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The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

September 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

Reverend Daniel Taylor



My dad always said, "Let's start to begin to commence to get ready to go." Not that he wanted to be redundant he just wanted us to get the message. That's the way I feel in September. **It begins again!** School begins for learners young and old and that means that school buses are on the road and the population of Dover increases again as students return to both Wesley College and Delaware State University.



It also begins again for Fall programming here at church with travelers back from vacations and visiting family. Starting with the All-Church Picnic on Sunday, September 3 at 4 PM (highlighted elsewhere in the newsletter), Wednesday evening dinners begin again on September 6 at 6 pm followed by Prayer time and Bible Study, Sanctuary Choir rehearsal on Thursday, September 7 at 7 PM and Chrysalis rehearsal on Sunday, September 10 at 7 PM. Promotion Sunday for Sunday School is September 10 and American Baptist Women's Ministries Sunday is September 17. Don't forget – classes for **Financial Peace University** begin on Sunday, September 10 at 4 PM and will continue for 9 weeks. Yes, there's lots beginning again, but there is more to come as we continue to step out into the community.



Sarah and Tammy Myers delivered a load of school supplies to the Big Brothers / Big Sisters office just down the street on Walker Road. They will distribute them to the children with whom they work. These supplies

were all purchased and generously donated by those of you in the congregation. Thank you for your generosity and your willingness help others.

Another opportunity to give to others is coming at the Church Picnic. There is a winter shopping list for **Code Purple** provided by the Board of Missions. These items are for those who are homeless who need warm clothing when freezing weather comes. Shop and bring your gifts to the Picnic.



With the beginning of September I step into my 6th year with you in Dover. We began this relationship with that first Sunday in September 2012. Before then I had only been through Dover once and that was to drive from Philadelphia to my brother's home in Chesapeake, VA down US 13. Now this certainly feels like home for both Rebecca and me. Thanks so much for your continued partnership in ministry.



Oberammergau in 2020?

In the town of Oberammergau, in the Bavarian Alps of Germany the Passion Play is presented every 10 years. The people of the town performed the first play in 1634 and have continued to do so through the centuries. Many of Oberammergau's residents still take part in this powerful work of art featuring dramatic performances, beautiful music and choral accompaniment.



A travel company is offering to arrange dates and give us costs for tour opportunities that that would include the event in Oberammergau. Touring in Germany, Austria or other areas and spending a whole day experiencing the Passion Play would be an enriching and overwhelming opportunity. Please let me know if you would be interested and we can plan together for a special time in 2020.

In Christ,

Rev. Dan Taylor



Looking Around

At the end of what is called "History Hall" is a beautiful display cabinet that shares the story of **Mary Bonar**. Stroll down the hall and see some of her personal items and learn about Mary. Born and reared



in West Virginia, Mary served as an American Baptist missionary in what is now called the Democratic Republic of Congo from 1922-1960 (38 years). In retirement she lived in Dover with family and was an active part of this congregation until her death in 1975. In her honor, the flag of the DRC is among those displayed in the sanctuary.

"Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord"



Choir season starts in September after Labor Day. The two adult choirs are:

Sanctuary Choir - Offering traditional choral music, the

Sanctuary Choir sings three Sundays a month. Under the direction of Phil Steinhoff, the Sanctuary Choir rehearses each Thursday at 7:00PM, September - June in the Sanctuary.

AND

Chrysalis - A contemporary ensemble, Chrysalis sings every fourth Sunday of the month. Directed by Reba Bubb, rehearsals are held every Sunday at 7:00PM, September-June in the Choir Room.

Come out and enjoy the Fun! Phil



Coordinating Committee

Next meeting Saturday, September 16th, 9:00 AM



Labor Day Reflection

Contributed by Romeo Limson

Let us have a reflection using LABOR as our outline:

L – Learn to love your work. There are lots of people who have no work. Some have college degrees yet cannot find a work. Some do not have a job because they are not educated, and worst, a few do not have jobs because they are simply lazy. In these times of uncertainty in economy, what we can do is to love our jobs. Let us see it as a gift from God to support our family, and to survive.



