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The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

May 2019

From the Pastor's Desk Reverend Daniel Taylor



I have always enjoyed the month of May because of the beauty of this area with all of the flowers and trees blooming, the temperature warms and windows are open at home with fresh air blowing through the house. The only downfall is that I have to begin cutting the grass again. May is a month filled with wonderful activities that include college graduations, Memorial Day and Mother's Day.

This year, on Sunday, May 12, there is a very special meal being planned after worship to honor women and especially mothers. This free meal will be a wonderful way to share the time with others and men in the church are planning and serving the meal that day. Make plans to stay for dinner after church on Mother's Day.

Last year at this time Rebecca and I were anxious to meet our granddaughter for the first time and now, Amelia will celebrate her first birthday on May 9 with a family gathering on Saturday, May 11 in Columbus, OH. Yes, we will be there with our daughter, Sarah, and her husband, Dustin, to mark the occasion. I am thankful that Rev. Mike Renz has agreed to lead worship for our congregation on Mother's Day while we are gone.



On Mother's Day we honor and remember our mother, our grandmother, or a loving woman in our life who helped mentor, love us and teach us to have faith in Christ. Many times it is indeed a loving mother or even a very special Sunday School teacher who models the love of Jesus as they share the Good News with us. We hear an example from the Apostle Paul who wrote these words to young Timothy, *I long to see you so that I*

may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.
2 Timothy 1.4-5

We are very proud of those in our church family who are completing high school and college this Spring. There are graduation events scheduled for May and in the first weeks of June. Please pass on the names, schools, degrees and future plans of your family members to the church office (302-674-1980) so that we can recognize them and their accomplishments in the coming weeks.

May you enjoy the coming beautiful days of May and invite others to join you for worship as we share God's love with all who gather.

In the Peace of Christ,

Rev. Taylor

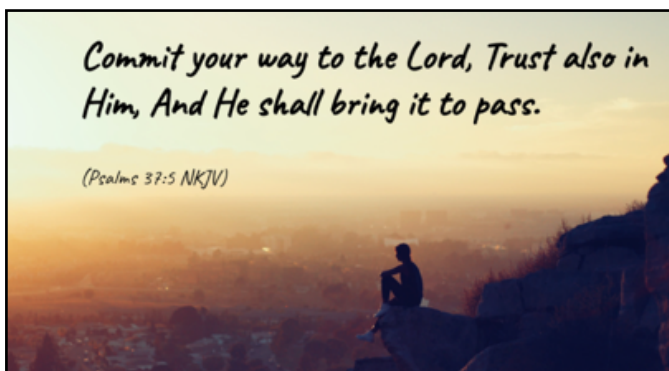


Graduation Sunday June 9th, 2019

First Baptist would like to acknowledge and applaud all of our graduates for achieving such a milestone on their Christian journey. Please submit your name or a family member's, name of high school, college, and training institution along with degree, diploma or certification by June 2nd.

Church Office: 302 674- 1980

Board of Christian Education



TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Our dedicated and gifted teachers at First Baptist are invited to breakfast on Saturday June 1 in the fellowship hall, 9:00-11:00.

A guest speaker has been scheduled to share an uplifting message with you. Please plan to attend so we can "Thank you" and show our appreciation!



RSVP by May 25, 2019, 302 674-1980 Church Office,

Gerri Lee 302 674-5168

Meals for the Men's Homeless Shelter



First Baptist will be providing the evening meals at the Dover Interfaith Men's Homeless Shelter, 684 Forest Street, Tuesday, May 7th through Sunday, May 11th. Please check at the Welcome Center to see if we still need donations of food and money and volunteers to help prepare and serve the meals for approximately 50 people each evening. We appreciate your help, as we serve as the hands and feet of Christ to those in need in our community. Thank you!

Nancy Culver and Lois Glading, Coordinators



***Coordinating
Committee***
May 18th, 9:00 AM



“The Faith of Nameless Mother”

There are many nameless women in the Bible. This is mainly because of the patriarchal system in the biblical times. But we are glad that although they were nameless, their stories are in the Bible. There was one nameless mother whom Jesus encountered. The daughter of this woman was suffering from demon possession.

