



# The First Baptist Church of Dover

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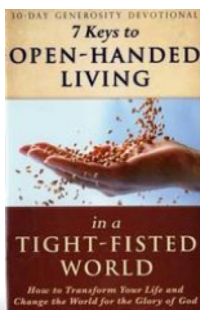
## From the Pastor's Desk

Reverend Daniel Taylor



November always means a special time of thanksgiving within our culture and our personal lives. Traditions for us all have included a national holiday set aside as Thanksgiving Day and for many of us that includes still gathering with family from far and wide or memories of those days. Rebecca and I will be traveling to share with our siblings on that day and at least one of our children. We are grateful for the news that our daughter and son-in-law will be parents in May and that mother and the little one she is carrying are both healthy.

Each of us, as children of God, has so much for which we can be thankful. During November we will highlight God's generosity with a stewardship theme that you will hear and see displayed. How **GOD CHANGES MY LIFE** is something each of us needs to contemplate and how we can respond to that in our own generosity to God's mission and ministry through our congregation. As a part of this you are invited to a Steward's Dinner Party on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 5 PM. Good food and conversations around the tables are important, but also a proposed story telling (narrative) budget for our ministry in 2018 will be presented and testimonies about how God has changed some lives will be shared. If you have not received a personal invitation, please call the church office and plan to attend.



The Stewardship Committee has provided an inspiring devotional book for each family within the congregation with an intriguing title, 7 KEYS TO OPEN-HANDED LIVING IN A TIGHT-FISTED WORLD. It is hoped that this will help you and those in your family learn how to transform your life and change the world for the

glory of God. I have said before that the mission of the church is to lead everyone to give their lives personally to Jesus. After that, as stewards of what God has given us, we need to live our lives for Jesus.

We begin our worship experiences this month with an opportunity to share at the Lord's Table on the first Sunday, the second Sunday we will dedicate the shoeboxes we have filled and we will welcome the Choir from Wesley College, under the direction of Dr. James Wilson, to enhance our time of worship. The third Sunday is Commitment Sunday and we will have the privilege of bringing our financial and personal commitments and dedicating them on that Sunday. Thanksgiving and a Sunday of giving thanks will lead us toward Advent.

God has blessed our congregation with new members and guests who continue to return to join us in worship. Please be inviting and welcoming as we work together for God's glory

In Christ,

*Rev. Dan Taylor*



Last month as we promoted and received the World Mission Offering, it was a privilege for us to host the

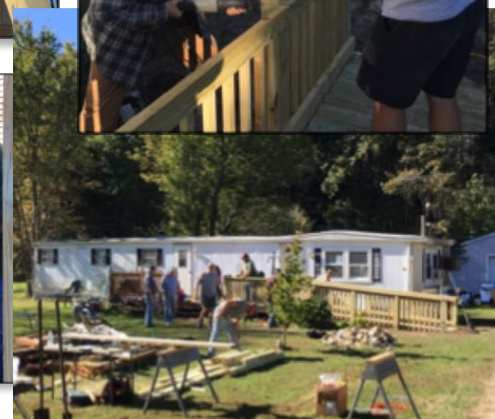
Rev. Dr. Charles Jones on Sunday, October 15. He and his wife, Maima were welcomed warmly and his sermon was inspiring for us all. A native Liberian, Jones serves as the Area Director for Europe, the Middle-East and



Liberia for our American Baptist International Ministries. He and Avis Triplett are old friends who have traveled together and Wilfred Clark discovered that he and Rev. Jones have a lot common friends from "home" in Liberia.



On Saturday, October 21, about a dozen people gathered to help with an entry ramp project at a home in the Hartly area. The work was easily handled, those there enjoyed working together and some learned new skills. For a number of years the church has worked cooperatively with MHDC – Milford Housing Development Corporation. Lunch was provided for the workers by the Board of Missions.





## *“Jesus Will Always Be There For US”*

When everything seems to be smooth sailing, troubles come. Consequently, we ask a lot of "whys" to God. Asking God a lot of questions is part of being human.

This will lead us to John 16:33. It says, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Jesus did not promise a life without trouble. In the contrary, He reminded us that in this world we will have troubles. What he promised instead was peace in spite of the troubles that will surely come our way. Jesus assured us by saying, "Take heart!" Meaning, we need to be courageous because He has already conquered the world.

### **How should we take HEART?**



*H*- Hear the assuring words of Jesus every time a crisis comes. Read the Bible and be assured.

*E*- Encourage and accompany fellow believers so that you can encourage each other when problems arise. Brothers and sisters in the church are indispensable in times of crises.



