



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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September 2019 Newsletter

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“How to Know God Deeper”

As Christians it is our duty to learn more about God and become spiritually mature. Let us remember four things as we get to *KNOW* God deeper.

K- Knowledge of God comes only from the revelation of God.

We cannot know God nor understand God unless God reveals Himself to us. Theologians use arguments that every object has a purpose to point to the existence of God, an intelligent designer and creator. But God's highest revelation is in the person of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and this is revealed through the authoritative Word of God, the Bible.

N- Neglect of reading the Word of God will lead to spiritual immaturity.

We have many excuses for not reading the Bible like: we have no time, we are lazy, the Bible is irrelevant, or the sermon on Sundays is already adequate. We need to find time to read the Bible because it will certainly guide us and help us build an intimate relationship with God.

O- Obedience to the Word of God is applied knowledge.

We obey the Word of God not just because God rewards obedience or Jesus calls us to follow his commandments, but also because our obedience is proof of our love and faith in God, and that obedience is better than any religious ritual.

W- Wait for the Holy Spirit.

Christians commemorate the coming of the promised

Holy Spirit, and the birth of the church. We are bombarded with a lot of knowledge in this world but all we need to do so that we can test all these is to be patient and wait for the workings of the Holy Spirit. In that case we can discern what is godly and what is not.

May God bless us all as we patiently wait for the workings of the Holy Spirit.

Contributed by Romeo Limson

*In the end,
all God
really wants
is YOU!*

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Saturday, September 28th



Calling all
CARPENTERS

and

**"WANNA BE
CARPENTERS"**

First Baptist will provide a day of construction labor for a house being built by Central Delaware



Habitat. NO construction skills are needed - just a desire to help a family in need of a new home. Men, women, all ages welcome. You will be blessed as you serve the Lord in this project supported by the FBC Board of Missions. Lunch served at the construction site. SIGN UP poster in church Narthex. Questions - Call Willis Case - 302.734.2908. Meet in church parking lot at 8:15AM.

XYZ
(extra years of zest)



You are invited to join us for lunch on September 19, 2019 at 11:30 am. We will be going to Pizza Delight, 67 Greentree, Dover. Please let us know if you are able to attend by signing the reservation sheet at the Welcome Center by Sunday, September 8th or by calling the church office - 302-674-1980. All persons available during the day are invited to attend.



Welcome Back, Ladies –

I hope you had a relaxing and blessed summer. But now September is here, and we are getting back into high mode. Circle meetings are beginning this month. The Bonar/Niles Circle is now the Bonar/Chapman Circle. There is no longer a Susan Harding Circle and these ladies have joined with other Circles. I hope you have a wonderful year. It is my plan to attend at least one of your meetings to see what you are planning for the year.

September 15th is American Baptist Women's Sunday. Please mark your calendars. We are in the process of securing a speaker for that day. If asked to participate in the service, please remember the motto of the Girl's Guild – "I'd love to."

The Board met in June and set the calendar for 2019-2020. We have a full year set. Your new Circle books will be available at your first meeting. Be sure to check the calendar for all the dates that have been set.

I hope that your Circle has a wonderful year! It is great that we live in a country where we are free to share our faith and fellowship with our sisters in Christ.

Until next month, God Bless you all -

Margaret E. Steinhoff, President of ABWM of First Baptist Church of Dover.

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**Mary Bonar/Rita
Chapman Circle**

**Meeting September 3rd, 10:00 at
Peg Wright's home.
Rita is a missionary to the
Democratic Republic
of the Congo
Leader: Jo Rolison**



Joyce Reed Circle

**Meeting September 7th, 10:00 at
Hall's Restaurant, Wyoming.
Joyce is a missionary to
IberoAmerica and
the Caribbean
Leader: Sue Moore**

Ann Clemmer Circle

**Meeting September 5th, 1:30 in the
Church Library.**

**Ann is a missionary to Eastern
Congo & South Sudan
Leader: Lois Glading**



Board of Missions

Percy Navarro, Co-Chairman



Back to School Supplies

Once again, the FBC Back to School Supply Drive has been a success! We have donated and delivered a large number of school supplies to the Boys and Girls Club to be distributed to the needy children in our community. This is a blessing to many children who will begin the school year with the supplies they need. Thank you to all who have so graciously donated to the drive. "Thank you so much for your donations! The backpacks are great! The kids are excited to see the different styles. We want kids to be excited about going back to school. Thank you again!!" from Boys & Girls Club Regional Director Onida



Operation Christmas Child



Christmas paper wrapped empty shoe boxes are now available in the Narthex. Please read the instructions as you fill up your boxes. You can bring them back throughout the month of September and during the first few Sundays of October.



Fairview Elementary School's Good News Club

A one-time training will be offered here at First Baptist Church on September 7th. A sign-up sheet is located at 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 joy in sharing Jesus to these children. We currently have 11 individuals who have signed-up for the training.

