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The First Baptist Church of Dover

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July 2018

From the Pastor's Desk Reverend Daniel Taylor



The month of July comes to us with a bang – literally – as we mark the 242nd year since the Continental Congress voted on the Declaration of Independence separating the colonies from Britain. It wasn't the end of conflicts but really a beginning of more intense hostilities that continued until the surrender of the British at Yorktown in 1781 and a formal treaty in 1783. The fireworks we enjoy help to remind us of the hard-fought battles for freedom that those colonists endured against the tyranny of the British rule.

As we approached the celebration this year those freedoms were challenged in different ways along the southern U.S. borders. As folks fleeing tyranny were crossing the border into the United States they were detained and their children were separated from them. There has been some resolution to that situation but it will take a long time to bring families back together again. There are decisions that need to be made about how we can peacefully and graciously handle the issues of immigration as a nation of immigrants. (You may not know that 8 of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were immigrants, born in Britain.)

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America has these lines as a part of the second paragraph.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

Scripture tells us ...

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3.28

At the end of the Declaration we find these words.

And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.

Scripture tells us ...

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ... they spent much time ... with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. Acts 2.44-47a.

We see that our freedoms for whom many died guide us to the freedom we have for which one died for all. We are blessed to have the freedoms of speech and assembly and also the freedom to worship as we please in this country.

Paul tells us in Galatians 5.1 & 13-14 - *For freedom Christ has set us free. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but serve one another humbly in love. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

A noted chaplain of the U.S. Senate, Dr. Peter Marshall, said this – “May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right.” Let us use our freedom in Christ to do what is right and love one another and love our neighbors.

We have two ways that we can love our neighbors this Summer. One of those is the **Faith Build** in partnership with the Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity. Through very generous giving we have raised the needed funds for our portion of this project – over \$2375. On one Sunday in July we will welcome Tamara Rodriguez and her children who will be the owners of the new home being built on Kirkwood Street. Volunteers are needed to work on two days in August and to provide lunch on site.

The second opportunity is Vacation Bible School (VBS) that will be held July 29-August 2. Love your neighbors and invite them and their children to join us for that special time of learning about the Bible and growing in faith in Jesus Christ. Let's do what is right and continue to welcome others.

Peace and Blessings, **Rev. Taylor**



Sanctuary Flowers

We have a number of Sundays that no one has signed up for the alter flowers.

The cost is \$40 for two vases. You will be able to choose the colors in the arrangement and the flowers (special flowers such as roses and lilies are more expensive, and so are not available unless you pay more for the flowers). They can be in honor of someone, in memory of someone, for a special occasion (birthday or anniversary), or for just about any reason. The flowers are yours to take following the service or you can ask that they be taken to someone in the hospital or a shut-in. The following are the open dates, at this time. You can complete a form on the table across from the Welcome Center and place it at the Welcome Center or give it to Margaret Steinhoff. When paying for the flowers, indicate on your check that the money is for flowers and give the date.

July 29	August 5	September 16
September 23	September 30	October 21
October 28	December 2	December 23

Thank you to those who have already signed up for Sunday flowers and to those who will be doing so.



Business Meeting
July 18th, 2018
7:00PM



“FREEDOM”

What is the proper date of our Independence Day?

In the Bible in Exodus 12:40, the Israelites were in Egypt for 430 years. Most of those years were spent in slavery. They were praying and groaning to God that they will have their freedom. What can we learn from the experience of the Israelites?

A- God sees our every situation and is concerned about our suffering. The Lord said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people and heard them crying about their suffering.” Our God is a God of freedom. God does not want us to be in an oppressive situation – as a victim or the perpetrator. If you are suffering right now, then rest assured that God sees you and is concerned about your situation.

B- God has a wonderful plan for each one of us. God promised to come down to rescue us from the hand of the perpetrators. God is true to His promises, and we can count on Him. Let us claim the promises of God for He will surely bring it into completion.

C- God surely hears our prayers. Let us not think that our prayers are futile. Let us continue on praying for God is listening. Prayer is not a deal. We also need to listen to the responses of God. Let us remember that God can talk to us in many ways, even in mysterious ways. Pray and listen.

D- God sends missionaries with mission to rescue and help other people. This means that God is calling people to lead other people out of their misery, suffering and disappointments. Let it be that as Christians we remember our freedom day and seek out



those who are still in bondage and let them know how it is to be free in Christ Jesus.

May we all experience freedom in Jesus Christ!

Contributed by Romeo Limson

Anniversaries

Salvatore & Veronica Manno	7/13	44 years
Mike & Debbie Metzger	7/21	45 years

*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 July 19th, 2018 at 11:30 am. We will be going to Cheddars, 4590 S. Dupont Highway, Camden, DE. Please let us know if you are able to attend by signing the reservation sheet at the welcome center by Sunday, July 15th 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 06/10/2018, we received \$1,774.00 (goal is \$3800.00) for **One Great Hour of Sharing** and \$2356.00 (goal is \$2375.00) for **Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity**. Our Food Pantry served 24 families (34 adults and 27 children) for the month of May. On May 27, our generous congregation gave \$1033.00 (can purchase 1,407 small Testaments or 394 Bibles) to **The Gideons International**. We served meals at **DIMS** (Homeless Ministry Meals) from May 8 - 13. One of the board members met with the manager of The Preserve of Whatcoat Apartments and discussed **The Good News Club**, a program of **Child Evangelism Fellowship** that teaches the love of Jesus Christ to children. We need empty shoe boxes and Christmas wrapping paper for **Operation Christmas Child 2018**.



