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The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

November 2018

From the Pastor's Desk Reverend Daniel Taylor



It is November and I am thankful, but that's not reserved just for this month. I am thankful for so much just as each of you. God's love, goodness and blessings are with us always as is affirmed in Psalm 136.1- O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

As I write this missive we have just gone through a week when we were all consumed by violence. There were at least 14 bombs sent through the mail to individuals across the country. The threat to the recipients as well as to the postal workers and others was very real even though the bombs did not explode. The levels of hate and division are growing and we need to heed the command of Jesus to love one another. Martin Luther King said "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear." Together let us ponder ways that we can reach out to those across our community who need to know that God loves them.

During this month, in the life of our congregation, we will be looking at different ways to Celebrate Generosity. That is the



theme that your Stewardship Committee is using to highlight the ministries that we share as a part of the First Baptist Church of Dover. Each week worship themes will be on God's generosity and our generous response. On Sunday evening, November 11, we will share a Stewards Dinner Party in the Fellowship Hall at 5 PM. Many of you will be receiving a call with a special invitation and to confirm your reservation for the evening. Dinner, catered by Where Pigs Fly, and a special program highlighting the work of the Boards and Committees of the church and the proposed spending plan for 2019 will be shared that evening. Also a commitment card for our 2019 shared ministry will be

distributed and we will receive those in our worship service on Sunday, November 18. Plan to share together around the tables at the Stewards Dinner Party.

Remember that Veterans Day this year is on Sunday, November 11 and this is the 100th Anniversary of the WWI Armistice. That agreement was signed at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. That was the war to end all wars and yet many more have been waged over the past century. As we remember and honor our veterans may we continue to pray for peace.



Before we know it, the Advent season and preparation for Christmas will be upon us. On the first Sunday of Advent, December 2, we encourage you to reach out and make sure your friends and family are all in worship with us as together we begin to share the greatest story that

has ever been written. On that day we want to make sure that those who don't know the story of the birth of Jesus are with us. Invite a Friend, meet them at the door or bring them with you. Let's fill the pews as we sing joyous songs

of the season and hear of those who first heard of the coming of Jesus into the world. Together let's make Advent a very special time for everyone who comes to Sunday School and worship. Remember – Jesus, the light of the world is coming. Who will you invite? See you in church!

In the Hope of Christ, Rev. Taylor



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.

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, November 6, 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

Meals for the Men's Homeless Shelter



First Baptist will be preparing and serving the evening meals at the Dover Interfaith Men's Homeless Shelter, 684 Forest Street, Dover on the following days: Sunday, November 4; Tuesday and Wednesday, November 6 and 7; and Friday and Saturday, November 9 and 10 (5 nights). We can use your help by providing food, money to purchase meat and other items, and/or helping with the final meal preparation and serving the meal at the Shelter. Please check at the Welcome Center to see what is still needed. Your participation in some way will make our task of providing dinner for 50 each evening much easier. Plus, you will be blessed, as we share the love of Jesus in a very tangible way with these men. Questions?

Contact Nancy Culver or Lois Glading.



"Thanksgiving Reasons and Ways"

Psalm 75: 1-3 teaches us to thank God. "We thank you, O God!" Here are four reasons that the Psalmist has given:

First - We give thanks because God is always with us. A reason that "We give thanks because our God is near."

Second - We give thanks because we can see God's amazing works in our life and in the lives of other people and also says that "People everywhere tell of God's wonderful deeds."

Third - We give thanks because God, in His own time, will bring justice and gives us this assurance -- God says, "At the time I have planned, I will bring justice against the wicked."

Fourth - We give thanks because our hope is in God that gives us the confidence -- "When the earth quakes and its people live in turmoil, I am the one who keeps its foundations firm."

Psalm 75: 4 & 9 also teaches us three ways of thanking God:

1. We must thank God by not boasting and acting in defiance against God and it says, "I warned the proud, 'Stop your boasting!' I told the wicked, 'Don't raise your fists.'"

2. We must thank God by telling others what God has done and is doing in our lives and that recounts what the Psalmist did- "But as for me, I will always proclaim what God has done."

3. We must thank God by singing songs of praises and thanksgiving that also challenges us to sing -- "I will sing praises to God, our heavenly Father"

May God bless us all as we celebrate the day of Thanksgiving.

