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# The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

January 2019

## From the Pastor's Desk Reverend Daniel Taylor



### January

The New Year has come upon us so quickly and it seems that we were just preparing for Christmas and the celebration of the coming of Jesus into the world and into our lives. At the Christmas Eve service we heard again the prophecy of the One who was to come and the story from the Gospels of the One who came – He was Emmanuel, God with us. That night we shared how we need to always be ready to welcome Jesus by opening our hearts.

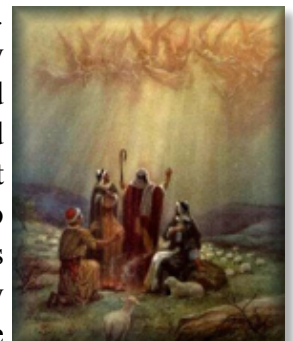
As we move toward the end of the Christmas season with Epiphany, we stop to contemplate the shepherds visit and the



wise men who came from so far. The shepherds were willing to listen, to see something so new and believe.

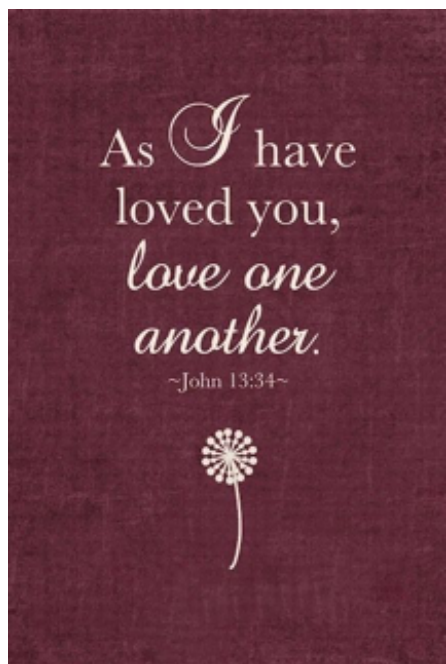
When they had followed

the angels' directions they were filled with such joy that they had to share what they had seen! The wise men were so convinced that the star they saw was leading them to a king – a king so worthy of honor that even the heavens told of the child's arrival. They went back to their own countries and shared all that they had seen and heard.



As we step into the New Year do we find ourselves ready and eager to listen and see in such a way that our lives are forever changed? (no matter our age or how long we have been a follower of Jesus) Are we so convinced that Jesus, God's Son, is so worthy of our passionately seeking and following with new energy and hope? Are we willing to tell others how our lives have been changed?

Imagine the promises a new year can bring if our eyes could be so focused on Jesus, the One who every day gives us the hope, peace, joy and love that fill our lives, that we have to share both within the congregation and without. It was Jesus who reaffirmed the commandment for each of us to love God with all that we are and all that we have and to love our neighbors. Jesus also sent his followers out and sends us into the neighborhoods and the world to make disciples. Together if we focus on how we can grow as disciples in worship, Bible Study, classes, and other gatherings, along with sharing our love with others, we will change our own lives and the lives of those we welcome in the name of Jesus.



A New Year filled with new opportunities for loving God, loving others and making disciples. Join us as we worship and grow together.

*In the Hope and Peace of Christ,*

*Rev. Dan Taylor*

**“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.**



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

**Boards and Committee Annual Reports  
are due no later than January 9th, 2019.**

Please join us on January 17, 2019 meeting. We will meet at the Countrie Eatery Restaurant, 950 N. State St., 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 January 12th. Looking forward to seeing you.

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(extra years of zest)





## *“Plans for the New Year”*

We have many plans for this year. Some are just vague but some are probably very detailed. That depends on the kind of our personality. I hope and pray that our *PLANS* have the following ingredients:

### *P - Praising God*

Let us always ask ourselves if the thing that we are about to do will please and praise God. If not, then let us think twice before doing it.

