



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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Newsletter**

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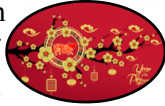




“Where Should We Put Our Hope?”

Depression is real and a number one factor in suicide.

February 5, 2019 is Chinese New Year. We greet our Chinese friends a happy new year. But with this celebration comes certain practices that if we wear this certain color or put this certain thing in an area in our house, or if we are born in a certain year, we will either become lucky or unlucky.



That certain color or thing is probably good in aesthetics or as a decoration, but it should never be an object in which we put the destiny of our life into. This includes objects like the cross - a visible reminder of what Jesus has done for us but not an icon to be worshipped.

Paul warned Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:7 "Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness;" Timothy was in a certain context which was full of practices that if you follow it, your life will be blest by the gods. Paul told Timothy not to put his hope on those practices but to put his hope in the Living God, Jesus Christ.

Back in the Old Testament, Moses warned the Israelites that "There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes, a sorcerer, a charmer, a medium, or one who inquires of the dead, for whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord. And because of these abominations the Lord your God is driving them out before you."

Why is telling a fortune or interpreting omens among other things in these verses an abomination to the Lord? This is detestable in the sight of God because we have transferred our faith into these practices or objects rather than in God.

So, the next time we come across our "fortune" or "destiny" in a newspaper or what our life will be if we are born in this year, or what color or object is lucky, ask our self a question: should we put our hope in these things or in Jesus Christ, the Creator of this world?

May God bless us all as we put our hope in Jesus Christ.

Contributed by Romeo Limson



Thank you to all my Church Family who have given me encouragement, visits, prayed for me, sent cards and food. Every kindness was really appreciated. Thank you very much!

Ralph Hinzman

Judy Cowan sends her heartfelt thank you to everyone for all the well-wishes, cards, prayers and support for her family when her mother, Imogene, passed away. She appreciates Pastor Dan's officiating the service; Gene's playing the organ; and Margaret and the committee for the meal following the service; and for the Gideon Bibles given in Imogene's name. It's a great comfort to her knowing that her church family and friends are thinking about her family.



Giving Tree Project

Gloves - 35

Hats - 21

Scarves - 2-

Socks - 43 pairs

Clothing (coats, pants, etc.)-21 items

Total of items donated-140



Handmade for you Comfort Shawl Ministry

We had 2 new members join us in January. They are willing to learn and desire to crochet a prayer shawl in the near future! There are many handwork teachers in our group eager to teach them! We delivered 6 shawls to church members and friends in Dec and January. A delivery of 18 shawls were taken to the oncology unit at BayHealth Dover in February. We are needing to increase our shawl inventory in our "closet", and seeking new members. Come visit us on the 3rd Monday afternoon each month and experience the warm friendships and fellowship here. We welcome non-church members and community friends to join us! **SPREAD THE WORD.**



Board of Missions

Percy Navarro, Chairman

America for Christ Offering

The Lord Jesus Christ intends for every member of the church to do the work of the ministry. The intention of ministry is to build up each other's faith and love. God's design is to use human support and encouragement to sustain the faith of God's children and to lighten the burdens they bear in the service of love for their community.

February is the time of year American Baptists promote our annual America for Christ (AFC) Offering. Our national goal for 2019 is \$1,200,000. The "Healing Communities" theme is a passionate reminder to join with diverse communities in engaging existing resources, expanding our understanding, and nurturing community healing that encourages mutual transformation. Your generous AFC gifts supported the following ministries last year:

- "Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico" - rebuilding the island one church and one building at a time.
- Scholarships and Emerging Leaders - providing scholarships to students to help ease the debilitating effects of excessive student-loan debt.
- Immigration and Refugee Resettlement — partnering with organizations that have resettled more than 100,000 displaced persons from across the world.
- Rizpah's Children — partnering with agencies that provide support to children living in poverty.

Additional supported ministries that impact thousands include: ministries with marginalized children, disaster response, prisoner re-entry and aftercare, immigration and refugee resettlement, community outreach, providing resources that equip Christian leaders and chaplains who bring comfort to those in hospitals and nursing homes, and so much more.

