



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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From the Pastor's Desk Reverend Daniel Taylor



June Memorial Day has passed and the Summer season is upon us. The temperature is rising and the traffic heading to the beach is getting busier all the time. College graduations have happened, high school graduations are coming very soon, school will be out and that means that activities begin picking up here at the First Baptist Church of Dover. Teacher's appreciation on Saturday, June 2; graduate recognition; special birthdays during the month; Father's Day; Music & More Camp, June 18-22 and other events are on the calendar. With vacations also coming, I hope you will make it an important part of the Summer of 2018 to be involved in church activities and worship services.



This month we also have two mission projects that give each of us opportunities to participate in one way or another. We are partnering with a number of other congregations in a **Faith Build** with the Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity. A four bedroom home will be built at 43 S. Kirkwood Street for a young woman, Tamara, and her 3 children. We will have two different days in the next few months to provide volunteers on the job site and we will need to contribute a little over \$2300 as a portion of the cost of the home. To help raise some of the funds for this special opportunity a spaghetti dinner will be held after worship on Sunday, June 3. All donations received at the lunch will go toward our goal for the home. Each of us can help with donations, working on site, providing lunch on a work day and praying for the family and the neighborhood as they welcome a new family.

One Great HOUR Every June, as a congregation, we learn about our partnership with our American Baptist family and the way that together **OF SHARING** we respond to disasters across the country

and around the world. ***The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering*** allows us a way to be a part of planned development projects and emergencies wherever they happen. Our goal this year is \$3800. Thank you in advance for your love of mission and for your generosity.

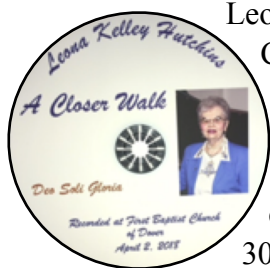
Years ago when I was working in college development I learned that it was a good thing to ask and to encourage individuals to support special opportunities that were of interest to them. They were the ones who had the privilege of saying yes or no and how they would support. We each have different projects, opportunities and individuals that are very special to us and we want to help. Part of our task in the church is to raise our awareness to the many prospects that are available to us.

Many times we hear that the church is always asking for money, but that's not really the case. The chances to give ourselves in service and to give our resources in support of mission are always in front of us and we have the privilege of making choices. God only wants us to be faithful in all we do. My prayer is that we can all be faithful as we seek to give ourselves away.

See you in church,

Rev. Taylor

Carefully planned, purchased and planted – the new landscaping that was placed recently in the front of the church building facing Walker Road. Many thanks to all who helped in any way and that includes those who have donated funds for the project, those who met and planned and designed the layout, those who physically purchased and of course those who arranged, dug holes and planted the shrubs, trees and other plants. Thank you! Thank you!!!



Leona Hutchins has copies of her new CD available. Titled ***A Closer Walk***, this is a collection of some of her favorite hymns. If you would like one, please contact Leona directly or call the church office at 302-674-1980 and the church secretary will pass your contact information on to her.

This year's M&M Camp will center around the musical "Amerikids—In God We Trust." The main idea of the musical shows how our early settlers and leaders centered our country's beliefs on God. It will run from June 18 - 22 with the performance on June 24. We could use a few more volunteers. We need a devotional leader and a lunch helper. If you are interested, please see Sue Moore. The camp days will run from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, so do bring a packed lunch. Drinks and snacks will be provided. We welcome all children, ages 4 to 12. We are asking First Baptist families to be gracious host and invite your friends and neighbors. Reminder, all children are needed to participate in the Sunday, June 24 service to help make our M&M Camp a successful experience!



Submitted By,

Gerri Lee, Christian Education Representative

Meals for the Men's Homeless Shelter



THANK YOU to the approximately 42 First Baptist Families who assisted with the meals at the Dover Interfaith Men's Homeless Shelter last month. Your contributions of food, money and volunteer time helped make our task of feeding 50 people each evening much easier. The guests were most appreciative of our efforts! Please plan to help us again Aug. 6-12. Sincerely, Lois Glading & Nancy Culver.



Coordinating Committee
June 23rd, 9:00 AM



"FATHER'S DAY REFLECTION"

There is a story about an eight year old king named Josiah (2 Chronicles 34:2) who as a king, "did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and walked in the ways of his great great great grandfather David, not turning aside to the right or to the left."

Even though you may be a good or a wicked father, your son or your children will still have to make decisions of their own. What happened with King Josiah was that while he was young, these three spiritual fathers Jeremiah, Zephaniah and Habakkuk took upon themselves the responsibility to mentor and guide him.