*A*- Allow the Holy Spirit to comfort and guide you.

Jesus promised us a comforter who will hug us and hold our hands in times of difficulties. The Holy Spirit will also guide us towards decisions that are God's will.



*R*- Retreat but do not surrender. Jesus retreated many times and spent time alone to pray and meditate. A spiritual retreat can energize us and make us ready to face the troubles of this world.



*T*- Trust in God always. Jesus assured us that He had conquered the world already. This means that when foggy and cloudy days come, let us be confident that God will let the sun shine in our lives.



May God bless us all!

*Contributed by Romeo Limson*



## **Church Secretary**



The Staff Relations Committee is happy to report that we have a new secretary. **Vicky Smith** started on Tuesday, October 24th. If you see her around, be sure to give her a warm First Baptist "Welcome." Note that the Church Office will be closed for Thanksgiving(11/23) and the day after (11/24). You will need to get information

for the bulletin to her by Tuesday, November, 21st.



**Judy Daniels,  
Chairman  
Board of Missions**

Many thanks go to all who participated in the One Great Hour of Sharing annual offering as of September 30, we have received \$4016.00 for the offering and hurricane relief. When a need is shared it never ceases to amaze me how you respond. *God is good!*

World Missions Offering is received during the month of October. As of October 16, we have received \$2075.00.

We are thankful that the Rev. Dr. Charles Jones was able to be with us on October 15th. He blessed us as he shared his musical talent, God's message regarding the Lord's Prayer and his mission work in Europe, the Middle East and Liberia. The theme for the Offering is "Come Follow Me." Our goal is \$ 3,600.00. Look for the special envelopes in the pew, at the Welcome Center or mail in your gift marked "World Mission Offering".

Make a Difference Day was held on October 21st. We were able to become the "hands and feet" of Jesus as we built a ramp for a disabled person in the Hartly, De. area.

**XYZ**

*(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). We meet the third Thursday of the month arriving at the restaurant at 11:30 AM. Join us November 16th at Grotto's Pizza located at 1159 N. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE.

## 2017 Annual Turkey Request



The food pantry will provide 25 Thanksgiving baskets and 25 Christmas baskets for local families in need. Baskets will include all the items needed for a holiday meal, including a turkey and dessert.

Non- perishable food will be provided by the food pantry. Frozen turkey donations are requested, please begin looking for sale prices of turkeys during November and December and donate 1 or 2 turkeys to help fill the baskets.

**Call Willis Case with any questions 734 - 2908**



**Food Pantry  
Ministry**

## 2017 Annual Food Drive

The annual community food drive for 2017 will be held on November 10th and 11th. We will need volunteers to hand out flyers and collect food on Friday the 10th at Redners, West Dover ( Green Tree ) store.

We will also need volunteers to transport food from Redners West Dover and Redners Cheswold on Friday the 10th and Saturday the 11th.

This food drive provides several months of food for our church pantry.

A poster is set up in the Narthex. Please sign up!

**Call Willis Case with any questions-734-2908**

## The Code Purple Ministry

Thank you also goes to those who participated in our Church Picnic mission project.

We received Christmas gifts for the Code Purple ministry. Two boxes of needed items will be given to their ministry in November. Look for the purple box in the Narthex if you wish to contribute.

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.



# Board of Christian Education

Beryl Gerhard, Chairman  
Board of Christian Education



## The Christian Education Board needs your help

coordinating the programs we are able to sponsor for 2018. we would like to provide one last opportunity to all those who would be available to coordinate, teach or help in some way.

The programs are:

1. The Daniel Plan in Jan/ Feb
2. Women's Retreat in the Spring
3. Men's Retreat in late Spring
4. VBS in July to co- direct, teach, help
5. Children's Sunday school -as needed
6. Nursery -as needed
7. Financial Peace University- as needed

Specific dates will be available in late November. Please contact Beryl Gerhard at 392-678-1761 or place your survey/ interest in the Christian Education mailbox.



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.



## 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.

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 are held in the  
Davis Fellowship Hall.

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



**Has God changed your life?** If so, how? C.

S. Lewis has written "It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird: It would be harder for it to learn to fly while remaining an egg. We are like eggs at present. And you cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad."



## Stewardship Committee cont.

Join us on the first three Sundays of November as we explore our stewardship theme “God Changes My Life”. Our big event during this emphasis will be our Steward’s Dinner Party, Saturday, November 11 at 5:00 pm in Davis Fellowship Hall. The meal will be catered by Where Pigs Fly, followed by an entertaining and informative program. All members and friends of First Baptist are invited to join us. By now, you should have received a phone call from a Table Steward inviting you to the dinner and giving you the full details. Paid reservations for the dinner and reservations for the free Children’s Program must be made with your Table Steward by Sunday, November 5. If you have not received a phone call about the dinner, please call the church office, 302-674-1980, and ask for Lois Glading.



