



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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From the Pastor's Desk

Reverend Daniel Taylor



I hope that you are enjoying the new look to *The Beacon*, our church newsletter. If you receive it in the mail it is printed in black and white, but if you view it on the church website, www.fbcdover.org, you can see the color in the formatting and the pictures that are much clearer. We want to be efficient with our newsletter, website, social media and other forms of contact with you and those who want to learn more about our church. **Let me ask a favor of you** – If you would like to continue to receive *The Beacon* delivered to your residence, please call the church office (302-674-1980) and share that with Judy, the church secretary. If you would like to know



when the newsletter has been posted to the website, please contact Judy via email at judy@fbcdover.org and give her your best and current email address. The more current email address we have the easier it will be to contact you and everyone with updates on services and activities within the life of the church.

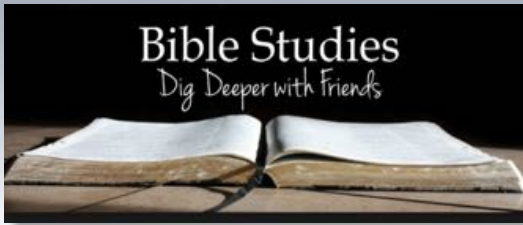
We are so very thankful that Debbie Geiser has volunteered to edit the newsletter for us with gifts that she has used for other organizations. Debbie and her husband, Sam, have been attending for a few months and enjoy being a part of our congregation.

As we think of growing in our faith and in the knowledge of Christ I want to invite you to take advantage of every opportunity to gather and learn together and from one another. Partnership is the foundation of growth and when we work and learn together we can both grow.



We can't expect to always come just to see what we get or what's in it for us. When we partner we are also helping others get what they want and need. It's an attitude we have when we anticipate coming together. You know, we don't just spend time together on Sundays in classes or in times of worship, we are investing time

with those who challenge, encourage and uplift us. Look for and create opportunities for learning, sharing and growing together. Sunday is not the only day to make it happen. Book studies, discussion groups, inviting others



to eat out, getting together so that you can each share and grow together. Let us continually grow.

The more we know Christ, the more we'll want to know and the more we'll grow. The more we grow, the more we'll want to go and invite others to join us on our journey.



Growing together in Christ,
Rev. Dan Taylor

Dear Pastor Taylor,
I want to thank you and the church fellowship for holding my sister-in-law and me in prayer during recent surgery. We feel very blessed to have surgery over and be healing. Thank you for prayers and cards.
Sincerely, Jane Meder



News of former staff member:

We have received word of the death of the Reverend Larin R. Kerr on January 28, 2017. Larin served as the Minister of Christian Education and Youth Pastor at First Baptist from 1971-73. Before coming to Dover, he and his wife, Julie, had served as missionaries to the Hopi people in Polacca, AZ and Navajo people in Keams Canyon. In 1973, Larin, Julie, and their five children returned to the mission field serving the Crow (Apsalooka) Tribe at Burgess Memorial Baptist Church, Crow Agency, MT for eight years and the Rainy Mountain Kiowa Indian Baptist Church, Mountain View, OK for eighteen years before retiring due to ill health. Larin is survived by his wife, Julie, their five children, eighteen grandchildren, and twenty-seven great-grandchildren. If you would like to contact Julie, call the church office for her address.



Giving What is Giving?

The other day, I went to get the mail from the mail box. I looked at it, and all but 2 pieces of mail were asking for a donation.



I know that we are asked to be a giving person, and God loves a cheerful giver, but what is **Giving**?



Do we give of our time?
Do we give of our money?



Do we give when we feel like it only?

What does the Bible tell us about **Giving**?

In Proverbs 11:24-28 we are given some answers to what kind of Givers we should be.

God gave us his Son.

Praise God for all of the riches he has given to us so we can be a giver.