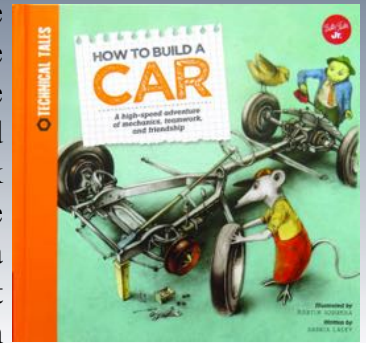
A – Accept the challenges of your work. It is a reality that there are some people who are called 15/30. Meaning, they show up only on the 15th day and 30th day to collect their salary but cannot be found contributing to the attainment of the objectives of the company. This kind of people can be often found in government offices. This is indeed a waste of the taxpayers' money. Let us motivate ourselves to improve ourselves in our workplace.



B – Be a part of the team. Each of us must realize that our individual work is part and parcel of a greater work. The best illustration for this is a



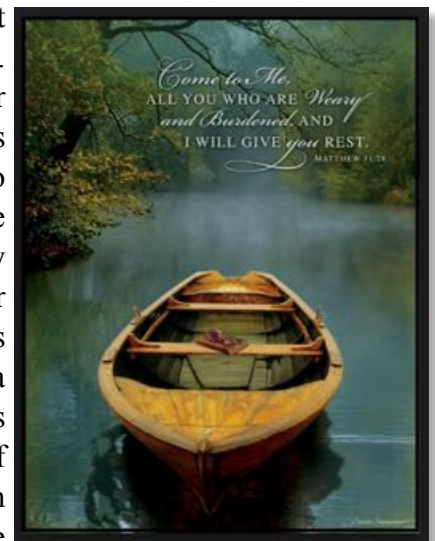
manufacturing company of a vehicle. In one group they are working to produce engines. In some, they make the shell of the car. Those who are producing nuts and bolts must not see their work as insignificant because without those small parts a car is not complete. We must see the big picture and in that manner we can see our small contribution as a significant part of the whole work of the team.



O – Open for new lessons. Life is about learning from mistakes and failures. If you make some failures, it does not mean that you are a failure. It means that you are working towards something and just eliminated some things that are not working. If we ask an inventor, we can probably hear their testimonies on how they tried and tried after many failures until they got it right.



R – Relax, take a break. A worker is entitled to have a vacation leave, and other benefits to relax and release work-related stress. Use these benefits. Some continue to work and opted to convert their vacation leave credits to cash. This is a gallant effort to earn more for your family. But we must not overdo ourselves. Let us have time for our family and friends. It is ironical sometimes to think that we are working for our family yet we have no time for our family. God does not want anyone to be a slave to work. He wants us to enjoy His gift of sleep. Jesus said in Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest."



May God Bless us All!
Romeo Limson



**Judy Daniels,
Chairman
Board of Missions**

Many thanks to all who gave generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. As of July 31st, 2017 we received \$2912.00. There is still time for you to participate and help us go over our goal of \$ 3600.00. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus and ministering to those in need.

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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 (302-674-1980). We meet the third Thursday of the month arriving at the restaurant at 11:30 AM. Join us September 21st at Franco's located at 1708 Lebanon Road, Dover, DE as we start the fall with ZEST.

Missionary Work in Asia



We were pleased to have Rev. Ivy and Emerson Wu share in our worship service on Sunday, August 6th. Rev. Ivy Wu shared about their ministry in Hong Kong and other

Chinese speaking areas. The title of her message was "**Love is an Active Verb.**"

Meals for the Men's Homeless Shelter



First Baptist again served the evening meal at the Dover Interfaith Mission's Men's Homeless Shelter on Tuesday, August 8 through Sunday, August 13. Many thanks go to Nancy Culver and Lois Glading for taking leadership of this project. Also, a big thanks goes out to all those who helped serve the homeless and provide delicious meals for approximately 50 people each evening. It's one of the ways we serve as the hands and feet of Christ in our community. For more information call Lois Glading, 302-734-8137. We appreciated your help!