Contributed by Romeo Limson



Coordinating Committee

November 10th, 9:00 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 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 November 15th, 2018 at 11:30 am. We will be going to Frazier's, Treadway Tower, 9 E. Lockerman Street, Dover, DE. Please let us know if you are able to attend by signing the reservation sheet at the welcome center by Sunday, November 11th or by calling the church office. All persons available during the day are invited to attend.



**YOU are invited to the
Steward's Dinner Party**

**Sunday, November 11, 5:00 pm, Davis
Fellowship Hall**

Join us for a delicious dinner, catered by Where Pigs Fly, and a program to "Celebrate Generosity".

The cost is \$10 per person or \$25 for a family of 3 or more. Paid reservations are due to your Table Steward or Agnes Robinson by **Sunday, November 4.**

A supervised nursery with a pizza supper will be provided for children through Grade 3. There is no charge for the children's program, but reservations are required.

How has God been generous to you in the days/years of the past? How do you respond to God's generosity? Join us in worship during November as we "Celebrate Generosity" and are challenged to respond to God's generous giving in new and meaningful ways.

I wanted to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all those who have supported me during my most recent medical procedure. I appreciated, beyond words, all the prayers, expressions of kindness and support in both words and deeds, phone calls, visits, rides to/from medical appointments and food deliveries I received during this time. There are never sufficient words in the English language to adequately express the depth of my appreciation, gratitude and thankfulness that I am surrounded, encouraged and loved by my brothers and sisters in Christ at First Baptist Church and have been shown expressions of those qualities and that love in so many diverse and all-encompassing ways. But most of all, I am eternally thankful that we, as believers, have a loving, supportive and healing triune God that answers both the prayers and needs of His people. To God Be the Glory always! Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

In His Service always, John Kelley



Birthdays

Gilbert	Hutchins	11/03
Caleb	Septer	11/06
Mary	Bernard	11/07
Sarah	Prescott	11/07
Michelle	Septer	11/07
Alice	Murphy	11/08
Ken	Kemp	11/10
Tyler	Myers	11/12
Gene	Moore	11/15
Angela	Allen	11/17
Larry	Buckley	11/19
Biruk	Tilahun	11/26
Romeo	Limson	11/30

Anniversaries

Willie & Glenda Case	57 yrs.	11/17
Lester & Karen Blakeman	51 yrs.	11/25
Edward & Beryl Gerhard	42 yrs.	11/27
Phil & Margaret Steinhoff	44 yrs.	11/30

Service of Healing

*If you're in need of special prayer for healing,
please the church office at 302- 674-1980.*

*Dear Lord, Please
wrap your arms around
those who are hurting
today, and let them feel
how much your
love them.*



Joyce Reed Circle

**November 3rd,
10:00 AM**

Meeting in Great Truth's
Classroom

Joyce is a missionary to
IberoAmerica and
the Caribbean

Leader: Sue Moore

Bonar/Niles Circle

**November 6th,
10:00 AM**

Meeting at the home of
Beryl Gerhard

Katherine is a missionary to the
Democratic Republic
of the Congo

Leader: Jo Rolison



Susan Harding Circle

**November 13th,
10:00 AM**

Fellowship Hall

Susan is a missionary
to Alaska.

Leader: Norma Jean Courtney

Ann Clemmer Circle

**November 1st,
1:30 PM**

Church Library

Ann is a missionary to Eastern
Congo & South Sudan

Leader: Lois Glading



Happy Fall!

November starts and ends
with events for the ladies of
the church. Baptist
Women's Day of Prayer is
on Monday, November 5th.

You will have received a packet on Sunday, October
28th following the morning worship service. It will
contain a program, prayer requests and a tea bag. Please
set some quiet time aside on November 5th to fix
yourself a cup of tea, read through the information in the
pack, and pray. Know that women all over the world are
also praying with you that day. Those in circles will
have a program at your November meeting on the
Baptist Women's Day of Prayer. There will be a special
offering taken at that meeting for this celebration.

Then, on November 30th at 10 a.m., we invite all the
ladies of the church to help with the decorating of the
Chrismon Trees in the sanctuary. This means that the
following Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. Come
be a part of decorating the church for the season. The
celebration of Christ's birth will be here before we know
it. This is a good way to remember the Reason for the
Season.