American Baptists minister as God's heart and hands, healing the broken and the downtrodden. Congregations

and individuals serve on the front lines of local communities, opening wide our doors, intervening amid the messiness, healing the broken-hearted, and caring for others amid disaster and devastation.

The AFC Offering is distributed in 3 parts:

- 59% supports the ministries of ABHMS
- 12% supports the offering's promotional and deputation costs
- 29% supports regional ministries (ABHMS is the only mission board to share its offering with American Baptist Churches USA regions.)

Families served in January: 23
Adults: 33,
Children: 23



Fairview Elementary School's Good News Club

First Baptist started a new community mission program at Fairview Elementary School, Walker Rd, in October 2018. It is called the GOOD NEWS CLUB and staffed by 6 volunteer workers from FBC. We began weekly after school sessions with 2 children and now average 15 children, ages 6-10 years old, each week.



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FELLOWSHIP
Reaching children worldwide

just finished Lesson 6 of Session 2 this Tuesday, 02/12/2019. Each session has six lessons. Our last meeting with the kids in Fairview Elementary School is on April 2, 2019. Kids continue to learn about God. They continue to memorize scriptures and learn new Christian songs. God has blessed the ministry at Fairview Elementary School and as the

school year draws to a close the First Baptist Church Team is requesting your help. Our goal is to send a Bible home with each child. In order to do so, we're asking you to prayerfully consider donating funds to aid us in this mission. The cost of each Bible and protective case is \$20.00. If the Lord is leading you to participate in this ministry, please make your donation payable to First Baptist Church and designate for the Board of Missions, Fairview Good News Club. We thank you for your prayers and service as we share the good news of our Savior with these precious children.



Joyce Reed Circle
March 2nd, 10:00 AM
 Meeting at Great Truths Classroom
 (White Cross)

Joyce is a missionary to
 IberoAmerica and
 the Caribbean
 Leader: Sue Moore

Bonar/Niles Circle
March 5th,
10:00 AM

Meeting at the
 home of Suzanne Murr
 Katherine is a missionary to the
 Democratic Republic
 of the Congo
 Leader: Jo Rolison



Susan Harding Circle
March 12th,
10:00 AM

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

Ann Clemmer Circle
March 7th,
1:30 PM

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



Happy March!

We had a lovely Day of Renewal on Saturday, March 9th. That was the weather contingency date as

there was snow the



week before. Twenty-one ladies were in attendance. A special "thank you" to all who took part in the program. The soups and desserts were yummy – perfect for a winter day.

I hope you are all getting orders for your Chocolate Easter Eggs. The monies raised will be used to help rebuild Inglesias Bautista de Masas II Gurabo which was completely destroyed by Hurricane Maria when it hit Puerto Rico. The power-point presentation at the Day of Renewal showed what damage was done by the storm. It is important that this church gets rebuilt. So, sell those eggs, ladies! Paid orders are due by March 24th. You still have plenty of time to get your orders. There is a form in this newsletter and extra order forms can be found at the Welcome Center.

Then the fun starts – making the eggs. Sue Moore has placed a sign-up board in the Narthex. Please check your calendars and see when you are available to help make the eggs. Below you will find the dates and times for Egg Making. The Egg making will take place in the Church Kitchen.

- Tuesday, March 26th – 9 am
- Thursday, March 28th – 9 am
- Saturday, March 30th – 9 am
- Monday, April 1st – 9 am (No foolin')
- Friday, April 5th – 9 am

- Monday, April 8th – 9 am
- Thursday, April 11th may be a possible Egg Make-up Day
- Friday, April 12th – 10 am Egg Packing

The Eggs will be delivered on Palm Sunday, April 14th. Don't forget Day Light Savings Time begins on March 10th, so you will need to set your clocks AHEAD 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, March 9th. Otherwise, you will be really late for church. Also, wear your green to church the following Sunday, March 17th for St. Patrick's Day. I'm sure we all have some Irish in us somewhere, at least for that day.

Have a Blessed Month!

Margaret E. Steinhoff, President of ABBWM of FBC

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(extra years of zest)



Please join us on March 21, 2019 meeting. We will meet at the Sheridan's Irish Pub, 42 W. Commerce St., Smyrna, DE 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 March 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 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. 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

Game Day - March 5th

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers for me during my recent illness and hospitalization. I would also like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and visits as they meant a lot to me during my recovery.

