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The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

October 2018

From the Pastor's Desk Reverend Daniel Taylor



October

When I served for a number of years as Minister of Mission Support among the churches of the American Baptist Churches of Ohio I really enjoyed October. It was an absolutely beautiful time to travel the roads across the state to different churches and to share in Association and Regional meetings. Also, that was the time when I was privileged to spend time with our International Ministries missionaries who had come to promote the World Mission Offering. As I traveled with them I would hear amazing stories about how God was at work in different types of ministry in locations around the world. Then I would get to use those first-hand stories and pass them on to other gatherings.



I always enjoyed the times that I could share with Rev. Ray Schellinger. He initially would tell of the work that he and his wife, Dr. Adalia Gutierrez Lee, were doing in Nicaragua. As they transitioned in their ministry we learned of the establishment of Deborah's House in Tijuana, Mexico and the assistance that was given to women and children. That ministry is now 12 years old. Members of this congregation have visited there on a work trip a few years ago and we still support the work there.



When I came to Dover I quickly learned that Ray's mother, Gaynor, was a part of this congregation and I have enjoyed the times that Ray, Adalia and their daughters have surprised us to just visit in worship and with family. On Sunday, October 7 Ray will be our guest preacher in worship as we begin our promotion of this year's World Mission Offering. He will be sharing from

his new area of responsibility as the International Ministries global consultant for Immigrants and Refugees. Ray networks with his IM colleagues and international partners that serve with refugees and displaced peoples, helping to strengthen their ministries, find needed resources and build up their capacity.

Join us in worship on the first Sunday of October to hear Ray and as he and I share at the Lord's Table with you.

As we think of the mission of the church, on Wednesday evenings we are walking through the Acts of the Apostles in our study. We are learning about how the Good News of Jesus began to move from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. It's an exciting, compelling story that Luke has given us and certainly worth sharing. Join us.

See you in church!

In the Hope of Christ,

Rev. Taylor



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.

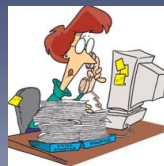
Church office hours are: Monday- 8:00 until 12 noon, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9 until 3 pm., Friday, 9 until 5 pm.

DON'T MISS GAME DAY!!!



Gather together for fun and fellowship on the first Tuesday of each month at 3:00 pm. Our next get together is Tuesday, October 2, at 3:00pm. Please come join us for lots of fun and laughs as we enjoy playing different games and having

fellowship with one another. If you have any questions, please contact the Secretary, Vicky Smith. We look forward to having you join us! 302-674-1980



A Reminder from the Secretary's Desk

In order for your announcement to be included in the monthly newsletter, please submit it to the Secretary's Office no later than the 15th of the month. Newsletters will be posted the last week of the month.

To ensure place of your announcement for the Sunday bulletin it must be submitted by 3:00PM Wednesday.

If possible, please submit articles and announcements by email to secretary@fbcdover.org or place in the Secretary's mailbox.



Coordinating Committee

November 10th, 9:00 AM

Bonar/Niles Circle

October 2nd, 10:00 AM

Meeting at the home of
Twyla Hinzman

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



Joyce Reed Circle

October 6th, 10:00 AM

Meeting in Great Truth's Classroom
Joyce is a missionary to IberoAmerica
and
the Caribbean
Leader: Sue Moore

Ann Clemmer Circle

October 4th, 1:30 PM

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



Susan Harding Circle

October 9th, 10:00 AM

Fellowship Hall
Susan is a missionary
to Alaska.
Leader: Norma Jean Courtney



“Let Us Elect Godly Leaders”

How should we elect our leaders? Let us ELECT those who:

E - Elevate the status of the marginalized. It cannot be denied that there are many poor people in our country. Maybe some of them are victims of their own complacency, but for sure majority of the poor are victims of government corruption, and excessive politicking of our politicians. We need leaders who can bring those who are in the margins to the main page.

L - Love God and others. The Greatest Commandment among the many commandments in the Bible is to love God with all our being, and to love others as we love ourselves. We should strive to be the person who fulfills this commandment every day. We pray that this would be the goal of our government officials.

E - Espouses moral values. In Deuteronomy 17:17, one of the qualifications that God put forth for kings of Israel is that "He must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray. He must not accumulate large amounts of silver and gold." Let us elect leaders who fear the Lord and are not immoral.

C - Commit to a better tomorrow. Leaders should be people who envisions a tomorrow better than today and yesterday. Again, Deuteronomy 17:16b says that the king "must not...make the people return to Egypt...for the Lord has told you," You are not to go back that way again." Yes, let us elect leaders who can bring us a better future.