Have a blessed November!

A special "Thank You" to all who
provided food and help
before, during and after the
luncheon following the
Celebration of Life
Service for Debbie
Beaver. I know the family
was very appreciative, as was I.



She was a very special lady who will be greatly missed.

Margaret E. Steinhoff

President of ABWM of FBC

INVITE YOUR FRIEND

We have been looking at inviting people to meet the Savior at FBC. We need to refocus our efforts and while we should be inviting our friends, family, neighbors and coworkers anytime, let's look at what will be happening soon – Christmas.



The first Sunday of Advent is December 2nd. The church will be decorated, the message starts heading toward the birth of our Lord, and this will be just the start of the Advent season with its many special events. What can you do today? You can decide and focus on

who you are being called to invite on December 2nd. Start praying daily for him or her. When you get ready to actually talk to them about the invite, the path will already be paved in prayer, the church will be ready, and the Holy Spirit will be waiting there for the both of you.

The Parable of the Great Banquet (ESV)

12 “He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. 13 But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.” 15 When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” 16 But he said to him, “A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. 17 And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ 18 But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’ 19 And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’ 20 And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ 21 So the servant came

and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’ 22 And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ 23 And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.’ 24 For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’

So, you may invite someone, and they might have an excuse(s) like in this parable.

So, have it thought out. Be prepared for any excuse.

Tell them that you will pick them up at 10:30 on that Sunday morning. If, for some reason, they can't make it



in the morning, invite them to the Christmas Tea on December 9th at 4:30. Christmas Eve is another great time and a very special time. We want to bring all the people we know to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. When we get to heaven, we would have great sadness if we at least didn't make the attempt to make the invitation for them to meet Jesus.

Mike Metzger

2018 Annual Turkey Request



The food pantry will provide 25 Thanksgiving baskets and 25 Christmas baskets for local families in need. Baskets will include all the items needed for a holiday meal, including a turkey and dessert.

Non- perishable food will be provided by the food pantry. Frozen turkey donations are requested, please begin looking for sale prices of turkeys during November and December and donate 1 or 2 turkeys to help fill the baskets.

Call Willis Case with any questions 302 - 734 - 2908

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.



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 with the goal of posting the newsletter by the 25th of the month.



Please email your articles to Vicky Smith at secretary@fbcdover.org

Here's what's happening in November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1:30 Ann Clemmer Circle (Library) 7:00 Narcotics Anon (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	2	3 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Great Truth's
4 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 5:00 Financial Peace University (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Chrysalis	5 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer 7:00 Deacons (Library) 7:00 Visitation Teams	6 10:00 Bonar/Niles Circle @ Beryl Gerhard's  3:00 Game Day Group (Fellowship Hall)	7 9:30 CBS Leaders Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 10:00 Stewardship Committee (Conference Room) 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children	8  3:00 Game Day 2 (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Narcotics Anon (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	9	10 9:00 Coordinating Committee 9:00 Landscape Workday
11 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Blood Pressure Screening 5:00 Stewardship Dinner (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Chrysalis	12 7:00 Visitation Teams	13 10:00 Susan Harding Circle (Fellowship Hall) 5:00 Missions Mtg (Conference Room)	14 9:30 CBS Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children (Fellowship Hall)	15 11:30 XYZ Frazier's, Dover, DE 7:00 Narcotics Anon (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir December Newsletter Articles Due 	16 5:00 MS Support Group	17 5:00 DSU Gospel Fest (Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall)
18 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Service of Healing Prayer 7:00 Chrysalis	19 1:00 Comfort Shawl Ministry 6:30 Board of Christian Education 7:00 Visitation Teams	20 1:00 Nominating Committee Meeting	21 9:30 CBS Meeting (Sanctuary) 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children (Fellowship Hall)	22  Church Office Closed	23	24
25 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 7:00 Chrysalis	26 5:30 Quilt Guild 7:00 Visitation Teams	27 1:30 R.U.T.H Annual Thanks-Christmas Covered Dish Luncheon (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 Children's Choice	28 9:30 Community Bible Study Meeting (Sanctuary) 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children (Fellowship Hall)	29 7:00 Narcotics Anon (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	30 10:00 Decorating the Chrismon Trees in the Sanctuary 	

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.