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# The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

May 2018

## From the Pastor's Desk Reverend Daniel Taylor



This month is a welcome arrival as we have endured cold, rain and clouds for too many days. The beautiful flowers and trees bursting forth remind us of how the earth renews after a time of rest during the winter months.

May is full of events including college graduations, Mother's Day, Memorial Day and lots in between. That includes a hands-on mission opportunity as we provide evening meals for the men at the Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing. On Sunday, May 20 we celebrate Pentecost and the beginnings of the church. Red is the color of Pentecost and for worship that day let's all wear red and mark a new beginning among our own congregation.



Last month the women of the church shared in a time of renewal in a retreat weekend and this month, beginning on Saturday, May 19 at 9 AM the men will begin a time of study on the topic, *What on Earth Am I Here For?* Additional details are elsewhere in the newsletter, but I encourage you to set aside the time to attend and bring a friend or two who also need to explore this question.

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On Sunday, April 22, it was our privilege to welcome our friend and ministry colleague, Dr. Jeffrey Johnson. As the Regional Pastor with Congregations for our American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware, Dr. Johnson came and taught



an encouraging Sunday School lesson and brought a challenging message during our time of worship. He left us with work to do in bringing our friends and those in our community to introduce them to Jesus. He reminded us that we need to be relational, conversational, biographical and incarnational – that is – get to know someone, share conversation and listen to them, share your own story of your relationship with Jesus and be present to walk along with them. The “church” has a mission to worship God, to learn about and know Jesus, to love others and lead them into a life-changing relationship with Jesus. Let’s make that the mission for our congregation as well. Come to worship prepared to both give and receive – give yourself to God and receive what God has for you. God is calling us not to just attend church, but to be the church.

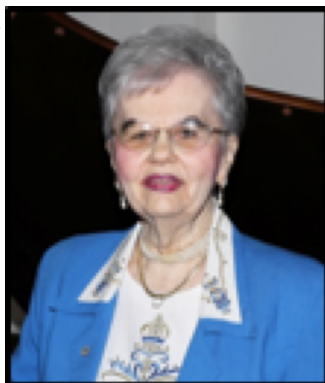


Please support our family in your prayers as we anticipate that our daughter, Sarah, and her husband, Dustin, will welcome God’s gift to them, their first child is due any day now. We’ll have pictures and all the details soon.

In the Peace of Christ,  
**Rev. Taylor**



Over the years many people have asked Leona Hutchins if she had recordings available of the hymns that she plays in praise to God. Recently all things worked together for good so that her dream could become a reality. She spent a day at the piano in the sanctuary and a recording was made. Her first CD will be available this month. Contact her directly to find out more information or check with the church secretary.



## TEACHER APPRECIATION / TRAINING BREAKFAST

is scheduled for June 2, 9-11:00 am. We don’t say it enough; however **“Thank you for your time, prayers, planning and inspiring messages.”** A breakfast will be held to demonstrate that First Baptist really appreciates all that you do. Jo Rolison and Gerri Lee are looking forward to extending personal invitations to all of our teachers and Sunday school staff.



Submitted By – Gerri Lee

## Meals for the Men’s Homeless Shelter



First Baptist will be providing the evening meals at the Dover Interfaith Men's Homeless Shelter, 684 Forest Street, Tuesday, May 8 through Sunday, May 13. Please check at the Welcome Center to see if we still need donations of food and money and volunteers to help prepare and serve the meals for approximately 50 people each evening. We appreciate your help, as we serve as the hands and feet of Christ to those in need in our community. Thank you!

Nancy Culver and Lois Glading, Coordinators



**Coordinating Committee**  
**May 12th, 9:00 AM**



## *“How Did Jesus Treat Women”*

As we celebrate Mother’s Day, let us ask the question, “How did Jesus treat women?”

The affirmation of women by Jesus was revolutionary given the deeply entrenched patriarchal society of his time. Many women became the followers of Jesus. Looking back on the first two chapters of the Gospel of Luke, there were two women who recognized Jesus as Messiah and Lord -- Elizabeth and the prophetess, Anna. Even before the disciples preached, Anna already “spoke about the child [Jesus] to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem” (Luke 2:38).

