



# The First Baptist Church of Dover

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Newsletter**

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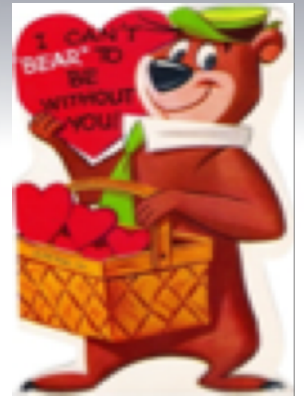
## From the Pastor's Desk

Reverend Daniel Taylor



february

I have always enjoyed February. I liked February when I was growing up because it would usually snow a lot during that month in West Virginia and there were good chances that we'd have snow days. Also when we were in elementary school it was a month filled with days honoring Presidents Lincoln and Washington and then of course, Valentine's Day. Our mothers would provide refreshments for a party and in our school we each created a special "Valentine Mail Box" at home. Mom or Dad would usually help with it and we brought it on the day of the party. Oh yes, we also bought special packs of those little cards and carefully picked out ones for each of our classmates. Mom made sure I prepared one for each and every person in my class. Of course, extra care was taken for a few of the pretty girls in class (it never helped). We would all go around the room and deliver our cards to the boxes and then later open them carefully to see if there were any special notes included.



Over the years that simple lesson of a card for everyone helped me grasp how much God loves each of us without exception. No matter who, no matter the background, no matter the language spoken, the economic situation or even the country in which they were born, God loves everyone. The only thing that God asks in return is that we follow the commandment that was affirmed in Luke 10.27 - 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.

Paul wrote this to the Galatians (5.14) For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." It sure sounds easy, but it's difficult to love other people and at times it's especially tough to love ourselves.

At the Annual Meeting of the church last month those gathered affirmed a working draft of a vision statement that will give us lots to work with in the coming days. Coming from both the Great Commandment (shared above) and also the Great Commission (Matthew 28.18-20), the statement is this – **Loving God, Loving People, Making Disciples**. It is a vision to work towards and a small team will be recruited to begin to flesh this out and help all of us understand how we can live it out individually and as a congregation. More about this and how we can show our love for others will be shared in the coming days.

May God surround you with overwhelming love during these days as we worship, learn and serve together.

*In the Peace and Hope of Christ, Rev. Taylor*



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**First Baptist Church of Dover Delaware**



## *“Let Us Love Ourselves Also”*

Depression is real and a number one factor in suicide.

The Bible teaches us to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Other English Bible translations say, “Love your neighbor as you love yourself.” This means that we ought to love ourselves also. Furthermore, this presupposes that we cannot fully love our neighbors if we do not love ourselves.

Does this mean that I have to be egocentric or narcissistic? No. The Bible warns us of this. Paul wrote to Timothy, “... in the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud. They will consider nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that. Paul also wrote to the Philippian church, “Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves”.

What then are some of the things that Bible teaches us how to love ourselves? Let me mention a few.

*First* - believe that you are created in the image of God.

As such, our lives matter and we have a purpose to fulfill in this lifetime.

Matthew reminds us of our worth in the eyes of God. Jesus said, “And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Therefore, don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” Let us not feel worthless and insignificant. We can also claim the promise of God to Jeremiah (29:11) “For I know the plan I have for you saith the Lord, plan to prosper you and not harm you, plan to give you hope and a future.” This wonderful plan is also for each one of us.

*Second* - do not hate yourself but feed and take care of it. Let us watch what we eat, and remember to exercise. We can observe that it was only recorded once that Jesus rode a donkey. All throughout his life on earth, he was just walking. In Ephesians Paul wrote that Jesus Christ cares for the church because it is His body. In the same manner Paul reiterates that “No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it...”

In the creation account, God designed us to eat healthy foods; “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food...I give every green plant for food.” In discussing about food, Paul argues that “Everything is permissible but not everything is beneficial”.