Mark your calendar - November 7-12.

The Board of Missions is inviting those who attend the Church Picnic, September 3rd to bring an items for the Code Purple ministry. Items needed during the winter season are as follows: socks, scarfs, gloves, hats, hoodies (all sizes), Sweat Pants (all sizes) and pillow cases. Blankets are not needed at this time.



School Supplies Delivered Just In Time



During the month of August, we received donations of backpacks and school supplies to be distributed by the Big brothers/ Big Sisters organization. We are thankful for your donations and pray that as each child receives these items they will know that we care

about them and their education.

May God grant them a successful school year.

Women's Bible Study Group



led by Suzanne Murr will resume Thursday afternoon September 7th, 2:00-3:00 and begin a study on **Angels**. All women are invited to attend.

(Location: stop by the church office for directions).

Christian Education

Beryl Gerhard, Chairman
Christian Education Committee



We really need people who are interested and qualified to help with children's Sunday School and Paul's

Place as well as occasional substitute teaching. If you can serve in any way please contact Beryl at 302-668-1761.



Classes for *Financial Peace University* will be held beginning on Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 4 PM and continuing for 9 weeks through November 5, 2017 in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church of Dover.

Dave Ramsey, a personal money management expert developed this course. He is a passionate presenter, eager to help families and individuals turn their financial situation around from indebtedness to Biblical generosity. Dave's teaching comes from his own experience of losing everything and becoming a Biblical steward. His motto is "Live like no one else, so that you can live and give like no one else."

- Creating a budget that works
- Paying off debt
- Saving and paying cash for purchases
- Setting an example and teaching your children
- Creating the means for generous giving

The cost of the materials is \$102.30 for the nine weeks. These are purchased directly through Dave Ramsey and with them comes access to online materials and the privilege of repeating the class anytime for no additional cost. **To Register go to: daveramsey.com/findaclass**

Millions of lives have been changed since Dave Ramsey began teaching in 1994. Plan to be a part of this life changing course. If you have questions please contact Rebecca Taylor through the church office at 302-674-1980.

IMAGINE YOURSELF
DEBT FREE

Stewardship

Lois Glading, Chairman
Stewardship Committee

SAVE THE DATE—Saturday, November 11, 5:00 pm, Davis Fellowship Hall for the Steward's Dinner Party, catered by Where Pigs Fly.

All members and friends of First Baptist are invited to join us for an evening of information, fellowship and food. A nursery and children's pizza party are also being planned for that evening.



Did you return your Stewardship Involvement Survey? If not, it's still not too late. Member or non-member, if you attend First Baptist regularly, we need to hear from you. PLEASE return your Survey to the Church Office or the Welcome Center ASAP. Additional copies are available on the table in the narthex. Where are you willing to serve in the ministries of First Baptist?



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.



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Filled shoe boxes may be placed in the Narthex on all Sundays of September (3, 10, 17, & 24) and the first three Sundays of October (1, 8, & 15). Please be aware that the shipping cost was changed from \$7.00 to \$9.00. Please include the \$9.00 with the box.



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. During the past 12 months we have stitched 150 prayer shawls and distributed most of them to date. No experience is necessary and we have a job for everyone. Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month and wrap up no later than 3PM. Perhaps 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 or Agnes Robinson (on Sundays).

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

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

Labor Day Picnic



Save the Date!!

The All Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 3rd 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 and hot dogs. 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.



Here's What's Happening at our Church!