Jesus spoke to women in the public which was an unacceptable in the norms of their society. He broke the traditions repeatedly with regards to treating women. Jesus taught the women spiritual truths. Mary sat at Jesus’ feet to learn. Jesus also taught Mary’s sister, Martha, about the resurrection and eternal life (John 11:24-27). Notably, Jesus talked to Samaritan woman in the well who were not Jews. Jesus told her that He is the living water. Moreover, Jesus taught her to “worship God in spirit and in truth” – a phrase that we always use in churches during worship services. Consequently, this Samaritan woman became an evangelist and missionary. Because of her personal story about Jesus as the Christ, “many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Jesus” (John 4:39).

Jesus healed the woman with a blood disease for twelve years (Matt. 9:20-22). A rabbi was forbidden to speak to a woman, much more, to touch a woman with a blood disease. Jesus also allowed another woman to an expensive perfume to his feet and wiped it with her hair. Just imagine how livid the Pharisees who witnessed it. The name of Mary Magdalene was mentioned 13 times in the Gospels, while Bartholomew and Thaddaeus were

only mentioned once. Actually, except Peter, James and John, the name of women followers of Jesus were mentioned more than that of the other disciples.

Jesus also used an illustration that shows that God is not just a father but also a mother. Matthew 23:37-38 says “Jerusalem, Jerusalem! You kill the prophets and stone to death those who are sent to you. Many time I wanted to gather your people as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you did not let me.” Jesus re-echoed the words of Isaiah 66:12-13 that illustrates the love and care of God to them, “...Like babies you will be nursed and held in my arms and bounced on my knees. I will comfort you as a mother comforts her child.”

The women that followed Jesus were there during his arrest, trial, and crucifixion (Matthew 26:56), and stayed with Jesus even up to the end. During this time, most of Jesus’ disciples were already hiding. Furthermore, Jesus chose women to be the first to



deliver the good news of his resurrection (Luke 24:9-10). This was again revolutionary because the testimony of women during those times carried little weight. Jesus entrusted to women the most important message ever delivered in human history: “Jesus has risen from the dead” (Matthew 28:7).

***Let it be that we will treat women as Jesus treated them. Happy Mother’s Day to all our Mothers!!!!***

***Contributed by Romeo Limson***

**XYZ**  
(extra years of zest)



You are invited to join us for lunch on May 17th, 2018 at 11:30 am. We will be going to the Sambo’s, 283 Front Street, Leipsic, DE. Please let us know if you are able to attend by signing the reservation sheet at the welcome center by Sunday, May 13th or by calling the church office. All persons available during the day are invited to attend.

# Board of Missions

Percy Navarro, Co-Chairman



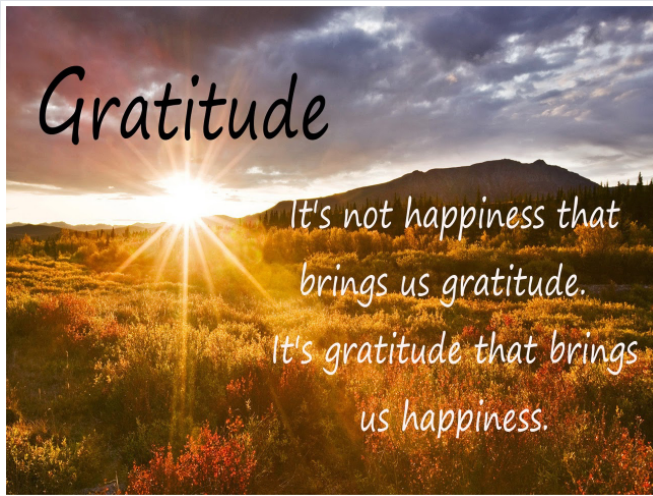
## Comfort Shawl Ministry



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](#).



Thank you Father for the  
First Baptist Church of  
Dover, DE. For it's  
people are kind,



## 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.

## Prayer Chain Update

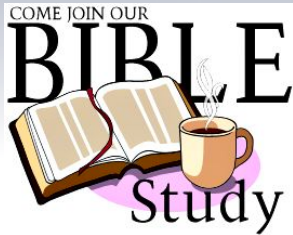


### Change in protocol for the Prayer Chain

If you have a request for the chain, please call or email the church office (302-674-1980) and/or (secretary@fbc dover.org). The secretary will relay the information to Elaine Jarrell to be passed on to the phone and email chains. If the office is closed, call Elaine directly.