T - Trust in the Lord. Deuteronomy 17 also requires the leader to read the Word of God "all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the Lord his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees and not consider himself better than his fellowmen and turn from the law to the right or to the left." We need leaders who are exemplary in their faith and conduct.

Let us pray for our country and let us pray that the next set of leaders that we will elect today will guide us in a rough or calm environment and bring us to a better life.

May God bless us all.

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 October 18th, 2018 at 11:30 am. We will be going to Franco's, 1708 E. Lebanon Rd., Dover, DE (behind McDonald's, close to Dover AFB). 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.

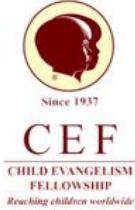
Board of Missions

Percy Navarro, Co-Chairman



Food Pantry: August: 31 families: 44 adults and 43 children were served.

Good News Club: Twelve signed up and seven attended. Trainings were done on Aug. 25, Sept. 8, at Christ Memorial Church. Attendees filled and signed the "Child Protection Policy". There will be additional training because our group is new to the GNC program.



Back to School Supplies: Two trips to Big Brothers Big Sisters were made by Tammy Myers.

Cabinet Display: Glenda Case & Ed Gerhard are working on the next display.

Comfort Prayer Shawl Program: Will be part of the Board of Missions

Make a Difference Day: October - Willie Case

ABWM: Leslie Turley was the guest speaker on September 16, 2018

World Mission Offering: Ray Schellenger will be the guest speaker on October 7, 2018

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.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

Danny & Victoria Macklin	7 years	10/15
Cliff & Violet Cannon	63 years	10/22
Gerri Lee	10/02	
Joyce Lake	10/04	
Dorothy Loy	10/08	
Beryl Gerhard	10/09	
Shannon Murphy	10/09	
Jaxon Gedney	10/09	
Jake Fithian	10/10	
Dan Taylor	10/10	
Michelle Rogers	10/10	
Dorothy Kerr	10/12	
Pat Roberts	10/15	
Liooul Tilahun	10/21	
Gladys Hutchins	10/27	
Debbie Geiser	10/29	
Cameron Lentz	10/30	

As I near my one year anniversary serving you and this church as your secretary, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude and thankfulness for the love and kindness you have shown to me. Your patience, understanding and assistance as I have been learning this job, has been so appreciated.

You are all my family in Christ and I am so thankful that the Lord opened this door for me to return to the Church I grew up in and the loving, kind people that are a part of the family. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and may the Lord bless you!

Vicky Smith, Secretary



Bible Bingo

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, October 19, 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. Remember to bring an attractively wrapped white elephant gift to help with the prizes and grab bags. Please put October 19 on your calendar. More information and sign-up sheets will follow as the date approaches.

Gerri Lee, Rep, Board of Christian Ed

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

Here's what's happening in October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 Deacons (Library) 7:00 Visitation Teams	2 10:00 Bonar/Niles Circle @ Twyla Hinzman's  3:00 Game Day Group (Fellowship Hall)	3 8:30 CBS Leaders Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children (Fellowship Hall)	4 1:30 Ann Clemmer Circle (Library) 7:00 Narcotics Anon (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	5 10:00 Finance Committee (Conference Room)	6 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Great Truth's)
7 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 5:00 Financial Peace University (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Chrystalis	8 7:00 Visitation Teams	9 10:00 Susan Harding Circle (Fellowship Hall) 5:00 Missions Mtg (Conference Room)	10 8:30 CBS Leaders Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 10:00 Stewardship Committee (Conference Room) 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Qtr.Business Mtg.	11  3:00 Game Day 2 (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Narcotics Anon (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	12	13 9:00 Landscape Workday
14 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Blood Pressure Screening 5:00 Financial Peace University (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Chrystalis	15 November Newsletter Articles Due  1:00 Comfort Shawl Ministry 6:30 Board of Christian Education 7:00 Visitation Teams	16 1:00 Sisters of Ruth 2:00 Table Steward's Training	17 9:30 CBS Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children (Fellowship Hall)	18  11:30 XYZ Franco's, Dover, DE 7:00 Narcotics Anon (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	19 5:00 MS Support Group 6:00 Bible Bingo (Fellowship Hall) 	20 Wedding
21 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Service of Healing Prayer 5:00 Financial Peace University (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Chrystalis	22 5:30 Quilt Guild 7:00 Visitation Teams	23 8:00 State of Delaware (Adoption Services)	24 9:30 CBS Meeting (Sanctuary) 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children (Fellowship Hall)	25 7:00 Narcotics Anon (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	26	27
28 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 5:00 Financial Peace University (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Chrystalis	29 7:00 Visitation Teams	30 6:00 Children's Choice	31 9:30 Community Bible Study Meeting (Sanctuary) 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children (Fellowship Hall)			

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.