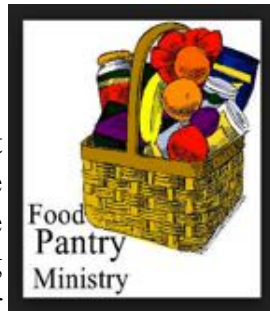
Wednesday Evening Fellowship Dinner, Bible Study and Prayer Time

resumes September 6th with the Fellowship Dinner at

6PM followed by the Bible Study and Children's lesson at 7PM.

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.



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.



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.



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.

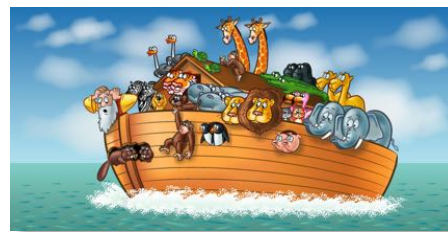


Prayer Chain

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

Paul's Place

is a kid friendly worship experience for children Preschool-Grade 3. Grades 4 & 5 may also attend if the parents wish. Children may leave the sanctuary at the time designated in the service and go downstairs with children's leaders.

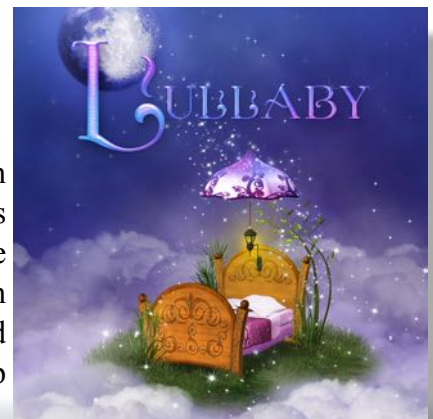


Noah's Ark

is our nursery for children up to age 3. It is staffed every Sunday from 9:15-12:15. Stop by the Welcome Center (inside entrance) for assistance.

Lullaby Lounge

is offered to parents with restless children. It's located at the back of the sanctuary where you can continue to watch and listen to our worship service.





PROMOTION SUNDAY

Our Sunday School Promotion Event will be September 10, 2017. We will acknowledge our attendees in morning worship with praise, song and blessings. Some of the children will be promoted to the next age appropriated level of studies and activities. We truly appreciate our children and plan events that keep them challenged and engaged.

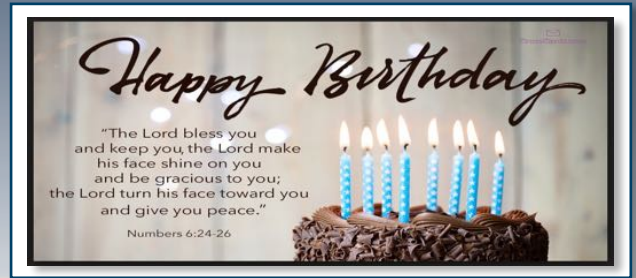
Note: As the number of children increases in our Sunday school, the opportunity for more teachers and helpers becomes more urgent. Do think of donating your skills and time.



Please remember to mark your calendars for September 10, 2017 for Promotion Sunday!

Submitted By

Gerri Lee, Christian Education Representative



Aubriella Clark	9/01
Enid J-Ellis Farina	9/02
Debbie Metzger	9/02
Diane Fithian	9/03
Percy Navarro	9/03
Barbara Hart	9/04
Mary Stewart	9/09
Jennifer Becker	9/12
Francis Stevens	9/12
Alice Murphy	9/15
Betty Perkins	9/18
Jennifer Moscrip	9/19
Jennifer Grunden	9/21
Lorraine Steinhoff	9/22
Glenda Case	9/25
Carolyn Akers	9/28
Carl Briggs	9/29
Jim Shepherd	9/29



Dick & Gloria	Smith	9/7
Scot & Michele	Septer	9/22
Bill	Livingston	9/26

Looking Back



Looking Forward

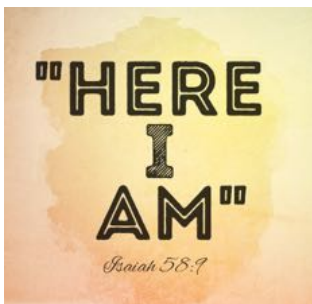
Now that summer is over and we are looking forward to fall, I thought it would be a good time to reflect. What have you done this spring and summer that you had planned or it just occurred? Was it what you expected, or was it a surprise? Did God show you something new that was even better than you planned or did you even realize that He was in the process. Sometimes we blindly go through life and some coincidence happens and we just take it in stride.

