



# The First Baptist Church of Dover

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November 2019 Newsletter

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## “A Fruit That Lasts”

How can a fruit last? The answer that will come first to our minds is: a fruit will last if we refrigerate it. Is this what Jesus meant when he said to his disciples as recorded in John 15:16 "... I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last..."? Should our faith be kept in a refrigerator or store it somewhere cool to keep it fresh? This is not what Jesus meant.

When Jesus said that we must go and bear fruit, a fruit that will last, he was using the agricultural context of Israel. And this agricultural procedure is even the same up to now. Jesus found symbolical meanings to the agricultural procedure of planting a seed, taking care of the seed until it grows into a fruit-bearing tree, wait for the fruit to ripen, get the seeds again from the fruit, and then repeat the process.

What then is this process in our Christian life?

*F*irst, we have to plant the *seeds of faith* in the lives of other people. This presupposes that our Christian life is ripe so that seeds can come out of our lives. We can spread the Gospel in many ways. This is what evangelization is all about.

*S*econd, we have to take care of these newly planted *seeds of faith* so that it will grow to be fruit-bearing. This is labor intensive. A lot of nurturing and protection are needed. This is where discipleship comes in.

*T*hird, when the fruit ripens, we help each other in spreading and planting the next generation of the *seeds of faith*. In this way, one seed has multiplied into a lot of fruit-bearing lives.

May God bless us all as we plant the *Seeds of Faith*.

*Contributed by Romeo Limson*



# STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

## SAVE THE DATE

### Annual Stewardship Dinner

An evening of fun and fellowship!

November 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm

Davis Fellowship Hall



Fairview Elementary School's  
**Good News Club**

**GOOD NEWS CLUB** is now meeting every Tuesday afternoon at 3:15 PM. Currently we have 24 children signed up to attend our club. Please keep the GNC Team and the children they minister to in your prayers.

**XYZ**  
(extra years of zest)



You are invited to join us for lunch on November 21, 2019 at 11:30 am. We will be going to The Palace, 556 S. Dupont Blvd., Milford, DE. Please let us know if you are able to attend by signing the reservation sheet at the Welcome Center by Sunday, November 17th or by calling the church office - 302-674-1980. All persons available during the day are invited to attend.



Dear Ladies:

Wow – it is November already. 2019 is going by very fast. This is going to be another busy month. At your November circle meetings, you will be having a program on Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer. There are articles written by Baptist women from all over the world. A special offering will be taken that day. The actual date of Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer is November 4<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, every woman in the church will receive an envelope with a prayer guide and a tea bag. You will be asked to set aside some time on the 4<sup>th</sup> to fix yourself a cup of tea and find a quiet place where you can

spend time going over the prayer guide and having some time in prayer with other Baptist women all around the world. When you think about praying along with all these women, it gives you goosebumps.

On Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> we will be meeting at 10 a.m. to set up the Chrismon Trees and decorate the Sanctuary for Advent, which starts the following Sunday. If you are able to help, please join us. It is always a wonderful time of fellowship with your sisters in Christ. Mark your calendars and be part of getting your Sanctuary ready for the birthday of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Until next month, may you have a Blessed Thanksgiving.

***Margaret E. Steinhoff***

President of ABWM



**Mary Bonar/Rita  
Chapman Circle**

**Meeting November 5, 10:00 at  
Suzanne Murr's home.**

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

**Leader: Jo Rolison**

**Ann Clemmer Circle  
Meeting November 7, 1:30 in the  
Church Library.**

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



**Joyce Reed Circle**

**Meeting November 2, 10:00 at  
Lorraine Steinhoff's home.**

**Joyce is a missionary to  
IberoAmerica and the Caribbean  
Leader: Sue Moore**







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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

☞ Time: 8:30am-4:00pm

☞ Location: First Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall

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







# Birthdays

Gilbert	Hutchins	11/03
Caleb	Septer	11/06
Mary	Bernard	11/07
Sarah	Prescott	11/07
Michelle	Septer	11/07
Alice	Murphy	11/08
Ken	Kemp	11/10
Tyler	Myers	11/12
Gene	Moore	11/15
Angela	Allen	11/17
Larry	Buckley	11/19
Sarah	Smart	11/22
Biruk	Tilahun	11/26
Romeo	Limson	11/30

# Anniversaries

Willie & Glenda Case	58 yrs.	11/17
Leo & Myra McDermott	29 yrs.	11/23
Lester & Karen Blakeman, Sr.	52 yrs.	11/25
Edward & Beryl Gerhard	43 yrs.	11/27
Phil & Margaret Steinhoff	45 yrs.	11/30

# 2019 ANNUAL COMMUNITY



The 2019 ANNUAL COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. We will need volunteers to hand out flyers and collect food on Friday, the 8<sup>th</sup> at the Redner's Cheswold store. We will also need volunteers to transport food from Redner's West Dover and Redner's Cheswold on Friday, the 8<sup>th</sup> and Redner's West Dover on Saturday, the 9<sup>th</sup>. This food drive provides several months of food for our church pantry. A poster is set up in the Narthex for you to sign-up. For questions, please call Willis Case at 734-2908.

*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.

## Here's What's Happening at our Church!



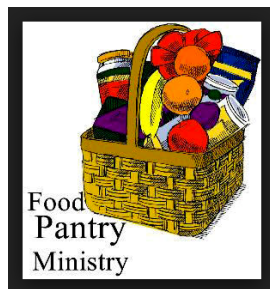
**Wednesday Evening Bible  
Study & Prayer Time  
Dinner at 6PM**  
in the Fellowship Hall  
followed at 7PM by Bible  
Study and a Children's  
Program.



**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@fbcdoover.org](mailto:secretary@fbcdoover.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.



# Here's what's happening in November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2  8:30 Woman's Retreat (Fellowship Hall) 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Lorraine Steinhoff's home)
3  9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship	4  7:00 Deacon's Meeting (Library) 7:00 Visitation Teams	5 10:00 Bonar/ Chapman Circle (Suzanne Murr's home) 1:00 Stewardship Committee (Conference Room) 3:00 Game Day (Fellowship Hall)  3:00 Good News Club	6  9:30 Community Bible Study  6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer	7  1:30 Ann Clemmer Circle (Church Library)  7:00 Sanctuary Choir	8  <b>Annual Community Food Drive</b>  12:00 Stewardship Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	9  <b>Annual Community Food Drive</b>  9:00 Coordinating Committee (Library)  5:00 Stewardship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
10  9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Blood Pressure Screening	11  7:00 Visitation Teams	12  2:00 Nominating Committee (Conference Room) 3:00 Good News Club  5:30 Missions Meeting (Conference Room)	13  9:30 Community Bible Study  6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer	14  7:00 Sanctuary Choir	15  <b>December Newsletter Articles Due</b> 	16  5:00 Gospel Fest (Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall)
17  9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Service of Healing Prayer 12:30 Trustees Meeting (Library)	18  1:00 Comfort Shaw Ministry  6:00 Board of Christian Education 7:00 Visitation Teams	19  7:45 Children's Choice  3:00 Good News Club	20  9:30 Community Bible Study  6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer	21   11:30 XYZ (The Palace, Milford, DE)  7:00 Sanctuary Choir	22	23
24 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship	25  7:00 Visitation Teams	26  10:00 Decorating for Advent  3:00 Good News Club  5:00 Children's Choice	27	28  Happy Thanksgiving  Church Office Closed	29  Church Office Closed	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.