Approx. 10 children from the Good News Club attended Vacation Bible School.



Comfort Shawl Ministry



Monday, September 16, 2019

Vacation time will soon be over and it's time to start moving those hands and fingers—creating beautiful PRAYER SHAWLS! If you don't knit or crochet, we will teach you! We also need NEW HANDS to help us prepare the shawls for delivery.

We will begin our Fall season on Monday, September 16th 1-3 PM in the FBC fellowship hall. We will meet the 3rd Monday each month September thru May. Come join us and enjoy a time of good fellowship as we pray and create these shawls of LOVE ♥♥!

Contact Glenda Case or Agnes Robinson for more information.



Food Pantry served 39 adults & 29 children for the month of August. Items may be dropped off at the church office or in the Narthex.

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. 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. Pray for the men and our endeavors to serve them. We need your help! You will be blessed as you serve Christ by providing for those in need.

Thanks, Lois Glading



Vacation Bible School

A huge ***THANK YOU*** to all the volunteers who helped set up, teach, supervise, prepare food, and clean up for this summer's Vacation Bible School. We would like to recognize the following individuals for their hard work and dedication:

Michelle Rogers-Director

Vicky Smith-Assistant

Brenda Smith Story-Celebration Leader

Charity King-Oikos Leader

Janis Renz-Oikos Leader

Keni Zheng-Oikos Leader

Harry Anthony-Paul

Mike Metzger-Dionysius

Norman Clendaniel-Musician

Beryl Gerhard-Market Place Crafts

Mercedes McCoy-Market Place Crafts

Jerome Rogers-Games

Tyler McCarty-Games

Veronica Manno-Food Team

Barbara McCarty-Food Team

Nicole Manno-Food Team

Kayla Manno-Food Team

Gerri Lee-Kid-to-Kid Offering Tent

Judy Daniels-Registration

A total of **34 children** attended Vacation Bible School this year and were able to hear about God's love and experience what it was like living in Athens and "Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth".

Here's What's Happening at our Church!



Wednesday Evening Prayer Gathering

Beginning September 11, the Fellowship Dinners (6:00pm) begin followed by Evening Bible Study and Prayer (7:00pm).



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

Dick & Gloria Smith	9/7	62 yrs.
Scot & Michele Septer	9/22	28 yrs.

Birthdays








Aubriella Clark	9/01
Debbie Metzger	9/02
Diane Fithian	9/03
Percy Navarro	9/03
Barbara Hart	9/04
Mary Stewart	9/09
Vickyana Toussaint	9/09
Aaron King, Jr.	9/10
Alice Murphy	9/15
Efenita Navarro	9/16
Jennifer Moscrip	9/19
Lorraine Steinhoff	9/22
Glenda Case	9/25
Mary Emma Tisinger	9/26
Carolyn Akers	9/28



Save the Date!
Sunday, October 6, 2019

Mark your calendars and plan to join our FBC family as we worship and share the Lord's Supper on World Communion Sunday. That evening, we will fellowship together and share an International Covered Dish Dinner. More information will be coming soon, so be on the lookout for signup sheets and bulletin inserts. Until then, mark your calendar! If you have questions, creative suggestions, or would like to help in planning, please call Janis Renz at 609-346-3148.

Here's what's happening in September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 4:00 Church Picnic 	2 Labor Day (Office Closed) <i>Have a safe Labor Day</i> 	3 10:00 Bonar/Chapman Circle (Peg Wright's home) 3:00 Game Day (Fellowship Hall)  4:00 DIMHShelter Dinner 7:00 Visitation Teams	4 9:30 Community Bible Study 4:00 DIMHShelter Dinner	5 1:30 Ann Clemmer Circle (Church Library) 4:00 DIMHShelter Dinner 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	6 4:00 DIMHShelter Dinner	7 9:00 Good News Club Training (Fellowship Hall) 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Hall's in Wyoming)
8 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Blood Pressure Screening	9 7:00 Deacon's Meeting 7:00 Visitation Teams	10 9:00 Community Bible Study 10:00 Stewardship Committee Meeting (Conference Room) 11:30 Kent Ecum Luncheon (Fellowship Hall) 5:30 Missions Mtg 7:00 Pastoral Relations Task Force	11 9:30 Community Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Dinner & Bible Study	12 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	13 	14 9:00 Landscaping Committee  9:00 Coordinating Committee 
15 ABWM Sunday 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:30 Service of Healing Prayer 12:30 Trustees Mtg (Library)	16 1:00 Comfort Shaw Ministry October Newsletter Articles Due 6:00 Christian Education Mtg. 7:00 Visitation Teams 		18 9:30 Community Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Dinner & Bible Study	19  11:30 XYZ (Pizza Delight) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	20 	21
22 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship	23 7:00 Visitation Teams	24 	25 9:30 Community Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Dinner & Bible Study	26 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	27 	28 8:15 Meet st Church Make a Difference Day - Habitat for Humanity 
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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.