But, what might just really have happened is a God-Incidence. God does insert himself in our lives. He makes you late, so you



miss being in that car accident. He gives you extra money, just when you needed it. Sometimes, we have a negative experience. We get an extra bill we forgot and didn't plan. We lose a job. Someone we love dies.

One of my favorite verses is from Jeremiah 29:11 where God states, "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." So, as we look back over the past



few months, at the same time think about those God-Incidences that made the memory. Also, as you move forward in the day-to-day meetings, drive and plans you have, take the time to see God in the moment. At meetings I

attend, I often ask "Where have you seen God working?"

I usually get a few responses. But, if we were true with ourselves, the time would be filled with God's extreme blessings. Please don't feel guilty, I do the very same thing, taking God's blessings for granted.

Matthew 6:25-33, Jesus tells his disciples not to worry, "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" As you go through your day, to day, to day, think and even journal where you experience God being with you. And as Jesus says in this passage in Matthew, he is watching over us. If He is taking care of the birds of the air, he so much more is taking care of you.



The important thing we need to do is to acknowledge Him in the experience. We need to open our spirit to the Holy Spirit. After we see His happenings, we must not keep it to ourselves. Tell others the Good News that you are experiencing.

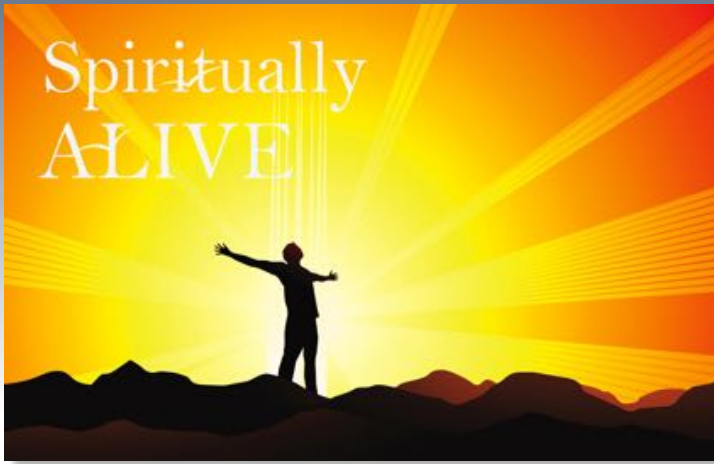


Contributed by Mike Metzger



If you are interested in directing or just volunteering for a particular event, please contact us at 302-674-1980. 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!



If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this! If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it. If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!



A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for almost 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"



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When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible & receives the impossible! Thank God



for our physical and our spiritual nourishment! IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL!

**B. I. B. L. E. simply means:
Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!**

When you are about to forward this to others, the devil will discourage you So go on! Forward this to people who are DEAR to you and TRUST GOD. Good friends are hard to find, harder to leave, and impossible to forget.



Contributed by Glenda Case



**Stop by the
Welcome Center
for the answers.**



Dinner at the Homeless Shelter

Gaynor
Sal



Head Chef
Richard



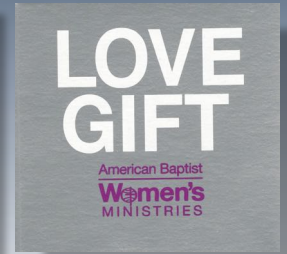
Sal
Richard
Gaynor
Patricia
Norm



Suzanne
Debbie
Harry
Mike



THANK YOU to all who helped with the evening meals at the Dover Interfaith Men's Homeless Shelter in August. Our next week of meals at the Shelter will be November 7-12. Please plan to help again!