### *L - Loving God and our Neighbors*

This is the greatest commandment that Jesus taught us. Here is an ethical formula: Is this loving to God? Is this loving to my neighbor?

### *A - Appreciating the positive side of people*

Some people feast on the negative aspects of life especially if it involves juicy rumors and gossips. Let us try our best to affirm the goodness of other people. Tell people why you like them. You might be surprised how good it feels.

### *N - Navigating the beauty of God's creation*

After God created the world, He declared that it is good. Yes, this world is beautiful and is just waiting for us to discover it. Go on a road trip! Ride a cruise ship! Buy a promo ticket and visit new places! Or simply roam around your community.

### *S - Serving God and His people*

There are many avenues for us to serve God and the people. Let us choose an avenue in which we can express our God-given gifts.

*May God bless us all as we celebrate a Happy New Year*

*Contributed by Romeo Limson*

## *Birthdays*

Mable	Morrison	01/01
Bill	Myers	01/05
Milda	Limson	01/06
Lee	McCulley	01/08
Wilfred	Clark	01/10
Judith	Cowan	01/11
Rachel	Grunden	01/15
Sam	Smith	01/15
Marivic	Navarro	01/20
Brian	Gedney	01/22
Leona	Hutchins	01/27
Christine	Septer	01/27
Agnes	Robinson	01/29
Margaret	Wright	01/30

## *Anniversaries*

Irv & Nancy	Culver	01/12 - 50 yrs.
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## **DON'T MISS GAME DAY!!!**

**Gather together for fun and fellowship on the first Tuesday and second Thursday 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 January 10th.**







## Joyce Reed Circle

January 5th,  
10:00 AM

Meeting at Mary Emma Tisinger

Joyce is a missionary to  
IberoAmerica and  
the Caribbean

Leader: Sue Moore

## Bonar/Niles Circle

January 8th,  
10:00 AM

Meeting at the

Elaine Jarrell's Home

Katherine is a missionary to the  
Democratic Republic  
of the Congo

Leader: Jo Rolison



## Susan Harding Circle

January 8th,  
10:00 AM

Meeting at Davis Fellowship Hall

Susan is a missionary  
to Alaska.

Leader: Norma Jean Courtney

## Ann Clemmer Circle

January 3rd,  
1:30 PM

Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Ann is a missionary to Eastern  
Congo & South Sudan

Leader: Lois Glading



Dear ladies,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a blessed Christmas and that your New Year will be wonderful. We will be taking down the Chrismon Trees on Friday,

January 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. After taking the ornaments off the trees, we will meet in the Berean Classroom to repair ornaments that need attention. Brings your sewing needle and thread, hot glue gun, or anything else you think would help in the repairs. We have had these ornaments for many years and so there is no shame in some of them needing repairs. Come work together as sisters in Christ. It will be fun and relaxing.



Looking ahead – on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will have our Day of Renewal. It will be from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and will include a luncheon. Mark your calendars! We are hoping that the ladies from Christ Memorial will be able to join us. This event is open to all the ladies of the church, whether you are in a circle or not. Come and enjoy the morning with other women. More information will be forthcoming as the date approaches.

Until next month, may your days be filled with blessings.

*Margaret E. Steinhoff*

*President of ABWM of FBC*



What is your New Year's Resolution for 2019? Lose weight? Stop smoking? Exercise? All good and noble items to do. But, what should a Christian strive for in 2019 or any other year? Knowing our Lord. And how can we do that? Read His Word. Already did that? Do it again – or were you able to memorize it and know all that He gave you to know? Then you are in the wrong place – for most of us mortals cannot do that. There are 4.6 million hits on Google for Bible reading plans. I just chose one website that has many different options: Bible translated versions, languages, and plans.

