



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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“I Am The Everlasting God”

Psalm 90:2

“Before the mountains were brought forth,
before you had formed the earth and the world,
even from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.”

A human beings, we are used to things having a beginning and an end. We are born, we grow up and then we die. While the human heart never really gets used to the idea of death (because we were created to live forever), we do know that there is a time to start things and a time to wrap them up. Our tiny minds are so finite that we cannot possibly comprehend things that are beyond our existing paradigms.

*G*od on the other hand, has been around forever. There has never been a time where He didn't exist. Before the mountains were created, before the earth spun on its axis, God was. He was not born, and He will not die. He is the everlasting God. He lives forever. While this thought might have a tendency to short circuit the wiring in our brain, may we ask God by the power of His Holy Spirit to help us comprehend His everlasting nature.

I believe that the more we can meditate on the amazing vastness of our God and Father, we will begin to realize that He created us to experience this eternal life with Him! And the eternal life that He wants us to live is really not a time continuum or a destination, but a relationship. In Jesus' high priestly prayer in John 17:3, He describes eternal life like this... *Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.* (NIV)

May each one of us take great comfort in knowing that

our Father is the everlasting God and He has called us to live an everlasting life with Him!

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

Contributed by Phil Steinhoff



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Stewardship Dinner

An evening of fun and fellowship!

November 9th at 5:00pm

Davis Fellowship Hall



XYZ
(extra years of zest)



You are invited to join us for lunch on October 17, 2019 at 11:30 am. We will be going to Where Pigs Fly, 617 E. Lockerman St., Dover. Please let us know if you are able to attend by signing the reservation sheet at the Welcome Center by Sunday, October 13th or by calling the church office - 302-674-1980. All persons available during the day are invited to attend.



Happy Fall – It's hard to believe that Fall is here. Soon the leaves will be turning, and God's beautiful earth will take on gorgeous colors. I think that Fall is my favorite season.

All of the circles have had their first meeting of the year. I had the privilege of attending each of the meetings and enjoyed all of them. Thank you for allowing me to attend. I hope to visit more of your meetings this year. It is good for me to keep up with what each circle is doing.

American Baptist Women's Ministries Sunday was very successful. Thank you to all the ladies who participated in the service. This includes the ladies who took part in the actual service, the ladies in the women's choir and the ushers. All of you helped to make the service special. I thought Molly Jamison Juárez was wonderful. She was so excited to be asked to speak and her message was very informative. I was glad she was able to be our speaker and her work sounds like it is much needed.

We don't have any special events in the month of October. Looking ahead to November, we have Baptist Women's Day of Prayer. I will be addressing this in the next newsletter.

Until next month, may your days be blessed.

Margaret E. Steinhoff

President of ABWM



**Mary Bonar/Rita
Chapman Circle**

**Meeting October 1, 10:00 at
Rosemary Cosgrove Schuler's
home. Rita is a missionary to the
Democratic Republic
of the Congo
Leader: Jo Rolison**



Joyce Reed Circle

**Meeting October 5, 10:00 in the
Great Truths Classroom. Joyce is
a missionary to IberoAmerica
and the Caribbean
Leader: Sue Moore**

Ann Clemmer Circle

**Meeting October 3, 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



Family Fun Night Bible Bingo - Chili Cook-off

Feeling Lucky? Make your day and join our congregation for an evening of Bible Bingo, puzzles, word searches and other table/board games. Our family fun night is scheduled for Friday October 18th, 2019 from 6:00-8:00pm in the fellowship hall.

There will be prizes, finger-foods, sandwiches and a CHILI COOK-OFF along with praises, learning and delighting in God's word! Remember to bring an attractively wrapped white elephant gift to help with the prizes and grab bags.

We are looking forward to seeing you, your family and friends on October 18th, Friday 6:00-8:00pm.

More information and sign-up sheets will follow as the date approaches.

Gerri Lee, Board of Christian Education

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 during the first few Sundays of October.



Fairview Elementary School's Good News Club

GOOD NEWS CLUB begins meeting at Fairview Elementary school Oct 1, every Tuesday afternoon. 3 of our church member volunteers attended the Back to School night at Fairview, giving out Club information and answering parents' questions. Please keep the GNC Team and the children they minister to in your prayers.

Comfort Shawl Ministry



Mark Your Calendar for the 3rd Monday

Vacation time is over and it's time to start moving those hands and fingers and begin creating our 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 meet the 3rd Monday of each month, 1-3 PM in the FBC fellowship hall. 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.



Pantry Items most needed 7.25 oz. of Mac and Cheese

Meals for the Men's Homeless Shelter



Thank you to the approximately 29 First Baptist families who assisted in some way with the evening meals at the DIMH Men's Homeless Shelter, September 3-6. Your help was much appreciated. We received many sincere "thank you" for our meals. Please continue to pray for the men housed there, and the staff serving them.