Irv Culver
Chairman Board of Deacons

**American Baptist
Women's Ministries
Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 27
10:00 AM**



Coordinating Committee

Next meeting June 10th,
9:00 AM

XYZ

(extra years of zest)



XYZ will meet on June 1st at 11:00am. in the Church parlor for a time of sharing and devotions, We will then go to Hall's Restaurant in Wyoming for lunch. Our next meeting will be in September. We need your help in finding the right day and time for reconvening in September. A survey will be included in the church bulletin for the month of June. Please fill it out and put in the offering plate by June 25 or call the church office with your preference.

Judy Daniels, Chairman
Board of Missions

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

Wednesdays Fellowship Dinners

Dinners will resume in September.



Men's Retreat

has been scheduled for June 3, Saturday, from 10 – 12:00 noon with follow up sessions on Tuesdays June 6, 13 and 20 from 7 to 8:30 pm

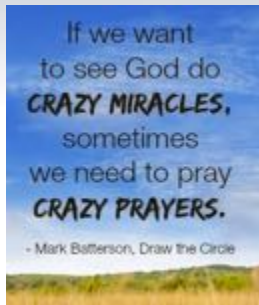


Quilt Guild
Monday,
June 26
5:30 PM

Landscaping Committee Meeting
Saturday,
June 10th -
11:00 AM



Here's What's Happening at our Church!



All American Baptist
Women's Circle's will
resume their activities
in September.



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.



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.

Comfort Shawl Ministry

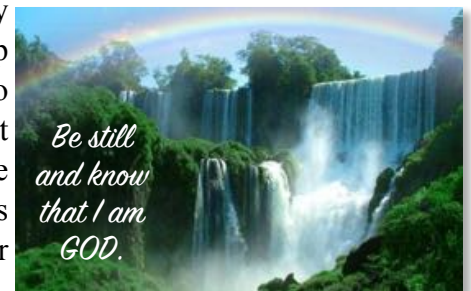


You are invited to join us for a time of fellowship that includes knitting, crocheting & sewing shawls and blankets for our shut ins and patients at the Kent General Cancer Center. Do you know someone that needs a little extra TLC? If so, please share the name by calling the office at 302-674-1980. To learn more about this ministry and/or to donate your unused yarn and material, contact Glenda Case. Join us every third Monday at 1PM in the Great Truths Sunday School classroom.

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

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.



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

Kids Korner



Hi kids, I know you're looking forward to sharing your gifts of

scripture memory, songs and praise at the fun filled event of **The Music & More Camp**. Mark your calendars for June 19th - 23rd.

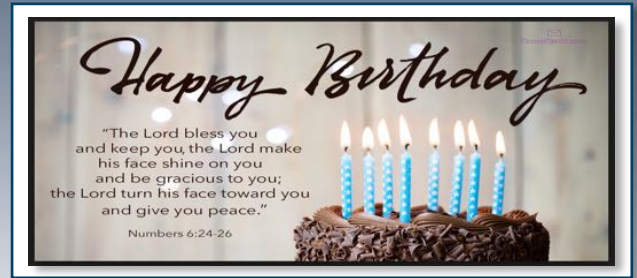


Also, to add to your calendar is **Vacation Bible School** scheduled for July 16 – 20. The theme is “Passport to Peru, Discovering God’s Good Gifts.”



We can't wait for the First Baptist Church of Dover's Vacation Bible School to start!!

Gerri Lee
Christian Education Board



Irene	Roberts-Gully	6/12
Tom	Roberts	6/13
Xavier	Navarro	6/15
Jean	Adkins	6/16
Walt	Becker	6/18
Jessica	Gedney	6/18
Randy	Chang	6/19
Austin	Kemp	6/20
Bill	Livingston	6/21
Barbara	Rapp	6/21
Lois	Glading	6/22
Judy	Daniels	6/26
Marion	Neal	6/27
Lily	Kerr	6/28



Robert & Suzanne	Porter	6/10	38 years
Bill & Tammy	Myers	6/18	28 years





Calling Men to Courageous Manhood

Today, more than ever, the world needs godly men. Men who will step up and courageously lead at home, at church, at work, and in their communities. That's the message of Stepping Up. In a world where too many men are shrinking back, **Stepping Up** gives men vision and tools to live godly, courageous lives. Four sessions focus on defining manhood, living courageously, building a life of faith, and stepping up to lead.