*May God bless us all as we go out every day determined to love God, love others and love ourselves.*

*Contributed by Romeo Limson*

## **Board of Missions**

**Percy Navarro, Co-Chairman**



**CEF**  
CHILD EVANGELISM  
FELLOWSHIP  
*Reaching children worldwide*

Fairview Elementary School’s Good News Club hosted 15 children, ages 5-9 since our first meeting in October. We are sharing the love of Christ through Bible lessons, music, activities and showing an interest in their lives. Please pray for the team members that God will grant us wisdom and a spirit of discernment as we bring the Gospel to these precious young children and that they will receive the Good News with open hearts.



Retired  
Ministers &  
Missionaries  
Offering  
2018

**Received \$2491.00**  
**Thank you for your**  
**generosity.**

**Christmas Card Ministry**  
**\$1,340.00**



**Serving 21 families**  
**20 adults**  
**21 children**





## Joyce Reed Circle February 2nd, 9:00 AM

Meeting at Fellowship Hall  
with Day of Renewal

Joyce is a missionary to  
IberoAmerica and  
the Caribbean

Leader: Sue Moore

## Bonar/Niles Circle February 5th, 10:00 AM

Meeting at the  
Fellowship Hall (White Cross)  
Katherine is a missionary to the  
Democratic Republic  
of the Congo  
Leader: Jo Rolison



## Susan Harding Circle February 12th, 10:00 AM

Meeting at Davis Fellowship Hall  
Susan is a missionary  
to Alaska.

Leader: Norma Jean Courtney

## Ann Clemmer Circle February 7th, 1:30 PM

Meeting in the Library  
Ann is a missionary to Eastern  
Congo & South Sudan  
Leader: Lois Glading



Happy February Ladies ~

Hope you are keeping warm in this winter weather. Have you marked your calendars on February 2nd for the Day of Renewal? The theme is "Peace in the Eye of the Storm." We will be looking at a number of areas where there are "storms" in our lives and in the world and how we can find and keep "Peace" when they occur. It will



start at 9am with a continental breakfast provided by the ABWM Board. The Day of Renewal will include a devotion/bible study, music, a craft, and information on our ABWOPAD Regional Project. The Easter Egg Sales, our fundraiser for this project, will be introduced and will be kicked off that day, ending on March 24th. The day will end with lunch. Each Circle will be bringing a pot of homemade soup and a desert to share. Beverages and crackers will be provided. Please feel free to bring a sandwich of your own, if so desired. The soups all sound delicious. And what is better on a winter day? 👍😊

Please plan on attending the retreat and be sure to invite other ladies to join us. We are hoping that the ABWM from Christ Memorial will be there, as well. Sign up is at the Welcome Center. ALL women are welcome. If you have a daughter who would enjoy the day, feel free to bring her, as well. At this time, no nursery is planned.

Until next month ~ God Bless!

*Margaret E. Steinhoff*

*President of ABWM of FBC*

XYZ  
(extra years of zest)



Please join us on February 21, 2019 meeting. We will meet at the Green Turtle Restaurant, 391 N. DuPont Hwy., Dover at 11:30 a.m. for a time of fellowship and sharing. If you are available during the day, please sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office to let us know you are coming. Reservations will be made on February 17th. Looking forward to seeing you.



### 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 25th 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](mailto:secretary@fbcdover.org) or place in the Secretary's mailbox.



It is with grateful hearts that Ramona and I would like to thank the congregation for the generous gifts presented to us on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. We are so very thankful for not only the gift given to us

through your generosity but also for the kindness and support you have shown us throughout the year! We are both proud and blessed to work for such a caring and loving church family!

May God bless you for your loving kindness!

Ramona and Vicky



## Anniversaries

Russell and Glenda Perry	2/5
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## 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

## DON'T MISS GAME DAY!!!

Gather together for fun and fellowship on the first Tuesday of each month at 3:00

pm. 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



Next Meeting February 5th .



