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# The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

July/August 2017

## From the Pastor's Desk

Reverend Daniel Taylor



Summer is quickly speeding past us. Here in Dover Summer is measured a bit differently than in other communities. First comes



Memorial Day followed by NASCAR weekend and then high school graduations and



Firefly. One right after the other we quickly check them off the calendar. Then hosted



within our congregation we have Music & More Camp the third week of June and then the third week of July is Vacation Bible School (July 16 - 20) and don't forget a Quarterly Business Meeting on Wednesday, July 12. Oh yes, the celebration of



Independence Day in early July marks a halfway point to Summer. In August our



congregation will provide evening meals for the residents at the DIMH (Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing) Shelter – August 8 - 16. It is a busy Summer in our community and also for those in our congregation with other activities and opportunities to learn and

grow together that will take place.

On **Sunday, August 6**, it will be a privilege for us to welcome two very special guests to our worship service. Personal friends of ours and pen pals with Bethel Chang, the **Rev. Ivy and Emerson Wu** serve as the directors of



the Global Chinese Training Ministry for American Baptist International Ministries. They work with IM personnel and overseas partners to identify strategic locations to provide discipleship and

pastoral training. Building on their service experience in church and campus ministries in Ohio and at the Macau Bible Institute, Ivy and Emerson help Christian training centers and Bible schools to run assessments and improve their curricula, libraries and faculty development. Together they serve as IM liaisons to partners in Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau and global Chinese churches. We are glad that they could fit us into their travel schedule and it will be a joy to host them. Plan now to be here to learn how God is at work in China and surrounding areas.

Rebecca and I were pleased to welcome our son-in-law to the family on Saturday, June 10 and the new couple, Sarah and Dustin Hill, at the end of the worship service on Sunday, June 11. It was a busy yet delightful weekend for us all. We are thankful that God has brought these two together and that we could share in such an intimate ceremony with them on Dewey Beach.

We so appreciate the many offers of assistance that we received from many of you and even more we are thankful for your prayers for us, the weather and for the newlyweds. A special public thank you to



Bill and Pat Livingston for allowing us the use of their house at Dewey Beach to house the families and for the reception. We give thanks to God for so many blessings.

In Christ,

*Rev. Dan Taylor*



## Looking Around

### Children's Library



Located in a corner of Paul's Place, just up the hallway from the Davis Fellowship Hall, is the **Children's Library**. It has been re-located there in just the past couple of months and is ready for young readers. A wide variety of books are available to be used at church or checked out to take home for children to read or for others to read with children. **CHECK IT OUT!**

### **THANK YOU - June 2017**

*Rev. Taylor & First Baptist Family:*

*Thank you for the gift and the beautiful card. As I grow to trust the Lord with this new journey, I know there will be a faithful church family and Pastor who will be along the path encouraging me through each step. Thank you!!!*



*Tom and I feel very blessed and have from the very moment we entered the church. This church has been the very reason we are excited to serve and grow in the Lord. Thank you for giving us a place to call home.*

**Bless you!!! Patricia Ward**



### Coordinating Committee

Next meeting Saturday,  
August 12th, 9:00 AM

Many thanks to all who gave generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. As of June 21, 2017 we have received \$1862.00. There is still time for you to participate and help us go over our goal of \$ 3600.00.



## Meals for the Men's Homeless Shelter



First Baptist will be serving the evening meal at the Dover Interfaith Mission's Men's Homeless Shelter on Tuesday, August 8 through Sunday, August 13. We are in need of donations of food, money, and volunteer help. The menus have been prepared and will be at the Welcome Center, beginning Sunday, July 9. Please sign up to help in some way. It's a big responsibility to fix a meal for approximately 50 people each evening, but First Baptist folk have always been very generous in helping. It's one way of our serving as the hands and feet of Christ in our community. Questions? Call Lois Glading, 734-8137. We appreciate your help!

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(extra years of zest)



All those retired or available during the day are encouraged to join us for a time of fellowship. Sign up will be available at the Welcome Center and/or by calling the church office (674-1980) when our activities resume in September. Please check the church bulletin for the results of the survey and our next meeting date.

Judy Daniels, Chairman  
Board of Missions

## Quarterly Business Meeting Wednesday, July 12, 2017 7:00 PM



## Board of Christian Education



If you are interested in directing or just volunteering for a particular event, please contact us. We have a lot of talented people throughout our church that can help in various aspects of our events from planning, publicity, purchasing, set-up and leading.

