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The First Baptist Church of Dover

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From the Pastor's Desk Reverend Daniel Taylor



September

They're back! In early mornings and in the middle of the afternoon, the school buses are running and the children are back in school. Being more alert while driving will help as the buses make frequent stops and the students are pre-occupied while walking especially in their excitement to get home.

This fall we are making plans to spend some quality time with some of the young students just a block and a half away at Fairview Elementary School. Through the ministry of the Child Evangelism Fellowship the Board of Missions has explored starting a Good News Club to be able to offer Bible teaching and after school fun to students whose parents choose for them to be a part of this new opportunity. Volunteer helpers and teachers are needed and training sessions are offered to prepare those who want to share in this ministry. Please contact Percy Navarro for additional information.

Financial Peace University classes will once again be offered here at the First Baptist Church of Dover. These video courses, taught by Dave Ramsey, encourage the wise use of the financial resources one has and how to get out of so that one can live and give in new ways. Singles, couples, recent college grads, those with children and those with grandchildren – anyone can learn new ways to be good stewards of what God has provided. The courses will be offered on Sunday evenings from 5–7 PM beginning on September 16. For additional information, contact Rebecca Taylor.



Each of us has a friend or an acquaintance who does not have a church home. This month we want to make a special effort to invite those friends to join us in worship and to join us as we reach out and serve the community in new ways.

More than just inviting someone to church, we want to make sure that they have the privilege of being introduced to Christ. Think of that person, that couple or that family that you want to invite and pray for them and tell them that they will be your guests on Sunday, September 23 on Invite-a-Friend Sunday. Thank you to Mike Metzger for being at the forefront of this effort for our congregation. See you in church.



The Apostle Paul, in his letters, said thank you in special ways to the people of the churches that he addressed. He had a very unique relationship with each of them and it showed in how he connected with them. So many times I feel the same way. I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus. (1 Corinthians 1.4) At the beginning of this month we begin our seventh year together in this wonderful relationship. Rebecca and I are so very thankful for you and for the ministry we share here. Thank you for your support and for your prayers as we continue this journey together. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. (2 Corinthians 4.1)

In the Hope of Christ,

Rev. Taylor

Welcome Back Ladies!

I hope you all had a restful and relaxing summer. Circle meetings will resume this month. Check the time and location in the area to the right. The Board has set a busy calendar for the upcoming year. ABWM Sunday is scheduled for September 16th. Our guest speaker will be Leslie Turley, Area Director for Southeast Asia & Japan, and former IM missionary to Okinawa. We are excited to have her speak.

This is the second year for our Ministry Focus Theme "Feel/Siente". Our Regional Project this year is **Partnering with Puerto Rico**. The goal is \$15,000 and the money raised will be used to help rebuild a small rural plant church from the larger city of Gurabo. After Hurricane Maria swept through their country, all that was left of their little church was the concrete bathrooms, and even that had no roof left. This small church, Iglesias

Bautistade Masas II, that had been built in 1996, lost everything due to the devastating power of Hurricane Maria. It will take years to rebuild but we are hoping to help give a start. The region is trying to plan a mission trip there in the spring. Look for information, in case you are interested in participating.

I hope you have a wonderful year with the ladies in your circle. Be sure to ask those who are not already part of a circle to join. Offer to pick them up for meetings. Remember, all events, such as setting up the Chrismon Trees in the sanctuary, our Day of Renewal in February, making Chocolate Easter Eggs, and our end of the year dinner are open to all the ladies of the church, regardless if they are a member of a circle.

Have a Blessed Day!

Margaret E. Steinhoff, President of ABWM of FBC

Bonar/Niles Circle

Sept. 11th, 10:00 AM

Meeting at the home of
Jo Rolison

Katherine is a missionary to the
Democratic Republic
of the Congo
Leader: Jo Rolison



Joyce Reed Circle

Sept. 8th, 10:00 AM

at the Hall Restaurant, Wyoming, DE
Joyce is a missionary to IberoAmerica
and
the Caribbean
Leader: Sue Moore



Ann Clemmer Circle

Sept. 6th, 1:30 PM

Church Library
Ann is a missionary to Eastern
Congo & South Sudan
Leader: Lois Glading



Susan Harding Circle

Sept. 11th, 10:00 AM

Fellowship Hall

Susan is a missionary
to Alaska.