In His service,
Nancy Culver and Lois Glading



Bring NEW socks of all **colors**, patterns, and varieties to benefit the homeless in our community!

October 13th -October 27th



Thank You for Your Donation!





God is our refuge and strength, always ready
to help in times of trouble. —Psalm 46:1

SAVE THE DATE!

Need to slow down, savor a warm beverage while chatting with friends, and enjoy time with God? Join us at Cozy Mountain Lodge! It's a mountain lodge themed retreat where you'll experience meaningful Bible study and worship, connect with other women, and have time for quiet reflection and plenty of laughter!

⌘ When: Saturday, November 2nd, 2019

⌘ Time: 8:30am-4:00pm

⌘ Location: First Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall

⌘ Call Janis at 609-346-3148 for more information and to register!





Come to the Table



International Covered Dish Dinner

Date: **Sunday, October 6, 2019**

Time: **4:30 - 7:00 PM**

Location: Fellowship Hall, First Baptist Church of Dover

Come celebrate the cultural diversity of our church family
as we share a covered dish dinner followed by an
evening of fun and fellowship!

Please sign up to let us know that you will attend
and what you will bring to share.

Any questions, please call Janis Renz - 609+346-3148



SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 27

World Mission Sunday Panel Discussion



**Be prepared to get all of your questions answered!
You won't want to miss this exciting time to interact
with our missionary panel.**

**What would you like to hear about their lives as
missionaries, the people they work with, what called
them to this ministry and other questions you would
like to have answered?**

**Please contact Ed Gerhard or Gaynor Waltz with
specific questions you would like to have answered.**

**You can also mail them to the church office – FBC –
301 Walker Road, Dover, DE 19904**

Here's What's Happening at our Church!



**Wednesday Evening Bible
Study & Prayer Time
Dinner at 6PM**
in the Fellowship Hall
followed at 7PM by Bible
Study and a Children's
Program.



**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.





Birthdays

Gerri Lee	10/02
Joyce Lake	10/04
MJ Moore	10/7
Dorothy Loy	10/08
Beryl Gerhard	10/09
Shannon Murphy	10/09
Jaxon Gedney	10/09
Jake Fithian	10/10
Dan Taylor	10/10
Barbara McCarty	10/10
Michelle Rogers	10/10
Dorothy Kerr	10/12
Pat Roberts	10/15
Stephanie Toussaint	10/16
Liooul Tilahun	10/21
Gladys Hutchins	10/27
Debbie Geiser	10/29
Cameron Lentz	10/30

Anniversaries

Danny & Victoria Macklin	8 years	10/15
Cliff & Violet Cannon	64 years	10/22
Richard & Gaynor Waltz	4 years	10/17



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.

“Stitched with Love”



The blocks of my quilt “Flowers of the Month” were pieced by me and machine quilted by Debi Bilow Traute, my neighbor on Pine Street. The other quilt, “Grandmother’s Fan” was pieced and hand quilted in the early 1920’s by my grandmother, Emily Maude Jones of Madison, West Virginia. Grandmother Jones never quilted for a show. She quilted to keep her thirteen children warm on cold, snowy nights. She had a garden out in her back yard, raised chickens out back and had kitty cats on her front porch. She kept hore hound and rock crystal candy in jars on her dresser in her bedroom. She had several quilt frames in her basement, usually all with quilts on them “in process”. She also “doctored” most folks in the county. Her quilt is my beloved treasure from my mother.

Avis Jarrell Shaffer Triplett



Individuals who have come forward
desiring membership:
Oscar and Yassah Dennis

Here's what's happening in October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 Bonar/ Chapman Circle (Rosemary Cosgrove Schuler's home) 3:00 Game Day (Fellowship Hall) 	2 9:30 Community Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer	3 1:30 Ann Clemmer Circle (Church Library) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	4	5 8:00 Children's Choice 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Great Truths Classroom)
6 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 4:30 International Covered Dish Dinner (Fellowship Hall)	7 7:00 Deacon's Meeting (Library) 7:00 Visitation Teams	8 2:00 Nominating Committee (Conference Room) 5:30 Missions Mtg	9 9:30 Community Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Quarterly Business Meeting	10 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	11	12
13 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Blood Pressure Screening	14 7:00 Visitation Teams	15 November Newsletter Articles Due 	16 9:30 Community Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer	17  11:30 XYZ (Where Pigs Fly) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	18 6:00 Chili Cook-Off	19
20 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship	21 1:00 Comfort Shaw Ministry 6:00 Board of Christian Education 7:00 Visitation Teams	22	23 9:30 Community Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer	24 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	25	26
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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.