



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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It's August and the time of Summer when things seem to slow down as we move towards Fall. The Delaware State Fair in Harrington was July 18-27 and many folks endured warm temperatures and enjoyed the midway, rides and the many items displayed for judging. I missed it all this year, but know that the concerts were wonderful and I'm sure that the food was special. But it's over.

Our Delaware General Assembly finished their 2019 session on the first day of July at 1 AM and our representatives and senators are vacationing or are back to their full-time jobs.

In August, our United States Congress, both representatives and senators are in recess. That means that finally things in Washington may settle down for a while. The news may be less harsh in these days.

Within our own congregation our annual experience with Vacation Bible School ends on August 1 and a review of the week will be a part of worship on Sunday, August 4. We are so thankful for parents, grandparents and others who brought children each evening and we give a special thanks to leaders and helpers that made it a very special week. The volunteers and the children who gathered focused on the theme of *Athens – Apostle Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth*. They learned how Paul was able to spread the life-changing truth of God's love in very difficult situations. They were challenged to share that same truth of God's love today with their family and friends.

Each of us need to take on that same challenge to learn more about how God loves everyone and to share that truth with all those around us. Yes, God loves each and every person with whom we come in contact. They just might not know it, yet.

In this time of recess and a slower pace in August, let us take time to intentionally pray our country and our leaders. Let us pray for opportunities individually and as a congregation to show God's love in new ways to those we meet and those to whom we minister. Let us intentionally pray for our church, those who worship on Sundays and those who are not able to attend. God has a vision for all of us to not just come to church, but to be the church in this community. We know that the world at its worst needs the church at its best! We have God's love to offer to everyone.

As you show your love and pray for others, also invite them to join you for a special afternoon on Sunday, September 1, for our Annual Church Picnic. That will be a wonderful opportunity to encourage, introduce and welcome others. There will be plenty of food, along with music, and some outdoor activities for kids.

See you in church!

Rev. Dan Taylor



“Faith, Hope & Love”

I always wondered why Paul in 1 Corinthians 13:13 wrote these three virtues will always remain: faith, hope and love. Paul was probably asked what are the three most important things he could share with people and he answered, these three virtues. Indeed, we need these three as we go through life.

1- We need some where to put our **faith**. As Christians, we put our faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Without this faith, we do not have a foundation on which to base our lives. Our faith in Jesus gives us that foundation and the direction for our lives.

2 - We need to **hope** because it gives us the reason to continue living. Without hope, we become discouraged and depressed. We do not want to go on. But if we have hope, we wake up every day with a purpose because we want to make that hope a reality. Our dreams and hopes are what fuels us to strive to make a difference. We need to hope for something better than what we have inherited, and work hard to make it a reality. If we put our hope in Jesus, we can surely say, "**The best is yet to come.**"

3 - We desire to **love** and to be loved. It is love that gives meaning to our lives, brings us together with our life partners, propels us to take care of our children, gives us the passion to do the best we can to provide for our family; and it is the love of Jesus Christ that He died for our sins. For certain, to love God and others is the greatest commandment.

As we go through life, let us remember these three things: **have faith in God, always hope for the best, and love God and others.**

May God bless us all as we follow the greatest commandment of God.

Contributed by Romeo Limson

*Faith
Hope
and the Greatest
of these is
Love*



You are invited to join us for lunch on August 15, 2019 at 11:30 am. We will be going to Grotto's Pizza, Camden. Please let us know if you are able to attend by signing the reservation sheet at the welcome center by Sunday, August 11th or by calling the church office - 302-674-1980. All persons available during the day are invited to attend.



Hi Ladies:

Happy August! It's hard to believe that summer is half over. I hope you have been enjoying it and have been able to endure the heat and humidity. AC is always good.

Two of our ladies, Mickie Hooks and Gaynor Waltz, attended the Regional ABWM Conference in Altoona, PA at the end of June. They reported the speakers were excellent and that the Conference moved VERY fast. The trip home was "interesting". Get them to tell you about it.

There will be an ABWM Board Meeting on Wednesday, August 28th at 10 a.m. We will be meeting in the usual place and I hope to have your new circle books ready to give to you.

Remember, Circle meetings resume the first week in September. The Bonar/Niles Circle is now the Bonar/Chapman Circle. Their new missionary is Rita Chapman, who is also located in the Congo. ABWM Sunday is scheduled for September 15th. We are presently working on securing a speaker for that day so be sure to mark it on your calendar.

Until next month, have a blessed and relaxing summer.

Margaret E. Steinhoff

President of ABWM

New Name for Bonar/Niles Circle:

The Mary Bonar/Katherine Niles Circle has changed its name to the Mary Bonar/Rita Chapman Circle. Rita Chapman and her husband, Glen, are missionaries to the Democratic Republic of Congo. Their parents were also missionaries to the Congo, with Rita and Glen growing up there.

Rita and Glen have been instrumental in transforming the Kikongo Pastoral School into the Baptist University of Congo. Glen is Vice-Rector of UNIBAC, where he teaches Old Testament, Hebrew, and Baptist History. Rita is the librarian, teaches English and works with the wives of the Theology students. The couple is involved in the life of the community and church through village ministries, transportation, and environmental ministries. We are looking forward to corresponding with and supporting Rita throughout the coming year.

