



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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Invite a Friend Sunday.

If you have been an American Baptist for a while, you may remember when we had a specific Sunday each year, most churches had this in September. If not, you are in store for an adventure. Invite A Friend Sunday is a whole church activity and focus. A focus on inviting neighbors, friends, co-workers and friends to our church to show them our friendly, inviting and loving nature. Invite them to see our beautiful building. Have them to participate in the worship service. And most of all, have them meet God's holy presence, maybe for the first time.

We will be putting the building in tip top shape. We will gather materials for the guests. We will have some training for us to be sure we can do things in proper order – many of which we already do. We will have materials to give to your potential invitees so they have a paper they can hold and see to remind them of the date and time.

We will be having a small committee in organizing this effort. If you would like to be part of this sub-committee, please contact me. We are looking at a target date September 23rd. This will be a great Sunday for our church. The potential is huge! God is leading this Sunday as He needs to see is unchurched people come home.

Contact: Mike Metzger - 302-674-1980
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“OUR DUTY TO OUR CHILDREN”

Summer is usually the time of the year that most churches would hold their Vacation Church School or Daily Vacation Bible School. Psychology affirms that the childhood is the most influential aspect in the development of a person's outlook and attitude.

What then is the challenge to the church of today? Let me have few suggestions.

First - the church must recognize that the formative years are crucial to the spiritual maturity of an individual. As Jesus said in Matthew 19:14 "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them..."

Second - the church must not be like the disciples who rebuked those who brought the children to Jesus, and also hindered the children in coming to Jesus. This means that our church must find ways to have an environment that is welcoming to children. We must give a priority to programs that nurture the spiritual life of kids.

Third - the church must continually pray for the children. We must be like Jesus who placed his hand to the children and prayed for them. We should find the time to pray for our children every day and let them know that you are praying for them.

Fourth - the church must not only teach the children but also learn from them. When Jesus said that "the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these --



-- the children", He is telling us to learn from them. Adults should remember that children are more forgiving, more fun-loving, more open to new lessons, more trusting, more loving, and a lot more. We must learn from them.

May our churches give priority to the next generation.

Contributed by Romeo Limson



**Committee Meeting
August 22nd - 10:00 AM**

*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 August 16th, 2018 at 11:30 am. We will be going to Outback Steak House, Dover, DE. Please let us know if you are able to attend by signing the reservation sheet at the welcome center by Sunday, August 16th or by calling the church office. All persons available during the day are invited to attend.

Board of Missions

Percy Navarro, Co-Chairman



As of 07/08/2018, we received \$2,707 (goal is \$3,800) for **One Great Hour of Sharing** and \$2,381 (goal is \$2,375) for **Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity**. **Our Food Pantry** served 25 families (44 adults and 28 children) for the month of June.

The Board of Mission met with Melissa White, principal of Fairview Elementary School, on July 10, 2018. The program was discussed with her and a document about the Good News Club was given to her. She will be giving the board information about the cost of using their facility. Possible day and time is Tuesday from 3:25 PM -5:00 PM.

Tim Brining from Child Evangelism Fellowship worshipped with us on July 8, 2018. He gave us the dates for training the volunteers for the Good News Club program. The dates are August 25, 2018 (Saturday) and September 8, 2018 (Saturday) from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at Christ Memorial Baptist Church at 1160 Lebanon Road (Route 10), Dover. Registration starts at 8:45 AM.



We need empty shoe boxes and Christmas wrapping paper for **Operation Christmas Child 2018**.

CDHH (Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity)

Sign-up sheets for volunteer workers and lunch preparations are in the Welcome Center for August 15 and 18, 2018.



Meeting day and time will be every second Tuesday of every month starting at 5:05 PM.

Meals for the Men's Homeless Shelter

First Baptist will be serving the evening meal at the Dover Interfaith Mission's Men's Homeless Shelter on Monday, August 6 through Sunday, August 12. We are in need of donations of food, money, and volunteer help. The menus have been prepared and will be at the Welcome Center, beginning Sunday, July 15. Please sign up to help in some way. It's a big responsibility to fix a meal for approximately 50 people each evening, but First Baptist folk have always been very generous in helping. It's one way of our serving as the hands and feet of Christ in our community. Questions? Call Lois Glading, 734-8137. We appreciate your help!