The proceeds from the Easter Egg sales will go, again, to our ABWM of PA/DE regional project. This year we are raising money to rebuild a church that was destroyed in Hurricane María in Puerto Rico. Iglesias Bautista de Masas II Guarabo's congregation of around 20 people live in a small rural area in the mountains of Puerto Rico. Being a new plant from the larger city of Gurabo, they were excited about their new church building on the mountain side. After

Hurricane María 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 that had been built in 1996 lost everything due to the devastating power of Hurricane María.

The American Baptist Women's Ministries of PA/DE are coming along side to help rebuild their church. The project is going to take many years to complete, because it is a 'from the ground up service project' where everything will have to be replaced. At this time, we are involved with this year only to aid, as a group, financially. There will also be many opportunities to be involved in hands-on teams to Masas.

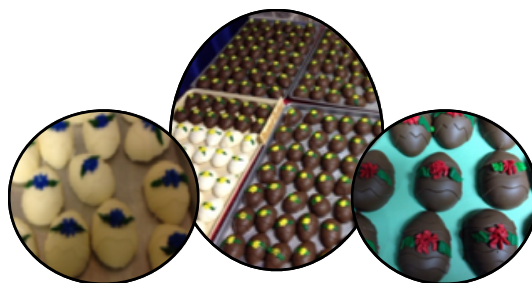
### **\*\*Hands-on Mission Opportunities**

There are a number on hands-on Missions work trips available through ABCOPAD. Two that are coming up soon are:

Puerto Rico - March 12 - 19, 2019. To assist with the rebuilding of Iglesias Bautista de Masas II - sponsored by the ABWM of PA/DE

Tarboro, NC - March 31 - April 6, 2019. To assist in reconstruction from Hurricane Florence. This is being set up by Calvary Baptist in Newark, DE. Contact person is Melanie Daul, who was a member of our church when living in Dover.

Information on each of these, and other Mission Work-trips can be found by going to [ABCOPAD.org](http://ABCOPAD.org) and clicking on Mission Trips. Once there, click on Domestic Trips. You will find the information there. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Steinhoff at church or at 302-228-9301. The time to register is now, as the groups may be limited in size.



*The ABWM will be taking orders for homemade Chocolate Easter Eggs – February 2<sup>nd</sup> through March 24<sup>th</sup>. 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.*



## 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!**

## 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.





## 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](mailto:secretary@fbcdover.org)

# Here's what's happening in February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:00 Women's Day of Renewal (Fellowship Hall) <b>Kick-Off Easter Egg orders</b> 
3 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship  7:00 Chrysalis	4  7:00 Deacons (Library) 7:00 Visitation Teams	5 10:00 Bonar/Niles Circle (Fellowship Hall White Cross)  3:00 Game Day (Fellowship Hall) 	6 9:30 Community Bible Study (Church)  6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children (Fellowship Hall)	7 1:30 Ann Clemmer Circle (Library) 6:00 Financial Peace University (Youth Room) 7:00 Narcotics Anon (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	8	9 Coordinating Committee (Library)
10 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Blood Pressure Screening  7:00 Chrysalis	11  7:00 Visitation Teams	12 10:00 Susan Harding Circle (Fellowship Hall)  5:30 Missions Meeting (Conference Room)	13 9:30 CBS Meeting (Church)  6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children (Fellowship Hall)	14 6:00 Financial Peace University (Youth Room)  7:00 Narcotics Anon (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	15  <b>March Newsletter Articles Due</b>  5:00 MS Support Group	16
17 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Service of Healing Prayer  7:00 Chrysalis	18 <b>President's Day Office Closed</b>  1:00 Comfort Shawl Ministry  6:00 Board of Christian Education	19  7:00 Visitation Teams	20 9:30 CBS Meeting (Church)  6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children (Fellowship Hall)	21  11:30 XYZ Green Turtle 6:00 Financial Peace University (Youth Room) 7:00 Narcotics Anon (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	22	23
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**"Handmade for you  
Comfort Shawl Ministry  
First Baptist Church  
Dover, Delaware"**

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.**