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The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

May 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

Reverend Daniel Taylor



Thank you



I don't do this often enough. I don't stop and say **Thank You** to you individually or as a congregation for all of your support. You support one another in difficult times, you support one another in your prayers, and you

encourage one another more than I know. You support both Rebecca and me in the ministry we all share with your prayers and encouragement and we are constantly overwhelmed and very thankful. Also, because of God's abundant goodness, you financially support the ministry of our church and the broader mission we share as American Baptists in very generous ways. Most recently, together we exceeded a \$3,000 goal for the America for Christ Offering that helps cultivate leaders and equip disciples across the country and in our own congregation. We were privileged to have two staff members from our American



Baptist Home Mission Societies with us this spring. On Sunday, March 26 Victoria Goff, the national coordinator of volunteers



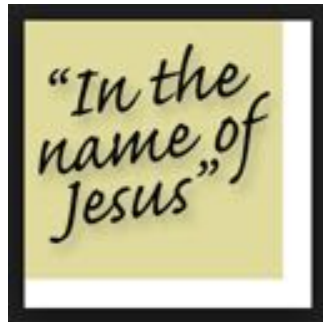
encouraged us to get involved with hands-on ministries in different places across the country. On Saturday, April 22 Rev. Glynis LaBarre, church transformation strategist, spent the morning with us and challenged us to be the disciples that Jesus calls to be.



When I think of your generosity and the way the church has been blessed because of it I am reminded of how Paul encouraged the church in Corinth.

He said, *You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.* 2 Corinthians 9.11-12.

Thank you for giving from your resources and for giving yourself away in the Name of Jesus.



Because of your generosity I will have the opportunity to participate in a continuing education event this month. During the third week of May I will be in San Antonio for a series of workshops and worship experiences centered on preaching at what is called the Festival of Homiletics. It is my hope and desire that this will be an event that will benefit all of us in the days ahead.

Festival of HOMILETICS MAY 15-19, 2017
SAN ANTONIO

Again, thank you.

In the Hope of Christ,

Rev. Taylor



Looking Around



This window dedicated to Harold William Deuble, (birth, October 20, 1918; died, November 13, 2003) by his beloved wife, Lottie May and to the glory of God.

Last month a long time member of the congregation, Lottie Deuble, passed away and a beautiful celebration of her life was held on Thursday, April 20, in the sanctuary. After the service and a fellowship meal, her daughters wanted to show other family and friends the small chapel that is named in honor of Lottie and her late husband, Harold Deuble. Not long after the church building was built, the Deubles provided the resources for a place for meditation and worship that can be used by anyone. A door in the library leads to the chapel and it is also accessed through the last door on the left along the hallway that is just inside the main doors to the church. Stop in and enjoy the beauty of the stain glass windows and the simplicity of the worship space. One of those windows was dedicated to Harold after his death.

Above are pictures for those of you who have never been in this space.

THANK YOU for all the prayers and cards sent to us in regards to my mother's graduation to Heaven. We really appreciate it very much.



Sincerely,

Bob and Janie Imm



Coordinating Committee

Next meeting May 13th,
11AM



Many thanks go to everyone who participated in our America for Christ offering. As of April 18th, we have reached our goal of \$3000.00 and surpassed it with a total of \$3079.00.

XYZ

(extra years of zest)



Please join us at the church parlor on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 11AM for a time of sharing and fellowship. Afterwards, we'll go to the Camden Cheddar's for lunch. All those retired or available during the day are encouraged to join us. Sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office (674-1980) to let us know you are coming so reservations can be made.

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!

SUMMER MISSION PROJECTS



We were blessed to have Vicky Goff from the American Baptist Home Missions Society come and share with us many opportunities for volunteer mission service this summer.

If you would like to participate in one of this projects please call the church office - 302-674-1980.

Victoria J. Goff



Women are so often challenged with the busyness of life; and a day at the spa sounds like an amazing gift. We invite all ladies to join us on **Friday,**

May 19th, 6:00 - 7:30 PM and **Saturday, May 20th, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM** for a spa-themed day of spiritual wellness. Relax, share laughter and stories, and spend time with God. Together, we will be reminded of God's faithfulness and the power of connecting with other women as we journey through the psalms of the Bible. We will leave refreshed, with a fresh approach to prayer that will grow our faith.

Registration will be open until Sunday, May 7th.

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.

Victoria Macklin, Chairman
Board of Christian Education



Code Purple Kent County
24 South Bradford Street
Dover, DE 19904

April 19, 2017

To the Congregation of the First Baptist Church of Dover,

Code Purple Kent County, would like to extend our sincere thank you and gratitude for all that your Church has provided over our Code Purple Season this past year and this year. We were fortunate to have a mild winter, but still we have many who need our help.