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!



Birthdays

Janie Imm	7/02
George Gladding	7/05
Imogene Hutchinson	7/05
Charity King	7/16
John Cannon	4/16
Charles Wright	7/18
Robert Imm, Jr.	7/10
Irv Culver	7/21
Chuck Fithian	7/27
Isaac Yarsiah	7/27
Ikegal Lenyee	7/30
Lester Blakeman, Sr.	7/31
Jerome Dunlap	7/31

Prayer Chain

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



Vacation Bible School First Baptist Church Invites Families To Babylon Daniel's Courage in Captivity

A summer family event called Babylon will be hosted at the First Baptist Church from July 29th - August 2nd, with a presentation August 5th, 11 AM at the morning worship service. Families will step back in time at Babylon, exploring Daniel's adventures as a captive in a foreign land.

Kids and adults participate in a memorable Bible-time Marketplace, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into Bible-time snacks, visit Daniel, and collect Bible Memory Makers to remind them of God's Word. Plus, everyone learns to look for evidence of God all around them through something called **God Sightings**. Each day concludes at Celebration - a time of upbeat worship that gets everyone involved.



Kids and adults at Babylon will join more than a million participants reaching out to needy kids through a hands-on mission project called **Operation Kid-to-Kid**, in which families will raise money to feed families in Haiti.

Babylon will run from 5:30 to 8:00 PM each evening. For more information, call 302-674-1980.

Register today! www.vbspro.events/p/346896

2018 Habitat Family



Hi, my name is Tamara Rodriguez and I have lived in Delaware now for 21 years. I have three children a daughter who is 16 and two sons, 11 and 3. We enjoy having family time which is usually spent at the park, beach, bike riding or taking a walk. We love spending time outside and we try to do our best in everything for ourselves and to help others.

We are currently living in a mobile home which is old, but I do keep it clean and try to do my own maintenance to keep it safe for myself and my kids. There is not enough space for all of us, but we manage. The environment is unsafe for my children especially in the summer when there are cops around all the time usually due to robberies. There is also not a safe place for my children to play outside.

Habitat means to us a fresh start for a new life! It will give us an opportunity to work on our home as we become a homeowner. We will also learn new ways to help others, meet new friends and community members and join the Habitat family. We thank everyone who is graciously giving and volunteering for our home.





In our outreach to our community, we can put physical hands on our prayers this year in association with Habitat for Humanity. We will be part of the build this year on Kirkwood Road in Dover. The dates we need volunteers are Wednesday August 15th & Saturday August 18th. We will need at least 10 people (women and men) for each day. Please coordinate with Willis Case the days you can help. We will have qualified staff at the jobsite. So, anything we will do will be to help and therefore anyone can work those day. Lunch will be provided.

Our part of the agreement with Habitat:

- Pray for this project.
- Communicate with and engage congregation members to work together to make a life-changing impact for a local family.
- Work with Habitat to plan congregation build days and recruit volunteers.
- Through church contribution and/or fundraising efforts, commit to providing \$2,375 toward the Faith Build Generosity Challenge.



When praying, volunteering and funding come together, the results are life changing.

We quickly were able to raise the funds needed on our part last month – THANK YOU! Churches throughout the Dover area are participating like us to provide a family in need a home. They also are providing funds and volunteers to build this home. The family is the Rodriguez family, a single mom with 3 children. Her name is Tamara Rodriguez and she has lived in Delaware for 21 years. She has three children: a daughter who is 16 and two sons, 11 and 3. More information and their picture are included in the newsletter. We are hoping to invite them to FBC this summer they can see our church and

Please put hands and feet on your prayers this year in participating in the Habitat build for the Rodriguez family. If you have any questions, please contact Percy Navarro, Pastor Dan or myself.

Mike Metzger

Here's what's happening in July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship	2 7:00 Deacon's (Library)	3	4  Holiday - Church Office Closed	5 7:00 Narcotics Anon	6	7 8:00 Children's Choice (Fellowship Hall)
8 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Blood Pressure Screening	9 7:00 Visitation Teams	10 5:00 Board of Missions	11 6:00 Bag & Bible 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children	12 7:00 Narcotics Anon	13 AMBW of PA/DE Conference	14 10:00 Children's Choice (Fellowship Hall) AMBW of PA/DE Conference
15 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:30 Service of Healing Prayer AMBW of PA/DE Conference 5:00 Trustees	16 1:00 Comfort Shawl Ministry 6:30 Board of Christian Education 7:00 Visitation Teams	17  July Newsletter Articles Due	18 6:00 Bag Dinner 7:00 Business Meeting	19  11:30 XYZ 7:00 Narcotics Anon	20 5:00 MS Support Group	21
22 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship	23 5:30 Quilt Guild 7:00 Visitation Teams	24	25 6:00 Bag & Bible 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children	26 7:00 Narcotics Anon	27	28
29 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship	30 7:00 Visitation Teams	31 6:00 Children's Choice				

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.