## Stewardship Commitment Sunday November 19, 2017

Stewardship Commitment Sunday, when we bring our financial commitments for 2018 and place them in the model church during worship, will be November 19. Thank you in advance for your response to God’s call to you!

## Meals for the Men’s Homeless Shelter



It’s time again for First Baptist to provide the evening meal at the Dover Interfaith Men’s Homeless Shelter, 684 Forrest Street, Dover on Tuesday, November 7 through Sunday, November 12. We need your help with donations of food and money and persons to help at the Shelter with the final meal preparation and serving. Sign up at the Welcome Center and join us in serving as the hands and feet of Christ to those in need in our community.

## Birthdays

Gilbert	Hutchins	11/03
Caleb	Septer	11/06
Mary	Bernard	11/07
Sarah	Prescott	11/07
Michelle	Septer	11/07
Jesse	Jensen	11/08
Alice	Murphy	11/08
Ken	Kemp	11/10
Tyler	Myers	11/12
Gene	Moore	11/15
Angela	Allen	11/17
Jim	Braxton	11/17
Larry	Buckley	11/19
Sarah	Smart	11/20
Joy	Ford	11/22
Lena	Green	11/23
Patricia	McDonald	11/23
Matthew	Becker	11/24
Mopelola	Adegoke	11/27
Enid	Braxton	11/27
Bettye	Tanner	11/28
Romeo	Limson	11/30

## Anniversaries

James & Suzanne Jensen	35 yrs.	11/15
Willie & Glenda Case	56 yrs.	11/17
Lester & Karen Blakeman	50 yrs.	11/25
Edward & Beryl Gerhard	41 yrs.	11/27
Phil & Margaret Steinhoff	43 yrs.	11/30

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



**Wednesday Evening Bible Study and Prayer Time**  
Dinner at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall followed at 7PM by Bible Study & a Children's Program.

## 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.



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.



## 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 at the church office - 302-674-1980. It will then be passed on to both the phone and email chains.



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



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!**

## 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)



The first half of November will find our ABWM ladies busy. Each Circle will meet to find out all about Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer which is on November 6<sup>th</sup> this year. On that day, each lady may open their packets and find a teabag to enjoy a cup of tea while reading about several ladies' testimonies of how God worked in their lives. They'll find Bible verses to read, worldwide projects that need prayers, and women around the world who need to be held up in prayer. The special offering taken at the Circle meetings for the Day of Prayer will be used for those special projects.

We will close November and begin December by decorating the Chrismon trees in the Sanctuary. Friday,



December 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 AM, all ladies are invited to participate in the decorating of the trees. "Many hands make the work lighter" is the old saying and is very true in this project. Many of the Chrismons are in need of repair. We may need to set aside some time in January to fix these special handmade ornaments for

the following year.

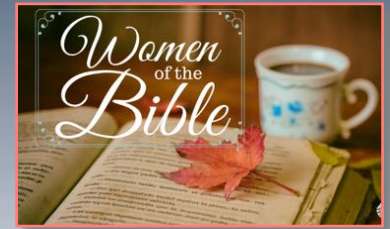
Of course, we'll all enjoy giving thanks to God especially on Thanksgiving with our family and friends. We all have many blessings for which we can praise God. We can share a tangible praise by contributing to the Love Gift Offering on the third Sunday of each month (November 19<sup>th</sup>).

**Submitted by,**

*Sue Moore*

## Women's Bible Study Group

**Leader: Suzanne Murr**



Meetings are every Thursday at 2PM with an indepth study of Women of the Bible. All women are invited to attend. (Location: Room outside Pastor's study).

## Susan Harding Circle

**Susan is a missionary to Alaska.**

**Next meeting is November 14th, 10 AM**

**Leader: Norma Jean Courtney**



## Ann Clemmer Circle

**November 8th, 1:30 PM**

**Ann is a missionary to Eastern Congo & South Sudan**

**Leader: Lois Glading**



## Joyce Reed Circle

**November 4th, 10:00 AM**

**Joyce is a missionary to IberoAmerica and the Caribbean**

**Leader: Margaret Steinhoff**



## Bonar/Niles Circle

**November 7th, 10:00 AM**

**Katherine is a missionary to the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

**Leader: Agnes Robinson**





# Enter into His Gates with Thanksgiving



**Psalm 100:4:** *Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.*

We all look forward to November because of the Thanksgiving meal. The overindulgence of turkey, dressing, potatoes, corn, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce and all the other items, including the pumpkin pie with whipped cream. Everyone has their own favorites that may not have been mentioned. We all have a favorite memory or many of Thanksgiving. It might have been at Grandma's or Mom/Dads'. Today, it might be at your home with your grandkids. This is a family meal, one to be cherished and valued.