The story of King Josiah is a great reminder to fathers and to all parents, as well. We alone cannot teach our children to become good people. The story tells us that we need the church and other spiritual fathers to mentor our children. Those fathers who are spiritually mature must take the responsibility to seek out children in the church and help them grow in their spiritual lives. All fathers in the church must also allow their children to be mentored.

What were the results of the spiritual training of King Josiah?

First, there was spiritual cleansing in the land (2 Chronicles 34:3-7). He personally led the destruction of idols and the images of Baal and Ashera.

Second, the temple was repaired. (2 Chronicles 34:8-13). He made explicit instructions to repair the temple and open it again to be used by the people. King Josiah led the celebration of the Passover Feast which his father forgot to celebrate.

Third, the Scriptures were discovered again.

again. (2 Chronicles 34:14-28). King Josiah was informed by his assistant, Shaphan that sacred scrolls were found. It was then read to him. It is very difficult to imagine that there was a time that the people were not able to read the Scriptures. King Josiah led the way that the people were able to hear the Word of God again.



Dear fathers, let us not abdicate our responsibility to mentor our children. Let us also seek others who are spiritually mature to help us rear our children. Our children will later make their own decisions. But it is our decision now that will lead our children later.

May God bless all Fathers & all Parents as well.

*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.**

XYZ
(extra years of zest)



You are invited to join us for lunch on June 21st, 2018 at 11:30 am. We will be going to Grotto's Pizza, Route 13, Dover, DE. Please let us know if you are able to attend by signing the reservation sheet at the welcome center by Sunday, June 17th or by calling the church office. All persons available during the day are invited to attend.

Board of Missions

Percy Navarro, Co-Chairman



One Great Hour of Sharing

It is a Christian effort to empower, provide water, supply food, and give relief from disasters. Our theme this year is “More Than We Can Imagine.”

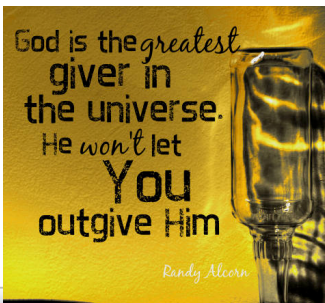
It is easy to feel overwhelmed when we look at all the areas of need in God’s world: there is hunger, sickness, and injustice in so many communities. It is easy to feel that we are too small, too insignificant to make a difference, to believe that there’s nothing we can do to help. We can feel trapped by hopelessness and fear that there is little we can do to truly make an impact.

But there is hope! Better yet: we are the hope!

As Christians we know that we are part of God’s answer to the need in the world! As Christians we know that God’s dream for God’s people is not that we would strive to be separated, caring only for ourselves: God gave us community to practice love and compassion. We know that when we share our resources we find that there is enough for us all!

As Christians we know that we are all connected, and we derive our identity from God “from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name” (Ephesians 3:15). We are all part of the same family whether we live in an agricultural community in Nicaragua or in a bustling urban city in United States—we are all God’s people.

Let us give generously to this year’s One Great Hour of Sharing to reach our goal of \$3,800. Offering envelopes are available in the pew racks in the sanctuary during the month of June.



Many thanks
for

Good News Club



A meeting was set up on June 1, 2018 to meet with the community manager of the “The Preserve at Whatcoat Apartments” where children have a lot of needs. Most of the children don’t even have beds to sleep in as these families—mostly single parents with children live in extreme poverty. There is rampant drug use there and the children are often unsupervised. This is a community with children in desperate need of hope and love in their lives. Most important is that these children need Jesus Christ in their lives.

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*

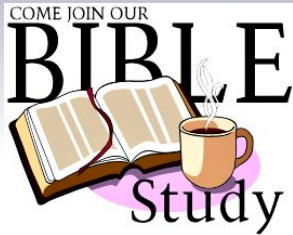


Change in protocol for the Prayer Chain

If you have a request for the chain, please call or email the church office (302-674-1980) and/or (secretary@fbcdoover.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 table 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 02-674-1980.

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.

*Be still
and know
that I am
GOD.*



About the church or one of our programs? Stop by the Welcome Center for the answers.

**Circle Meetings
will begin again
in the
Fall.**



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

Here's what's happening in June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 8:00 Children's Choice (Fellowship Hall)
3 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship	4 7:00 Deacon's (Library) 7:00 Visitation Teams	5 11:30 Bonar/Niles Circle (Glenda Case's Home)  7:00 Men's Retreat (Fellowship Hall)	6 8:30 Community Bible Study 10:00 Stewardship Committee 1:30 Men's Retreat 2 (Mike's Home) 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults	7 1:00 Ann Clemmer Circle (Country Eaterie) 7:00 Narcotics Anon 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	8	9 10:00 Children's Choice (Fellowship Hall)
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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 at 302-674-1980 if the preference is by mail.

Please be sure we have your current email address.