American Baptist Women's Ministries sees what happens when we issue a call to make a difference in the lives of women and girls. People want to participate, and they do! Giving to the Women & Girls Mission Fund provides support to our AB Girls ministry, Leadership Development Fund, and Refit. These funds support missions at home and around the world that focus on bringing healing and hope to women and girls. Many women lack education, employment, health care and protection from the horrors of sex and labor trafficking, mutilation, malnourishment, preventable injuries from childbirth and death.

The Women and Girls Mission Fund is used to provide life changing opportunities for women and girls in the United States and around the world.

Prayerfully consider a love gift today.

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



Mission Statement: "In commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and in the mission of the church and through the enabling of the Holy Spirit, American Baptist Women's Ministries provides opportunities for each woman and girl to become and develop as God's persons, build God's faith community, and serve God's world."

Invitation: "All women are invited to participate in American Baptist Women's Ministries. Each woman is encouraged to participate according to her own needs, interests and gifts as led by the Spirit of God."

Within the First Baptist Church of Dover there are four circles which meet monthly. Each circle is named after an active American Baptist woman missionary chosen by the circle. The circle is routinely in contact with their missionary, remembering her on her birthday and at holidays, finding out needs that she may have and the group tries to have projects that will benefit their missionary. At each meeting there is a time of sharing, devotion, a program, and business and the Love Gift offering is received. One of the goals of each circle is to create a sisterhood of sharing. In addition to the monthly meetings, the entire ABWM meets as a group for a retreat in February and a Dinner/Installation of new officers in May. Each year, there is a large group fundraiser for the ABCOPAD Regional Project. For the past number of years homemade chocolate Easter Eggs have been sold. This has been quite successful raising needed funds.

The Circles are as follows:



Katherine Niles

Mary Bonar/Katherine Niles Circle

Meets the first Tuesday, 10:00AM
Leader: Agnes Robinson



Mary Bonar



Joyce Reed

Joyce Reed Circle

Meets the first Saturday, 10:00AM
Leader: Margaret Steinhoff

Ann Clemmer Circle

Meets the first Thursday, 1:30PM
Leader: Lois Glading



Ann Clemmer

Susan Harding Circle

Meets the second Tuesday, 10:00AM
Leader: Norma Jean Courtney

If you are not already a part of a circle but wish to join one or know more about them, please feel free to attend any of the meetings. They will appear on the calendar in the newsletter and in the church bulletin. ALL women are welcome!

September Meeting Dates, Times & Location

Mary Bonar/Katherine Niles Circle - Sept. 12, 10:00 at the home of Beryl Gearhart

Susan Harding Circle - Sept. 5, 10:00 in the church Fellowship Hall

Ann Clemmer Circle - Sept. 7, 1:30PM in the church Library

Joyce Reed Circle - Sept. 9, 10:00 at the Countrie Eatery

Note the change in day for the Susan Harding Circle this month.

Here's what's happening in September!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle
3 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 4:00 All Church Picnic 	4 Labor Day  7:00 Visitation Teams	5 10:00 Susan Harding Circle 7:30 Narcotics Anon	6 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time for children and adults	7 1:30 Ann Clemmer Circle (Church Library) 2:00 Women's Bible Study (Church Office) 7:00 Narcotics Anon 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	8	9 8:00 Children's Choice 9:00 Landscape Committee
10 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Blood Pressure Screening 4:00 Financial Peace University 7:00 Chrysalis	11 7:00 Deacons 7:00 Visitation Teams	12 10:00 Mary Bonar/ Katherine Niles Circle 7:30 Narcotics Anon	13 10:00 Stewardship 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time for children and adults	14 7:00 Narcotics Anon 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	15 October Newsletter Articles Due 	16 8:00 Children's Choice 9:00 Coordinating Committee
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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 the office (302-674-1980) if the preference is by mail.