



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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Newsletter

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From the Pastor's Desk



We are striding into the fourth month of the year which means that we are one fourth of the way through 2019. We are also continuing in the season of Lent, that time of reflection and introspection that helps to prepare us for Easter. We search our own lives and we attempt to understand how God could love us so much that he allowed his son, Jesus, to be sacrificed for us. We give thanks that

God raised Jesus from the grave as a symbol of the promise of new life that we have by believing in and accepting Jesus as our redeemer. We are Easter people and Hallelujah is our song!

During the third week of April we will begin our journey through **Holy Week**. In worship on **Palm Sunday**, April 14, we will hear again the story of Jesus riding into Jerusalem as the people put their cloaks on the road and shouted, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" Also that day we will be blessed with special music from a young violinist and children singing with the choir. Later in the week on Thursday, April 18, we will have a **Maundy Thursday** service at 7 PM



that includes communion and a Tenebrae service where candles are extinguished as we hear the scripture of the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus. This increasing darkness symbolizes the approaching darkness of the death of Jesus and of hopelessness in the world without God. Join us for this solemn, meaningful service. On **Good Friday**, April 19, an ecumenical service is scheduled at noon beginning at the Christ Episcopal Church and continues with a procession up State Street following a cross that will be carried by young people and stopping for prayer along the way. The service concludes at The People's Church of Dover. This too will be a meaningful time of reflection – join us in the service and the walk. **Easter Sunday** morning begins with a short "Son-rise" Service at 8 AM followed by a breakfast. Sunday school classes will meet as usual at 9:30 and our Easter celebration service will be at 11 AM. Special music, an array of Spring flowers and the Good News that Jesus has risen are reasons to be present and to share the celebration. Invite your friends and neighbors to come with you.

As a reminder, there is an All Church Easter Program and Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 13 from Noon to 2 PM. This will be both a learning and fun time for children of all ages. A snack time, games, crafts, the Easter story and an egg hunt are all on the agenda. Plan to come no matter your age to share in the excitement of the day.

We look forward to sharing this special season with you as we grow together.

In the Hope of Christ,

Rev. Dan Taylor



“The Power of the Resurrection of Jesus”

The Western Christianity uses the Gregorian calendar, and Eastern Christianity uses the Julian calendar. Some would say that Christianity cannot even be united in celebrating Easter or even the name of the celebration – Easter or Resurrection Sunday. Just like some would say that evangelicals cannot even be united in celebrating Easter Sunrise Service in one venue. But this is not the point. The point is that we are one in celebrating Easter. We are one in celebrating the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ no matter what the date, no matter what the venue.



Paul wrote in Philippians 3:10 "I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection." The Greek word for "power" used by Paul is the origin of the word dynamite. The power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ



is more than that of dynamite. The Resurrection **POWER** is so powerful that it can make us:

P - Part ways with our past life. The power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ can transform a life, and the whole community.

O - Obey the commands of Jesus. The commands of Jesus Christ are very difficult to obey because it will lead us to deny ourselves, pick up our own cross and follow the leading of God. The power of the resurrection of Jesus will empower us to go on despite of the difficulties.

W - Walk in newness of life. When Jesus conquered death, it gives us the hope that with Jesus in our lives we can also conquer death, and death-like situations in the present. With Christ, we are living a regenerated life.

E - Enjoy the salvation. The salvation that we have received from God is a joy to behold. Christians ought

to bring that joy of salvation wherever we go so that people will see that a life in Jesus Christ is not a life full of rules that enslave us but a life of freedom that gives us joy.

R – Release forgiveness. By our own, we cannot forgive others. Our nature is set to revenge. Our natural desire when somebody wronged us is to find a way to wrong them back. And it will become a no end cycle. But with Jesus in our hearts, the power of the resurrection will lead us to a difficult yet not impossible desire -- to forgive, and to love others.

May the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ be in all of us!

Contributed by Romeo Limson



I would like to thank everyone for their cards, phone calls, and prayers before and after my surgery last month. I truly appreciate them.
Sincerely, Barbara Naye

Thank you so very much for the prayers, cards, gifts, flowers and visits from church members and Pastor Dan and Rebecca while I was in the hospital recently. It is a blessing to be a part of such a caring church family.
Sincerely, Judy Daniels



Handmade for you Comfort Shawl Ministry

There are many handwork teachers in our group eager to teach others! 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.