Sincerely, Judy Daniels



Birthdays

Edna Green	3/01
John Kelly, Jr.	3/03
Daniel Macklin	3/04
Suzanne Porter	3/04
Randall Grunden	3/05
Theresa Thornburg	3/05
Brian Jones	3/08
Marsha Kemp	3/10
David John	3/11
Christopher Cottrell	3/12
Lisa Clark	3/13
Karen Blakenman	3/14
Judy Sansbury	3/18
Scot Septer	3/20
Anna McKinney	3/22
Brian Rajotte	3/23
Sue Moore	3/26
Laraine Harris	3/27
Richard Waltz	3/27
Delois Gregory	3/28
Troy Jackson	3/30

Anniversaries

John & Maureen Cannon	13 years - 3/18
Tom & Pat Roberts	66 years - 3/28



Coordinating Committee

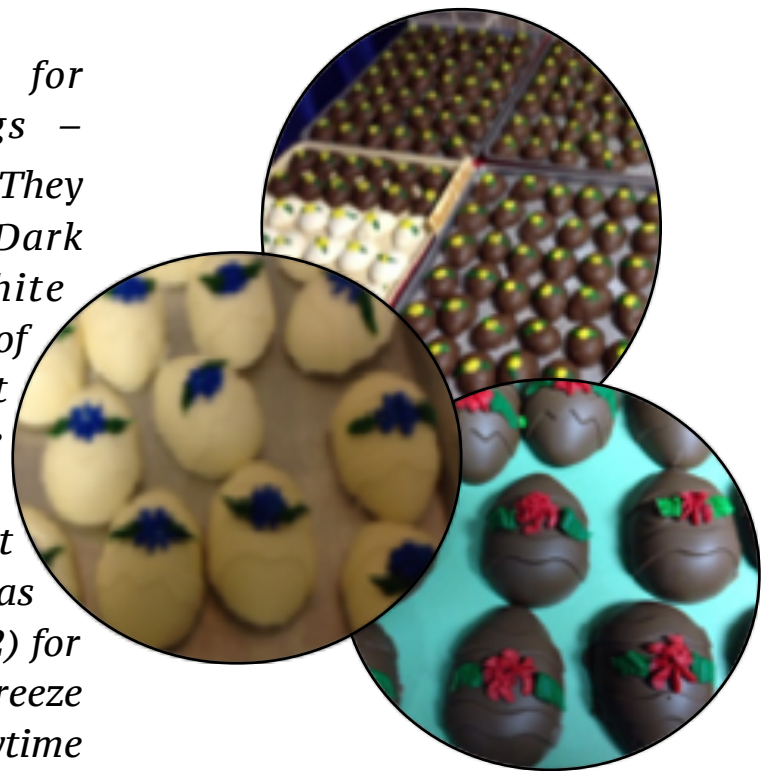
March 16th, 9:00 AM



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.

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



March 24th - Orders Due

March 26 - 9 AM

March 28 - 9 AM

March 30 - 9 AM

Don't miss out on this opportunity for fellowship and to learn the secret of the 'perfect' First Baptist Church Easter Eggs.

**Easter Egg
Making Workshop
Location: Kitchen**

ABWM Easter Egg Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Sales Person _____

Coating/ Flavor	White Chocolate	Milk Chocolate	Dark Chocolate	Total
BUTTER CREAM				
COCONUT CREAM				
CHOCOLATE COCONUT CREAM				
ORANGE CREAM				
STRAWBERRY CREAM				
CHOCOLATE CREAM				
PEANUT BUTTER CREAM				

Eggs cost \$2.75 each or 2 for \$5.00
Please pay with the order. Checks can be made
out to "ABWM of FBC."

Total Eggs _____ Total Cost _____

ORDERS DUE BY MARCH 24TH

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. Contact the office at 302-674-1980 if your preference is by mail. Please be sure we have your current mailing & email addresses.









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 March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (The Great Truths Classroom - White Cross)
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 (Home of Suzanne Murr) 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 Don't forget to set your clocks forward for Daylight Savings Time. 
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  April Newsletter Articles Due	16 9:00 Coordinating Committee
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