Biblically Centered, Authentic and Real **Stepping Up** tackles head-on the call to godly, courageous manhood, offering a powerful vision for what it means to be a man who truly conquers and wins life's battles. In ways both candid and inspiring, **Stepping Up**



beckons men in any field and any life stage with stirring conviction, practical insight, and moving accounts of bold heroes. Dennis Rainey, Matt Chandler, Tony Dungy, Robert Lewis, Voddie Baucham, and over a dozen other men's leaders unpack what biblical manhood looks like and what it means to be a godly,

courageous man in today's world. Through engaging stories, expert teaching, humorous vignettes, interviews, and personal insights, these leaders share from their own experiences and call all men to become leaders in their own lives, marriages, churches, and communities.

Dates/Times of the Events:

Saturday, June 3rd 9:00 am – Noon – dress in work clothes for those who can help around the church following the **Stepping Up Event**. A continental breakfast will be provided.

Then three consecutive **Tuesday evenings from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

June 6th, June 13th, June 20th.

There will be multiple men leading the discussions. If you have any questions, please contact



Dennis Rainey



Robert Lewis



Tony Dungy





Matt Chandler



Voddie Baucham

Here's what's happening in June!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 11:00 XYZ  7:00 Narcotics Anon 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	2	3 10:00 Men's Retreat
4 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 7:00 Chrysalis	5 6:00 Deacons 7:00 Visitation Teams	6 7:00-8:30 Men's Retreat 7:30 Narcotics Anon	7	8 7:00 Narcotics Anon 7:30 Sanctuary Choir	9	10 9:00 Landscape Committee 9:00 Coordinating Committee
11 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon 12:00 Blood Pressure Screening 7:00 Chrysalis	12 7:00 Visitation Teams	13 7:00-8:30 Men's Retreat 7:30 Narcotics Anon	14	15 July/August Newsletter Articles Due 7:00 Narcotics Anon 8:00 Sanctuary Choir	16 5:30 MS Support Group	17
18 FATHER'S DAY  9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Service of Healing Prayer 5:00 Trustees 7:00 Chrysalis	19 M&M Camp 1:00 Comfort Shawl Ministry 7:00 Visitation Teams	20 M&M Camp 4:30 Missions 7:00-8:30 Men's Retreat 7:30 Narcotics Anon	21 M&M Camp	22 M&M Camp 7:00 Narcotics Anon 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	23 M&M Camp 5:30 Rehearsal	24 3:00 Wedding 
25 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 7:00 Chrysalis	26 5:30 Quilt Guild 6:30 Christian Ed 7:00 Visitation Teams	27 10:00 ABWM Board Meeting 5:00 Children's Choice 7:30 Narcotics Anon	28	29 7:00 Narcotics Anon 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	30	

Survey Question

How would you prefer to receive your newsletter?

In vivid color on the website (<http://www.fbcdover.org>) or black & white in the mail.
To respond, one may contact Judy at the office (302-674-1980) if the preference is by mail.
Please be sure we have your current email address.



One Great HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of the four annual offerings received by American Baptist Churches. This offering makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, poverty or severe economic hardship, and for those who find themselves refugees or displaced within their home country.

Have you ever wondered how the gifts that you give to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering get to the places where they are put to work? This is the responsibility of the World Relief Committee. The committee's purpose is to support, enable, and encourage emergency relief, refugee work, and disaster rehabilitation and development assistance.

This offering will be received during the month of June and our goal is \$3600.00. Please prayerfully consider what you might give.