At the website: <http://www.bibleplan.org> you can find many different ideas on how to read your Bible:



There are many, many other plans out there. All the plans in the world will not get the Word into you. You must take the effort and follow your plan. If you have read the Bible from cover to cover, GREAT! Try it in a different way this year. Would you like to read through the key stories of the Bible in chronological order, tracing the development of God's plan from Adam and Eve to the

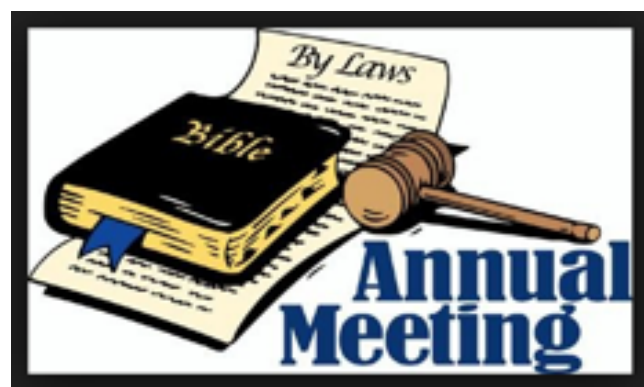
church of the New Testament?

The main thing is get into the Word daily. Get into a habit, a good habit this year. Make your New Year's resolution to better yourself and others around you by reading the Bible.

Maybe you are a techie? There are also many free eBible downloads out there also.

So what's your excuse? ***Time?*** Make it – is there really anything more important for a Christian than to know God? ***Don't have a Bible?*** Ask me or one of the other Gideons in our church – that's what we do is give Bibles and New Testaments for free to some deserving soul without one. ***A quiet place?*** Do you think that Jesus might have been a little busy during his ministry on Earth. Read [Luke 5: 16](#) "**However, he continued his habit of retiring to deserted places and praying.**" Are you busier than He was? He found the time and place to talk to the Father. So, as you start your Bible reading this year, be sure to start and end in prayer. Pray to let the Word enter you in a new fresh way that will permeate the world around you. It is what the World needs today! May God Bless your prayers and understanding of His Word this year.

*Mike Metzger*



**First Baptist Church  
Annual Business Meeting  
January 23rd, 2019, 7PM  
Davis Fellowship Hall**



## 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 January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <b>Annual Reports due to Secretary no later than 1/9</b> 	<b>2</b>  6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children (Fellowship Hall)	<b>3</b>  1:30 Ann Clemmer Circle (Fellowship Hall - White Cross) 7:00 Narcotics Anon (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  11:30 Joyce Reed Circle (Great Truths Classroom)
<b>6</b> 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship  7:00 Chrysalis	<b>7</b>  7:00 Deacons (Library) 7:00 Visitation Teams	<b>8</b> 10:00 Bonar/Niles Circle (Elaine Jarrell's Home) 10:00 Susan Harding Circle (Davis Fellowship Hall) 5:00 Missions Meeting (Conference Room)	<b>9</b> 9:30 Community Bible Study (Church)  6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children (Fellowship Hall)	<b>10</b> 3:00 Game Day 2 (Fellowship Hall)  7:00 Narcotics Anon (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	<b>11</b>  10:00 Take down Chrismon Trees and repair ornaments	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Blood Pressure Screening  7:00 Chrysalis	<b>14</b>  7:00 Visitation Teams	<b>15</b> 1:30 Sisters of Ruth  <b>February Newsletter Articles Due</b> 	<b>16</b> 9:30 CBS Meeting (Church)  6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children (Fellowship Hall)	<b>17</b>  11:30 XYZ Countrie Eatery  7:00 Narcotics Anon (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	<b>18</b>  5:00 MS Support Group	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Service of Healing Prayer  7:00 Chrysalis	<b>21</b> <b>Church Office closed for Martin Luther King Day</b>  1:00 Comfort Shawl Ministry 6:30 Board of Christian Education 7:00 Visitation Teams	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:30 CBS Meeting (Church)  6:00 Fellowship Dinner	<b>24</b>  7:00 Narcotics Anon (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
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