**We welcome your involvement!**

## Comments Welcome



Have an idea for a small group lesson? Interested in learning more about a certain topic? The Board of Christian Education welcomes any suggestions for small group study topics, seminars

or programs. Drop your comments in the Christian Education mailbox or at the church office.

Beryl Gerhard, Chairman  
Board of Christian Education

Your talent is Gods  
gift to you  
What you do with it is  
your gift back to God



**God has given each of us talents and abilities to use in serving Him and others.** First Baptist, as any church, is always looking for people who are willing to use their gifts in a variety of ministry needs. In mid-July you will receive in the mail a Stewardship Involvement Survey, which has been prepared by the Stewardship Committee. Listed on the Survey are many opportunities to become more involved in serving Christ through First Baptist Church. You will be asked to mark all the areas of service that interest you and to return the Survey to the church by Sunday, July 30. By participating in the Survey, you are not committing yourself to helping in those areas; only indicating your interest. The Surveys will be compiled by the Stewardship Committee, and the results given to the appropriate Boards and Committees. Thank you, in advance, for completing and returning the Survey!



## Comfort Shawl Ministry



You are invited to join us for a time of fellowship that includes knitting, crocheting & sewing shawls and blankets for our shut ins and patients at the Kent General Cancer Center. Do you know someone that needs a little extra TLC? If so, please share the name by calling the office at 302-674-1980. To learn more about this ministry and/or to donate your unused yarn and material, contact Glenda Case.

Meetings resume September 18th in the Great Truths Sunday School classroom.

Bring a friend and **Share the LOVE.**

# Kids Korner

Clear your calendar for Vacation Bible School, scheduled for July 16-20, 2017, 5:30-8:00 pm. We welcome your participation, smiles, help and prayers.

Our VBS will keep the children interested by combining the Bible and cross cultures. Our



theme is **“Passport To Peru, Discovering God’s**

**Good Gifts.”** During our VBS

experience the children will learn that God is everywhere including other countries as well as our own. Activities have been planned where the children will get to try new

foods, meet others and learn about their lives, their differences and similarities. They will sing songs and learn new games.

Through the week of VBS, the kids will learn about the geography of Peru and the challenges that the environment may present.

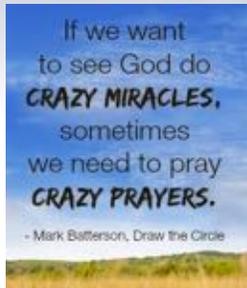


The best part about the VBS experience is that the children will learn of God’s goodness; That He gives us comfort, patience, peace, love and joy!

We are energized, passionate and excited to share our VBS’ event with the community, so please join us and bring your neighbors and friends!

Submitted by Representative Gerri Lee  
Christian Education Board

*Here's What's  
Happening at  
our Church!*



*Susan Harding Circle  
join us for a  
time of fellowship -  
Meetings will resume in September*

*Women's Bible Study Group*

*led by Suzanne Murr will  
resume it's Thursday  
afternoon meetings in  
September. All women are  
invited to attend.*



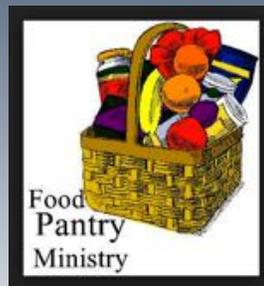
Need a little extra help in monitoring your blood pressure? Check the Sunday Bulletin for screening Sundays and have your pressure checked by one of the FBC nurses. This activity is sponsored by the American Baptists Women's Ministries.



**Sanctuary Flower Arrangements**

Would you like to honor someone or celebrate a special occasion by providing the worship service flower arrangements? If so, please contact the church office at 302-674-1980.

**Stuff the Pantry  
@ First Baptist**



Grocery bags are located just outside the sanctuary and include suggested items needed to stock the FBC Food Pantry. Return the bag the next Sunday and place it under the Food Pantry sign in the narthex. This is a mission outreach for our needy residents in the community.



**Wednesday Evening Bible Study and Prayer Time** will resume in September at 7PM following the weekly dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

**Service of Healing Prayer**  
For those who seek healing from God, held in the Chapel immediately following the worship service.



Those who choose, may request anointing by the pastor or deacons during this prayer time.



**Prayer Chain**

If you have a request for the chain, please call Elaine Jarrell, 302-659-3462 or the church office, 302-674-1980. It will then be passed on to both the phone and email chains.

