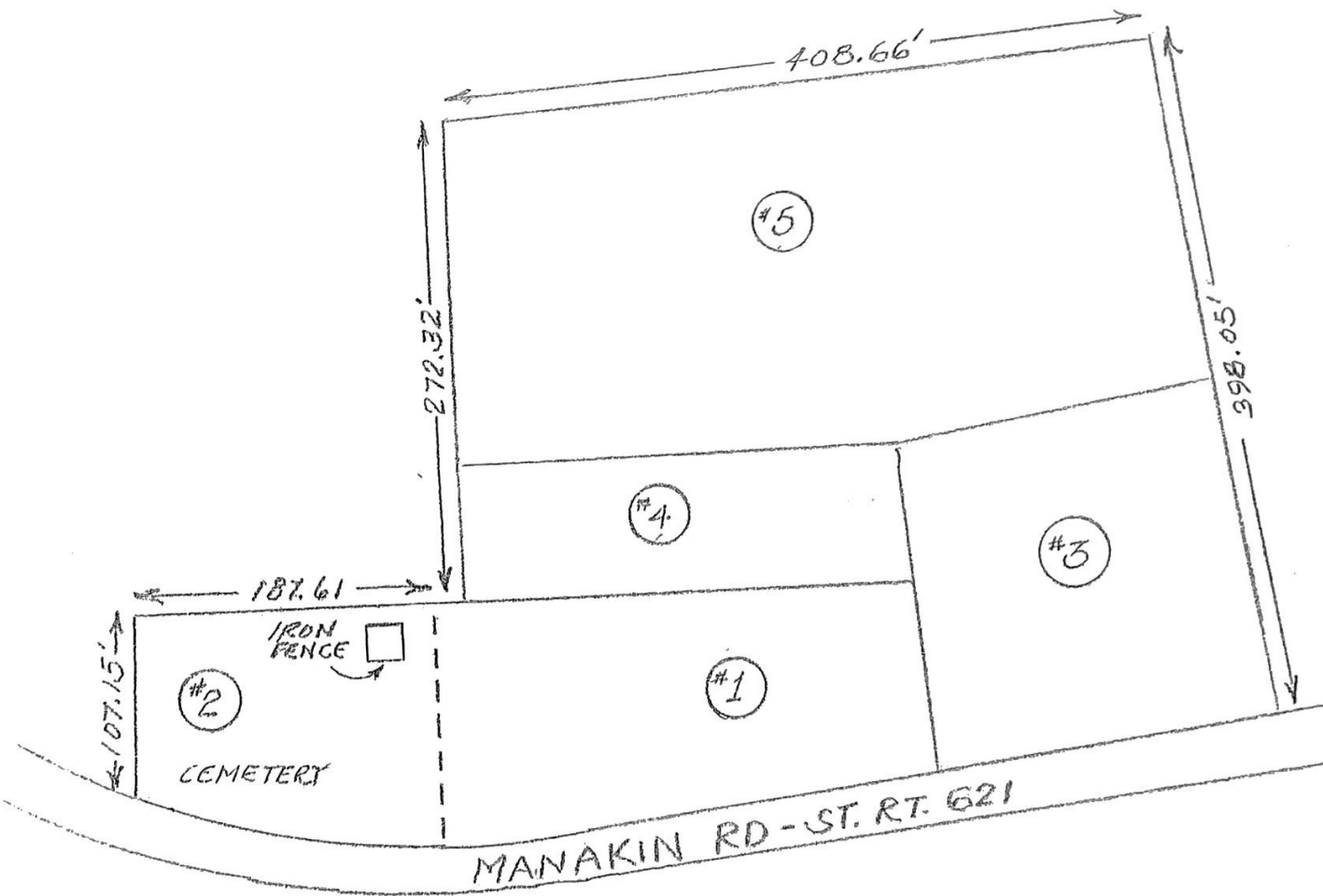
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SUMMATION – DEEDS

Mrs. Agee discussed, in her history, the subject of land on which the 1855 structure was built which is the same land on which our present sanctuary building stands, and concluded that after a thorough search in the Goochland County Clerk's Office, there was no Deed recorded to cover this area. Other Deeds include:

