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# The First Baptist Church of Dover

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## From the Pastor's Desk Reverend Daniel Taylor



This month it will be 243 years since a group of colonists declared their independence from Great Britain and formed what would become the United States of America. This country is made up of those native peoples who already lived here and immigrant after immigrant that included our own ancestors. Someone recently said that if our ancestors were not Native American or African slaves then they were immigrants. On July 4<sup>th</sup> we celebrate that historic independence and the freedoms we all enjoy as descendants of immigrants in this country.

We also give thanks for the freedom we have in knowing and believing in Jesus Christ. We no longer are slaves to sin, but have been given our freedom. Paul told the church at Rome ... For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6.23

On Wednesday evening, July 10, we will have a Quarterly Business meeting at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Along with reports from Boards and Committees and a 6 month look at the financial health of the congregation, we will have the privilege of affirming the membership of the most recent persons who have come forward in worship. It is always a joy to officially acknowledge those whom God has brought our way so that we serve and grow together.

On Wednesdays, July 17 & 24, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for Prayer meetings at 6 PM. Those who come can bring a brown bag and eat together, but we will spend time praying for the church and those in our congregation who need our intercession. Let's surround our church, our worship and our fellowship in prayer.

Oh yes, beginning this fall our Board of Deacons will revive a wonderful opportunity for us all to get better acquainted and grow in our love for one another. Tables of Eight is a way for folks to share in one another's homes, and enjoy a meal and fellowship together. There will be more explanation and occasions to sign up for those who want to participate. Groups of eight will be formed and will begin sharing in the Fall. Watch for details.

Enjoy the beauty of the Summer in the Joy of Christ,

*Rev. Taylor*