Jo Rolison

Mary Bonar/Rita Chapman Circle

Meeting resumes in September

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

Leader: Jo Rolison



Joyce Reed Circle

Meeting resumes in September

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

Leader: Sue Moore

Ann Clemmer Circle

Meeting resumes in September

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

Leader: Lois Glading



Board of Missions

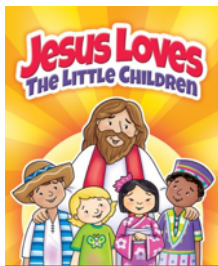
Percy Navarro, Co-Chairman



Thank you for
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\$2,455.00.

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 in the Narthex. 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

A one-time training on September 7 will be offered here at First Baptist Church. A sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center. If God is calling you to participate in the lives of the children in Fairview Elementary School, please sign-up and be filled with the joy of sharing Jesus to these children. Twenty school bags were donated by one of our members to the GNC children.

Food Pantry served 22 families (35 adults & 23 children) for the month of July. Items may be dropped off at the church office or in the Narthex.



Operation Christmas Child

Don't forget to bring empty shoe boxes and Christmas wrapping paper.

Vacation Bible School



Invitation letters for VBS were sent to the children who attend the GNC. VBS flyers were also dropped at the office of "The Preserve at Whatcoat."

Meals for the Men's Homeless Shelter



First Baptist will be providing the evening meal at the Dover Interfaith Shelter for homeless men Tuesday, September 3 through Friday, the 6th (4 nights). The menus and sign-up sheets will be at the Welcome Center beginning Sunday, August 11. Please consider how you can help: providing food or money to purchase meat and other supplies; or volunteering to help with the final meal preparation at the Shelter. We need your help! You will be blessed as you serve Christ by providing for those in need.

Thanks, Lois Glading



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

Dinners will resume in
September.



**About the church or one of our
programs? Stop by the Welcome
Center for the answers.**

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.



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



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!

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.



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.

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.



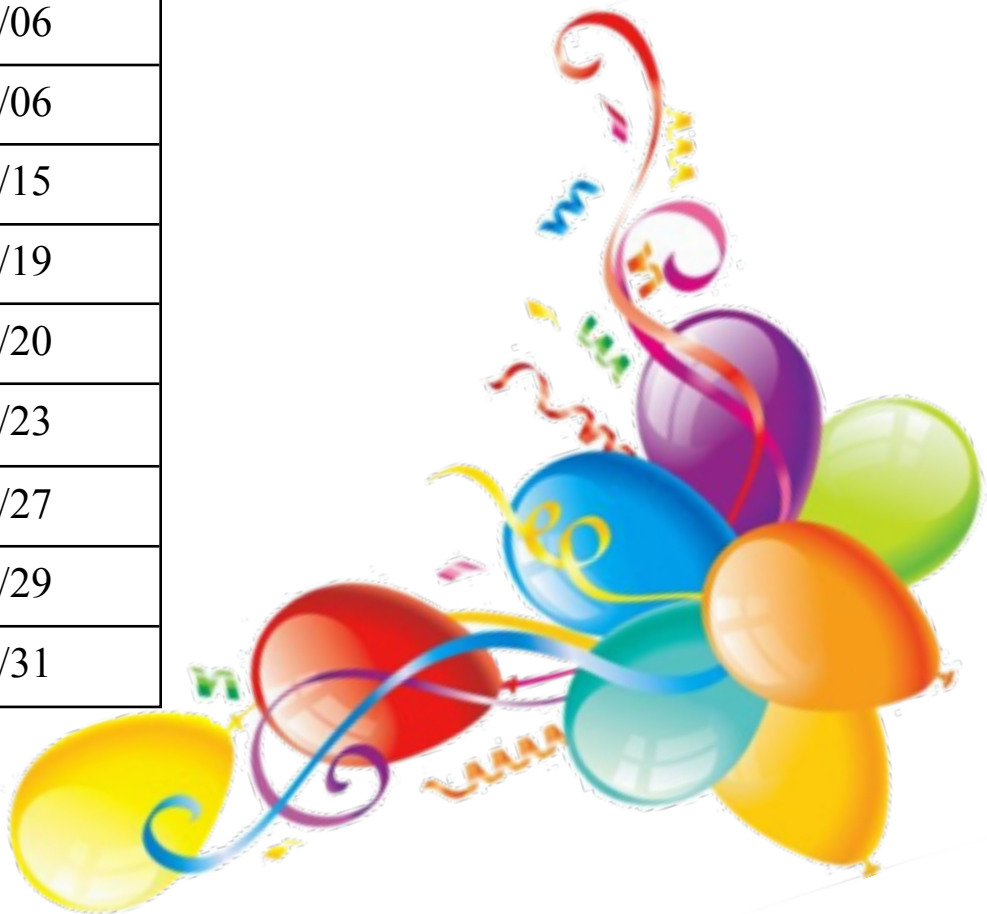


Anniversaries

Terry & Terry Lentz	8/01	38 years
Gene & Sue Moore	8/05	47 years
Daniel & Rebecca Taylor	8/13	31 years
Larry & Joyce Buckley	8/26	58 years
Ralph & Twyla Hinzman	8/27	59 years
George & Lois Glading	8/29	55 years

Birthdays

Teresa Gedney	8/02
Twyla Hinzman	8/05
Mark Knott	8/06
Bethel Chang	8/06
Ralph Hinzman	8/06
Mike Metzger	8/15
Phil Steinhoff	8/19
Edward Gerhard	8/20
Clark Reynolds	8/23
Joan Foster	8/27
Gaynor Sale Waltz	8/29
Clement Chang	8/31



Here's what's happening in August

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

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.