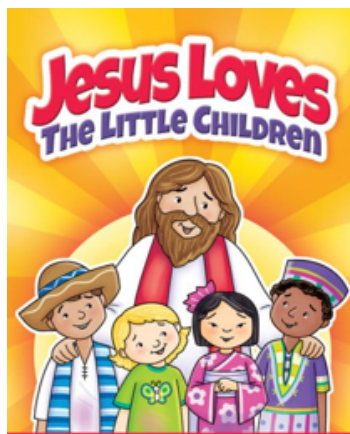
American Baptists minister as God's heart and hands, healing the broken and the downtrodden. Congregations

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.)

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



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children, ages 6-10 years old, each week. Our last meeting with the kids in Fairview Elementary School is on March 26, 2019. 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

April 6th, 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

**April 2nd,
10:00 AM**

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



Susan Harding Circle

**April 9th,
10:00 AM**

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

Leader: Norma Jean Courtney



Ann Clemmer Circle

**April 4th,
1:30 PM**

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



Dear Ladies – Happy Spring!!

We have already been busy making our Chocolate Easter Eggs. For those who have been helping, “Thank You”!! You can still sign up to help, or just show

up. We have a lot of fun together and we’d love you to be a part of it. The dates still left in April are:

Monday, April 1, 9:00 (No foolin’ 🐣)

Friday, April 5, 9:00

Monday, April 8, 9:00

Thursday, April 11 may be a possible Egg Make-up Day, if needed.

Friday, April 12, 10:00 Egg Packing

The Eggs will be delivered on Palm Sunday, April 14.

There will be an ABWM Board meeting on Wed. April 17th at 12:00 noon. This is a change from what in in your Circle Book. Hopefully, you will be able to attend if you are on the Board. We will be discussing our Dinner/Installation of Officers in May. Come with your ideas and thoughts.

As you prepare for the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, may this Lenten Season be one of reflection and prayer as we think about the greatest sacrifice made by our God, that of the giving of His Son to forgive us our sins so that we could have eternal life. May you have a Blessed Easter Season.

In Christ,

Margaret E. Steinhoff, President of ABWM

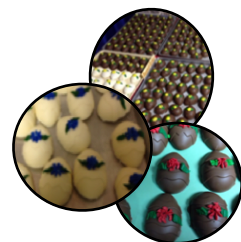
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**Easter Egg Making Workshop Location:
Kitchen/Fellowship Hall**

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(extra years of zest)



Please join us on April 18, 2019 meeting. We will meet at the Red Lobster, Dover, 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 April 14th. 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 - April 2nd

Birthdays

Violet Cannon	4/5
Norma Jean Courtney	4/5
Robert Peterson	4/5
Leon Prescott	4/7
Donna Hutchins	4/8
Maria Peterson	4/13
Mickie Hooks	4/16
Suzanne Jenson	4/17
Nancy Culver	4/23
Doris Parks	4/23
Veronica Manno	4/26
Patricia Ward	4/27
Margaret Steinhoff	4/28
Elaine Jarrell	4/30

Anniversaries

Randall & Jennifer Grunden	4/3	37 years
Leon & Sara Prescott	4/7	69 years
Paul & Charlotte Smart	4/19	33 years



**Coordinating
Committee**

May 18th, 9:00 AM

What if God Sent Us Bills?



The scene was a familiar one. The young couple were going over their monthly bills. In it were ones from the drug store, department store, oil company, etc. Trying to find something humorous to say in the situation, the man quips. *Isn't it a good thing that God doesn't send bills?*

That **IS** good, isn't it? But what if He just decided to bill us for this wonderful body He has given us? The Psalmist said, *I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made....* Psalm 139:14



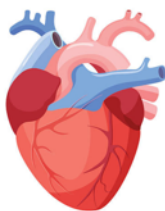
The **EARS**. A piano has 88 keys, but each of your ears has a keyboard with 1,500 keys. They are so finely tuned that you can hear the blood running through your vessels. The outside of your ear can catch up to 73,700 vibrations per second.

The **EYES**. They are both microscopes and telescopes. They can gaze into the heavens and see a star millions of miles away, or inspect the smallest insect.



The **FEET**. Did you know that each foot has 26 bones, none of which is wider than your thumb? But it is so manufactured (arched) with its ligaments, tendons, muscles and joints that a 300-pound man can put all his weight on these tiny bones.

The **HEART**. Its size is about like your fist, but pumps (beats) 4,320 times an hour. In a year that would mean 40 million beats. A drop of blood can make a round trip in your circulatory system in only 22 seconds.



What is God sent you a bill for this marvelous body we live in? But God does not send us bills. He just loves us and takes care of us. Can we do anything less than to return His love?

We show Him our love by obedience to His Word and by faithful stewardship of that which He has entrusted to us.