In this encounter, Jesus said to this mother, “Woman, you have great faith”. These words were not even used by Jesus to his disciples. Jesus even called them, “O ye of little faith”. All of us can learn from the faith of this nameless mother. This nameless mother had the courage to cross great barriers. She was persistent even in the midst of demoralizing situations. And she was humble in her appeal to Jesus.

We can see the following barriers that this nameless mother faced.

First, she was a woman. **Women** in the Old Testament were considered as properties, and second class citizens. They often stayed at home. They could not talk directly to a rabbi. But this mother broke all traditions. She had the courage to cross the barriers.



Second, she was Gentile. She was not a Jew. Jews felt that since they are the chosen people of God, they have the right to look down on others. In Matthew 15:24 Jesus answered to her, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel”. This was actually a test of Jesus. Jesus is for everyone and not for Israel only. But Jesus wanted to test her faith. She passed with flying colors. She had the courage to cross barriers.

Third, she was Canaanite. Canaanites hated the

Israelites. Why? Israel is the new name that the Israelites gave to the Promised Land. The original name of the land was Canaan. Another name of Canaan is Palestine. This is why the hatred is there even until now. The Israelites call it the land given by God, while Palestinians insist that it is their land since their ancestors were born there. But this woman did not think about this hatred. She persisted even if Jesus was silent at first about her request. She continued to persist when the disciples told her to go away. She had the courage to cross barriers.

Faith requires us to have the courage to cross whatever barriers that may stand in our way.

Let us learn from this nameless mother whose love for her daughter knew no bounds. She crossed the barriers with great courage and faith. Because of this, her daughter was healed.

May God bless all our mothers as we celebrate “Mother’s Day”.

Contributed by Romeo Limson



XYZ
(extra years of zest)



You are invited to join us for lunch on May 6th, 2019 at 11:30 am. We will be going to Cheddar’s 4590 S. DuPont Highway, DE. Please let us know if you are able to attend by signing the reservation sheet at the welcome center by Sunday, April 28th or by calling the church office. All persons available during the day are invited to attend.

Board of Missions

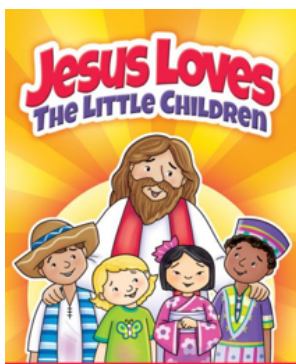
Percy Navarro, Co-Chairman



As of March 31, 2019, we received \$1,970.00 for America for Christ offering. This will help in the ministries for 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.

There were 12 families served for the March composed of 20 adults and 16 children. Evening Meals at Shelter will be on May 7 - 11 and



Fairview Elementary
School's

Good News Club

Our congregation generously gave \$600.00 for the purchase of Bibles and cases for the children of Good News Club. During our last session (March 26, 2019), each child received his/her own Bible with case. Flyers for Easter Egg Event here at FBC were given to each child's parent(s). Three children attended and one brought his sister and his two cousins. Flyers were also given for the children in "The Preserve" at Whatcoat apartment.

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 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.

Birthdays

Hannah Myers	5/1
Sarah Myers	5/1
Clifton Cannon	5/3
Wasana Sudler	5/3
Gabe Buckley	5/4
Gloria Smith	5/4
Salvatore Manno	5/8
Paul Smart	5/15
Terry Lentz	5/16
Avis Triplett	5/16
Geneva Clark	5/21
Joyce Buckley	5/22
Al Sansbury	5/22
Tammy Myers	5/24
Mark Morre, Sr.	5/31

Happy May, Ladies:

I hope you had a Blessed Easter. This month we will be having our last circle meetings until September. I hope you will all be able to attend those meetings. It is when you need to set your meeting schedules for next year so that the Circle Books for 2019-2020 can be made. It is also a time to fellowship with your Circle Sisters. We will be having our Dinner/Installation on Tuesday, May 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the Davis Fellowship Hall. You will be discussing your circle's responsibilities at your May meeting, as well.