This was our fourth season, helping those in need when winter temperatures hit 32 or below. We have discovered that this isn't just a passion or a mission, but a Ministry. We are here to help all those who need guidance, food and clothing, without passing any judgment. We will continue to serve those who need help, during the Spring, Summer and Fall. This is only possible thru the help of our faith based sanctuaries, and a community who also serves our Ministry.

We will be attending Dover Days with Del-One and also we will be a participant with FireFly during the event and then also the closing day of FireFly to collect supplies left from the attendees. We have a busy Spring and Summer. The Dover Elks Pantry Women are using our Code Purple House, one day a week this Spring and Summer, to give food, clothing and necessary items for all those in need. We will continue our ministry thru all.

Thank you very much for your giving of food, monetary donation, and the placement of our buses in your parking lot. We would not be able to do our work, without the help from you.

God Bless

Code Purple Kent County



Wednesdays at 6PM

Join us for dinner in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday, 6PM. Please call the church office to make your reservations at 302-674-1980. Cost - \$4.00 per person. Reservations required.



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.**

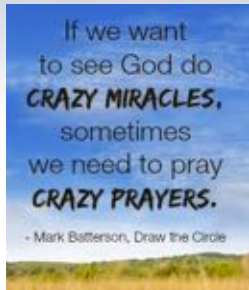
Dear Members and Friends of First Baptist Dover:

Thank you to each and every one of you for your prayers, thoughts and cards during my recent surgery. I am so grateful to have this wonderful church family in my life. You are truly a family filled with love, and care. I begin physical therapy this week and look forward to complete healing in the next several weeks. Thank you again for your wonderful prayers and encouragement.



Love, Gaynor

Here's What's Happening at our Church!



Susan Harding Circle
join us for a
time of fellowship -

*click [here](#) to check the church
calendar for the next meeting.*

Women's Bible Study Group

is led by Suzanne Murr,
and meets Thursdays at
2PM at the church. 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 Dood Pantry sign in the narthex. This is a mission outreach for our needy residents in the community.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study and Prayer Time begins 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.

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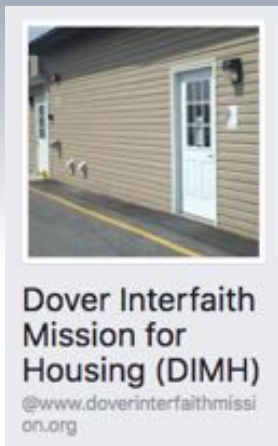
*Read all about it!
Don't forget the
deadline for
newsletter
submissions is the
15th of each month.*



Please email your articles to Debbie at
debbie_geiser@verizon.net

Missions Update

Many thanks go to Irv Culver, who has been our representative on the Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing. We have regretfully accepted his resignation. Irv has done an outstanding job of representing us on the Board of Directors. We are now praying that God will rise up a volunteer for this position. If you feel that you could serve in this capacity please call Judy at the church office at 302-674-1980.



Meals for the Men's Homeless Shelter



During the month of March we served meals at the Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing. We appreciate the leadership of Nancy Culver and Lois Glading for planning the meals and securing the cooks and servers each night. Many thanks go to those who served and provided elements of the meals. We look forward to providing two more weeks of meals one in August and the other in November.



Romeo & Milda	Limson	5/1	49 years
Clement & Bethel	Chang	5/9	47 years
Jerome & Michelle	Rogers	5/19	10 years
Jim & Dorthy	Keer	5/23	58 years
Percy & Marivic	Navarro	5/24	31 years
Walter & Kathy	Becker	5/25	32 years

Hannah	Myers	5/1
Sarah	Myers	5/1
Marlene	Nicholson	5/1
Clifton	Cannon	5/3
Matt	Henry	5/3
Wasana	Sudler	5/3
Gloria	Smith	5/4
Faith	Murphy	5/6
Sal	Manno	5/8
Kyler	Stevens	5/11
Lauren	Higdon	5/15
Paul	Smart	5/15
Terry	Lentz	5/16
Avis	Triplett	5/16
Bruce	Higdon	5/19
Geneva	Clark	5/21
Katherine	Higdon	5/21
Mable	Morrison	5/21
Joyce	Buckley	5/22
Al	Sansbury	5/22
Tammy	Myers	5/24
Addie	Beaman	5/26
Anthony	Pearson	5/28



Conscience and Holy Spirit

What is Conscience?

Conscience is an inner feeling or voice viewed as acting as a guide to the rightness or wrongness of one's behavior. It is a sense of right and wrong. It is that part of human that gives rise to mental sorrow and guilty feelings when we fail to comply with it and feelings of pleasure and satisfaction when we do not violate it. *Suneidesis* is the Greek word for conscience in the New Testament and it means "moral consciousness" or "moral awareness." There is no Hebrew term for conscience.