**ATTENTION**

*Read all about it!  
Don't forget the  
deadline for  
newsletter  
submissions is the  
15th of each month.*



Please email your articles to Debbie at [debbie\\_geiser@verizon.net](mailto:debbie_geiser@verizon.net)

# Happy Anniversary

Salvatore & Veronica	Manno	7/13	43 years
Mike & Debbie	Metzger	7/21	44 years
Terry & Teresa	Lentz	8/01	36 years
Henry & Flossie	Ford	8/03	27 years
Gene & Sue	Moore, Jr.	8/05	45 years
Daniel & Rebecca	Taylor	8/13	29 years
Larry & Joyce	Buckley	8/26	56 years
Steve & Teresa	Gedney	8/27	39 years
Ralph & Twyla	Hinzman	8/27	57 years
George & Lois	Glading	8/29	53 years



*We didn't forget!*

*Congratulations to  
Gilbert & Gladys Hutchins  
68 years of wedded bliss May 28th.*



## Tyler Myers

From: University of Delaware  
Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Behavior Science  
Minors in Strength and Conditioning and Public Health

## Sarah Myers

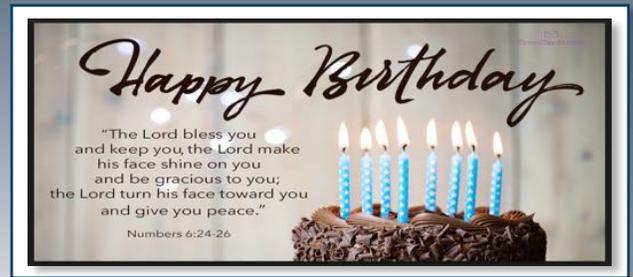
From: Delaware Technical and Community College  
Associate Degree in Elementary Education [with honors]

## Patricia Ward

From: Liberty University  
Master's Degree in Human Counseling Services

## Emily Smith

From: Dover High School  
Will be attending Delaware State University



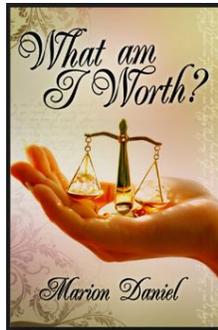
Kathy	Becker	7/02
Janie	Imm	7/02
Russell	Perry	7/02
George	Glading	7/05
Imogene	Hutchison	7/05
John	Cannon	7/16
Charles	Wright	7/18
Robert	Imm, Jr.	7/20
Irv	Culver	7/21
Chuck	Fithian	7/27
Issac	Yarsiah	7/27
Ikegai	Lenyee	7/30
Lester	Blakeman, Sr.	7/31
Jerome	Dunlap	7/31
Teresa	Gedney	8/02
Twyla	Hinzman	8/05
Bethel	Chang	8/06
Ralph	Hinzman	8/06
Mike	Metzger	8/15
Flossie	Ford	8/19
Phil	Steinhoff	8/19
Edward	Gerhard	8/20
Clement	Chang	8/31



## Dealing With Job Loss

**QUESTION: How can a Christian who is dealing with job loss stay focused on God?**

Dealing with job loss can be devastating to a family unit unless we keep our focus on God. We often place our worth and value in what we do for a living. When this job is lost, it is hard to see any worth or value to our lives. The impact is huge on all members of the family. Communication among family members is essential and will alleviate much of the fear and concern over what may happen next.



The impact can fluctuate from individual to individual. However, one common denominator among all people is

their need for God and the comfort He can provide. Rather than having faith in the national economy, have faith in God, and



His provision.

“Jehovah Jira” is an ancient phrase, which in our everyday language means, “the Lord will provide.” You may not know where your next job

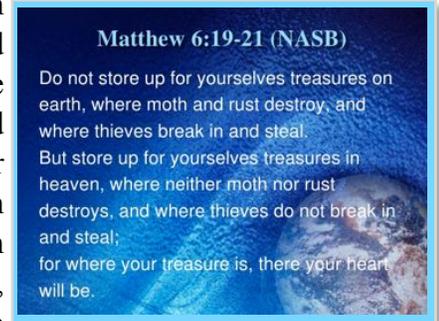


will be, from where your next paycheck will come, or what will be your next meal. Nevertheless, before you were born, God had a plan for your life and knew every detail, including the source of your next paycheck.



**It is necessary to put God first in your life,**

even before your finances. "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" ([Matthew 6:19-21](#)).