I am happy to report that our Chocolate Easter Egg project this year was a success. We made around 700 Eggs and had fun together doing it. Big sales person this year was Lois Glading. She really sold those Eggs! Plus, she was at every Egg Making session. Thank you, Lois. We had as few as 4 and as many as 9 at different sessions helping. We even had help from the men 😊 Special thanks to Ed Gerhard, who oversaw the melting of the chocolate one of the days and George Glading, who put all the labels on the bags and individually bagged hundreds of eggs. We also had some men who helped transport finished Eggs to the room where they were stored until time for bagging orders. We couldn't have done it without you, guys! Ladies, you have trained your husbands well 😊 The money raised from the sale of these Eggs will help to rebuild a small church that was destroyed by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. I know that their congregation appreciates our help. If you didn't have the opportunity to be a part of the Egg Making process this year, please consider it in the future. The ladies will tell you, it is a lot of fun and a special bonding takes place.

Until next month, may God bless you.

Margaret E. Steinhoff, President of ABWM



Joyce Reed Circle

May 4th, 11:00 AM

at the Hall's Restaurant, Wyoming, DE

**Joyce is a missionary to
IberoAmerica and
the Caribbean**

Leader: Margaret Steinhoff

Bonar/Niles Circle

May 7th, 11:00 AM

**Meeting at the home of
Jo Rolison's home**

**Katherine is a missionary to the
Democratic Republic
of the Congo**

Leader: Agnes Robinson



Ann Clemmer Circle

May 2nd, 1:30 PM

Hall's Restaurant, Wyoming, DE

**Ann is a missionary to Eastern
Congo & South Sudan**

Leader: Lois Glading



Susan Harding Circle

May 14th, 11:00 AM

Cheddar's, Camden, DE

**Susan is a missionary
to Alaska.**



Anniversaries

Romeo & Milda Limson	5/1	51 years
Clement & Bethel Chang	5/9	49 years
Jerome & Michelle Rogers	5/19	12 years
Jim & Dorothy Kerr	5/23	60 years
Percy & Marivic Navarro	5/24	33 years
Walt & Kathy Becker	5/25	33 years
Gilbert & Gladys Hutchins	5/29	70 years

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.**



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

Here's what's happening in May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30 Community Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children	2 1:30 Ann Clemmer Circle (Hall's Restaurant, Wyoming) 7:00 Narcotics Anon 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	3	4 11:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Hall's Restaurant, Wyoming)
5 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 7:00 Chrysalis	6 7:00 Deacon's (Library) 7:00 Visitation Teams	7 10:00 Comm. Bible Study Lunch setup - Fellowship Hall 11:00 Bonar/Niles Circle (Jo Rolison's Home) 2:00 Worship Comm. (Conference Room) 3:00 Game Day Dover Interfaith Men's Shelter Meals	8 9:30 Community Bible Study Dover Interfaith Men's Shelter Meals 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children	9 9:30 Community Bible Study - Team Meeting Dover Interfaith Men's Shelter Meals 7:00 Narcotics Anon 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	10 Dover Interfaith Men's Shelter Meals	11 9:00 Landscape Day  Dover Interfaith Men's Shelter Meals
12 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Blood Pressure Screening 12:30 Mother's Day luncheon (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Chrysalis	13 7:00 Visitation Teams	14  June Newsletter Articles Due Tomorrow 11:00 Susan Harding Circle (Cheddar's, Camden) 5:30 Mission Mtg. (Conference Room)	15 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children	16 11:30 XYZ Cheddar's Camden, DE 7:00 Narcotics Anon 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	17	18 9:00 Coordinating Committee 
19 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:30 Service of Healing Prayer 12:30 Trustees 7:00 Chrysalis	20 1:00 Comfort Shawl Ministry 6:00 Board of Christian Education 7:00 Visitation Teams	21  6:00 ABWM /Annual Dinner/Installation of Officers (Davis Fellowship Hall)	22 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children	23 7:00 Narcotics Anon 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	24	25
26 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 7:00 Chrysalis	27 Memorial Day  Church Office Closed	28 7:00 Visitation Teams	29 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer Time - Adults & Children	30 7:00 Narcotics Anon 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	31	

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.