Church office hours are: Monday- 8:00 until 12 noon, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9 until 3 pm., Friday, 9 until 5 pm.

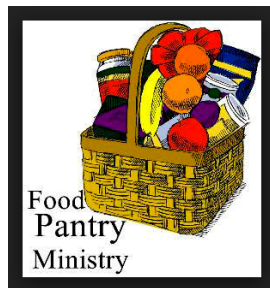
## Here's What's Happening at our Church!



**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.



About the church or one of our programs? 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 Vicky Smith at [secretary@fbcdover.org](mailto:secretary@fbcdover.org)

# Anniversaries

Romeo & Milda Limson	5/1	50 years
Clement & Bethel Chang	5/9	48 years
Jerome & Michelle Rogers	5/19	11 years
Jim & Dorothy Kerr	5/23	59 years
Percy & Marivic Navarro	5/24	32 years
Walt & Kathy Becker	5/25	33 years
Gilbert & Gladys Hutchins	5/29	69 years

# Birthdays

Hannah Myers	5/1
Sarah Myers	5/1
Marlene Nicholson	5/1
Clifton Cannon	5/3
Matt Henry	5/3
Wasana Sudler	5/3
Gabe Buckley	5/4
Gloria Smith	5/4
Faith Murphy	5/6
Salvatore Manno	5/8
Kyler Stevens	5/11
Paul Smart	5/15
Terry Lentz	5/16
Avis Triplett	5/16
Geneva Clark	5/21
Mable Morrison	5/21
Joyce Buckley	5/22
Al Sansbury	5/22
Tammy Myers	5/24
Anthony Pearson	5/28
Mark Morre, Sr.	5/31

## Women's Bible Study Group



Leader: Suzanne Murr

The Women's Bible Study Group is on **SPRING BREAK** until further notice.

## Bonar/Niles Circle

May 1st, 11:30 AM

Meeting at the home of  
Glenda Case

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

Leader: Agnes Robinson



## Joyce Reed Circle

May 19th, 9:00 AM

at the Bob Evans South

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

Leader: Margaret Steinhoff



## Ann Clemmer Circle

May 3rd, 1:00 PM

Country Eatery

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

Leader: Lois Glading

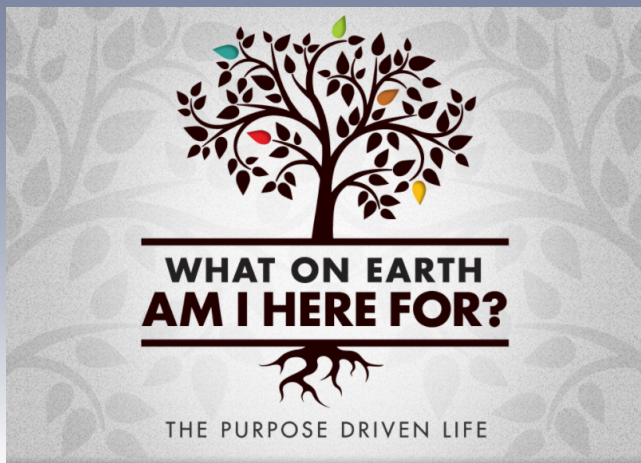


## Susan Harding Circle

May 8th, 11:00 AM

Country Eatery

Susan is a missionary  
**to Alaska.**



## What on Earth Am I Here For?

The most basic question everyone faces in life is “Why am I here?”. “What is my purpose?” Self-help books suggest that people should look within, at their own desires and dreams, but Rick Warren says the starting place must be with God and his eternal purposes for each life. Real meaning and significance comes from understanding and fulfilling God's purposes for putting us on earth.

The Purpose-Driven Life takes the groundbreaking message of the award-winning Purpose-Driven Church and goes deeper, applying it to the lifestyle of individual Christians. This book helps readers understand God's incredible plan for their lives. Warren enables them to see the big picture of what life is all about and begin to live the life God created them to live.