How do we keep a good perspective while dealing with job loss?

**Help the needy** - Often we get caught up in our own trials and we forget the misfortunes of others. One way to lighten the blow of job loss is to focus on the less fortunate.

**Spend time in prayer and Bible study** - This is a great approach to staying true to your Christian values in times of need. Relying on the Holy Spirit to provide for you can renew your soul, "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day" ([2 Corinthians 4:16](#)). Listen for God's direction. He will direct your steps.



## Deacon's Bench cont.

**Give to others** - It often seems ludicrous to give when you are in need, but God blesses a sacrificial giver. "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you" ([Luke 6:38](#)).



**Spend time with your family** - Renewing relationship will give you a sense of connection and peace.

**Attend church regularly** - Fellowshiping with other believers keeps us optimistic. You might just make a contact too!



**Be proactive in searching for another job.**

**Take joy and rejoice in the Lord!**



This article is a reprint from [www.allaboutlifechallenges.org](http://www.allaboutlifechallenges.org)

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# Labor Day Picnic



## Save the Date!!

The All Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. There will be food, fellowship, music and games for all ages. We will close the celebration with vespers. More detailed information will be in the bulletin during August and there will be a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center so will have an idea as to how many to prepare for. Look for the display board that will list food that is needed and sign up for a dish to bring to be shared. Our "grill master", Irv Culver, will be preparing chicken, hot dogs and burgers. We are hoping that there will be people who will sign-up to make homemade ice cream, as well. We haven't done this for the past few years and thought it would be a great idea to revive.

Hope you all have a restful summer and will be ready to gather to celebrate together.

The Coordinating Committee.





## Men – Stepping Up

As I write this, we have seen 3 of 4 videos. About a dozen faithful men have been attending each session. In the forward to the manual of this program, Dennis Rainey (president & CEO of Family Life) writes:



### ABOUT TODAY, ABOUT LIFE

Welcome to the Stepping Up video event for men. I'm glad you're joining us.

In my own journey through manhood, I discovered three progressive truths:

***I have to be intentional.***

***I must rely on God.***

***I need other men.***

***I have to be intentional.*** There's just too much turbulence out there to rely on autopilot. I can't afford to drift from one day to the next, one decision to the next, one assignment to the next and expect to be successful. I will fail, or at the very least under-deliver - as a husband, dad, and friend - if I'm always in reactive mode. If my life is to have a purpose, then I must live it purposefully.



***I must rely on God.*** Though second on my list, this is the most important truth. I must never treat God as an add-on. With Him at the center, at the core, I have constant access to His grace, mercy, help, and wisdom. Without Him, I have nothing and I am nothing.



***I need other men.*** This is really an extension of relying on God. I need the encouragement, training, and yes even the correction that God sends my way through

other men. This is the great truth of Proverbs 27:17,

***"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." Other men sharpen me; they make me a better man."***



During these 3 sessions, we had to review where we are/have been as men. What will be our legacy? What will the men that come after us, when we are gone, gain from the time we have been here? In some fashion, these 3 progressive truths: ***I have to be intentional; I must rely on God; I need other men,*** need to be on our minds every day.

In the fall, we will be looking at a program and class for mentoring and discipleship. If we just go about life without being intentional, relying on God and being with others, how will we know what to do? We need to be trained/educated how to be mentors to younger men. This will be either an addition Sunday School class or small group. There will be more to come in the church bulletin or September's newsletter.

This is one of my favorite Bible verses, take heart and step up:

***Joshua 1<sup>7</sup> "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.<sup>8</sup> Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.<sup>9</sup> Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."***



School Supply

Drive

**Join together with the Board of Missions to provide school supplies for children in need!**

We're partnering with Big Brothers/Big Sisters to distribute the items to the children they serve. All items should be new and can be dropped off in the church narthex on Sundays, August 6th and August 13th. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Please make checks payable to the **First Baptist Church of Dover** and mark "School Supplies".



**Big Brothers Big Sisters**

### Suggested Items to Donate

Backpacks	#2 Pencils	Crayons (16 Count)	Pink Erasers
Markers	Pens	Pencil Sharpeners	Loose Leaf Paper
Spiral Notebooks (wide rule)	3 Ring Binders	Pocket Folders	Highlighters
Glue Sticks	Calculators	Pencil Cases	Hand Sanitizer
Scissors (child size)	Box of Tissues	Rulers	

# Here's what's happening in July!

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