Functions of Conscience

God has placed conscience in our hearts to know the difference between right and wrong, good and evil. In Acts 23:1, 24:16, and I Corinthians 4:4, apostle Paul refers to his conscience as he examined his words and deeds and found them to conform to his morals and value system, and most importantly, to **God's standard**.

Conscience is a witness to something. In Romans 2:14-15, Paul says that the Gentiles' consciences bear witness to the presence of the law of God in their hearts even though they do not have the Mosaic Law. In Romans 1:9, Paul uses his conscience as a witness that he speaks the truth. Paul also says in II Corinthians 5:11 that his conscience tells him that his deeds are apparent to both God and the witness of other men's consciences.

Conscience is a servant of the individual's value system. A weak conscience is a result of an immature or weak value system while a strong sense of right and wrong is a result of fully informed value system. A misunderstanding of God's Word can produce a feeling of guilt and shame. A maturing faith strengthens the conscience. Paul talks about this when he gave instructions about eating food sacrificed to idols. He reasoned that since idols are not real gods, it makes no difference whether the food has been sacrificed to idols or not. The problem in some



immature believers of the Corinthian church is that they believed that the idols are real gods and they are horrified at the thought of eating food sacrificed to idols. Because these immature believers weak consciences, Paul encourages those mature believers not to eat food that



have been sacrificed to idols because it would cause the consciences of the weaker brothers to condemn their actions. Those that have clear consciences because of the matured faith should not cause those with weaker consciences to stumble by exercising the freedom that comes with a stronger conscience.

Is Conscience always reliable to guide us on what is right and what is wrong?



1 Timothy 4:1-2 states "The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.² Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron." In verse 2, Paul talks about consciences that have been seared as with hot iron. Seared conscience is calloused and hardened. It no longer feels anything. It cannot be a reliable barometer for right and wrong. A person with a seared conscience will do something wrong and deceives him/herself into thinking that all is well with his/her soul, and treat others without sensitivity and compassion.

If conscience is not always a reliable guide for right and wrong, what is or who is?

"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." John 14:26. The phrase "he shall teach you all things" covers the teaching of what is right and what is wrong. And in John 16:13, "But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come." The phrase "he will guide you into all truth" includes the Holy Spirit guidance on what is right and what is wrong.



The Holy Spirit, the promised gift of God the Father, will not guide anybody contrary to what the Word of God teaches. As followers of Christ, we must allow the Holy Spirit to guide us into the things of God. The final judge of all truth must be the Word of God and not our consciences. King David had the prophet Nathan but we have the Holy Spirit.

Blessings, Percy Navarro



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

Mike Metzger – MikeRMetzger@comcast.net or 302-659-5630.



Dennis Rainey



Robert Lewis



Tony Dungy



Matt Chandler



Voddie Baucham

Here's what's happening in May!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:00 Deacons 7:00 Visitation Teams	2 10:00 Bonar/Niles Circle 7:30 Narcotics Anonymous	3 6:00 Dinner 6:30 Children's Time 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer	4 11:00 XYZ@ Cheddar's Camden 2:00 Women's Bible Study 2:30 Clemmer Circle 7:00 Narcotics Anon 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	5 Wedding Rehearsal	6 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle @ Bob Evans, South 3:30 Wedding
7 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 7:00 Chrysalis	8 7:00 Visitation Teams	9 11:00 Harding Circle @ Joyce Buckley's 7:30 Narcotics Anon	10 6:00 Dinner 6:30 Children's Time 7:00 Bible Study/ Prayer	11 2:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Narcotics Anon 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	12	13 9:00 Landscape Committee 9:00 Teacher Breakfast Training 11:00 Coordinating Committee
14 Mother's Day  9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Blood Pressure Screening 7:00 Chrysalis	15 June Newsletter Articles Due 1:00 Comfort Shawl Ministry 7:00 Visitation Teams	16 1:00 Sisters of R.U.T.H. 4:30 Missions 7:30 Narcotics Anon	17 6:00 Dinner 6:30 Children's Time 7:00 Bible Study/ Prayer	18 2:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Narcotics Anon 8:00 Sanctuary Choir	19 5:30 MS Support Group 6:00-7:30 Ladies "Spa" Event	20 8:30-4:00 Ladies "Spa" Event 
21 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Service of Healing Prayer 5:00 Trustees 7:00 Chrysalis	22 5:30 Quilt Guild 7:00 Visitation Teams	23 6:30 Christian Ed 7:30 Narcotics Anon	24 6:00 Dinner 6:30 Children's Time 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer	25 2:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Narcotics Anon 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	26	27
28 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 7:00 Chrysalis	29 Memorial Day Church Office Closed 	30 5:00 Children's Choice 6:30 ABWM Dinner & Installation 7:00 Visitation Teams 7:30 Narcotics Anon	31 6:00 Dinner 6:30 Children's Time 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer			

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.