



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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July 2019 Newsletter

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“Facing the Future”

"What is our plan for the future?" Whether we admit it or not, we have so many apprehensions when we think of the future.

Let me share few ideas in facing the **FUTURE**:

F - Faith in God has no substitute when preparing for the future.

The story of the Israelites in the Old Testament is a story of faith. They traveled out of Egypt with the faith that they will eventually arrive in the Promised Land. When they doubted, their journey got derailed. But when they trusted God again, they moved closer to their destination.

U - Understand that God has a plan.

Remember the word PLAN when you think of God's plan: P - Purpose of God is the best. L - Love is the basis of this plan. A - Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in fulfilling this plan. N - Never doubt God's plan for your life.

T - Thank God that you have today to plan for tomorrow.

Appreciate the present. Thank God that you have another chance to live life. Do not waste your chance rather do what you can today.

U - Utilize the lessons of the past so that you can be better prepared for the next challenge.

For athletes there is no substitute for proper preparation and practice. But before that happens, the coach would point out the past games of the team, and that of the opponent. After knowing that, they practice and prepare based on what happened in the past.

R - Release forgiveness so that you will have no excess baggage in your daily travel. It is difficult and heavy to live life with so many anger, bitterness and hang ups. God has already given us the way to unload our burdens but sometimes we still choose to continue in carrying the baggage of our lives. Do remember that bitterness has a way of robbing our happiness.

E - Enjoy new experiences. Never say never to new things.

A lot of us are afraid to try new things. But if we never dare to try, we may never know what it is like. This is why Jesus is telling us that our old thinking will not fit with what he has in store for us.

*May God bless us all for our generous giving.
“Happy Independence Day”*

Contributed by Romeo Limson



XYZ
(extra years of zest)



You are invited to join us for lunch on July 18, 2019 at 11:30 am. We will be going to Piazza Mia, 429 S. Haven Lane, Dover. Please let us know if you are able to attend by signing the reservation sheet at the welcome center by Sunday, July 14th or by calling the church office - 302-674-1980. All persons available during the day are invited to attend.



Happy July Ladies:

Hoping you are planning to celebrate The 4th of July with family and friends. Remember that our country was founded on religious freedom; that we have the right to worship God openly and share the good news of His gift of salvation with those we meet.

The Circle Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. If you are remaining in the same circle, you don't need to sign up again.

However, if you are changing circles or you are interested in joining a circle, please fill out all columns on the sign-up sheet. This information is needed for the 2019-2020 Circle Books. There are three Circles to choose from. The information as to the meeting time and day for each circle is on the individual pages. The sheets will be up for the month of July. If you want to find out more about any of the circles, feel free to ask their leaders or me. Circle Leaders are listed below with the pictures of the Circle Missionaries. Please consider joining a Circle if you are not already a member. You will be blessed in many ways.

We were able to send \$2,199.00 to the PA/DE ABWM Regional Project (rebuilding a church destroyed by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico) through the sales of our Chocolate Easter Eggs. People really love them! Thank you, again, to all who helped with any aspect of the Easter Egg Fundraiser. A special thank you to Sue Moore for organizing the project, getting the supplies and mixing the centers with one arm. 12 You are amazing!

Until next month, have a blessed
and relaxing summer.

Margaret E. Steinhoff



Joyce Reed Circle
Meeting resumes in September
Joyce is a missionary to
IberoAmerica and
the Caribbean
Leader: Sue Moore

Bonar/Chapman Circle

Meeting resumes in September
Rita is a missionary to the
Democratic Republic
of the Congo
Leader: Jo Rolison

Ann Clemmer Circle
Meeting resumes in September
Ann is a missionary to Eastern
Congo & South Sudan
Leader: Lois Glading



Board of Missions



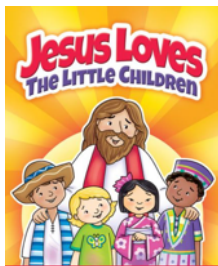
Percy Navarro, Co-Chairman



As of June 9, 2019, our congregation has given \$1309.00. Please prayerfully consider participating in this ministry to empower communities, provide water, supply food, alleviate poverty, and respond to disasters.

Back to School Supplies

We will be helping needy children by collecting school supplies that they can use for this coming school year. A box will be provided for school supplies at the Narthex beginning mid-July. Let us extend God's love to these children by providing them the supplies that they need at school.



Fairview Elementary School's Good News Club

There will be a one-time training on September 7, 2019 in the Fellowship Hall, First Baptist Church of Dover. Time will be announced later. Sign-up sheet will be provided at the "Welcome Center." Please let us (Rebecca Taylor, Debbie Geiser, Glenda Case, Rennie Quible, and Percy Navarro) know if you are interested in joining this ministry. We plan to meet even before the September 7 training to discuss the things we need for this coming school year.

Evening Meals at Shelter will be on September 3 – 6, 2019. Food Pantry items may be dropped off at the church office or in the Narthex.



Comfort Shawl Ministry



There will be NO MEETINGS in June, July and August and will resume meetings in September. Prayer shawls will be available for distribution through the summer. If you desire to deliver a shawl, contact the church secretary, Glenda or Agnes. We have a good supply of beautiful shawls needing "a home".

Bring a friend and **Share the LOVE.**

Anniversaries

Salvatore & Veronica Manno	7/13	45 years
Mike & Debbie Metzger	7/21	46 years

Birthdays

Kathy Becker	7/02
Janie Imm	7/02
George Glading	7/05
Charity King	7/16
Robert Imm, Jr.	7/10
Irv Culver	7/21
Chuck Fithian	7/27
Isaac Yarsiah	7/27
Ikegal Lenyee	7/30
Lester Blakeman, Sr.	7/31
Jerome Dunlap	7/31



Vacation Bible School

July 28 - August 1, 2019

Being planned just for you, boys and girls ages 4-12, activities, crafts, food, songs, games and much more scheduled for an excitement packed week of Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year will take us to Athens and we'll learn of Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth. Be prepared to have lots of fun role-playing as we step back in Bible-times studying scriptures and memorizing verses.

Volunteers, kids, moms and dads join us and be a part of First Baptist Church of Dover's VBS and share in this spiritual experience. Mark your calendars: July 28th – August 1st, 2019, from 5:30pm - 7:15pm. Presentation at church service on August 4th. Please register your children today!

You may register your child at the Welcome Center, call the church office at 674-1980 or email the church secretary at secretary@fbcdover.org

Here's What's Happening at our Church!



**Wednesday Evening
Prayer Gathering**
7 PM - 7/17 and 7/24
Dinners will resume in
September.

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.

DATES STILL AVAILABLE



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 July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 Visitation Teams 7:00 Deacon's (Library)	2 3:00 Game Day (Fellowship Hall) 	3	4  Holiday - Church Office Closed	5	6
7 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship	8 7:00 Deacon's Meeting 7:00 Visitation Teams	9 5:00 Board of Missions	10 7:00 Quarterly Business Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	11	12	13 9:00 Landscaping Committee 
14 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Blood Pressure Screening	15  August Newsletter Articles Due 6:30 Board of Christian Education 7:00 Visitation Teams	16	17 7:00 Prayer Gathering	18 11:30 XYZ (Piazza Mia) 	19	20
21 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:30 Service of Healing Prayer 12:30 Trustees Mtg (Library)	22 7:00 Visitation Teams	23	24 7:00 Prayer Gathering	25	26	27
28 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship  5:00 Vacation Bible School	29  5:00 Vacation Bible School 7:00 Visitation Teams	30  5:00 Vacation Bible School	31  5:00 Vacation Bible School	August 1  5:00 Vacation Bible School		

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.