Contributed by Gilbert Hutchins

Meals for the Men's Homeless Shelter



First Baptist will be providing the evening meal for approximately 50 people each night at the Dover Interfaith Homeless Men's Shelter Tuesday - Saturday, May 7-11 (5 nights) and Tuesday - Friday, September 3-6 (4 nights). We will need food purchased and/or prepared at home, money to purchase meat and other supplies, and volunteers to help serve the meals. The menus and sign-up sheets for the May meals will be at the Welcome Center, beginning in mid-April. Please consider how you can help, as we serve as the hands and feet of Christ to those in need in our community. Questions? Contact either Nancy Culver or Lois Glading. "Many hands make light work!"



ALL CHURCH EASTER EVENT

Families, friends, members please join us on Saturday April 13, 2019 in the fellowship hall for an afternoon of Easter celebration. We are planning stories, videos, games, crafts and of course an Easter egg hunt to round out the day. Do mark your calendars for April 13 from 12:00-2:00 pm and share in praising God during this Resurrection season.

From the Board Of CE

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

ABCOPAD Responds to Midwest Floods



In response to floods in the Plains and Midwest caused by rapid snowmelt and heavy rains, American Baptists are responding with a campaign to raise much-needed funds for victims.

At least two people have been killed and several others are missing, prompting government leaders in Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois to declare states of emergency, forcing residents of those states to flee their homes.

News of the deaths came as Iowa residents were driven from their homes when the Missouri River breached and broke levees. In the southwest portion of the state, the river rose to over 30 feet.

Rev. Dr. Robin Stoops, executive minister, ABC of Nebraska, reports two-thirds of the population in his state has been affected by the flooding. The ABC Church in Valley (United Faith Community Church) has sustained damage from sewage water coming up through basement toilets. Currently there is about two feet of sewage water in the basement classrooms. Gibbon Baptist Church is assisting its members and members of the community with clean up and repair. First Baptist Church of Fremont is working with the poorest elementary school in the area, providing backpacks of food and other supplies to students; many live in a trailer park that has been completely flooded. "The list goes on and on," Stoop says.

"Please pray for survivors, many of whom fled their homes with little more than the clothes on their backs," says Dr. Jeffrey Haggray, ABHMS executive director. "And consider prayerful giving: your financial gifts will allow survivors to return to their lives with some sense of normalcy."

How You Can Help

Please join us in supporting the relief efforts in Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois.

Donations can be made via your church or online at abhms.org.





- **You can give through your church's missions giving by designating your contribution for "OGHS-2019 Midwest Floods."** Funds will be processed with your monthly church mission donations.
- **You can also give via our ABCOPAD on-line giving web page.** [Go to our on-line giving web page](#), and select *OGHS* - and in the category section type in: "2019 Midwest Floods".
- **You can mail your check to ABCOPAD Treasurer**, Caryl Casey: PO Box 42, Hatboro, PA 19040.
- **You can also give to the ABCOPAD Disaster Relief Fund.** This fund helps our mission teams when we send groups to assist in disaster relief. Simply designate your contribution for the *ABCOPAD Disaster Relief Fund* either [on-line](#) or on your check.

You can also send checks, designated to "OGHS-2019 Midwest Floods," to the ABHMS Office of Development c/o of Kim Wilkins, 1075 First Ave., King of Prussia, PA 19406. If you send your check directly to ABHMS, make sure to include the church name on the check to ensure your church receives credit for your gift.

One hundred percent of donations are allocated to these relief efforts; no funds are retained for administrative costs.



Here's what's happening in April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00 Egg Making  7:00 Deacons (Library) 7:00 Visitation Teams	2 10:00 Bonar/Niles Circle (Home of Rosemary Schuler) 3:00 Game Day (Fellowship Hall) 	3 9:30 Community Bible Study (Church) 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 9:00 Egg Making 	6 9:00 Landscape Work Day 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (The Great Truths Classroom - White Cross)
7 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 7:00 Chrysalis	8 9:00 Egg Making  7:00 Deacons (Library) 7:00 Visitation Teams	9 10:00 Susan Harding Circle (Fellowship Hall) 5:30 Missions Meeting (Conference Room)	10 9:30 Community Bible Study (Church) 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Quarterly Business Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	11 9:00 Egg Making  7:00 Narcotics Anon (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	12 10:00 Egg Making 	13 12:00 - 2:00 Church Easter Event 
14 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Blood Pressure Screening Eggs Delivered  7:00 Chrysalis	15 May Newsletter Articles Due  1:00 Comfort Shawl Ministry 6:00 Board of Christian Education 7:00 Visitation Teams	16	17 9:30 CBS Meeting (Church) 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children (Fellowship Hall)	18  11:30 XYZ Red Lobster 7:00 Narcotics Anon (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	19	20
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