Leader: Norma Jean Courtney





“REST is ESSENTIAL”

Most people are exhausted at the end of summer; for it means vacation time is over, now it is time to rest and relax.

Yes, the Bible is teaching us to rest because rest is essential.

Our modern life is characterized as an "always busy" life. We crave that our phones will ring, an email will arrive, a notification from Facebook pops up or a Tweet will appear. We have fallen in love with multitasking as if we are Microsoft Windows. Sometimes, the irony is that because of our busy routine, no work has been done. We are busy with meetings, and oftentimes we are lazy with the implementations. Nevertheless, management principles tell us that productive, effective and efficient workers are those that are well-rested. This is the reason why we have vacation breaks, paid leaves and so on.

REST

The Bible says in Exodus 34:21 “Six days you shall labor, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even during the plowing season and harvest you must rest.”

What does rest means?

Rest is no idleness. Rest is best associated with re-creation and to gain new ideas.

Rest is also about relaxation. Jesus said, “Do not worry...for who can add a single hour to his life by worrying?” None. To worry is subtract hours from our lives.

We also need to lighten up and find humor in life. As the saying says, “Laughter is the best medicine.” This saying is inspired by Proverbs 17:22 that says “A cheerful disposition is good for your health; gloom and doom leave you bone-tired” or in another translation “A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.”

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To rest is also to retreat and commune with God. Jesus Christ would always retreat into the mountain alone to pray. This means that we need "alone time" in order to reflect and evaluate our lives. We also need to be patient when we pray -- for prayer is awaiting the command of God.

May God bless us all as we find time to rest.

Contributed by Romeo Limson

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 at 1PM 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 September 20th, 2018 at 11:30 am. We will be going to Longhorn Steak House, 505 N. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE. Please let us know if you are able to attend by signing the reservation sheet at the welcome center by Sunday, September 15th or by calling the church office. All persons available during the day are invited to attend.

Board of Missions

Percy Navarro, Co-Chairman



Back to School Supplies: A huge and beautiful box for kids' school supplies is in the Narthex.

DIMH (Evening Meals): Our congregation served meals from August 6 – August 12. A big THANK YOU to those who participated in serving the homeless here in Dover.

Food Pantry: There were 21 families served (31 Adults and 20 Children) for the month of July.

Good News Club: The last training date is Sept. 8th, 2018. Sign-up sheet and Training Agenda are available in the Welcome Center. If God is calling you to participate in the lives of the kids in Fairview Elementary School, please sign-up and be filled with joy in sharing Jesus to these kids.



Operation Christmas Child:



Christmas wrapped empty shoe boxes are available at the Narthex. Please **do not** include the following items in your shoe boxes: *Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures;*

chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.



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

Meals for the Men's Homeless Shelter

THANK YOU to the approximately 45 First Baptist families who assisted in some way with the meals last week at the DIMH Men's Shelter.

We appreciate your contributions and prayers as we prepared seven evening meals for about 40 people each evening. Our next week of evening meals at the Shelter will be Sunday through Saturday, November 4-10. Please plan to help us again, as we share the love of Christ in a most tangible way with the men.



Nancy Culver and Lois Glading

Looking for FUN????



Do you enjoy having tons of fun and laughter, plus a little competition? If so, please join our 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 next Game Day will be September 4th, 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 prayer 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.



Wednesday Night Dinners will begin again on Sept. 12th, at 6 PM. Watch for the menu in the Sunday Bulletin and sign up on the registration form. The cost is \$4.00 per person or \$10.00 for a family. The food is good, the price is right, and the fellowship can't be beat.