1. A Deed conveying property on which the Meeting House once stood (one room log structure) is on file in Goochland County Clerk's Office. Deed Book No. 34, Page 389. This Deed, dated February 1846, between Philip Woodson and "trustees for the benefit of the regular Baptist Denomination who compose the General Association of Baptists in Virginia" was made by Philip Woodson to carry out the wishes of his deceased father, Matthew Woodson, who "did in his lifetime cause a meeting house call'd Dover to be built upon his own land in the County of Goochland ...". Upon the death of Matthew Woodson, this land had been inherited by his son, Philip. This Deed further states that Philip Woodson "doth hereby for and in consideration of the premises as well as for the further consideration of five dollars" give this "piece or parcel of land upon which said meeting house stands containing one acre". Apparently, from the time of its constitution in 1773 to the year 1846, Dover Meeting House stood on land belonging to Matthew Woodson. While Matthew Woodson, a close friend of William Webber, Dover's founding pastor, "caused" a meeting house to be constructed on his land, he never legally conveyed such parcel before his death. It is interesting to note here that nine years after this Deed was made, meeting house members decided, in 1855, to abandon this property and build a new meeting house across what is now Manakin Road.
2. A Deed, drawn and dated March 3, 1886, and recorded in Goochland County Clerk's Office on 16th of May 1887 (over a year after drawing) between "E. J. DuVal and Rhoda T. DuVal, his wife, of Goochland County, Virginia ... for and in consideration of the deep interest they feel in the welfare and prosperity of Dover Church ... and in consideration of five dollars cash in hand ... do grant unto said trustees ... a certain peace or parcel of land ... containing three quarters of an acre ... for the purpose of a burying ground...". This land would be Dover's present cemetery.

3. Deed Book No. 76, Page 32, Goochland County Clerk's Office, under date of 28th day of April 1948, conveys from James A. Sloan and Virginia D. Sloan, his wife, a parcel of land 200' x 200' east of present day Manakin Road, beginning at intersection with southern line of Dover Baptist Church lot and extending back east. The church paid \$10.00 for this parcel. October 1946 business session minutes state that Mr. Sloan was expected to give a parcel of land 100' x 200' on present day Manakin Road. These minutes also reported that this land would be used for building a parsonage. However, the parsonage never materialized and when the parcel was finally transferred, the Deed stipulates a parcel 200' x 200'.
4. Deed Book No. 82, Page 37, Goochland County Clerk's Office, contains Deed under date of 23rd day of September, 1952, "between J. W. Harman and Genevieve S. Harman, his wife, of the City of Richmond, State of Virginia, parties of the first part and Bernard S. Henley, Melvin B. Powers, Thomas S. Staples, Benjamin S. DuVal, and W. V. DuVal, Trustees of Dover Baptist Church ...". This Deed conveyed 0.42 of an acre to the rear of existing property and stipulated that this "lot will not be used by said Church as a cemetery...".
5. A Deed made "13th day of August, 1964," (and filed in Deed Book No. 100, Page 33, Goochland County Clerk's Office), "by and between Garner Investment Corporation, a Virginia Corporation, party of the first part and Earl Henley and William N. Sheppard, surviving Trustees of Dover Baptist Church, Goochland County, Virginia, parties of the second part WITNESSETH: that in consideration of one dollars (\$1) ... grant and convey ... all that certain piece or parcel of land containing 2.00 acres ...". This Deed was recorded in the Clerk's Office on the 9th day of September 1964.



DOVER BAPTIST CHURCH PROPERTY

- #1. No Deed has ever been found for original property on east side of Rt. 621 (apprx. 1.1 acres). This is the land on which the present sanctuary stands. However, when the Deed was recorded in May 1887 (#2) granting $\frac{3}{4}$ acre for "burying ground", granted property was described as bounded "on the north and east by lands of Dover Cole Mine Company, on the south by the Dover Church property, on the west by Manakin Ferry Road". The words "on the south by the Dover Church property" indicate that the property (#1) where Dover's present sanctuary stands was Considered at that time to be owned by Dover Church.
- #2. Deed dated 3rd March 1886, recorded May 1887: E. J. DuVal & Rhoda DuVal – $\frac{3}{4}$ acre for "burying ground".
- #3. DB #76, page 32 – dated 28th April 1948, recorded June 1948: James & Virginia Sloan – lot 200' x 200' (apprx. 0.91 ac.)
- #4. DB #82, page 37 – dated 23rd September 1952, recorded April 1953: J. W. and Genevieve Harmon – 0.42 acre.
- #5. DB #100, page 33 – dated 13th August 1964, recorded September 1964: Garner Investment Corporation – 2.0 acres.

Footages taken from survey – August 2001 – by
Hulcher & Associates, Inc.
Total acreage shown as 4.81 acres

Drawing not to scale – M.K.H.S. – March 2008