Looking for FUN????



Do you enjoy having tons of fun and laughter, plus a little competition? If so, please join our new FBC group on the first Tuesday of each month at 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall for Game Day! We will be playing a variety of games and enjoying fellowship together. We will have snacks and some fun prizes. Our first Game Day will be August 7th at 3pm. Contact the church secretary (674-1980) if you have any questions. We would love for you to come, have fun and fellowship with us. Vicky Smith

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.

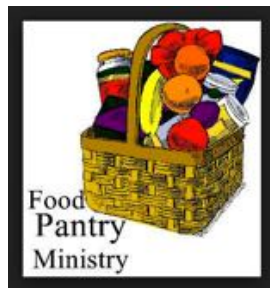
Here's What's Happening at our Church!



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.

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

FEELING LUCKY?

Make your day and join our congregation for an evening of Bible Bingo and a few other table/board games. Our fun night is scheduled for Friday, August 24, 2018 from 6:00 – 8:00pm in the fellowship hall. There will be prizes, finger foods and sandwiches along with praises, learning and delighting in God's word. More information and sign-up sheets will follow as the date approaches.



Board of Christian Ed

Gerri Lee, Rep



*Can
you
help?*

Do you know someone who's traveling to the Los Angeles, CA area? Or perhaps you know someone whose traveling part way to LA. We're looking for some help transporting donated sewing machines to California to be sent to Debra's House, in Mexico. Debra's House is a women's abuse shelter. The goal is to provide sewing machines to the ladies and give them an opportunity to break the abuse cycle and gain a skill that will enable them to support themselves and their family.



Please contact Judy Daniels or Debbie Geiser if you can help. Church Office - 302-674-1980.



Anniversaries

Terry & Terry Lentz	8/01	37 years
Daniel & Rebecca Taylor	8/13	30 years
Larry & Joyce Buckley	8/26	57 years
Steve & Teresa Gedney	8/27	40 years
Ralph & Twyla Hinzman	8/27	58 years
George & Lois Glading	8/29	54 years

Birthdays

Teresa Gedney	8/02
Jane Meder	8/02
Cynthia Cannon	8/04
Twyla Hinzman	8/05
Bethel Chang	8/06
Ralph Hinzman	8/06
Morgan Kemp	8/09
Brandy Lentz	8/09
Aaron King	8/12
Mike Metzger	8/15
Jan Holliday	8/16
Phil Steinhoff	8/19
Edward Gerhard	8/20
Joan Foster	8/27
Gaynor Waltz	8/29
Clement Chang	8/31

Here's what's happening in August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30 Vacation Bible School 6:00 Bag & Bible (Fellowship Hall)	2 5:30 Vacation Bible School 7:00 Narcotics Anon (Fellowship Hall)	3	4 8:00 Children's Choice (Fellowship Hall)
5 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship	6 7:00 Deacons (Library) 7:00 Visitation Teams	7 3:00 Game Day Group (Fellowship Hall)	8 6:00 Bag & Bible (Fellowship Hall)	9 7:00 Narcotics Anon (Fellowship Hall)	10	11 9:00 Coordinating Committee 9:00 Landscape Workday 10:00 Children's Choice (Fellowship Hall)
12 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Blood Pressure Screening	13 7:00 Visitation Teams	14 1:00 Nominating Committee 5:00 Missions Mtg (Conference Room)	15 September Newsletter Articles Due  6:00 Bag & Bible (Fellowship Hall)	16 8:00 Children's Choice (Fellowship Hall)  11:30 XYZ Outback Steak House 7:00 Narcotics Anon (Fellowship Hall)	17 5:00 MS Support Group	18
19 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Service of Healing Prayer 7:00 Trustees Mtg	20 1:00 Comfort Shawl Ministry 6:30 Board of Christian Education 7:00 Visitation Teams	21	22 9:30 CBS Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 2:00 Stewardship Committee 6:00 Bag & Bible (Fellowship Hall)	23 7:00 Narcotics Anon	24	25
26 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship	27 5:30 Quilt Guild 7:00 Visitation Teams	28 6:00 Children's Choice	29 9:30 Community Bible Study Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 Bag & Bible (Fellowship Hall)	30 7:00 Narcotics Anon	31	

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.