The Purpose-Driven Life is a manifesto for Christian living in the 21st century...a lifestyle based on eternal purposes, not cultural values. Using biblical stories and letting the Bible speak for itself, Warren clearly explains God's five purposes for each of us:

- **We were planned for God's pleasure**  
so your first purpose is to offer real worship.
- **We were formed for God's family**  
so your second purpose is to enjoy real fellowship.
- **We were created to become like Christ,**  
so your third purpose is to learn real discipleship.
- **We were shaped for serving God**  
so your fourth purpose is to practice real ministry.
- **We were made for a mission**  
so your fifth purpose is to live out real evangelism.

In this series from Pastor Rick Warren's, *Purpose Driven Life*, this most recent study is setup the same as previous programs: a 6-week study, with a book (*What on Earth Am I Here For?*), study guide and DVD message from Pastor Rick.

The kickoff will be May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to Noon. It will be followed by 5 consecutive Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm, all at the FBC Fellowship Hall.

For those who cannot attend these evening sessions, we will have an alternative study at my home in Smyrna from Noon to 1:30pm, starting Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your own brown bag lunch.

Sign-ups are greatly encouraged so materials can be purchased in advanced. Please register at the Welcome Center, including your phone# and email -ASAP. To offset the cost, a \$10 minimum fee is encouraged.

If you have any questions, please see me – Mike Metzger – [MikeRMetzger@comcast.net](mailto:MikeRMetzger@comcast.net) – 302-559-8429.

### Dear Pastor Dan and Friends at First Baptist:

We want you to know how much we appreciate all that you have done for us in our time of bereavement. I have read your beautiful cards and notes many times as they are a source of comfort. We shall never forget your presence at the service and your kindness in providing the luncheon for us at the church.




Love, Judy Cahill and Family



Bob and I would like to thank you all for your prayer and cards during my hospital stay. The nurses, doctors and many staff members took great care of me. The Lord's presence during my stay helped me stay calm and focused. Thank you all so much.

**Bob and Janice Imm**

# Here's what's happening in May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  11:30 Bonar/Niles Circle (Glenda Case's Home)  4:30 Missions Meeting	2 8:30 Community Bible Study  6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children	3  1:00 Ann Clemmer Circle (Country Eaterie)  7:00 Narcotics Anon 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	4	5  8:00 Children's Choice (Fellowship Hall)
6  9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship  7:00 Chrysalis	7  7:00 Deacon's (Library)  7:00 Visitation Teams	8 11:00 Susan Harding Circle (Country Eaterie) 12:00 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  6:00 Men's Homeless Shelter Meals  7:00 Men's Retreat	9 8:30 Community Bible Study 10:00 Stewardship Committee 6:00 Men's Homeless Shelter Meals 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children	10  6:00 Men's Homeless Shelter Meals  7:00 Narcotics Anon 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	11  6:00 Men's Homeless Shelter Meals	12  9:00 Coordinating Committee 10:00 Children's Choice (Fellowship Hall)  6:00 Men's Homeless Shelter Meals
13  9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Blood Pressure Screening  6:00 Men's Homeless Shelter Meals  7:00 Chrysalis	14  7:00 Visitation Teams	15  <b>June Newsletter Articles Due</b>   7:00 Men's Retreat	16 8:30 Community Bible Study  6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children	17  11:30 XYZ Sambo's, Leipsic, DE  4:30 Board of Missions  7:00 Narcotics Anon 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	18  5:00 MS Support Group	19 9:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Bob Evan's South)  <b>9:00 Men's Retreat</b>  
20  9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:30 Service of Healing Prayer  5:00 Trustees 7:00 Chrysalis	21  1:00 Comfort Shawl Ministry  6:30 Board of Christian Education 7:00 Visitation Teams	22 10:00 ABWM Set Up (Fellowship Hall)  6:00 ABWM Dinner/ Installation of Officers (Davis Fellowship Hall)  7:00 Men's Retreat	23  6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children	24  7:00 Narcotics Anon 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	25	26
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## Survey Question

### How would you prefer to receive your newsletter?

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if the preference is by mail.

Please be sure we have your current email address.