



*A Family and Community Church Sharing the
Hope of Jesus Christ*

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Dover Baptist is a moderately sized church, affiliated with the Conservative Baptist Association of America, located in the downtown of Dover, New Hampshire. We are a family and community church sharing the hope of Jesus Christ. We believe it is essential to maintain the centrality of God's Word, an atmosphere of love, a strong prayer base, the cultivation of intentional relationships, a proper concept of Christ and a healthy ministry image.

In the past twenty-three years Dover Baptist has had one senior pastor and three associate pastors, two of whom have gone on to plant local churches and the third has entered the secular workforce. The elder board consists of seven men of various ages, races and occupations. The core ministry teams are each headed by a deacon or deaconess.

The church has regular activities which occur either weekly or monthly: Sunday School, Sunday morning prayer meeting, Sunday Worship, Monday morning Bible Study, Tuesday Maranatha (seniors ministry), Tuesday Awana Clubs, First Wednesday (covered dish fellowship and prayer time), and Saturday 7 Mile Road (youth.) There are six small groups, and one Bible study, which meet at homes throughout the tri-city area (Dover, Somersworth, and Rochester.) The worship team leads in a well balanced and blended style each week. Each worship service and sermon are recorded and published on the web for easy viewing, either live or post service.

The church facility has been updated throughout the years. Originally built in 1868, it was destroyed by fire in 1882 and rebuilt in 1883. The main sanctuary is on the second floor and features amazing stained glass throughout and brand new cushioned chairs which allow for multiple configurations. The lights, sound, and video systems have been recently updated. There are a variety of classrooms throughout the facility which have all been updated with new flooring, fresh paint, and new TVs. The main office, main lobby, cafe, and fellowship hall have also all been recently renovated. A video monitoring system is located in the main office. Our facility can be, and has been, used as an emergency shelter by the city. The building is used to host a variety of vetted outside community recovery groups.

There are approximately 150 people who attend worship each Sunday. The core demographic of the church family is Caucasian. Our congregation ranges in age from newborn through the "senior saints." There is an Indonesian population who have been faithfully attending DBC since the early 2000s. There are a number of families who have a rich, generational history with the church.

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Dover Baptist is active in a variety of community outreach programs such as: October's Apple Harvest Day, November's Christmas Parade, monthly soup kitchen at the House of Hope's, summer block party, and Vacation Bible School.

Dover Baptist has a rich history of supporting missions work. Within the past decade we have seen twelve individuals and families enter full-time missions work in a variety of roles. We financially support ten missionary families serving domestically and internationally, some of whom we have supported for decades. Dover Baptist is blessed to have a fully-furnished mission house on premises, available to its missionaries.

In 2016 the city of Dover had a population of just over 31,000 over approximately 29 square miles. It is, according to the Chamber of Commerce, currently the fastest growing city in New Hampshire. Dover has a number of recreational facilities including: parks and playground, ice arena, indoor and outdoor pools, skateboard park, bowling alley, and children's museum. The church is conveniently located next to the post office and near downtown businesses, residences, library and municipal buildings. There are a number of restaurants within walking distance and numerous grocery stores and malls within a short drive.

The greater Dover area has two private Evangelical Christian schools (Portsmouth Christian and Seacoast Christian.) The local public high school and middle school are both new. Dover also has a public Charter school (Seacoast Charter.) There are three major hospitals in the area and numerous specialized medical facilities.

Dover is well situated for tourism. It is within seventy-five minutes of Boston, an hour of the White Mountains and Lakes Region, and thirty minutes of the beaches. There are four airports within ninety minutes: Portland (ME), Portsmouth (NH), Manchester (NH), and Boston (MA.)

Despite New England's rich Christian heritage, it is in need of spiritual revival. As a downtown church the mission field is conveniently located outside our doors.

Short term goals:

- ALPHA
- Facility air conditioning

Long term goals:

- Prison Ministry
- Mothers of Preschoolers
- Building expansion (gymnasium)