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The First Baptist Church of Dover

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From the Pastor's Desk Reverend Daniel Taylor



CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE

It is February and this year we have a very special alignment with Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday both landing on Wednesday, February 14, 2018. On that day you are invited to a special dinner – **Celebrating God's Love** – that will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM. Ash Wednesday is just about the halfway point between Christmas and Easter and the best time to remember and celebrate the great gift that God gave to us of his son, Jesus, and to anticipate the victory that is ours because God allowed Jesus to die for us and then raised him to new life. This dinner on Valentine's Day is offered at no cost so as many people can attend as possible. It will be a very special evening with a wonderful menu and you will want to be there. As plans are made it will be helpful to know if you are coming and how many are joining you. Please fill out one of the inserts that are in the Sunday bulletin or call the church office (302-674-1980) and add your name and the number of adults and children that will be in attendance. Plan now to come and invite others to join you for a wonderful evening.

As we think of February, celebrating and sharing we remember the response that the lawyer gave to Jesus, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27. It is our responsibility to love God and to also take that love which comes to us through Jesus and share that with others we meet. The mission of any church is to love and lead people into a life changing relationship with Jesus.



Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds. Hebrews 10: 23-24.

In the Hope of Christ,
Rev. Dan Taylor



“WHY MUST JESUS SUFFER?”

In a month to come we will be celebrating the Holy Week. Familiar scenes that we can see in television, and even re-enactments are all about the passion of the Christ – his sufferings and crucifixion.

Jesus actually told his disciples that he will certainly suffer. “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life”. (Luke 9:22)

We can notice in this verse the word “must”. It was a certainty that He must suffer. Let me share my view and few reasons why Jesus must SUFFER.

S – Show love for sinners. “God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8)

U – Unite all people. Jesus “has broken down the dividing wall of hostility.... making peace.... through the cross”. (Ephesians 2:14-16)

F – Fulfillment of prophecies. Here is a prophecy that took a thousand years to fulfill.

Isaiah prophesied Jesus suffering: “He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed” (Isaiah 53: 3, 5)

F – Final sacrifice. “It is the blood that makes atonement for one’s life. Hebrew 9:22 affirms that “without the shedding of the blood there is no forgiveness of sins”.



Jesus had to suffer and die. He is “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world”. (John 1: 29)

E – Eternal security. Jesus prayed in the garden of Gethsemane – “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done”. (Luke 22:42) The cup of suffering was drunk by Jesus. He did it for our eternal security.

R – Reconcile us back to God. Jesus removed the barrier between God and people. We are now reconciled back to God through Jesus – “While we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son”. (Romans 5:10)

May God bless us all.

Contributed by Romeo Limson

XYZ

(extra years of zest)



You are invited to join us for lunch on February 15, 2018 at 11:30 am. We will be going to the Countrie Eatery 950 N. State Street. Dover . Please let us know if you are able to attend by signing the reservation sheet at the welcome center by Sunday, February 11th or by calling the church office. All persons available during the day are invited to attend.



Coordinating Committee

**February 17th,
9:00 AM**

Board of Christian Education

**Beryl Gerhard, Chairman
Board of Christian Education**



The Board of Christian Education will be presenting "The Daniel Plan", beginning in January. It is a 40 day program to a healthy lifestyle, by Rick Warren, Dr. Daniel Amen, and Dr. Mark Hyman, is far more than a diet plan. It is an appetizing approach to achieving a healthier lifestyle, where people are encouraged to get healthier together, by optimizing the 5 key essentials of faith, food, fitness, focus and friends.



Classes will be at church on Saturdays, 10AM to Noon, January 13, 20, 27, and February 10, 17, 24. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

The Giving Tree is still up in the Narthex. Please help us decorate this tree. Items that are needed the most are warm gloves and large to 3 x size winter coats, if you could help it would be greatly appreciated. We have been experiencing a very cold winter and the need is great.

Many thanks go to all who participated in the Retired Ministers and Missionaries special offering. This offering enables us to give our retired ministers and missionaries a special Thank You check each November. We raised \$ 2363.00 this year. Thank you again.

Through our Christmas Card project, we were able to send to our Special Interest Missionaries a check for \$210.00.

This was sent to each couple for their personal use not for their ministry use. Thank you for sharing this gift of encouragement and caring.

*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](#).



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.

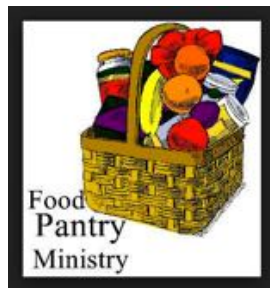
Here's What's Happening at our Church!



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

February Month of Love

When we think of February, we automatically think of Valentine's Day and hearts, candy, flowers and cards. Giving them to the ones we love, or are dating, or at school- giving Valentine cars to classmates and waiting to see if you get one back.

However, on this particular Valentine's Day, it is Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent, the 40 days prior to Easter, the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. What more appropriate day that can be given to us by God, than His Valentines to humankind. His love shows us what He really thinks about us. Sometimes we don't understand how the God of the universe, the Holy One, the

Great I AM can love is so much that the sacrifice he made on that day almost 2,000 years ago. Could you sacrifice your child for others? Could you put the sin of the world on your child's face? Could you see your child slapped, spit upon, slandered, unjustly accused, then beaten, crucified and buried? I don't think any parent could witness any of these things. But God sent His son to eventually do all these things.

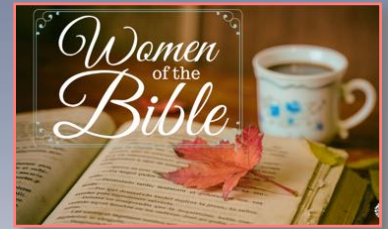
This Valentine's Day, we will be served a special dinner at church prior to our prayer and Bible study time. Please be sure that you register the Sunday prior, February 11th, so we have enough food for all. Sometimes, when people don't register for the meal we run out and for this special meal, please be sure to put how many meals will need to be prepared.


Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.



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.

February 13th, 10:00 AM
Leader: Norma Jean Courtney



Ann Clemmer Circle February 1st, 1:30 PM Ann is a missionary to Eastern Congo & South Sudan Leader: Lois Glading



Joyce Reed Circle February 3rd, 10:00 AM Joyce is a missionary to IberoAmerica and the Caribbean Leader: Margaret Steinhoff



Bonar/Niles Circle February 6th, 10:00 AM Meeting at the Church Katherine is a missionary to the Democratic Republic of the Congo





FEBRUARY 3

AMAZING AFRICA

9:30 TO NOON

WE ARE PREPARING A PROGRAM WHICH WILL TAKE YOU FROM AFRICA PAST THRU AFRICA FUTURE WITH OUR MISSIONARIES TO AFRICA. YOU'LL LEARN LOTS OF UNIQUE FACTS ABOUT THIS AMAZING COUNTRY. WE'LL ALSO SHOW HOW WE CAN HELP THE LADIES IN THIS AREA AND THEIR CHILDREN. YOU'LL ENJOY SOME OF THEIR CRAFTS AND GAMES DURING THIS RETREAT. INVITE A FRIEND TO SHARE IN THE FUN! WE'LL PROVIDE SOUP AND SALAD FOR LUNCH. IF YOU DESIRE A SANDWICH, PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN.

Devotional

**Learn about our
Regional Project**

**African games
and crafts**

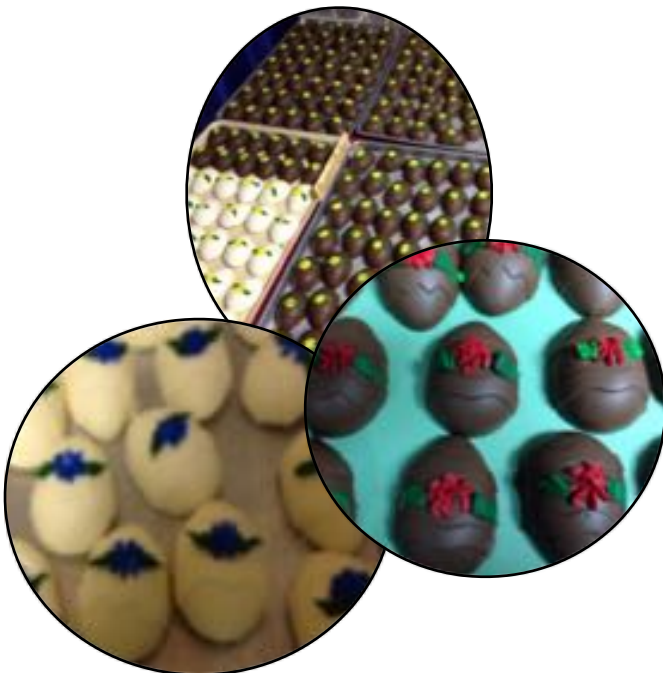
**Soup and Salad
Lunch**

**Lots of fun and
fellowship!**

For all Women of the church and their lady friends. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.



The ABWM will be taking orders for homemade Chocolate Easter Eggs – February 3rd through March 4th. They will, again, be available in the Dark Chocolate, Milk Chocolate or White Chocolate. You will also have a choice of seven (7) different fillings – Peanut butter, Strawberry cream, Chocolate cream, Orange cream, Buttercream, Coconut cream and Chocolate coconut cream. The cost will remain the same as in previous years: \$2.75 each or Two (2) for \$5.00. The eggs are delicious and freeze well, so that you can enjoy them anytime throughout the year.



Anniversaries


Russell and Glenda Perry 2/5

Birthdays

Brandon Lentz 2/4
 Charlotte Smart 2/4
 Wilfred Clark, Jr. 2/5
 Jo Rolison 2/7
 Rebecca Taylor 2/7
 Willis Case 2/9
 Xerex Navarro 2/14
 Dot Abbott 2/15
 Cynthia Rajotte 2/15
 Chris Roberts 2/15
 Victoria Macklin 2/18
 Maria Higdon 2/20
 Linda Brothers 2/23
 Dorothy Gampp 2/23
 Lily Koff 2/24



Here's what's happening in February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1:30 Ann Clemmer Circle (Library) 2:00 Women's Bible Study (Renne's Classroom) 7:00 Narcotics Anon 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	2 6:00 Frontline Ministries	3 8:00 Children's Choice (Fellowship Hall) 9:00 ABWM Renewal Joyce Reed Circle (Fellowship Hall)
4 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 7:00 Chrysalis	5 7:00 Deacon's 7:00 Visitation Teams	6 10:00 Bonar/Niles Circle (Church) 7:30 Narcotics Anon	7 9:00-2:00 Community Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children	8 1:20 Ann Clemmer Circle - (Church Library) 2:00 Women's Bible Study (Rennie's Classroom) 7:00 Narcotics Anon 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	9	10 10:00 Daniel Plan 10:00 Children's Choice (Fellowship Hall)
11 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:15 Blood Pressure Screening 7:00 Chrysalis	12 7:00 Visitation Teams	13 10L00 Susan Harding Circle (Fellowship Hall) 7:30 Narcotics Anon	14 9:00-2:00 Community Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children	15 March Newsletter Articles Due  11:30 XYZ Country Eatery 2:00 Women's Bible Study (Rennie's Classroom) 7:00 Narcotics Anon 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	16 5:00 MS Support Group	17 9:00 Coordinating Committee 10:00 Daniel Plan
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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.