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

SECRET PLACE DEVOTION

1 Corinthians 3: 5-9

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. 1 Corinthians 3:7

Miss Mildred, the Sunday church school teacher of my teen years, always held a special place in my heart. I never forgot her lessons, nor did I forget her own powerful example as a strong Christian woman. Recently, twenty-five years after I last saw her, we reconnected.

"I never knew if any of my students absorbed what I taught," Miss Mildred commented after I told her how I'd dedicated my life to Christ. "I remember some students looking out the window and others checking their watches, eager for dismissal time," she joked. "But to hear about you and to know that at least one of the seeds I planted took root is truly my reward."

All too often we engage in ministry without ever knowing the end result. Like Miss Mildred, we may wonder if we were just wasting our time. But perhaps we are not meant to know. Rather, we are called to step out in faith and sow a seed. God will take care of the rest.

PRAYER: Faithful God, thank you for people who are faithful to your call. Amen.

Monica A. Andermann-North Bellmore, New York

*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 if you can help. Church Office - 302-674-1980.

Anniversaries




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| Dick & Gloria | Smith | 9/7 |
| Scot & Michele | Septer | 9/22 |

Birthdays

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|--------------------|------|
| Aubriella Clark | 9/01 |
| Debbie Metzger | 9/02 |
| Diane Fithian | 9/03 |
| Percy Navarro | 9/03 |
| Barbara Hart | 9/04 |
| Mary Stewart | 9/09 |
| Aaron King, Jr. | 9/10 |
| Alice Murphy | 9/15 |
| Efenita Navarro | 9/16 |
| Jennifer Moscrip | 9/19 |
| Lorraine Steinhoff | 9/22 |
| Glenda Case | 9/25 |
| Mary Emma Tisinger | 9/26 |
| Carolyn Akers | 9/28 |



Here's what's happening in September

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 8:00 Children's Choice (Fellowship Hall) |
| 2 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 4:00 Church Picnic | 3 | 4  3:00 Game Day Group (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Visitation Teams | 5 9:30 CBS Leaders Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 Bag & Bible 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children (Fellowship Hall) | 6 1:30 Ann Clemmer Circle (Library) 7:00 Narcotics Anon (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir | 7 | 8 9:00 Landscape Workday 10:00 Children's Choice (Fellowship Hall) 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Halls Rest., Wyoming, DE) |
| 9 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Blood Pressure Screening 7:00 Chrysalis | 10 7:00 Deacons (Library) 7:00 Visitation Teams | 11 10:00 Bonar/Niles Circle (Home of Jo Rolison) 10:00 Susan Harding Circle (Fellowship Hall) 5:00 Missions Mtg (Conference Room) | 12 9:30 CBS Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 10:00 Stewardship Meeting (Sanctuary) 6:00 Bag & Bible 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children (Fellowship Hall) | 13 8:00 Children's Choice (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Narcotics Anon (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir | 14 | 15 9:00 Coordinating Committee (Library) |
| 16 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Service of Healing Prayer 5:00 Financial Peach University 7:00 Trustees Mtg 7:00 Chrysalis | 17  October Newsletter Articles Due 1:00 Comfort Shawl Ministry 6:30 Board of Christian Education 7:00 Visitation Teams | 18 1:00 Sister of Ruth | 19 9:30 CBS Meeting (Sanctuary) 6:00 Bag & Bible 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children (Fellowship Hall) | 20  11:30 XYZ Longhorn Steak House, Dover, DE 7:00 Narcotics Anon 7:00 Sanctuary Choir | 21 5:00 MS Support Group | 22 12:30 Wedding |
| 23 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 5:00 Financial Peach University 7:00 Chrysalis | 24 7:00 Visitation Teams | 25 6:00 Children's Choice | 26 9:30 Community Bible Study Meeting (Sanctuary) 6:00 Bag & Bible 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children (Fellowship Hall) | 27 7:00 Narcotics Anon (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir | 28 | 29 |
| 30 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 5:00 Financial Peach University 7:00 Chrysalis | | | | | | |

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.