We have a tradition at our Thanksgiving, and everyone is prepared for it. We all go around the table to state



what we are thankful for before we offer our prayer. It is a given for the love of family and your health. And no one can repeat someone else's. So, the last ones get a little harder to really think of the reason they are thankful. The answers vary from year to year; however all are expressed with real thanksgiving.

This year has been different for my family. We have had better years, but the thanks we give to God is no less than any other year. We have seen the real blessings come true. We also have seen real sorrow and being able to share that with family.

This year, either start your own tradition or continue yours and share it with someone else. Traditions are handed down from generation to generation. There will be times that you'll look back with delight and

remembrance. In this tradition, make sure that you invite an important guest to dinner, invite Him to be among you and put Him at the center of your tradition.

When you sit down for Thanksgiving, please take time to give real thanks for the people in your life for you never know what will happen next year. Give thanks to God, for He is the one true God that we worship, love and adore. Please prepare your heart and soul not only on thanksgiving, but each and every day.

Blessings

**Philippians 4:6:** *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

Submitted by, Mike Metzger



## Coordinating Committee

Next meeting Saturday,  
November 18th, 9:00 AM

A special 'Thank you' to all of those who graciously assisted with office coverage while we were looking for our replacement secretary. Your willingness to help was greatly appreciated. Also, I would like to thank the Staff Relations Committee for their many hours of service when working on hiring a new secretary. It has been a real pleasure working with all of you. I think we make a great team!

Blessings to all of you!

Margaret Steinhoff  
Chairperson of Staff Relations



# Here's what's happening in November!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00-200 Community Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children	2 1:30 Ann Clemmer Circle (Church Library) 2:00 Women's Bible Study (Church) 7:00 Narcotics Anon 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	3	4 8:00 Children's Choice 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Great Truths Classroom) 
5 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 4:00 Financial Peace University 7:00 Chrysalis	6 <b>Baptist Women's Day of Prayer</b>  7:00 Deacon's 7:00 Visitation Teams	7 10:00 Niles/Bonar Circle (Suzanne Murr's home) 1:30 Nominating Committee <b>Homeless Shelter Meals</b> 7:30 Narcotics Anon	8 9:00-200 Community Bible Study <b>Homeless Shelter Meals</b> 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children	9 2:00 Women's Bible Study (Church) <b>Homeless Shelter Meals</b> 7:00 Narcotics Anon 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	10 <b>Homeless Shelter Meals</b> <b>Fall Food Drive</b> 	11 <b>Veteran's Day</b> 8:00 Children's Choice 9:00 Landscape Committee <b>Homeless Shelter Meals</b> <b>Fall Food Drive</b> 5:00 Steward's Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
12 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Blood Pressure Screening <b>Homeless Shelter Meals</b> 7:00 Chrysalis	13 1:00 Comfort Shawl Ministry - (Note Date Change) 7:00 Visitation Teams	14 10:00 Susan Harding Circle (Davis Fellowship Hall) 7:30 Narcotics Anon	15 9:00-200 Community Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children	16 <b>11:30 XYZ - Grotto's Pizza</b> 2:00 Women's Bible Study (Church) 7:00 Narcotics Anon 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	17 <b>December Newsletter Articles Due</b>  5:30 MS Support Group	18 9:00 Coordinating Committee
19 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:30 Service of Healing Prayer 7:00 Chrysalis	20 6:30 Christian Education Committee 7:00 Visitation Teams	21 4:30 Missions 7:30 Narcotics Anon	22 9:00-200 Community Bible Study <b>NO regular Wednesday evening activities!</b> 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	23 <b>Thanksgiving</b>  <b>Office Closed</b> 7:00 Narcotics Anon	24 9:00 Children's Choice <b>Office Closed</b>	25 1:00 Private Event (Davis Fellowship Hall)
26 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 7:00 Chrysalis	27 5:30 Quilt Guild 7:00 Visitation Teams	28 1:00 Sisters of Ruth 5:00 Children's Choice 7:30 Narcotics Anon	29 9:00-200 Community Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children	30 2:00 Women's Bible Study (Church) 7:00 Narcotics Anon 7:00 Sanctuary Choir		

## 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.

Please be sure we have your current email address.