



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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January 2020 Newsletter

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“Commit to Change for the Better”

The word Year has three meanings in the original root word:

1. *Division of time;*
2. *To repeat, do the same;*
3. *To change, alter.*

Will this year be just a passing of time? Will this year be just a repetition? Or will this year be a year that we will change for the better?

We would often hear the word change. It is so broad that the one who wants to change does not know where to start. For those who profess to be Christians, the answer is straightforward: we want to be like Jesus. Like Paul, we too should say, "imitate me as I imitate Christ."

If we want to pattern our lives to that of Jesus, then we need to see the pattern. Where can we see it? The Bible. If this is so, then the resolution to change and pattern our lives to that of Jesus involves our commitment to read the Bible and reflect on what is written there. The ethical question of "What Would Jesus Do" - can be answered if we read and understand the Bible.



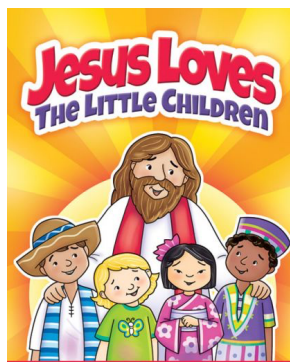
If reading the Bible is not yet in your New Year's Resolution, then please put it there and start reading. When you make a reflection, start asking questions about what God wants to change in your life through the passages that you have read. Pray for it and ask for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, you have made a commitment to change for the better.

This year should not just be a passing of time nor a repetition of the last year but a commitment to change.

May God bless us all as we follow the footsteps of Jesus.

Contributed by Romeo Limson

Please place your used ink and toner cartridges in the labeled box located under the table inside the downstairs entrance. There will also be a labeled gray box located in the coat closet next to the Welcome Center. First Baptist Church receives credit for each cartridge that is turned in. As a result, this reduces the cost of the church's office supplies.



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)



Make plans to join us for our first meeting in 2020. If you are retired or just available during the day, please join us for a time of food and fellowship on the third Thursday of the month. We will be going to Countrie Eatery on January 16 beginning at 11:30 am. Please sign up at the welcome center or call the church office at 302-674-1980 to make reservations by January 13th. All persons available during the day are invited to attend.



Dear Ladies,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a Blessed Christmas and were able to spend time with your family and friends. Circle meetings will start up again with the Joyce Reed Circle meeting the first Saturday. The Bonar/Chapman Circle will be meeting the first Tuesday. However, please note the change of the date for the Ann Clemmer Circle. They will be meeting the second Thursday of January this month and will be meeting from now on at 1 pm. WE will be taking the

Chrismon Trees down on Friday, January 10th at 10 am. Remember, many hands make light work. Please mark your calendars and join us.

Looking ahead, the ABWM Day of Renewal is set for Saturday, February 8th from 9am-1pm. Our hope is to spend the day learning about how education has changed in the Congo. We will also be putting together 30 baby layettes. I will be sharing more next month. A lot to look forward too.

Until next month, wishing you healthy and happy days.

Margaret E. Steinhoff

President of ABWM of FBC, Dover, DE



**Mary Bonar/Rita
Chapman Circle**

**Meeting January 7, 10:00 at the
home of Agnes Robinson
Rita is a missionary to the
Democratic Republic
of the Congo
Leader: Jo Rolison**



Joyce Reed Circle

**Meeting January 4, 10:00 at the
home of Mary Emma Tisinger
Joyce is a missionary to
IberoAmerica and the Caribbean
Leader: Sue Moore**

Ann Clemmer Circle

**Meeting January 9, 1:00
at Church Library**

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





Birthdays

June	Katz	01/01
Bill	Myers	01/05
Milda	Limson	01/06
Lee	McCulley	01/08
Chris	Blakeman	01/09
Wilfred	Clark	01/10
Judith	Cowan	01/11
Dick	Smith	01/15
Marivic	Navarro	01/20
Brian	Gedney	01/22
Leona	Hutchins	01/27
Christine	Septer	01/27
Agnes	Robinson	01/29
Margaret	Wright	01/30

Anniversary

Irv & Nancy	Culver	01/12 - 51 yrs.
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Sermons



Sermons are now available on the church's website, fbcdover.org under the title "Sermons". Or, if you prefer, you may request a CD copy of a Sunday's sermon by contacting the church office.



I would like to thank everyone for their kindness, generosity and prayers over this past year. I also want to thank you

for the very generous Christmas gift you have given me. I appreciate it so much! I pray that you have a wonderful and blessed Christmas and a fantastic New Year!

Vicky Smith

Comfort Shawl Ministry



What a blessing it has been for the members of this group to gather on the 1st Monday of each month in the Fellowship Hall. We pray over the shawls we create, fellowship and deliver shawls to individuals needing and wanting a soft, warm wrap; as well as delivering shawls to cancer patients at Dover Bayhealth. Two of our members delivered 20 shawls to the oncology unit at Bayhealth In October. We were humbly honored to speak to, pray with and deliver shawls, personally, to four patients! We hear so many comments from recipients, family and friends of the love and warmth they feel when wrapping up in one of these lovely shawls. Please notify a member of this group if you or someone you know could use a prayer and a "Shawl Hug"!

I would like to thank my brothers and sisters at FBC for the generous staff member gift that I received at the Christmas Tea. It was totally unexpected and very much appreciated. Working for the

congregation and with fellow staff members at FBC is a joyous blessing and a a privileged opportunity to serve the Lord.

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Phil Steinhoff

Thank you





From the Office of the Secretary

In order to prevent confusion and/or errors in the office, please **submit all items, articles and requests**, to the secretary **via either email:** secretary@fbcdover.org or **place a written request in the secretary's mailbox** on the lower level.

Bulletin: Submissions for Sunday bulletins must be received by Wednesday, 3pm, in order to ensure your item is in the bulletin.

Newsletter: Articles and submissions for the newsletter must be received by the 15th of the month to be included in the newsletter.

Requests:

If you are making a request of the secretary, please allow at least five working days for your request to be completed. If the request is for a large amount of work, please give at least ten working days' notice. Requests must be submitted by email or by placing a written request in the secretary's mailbox.

Church Calendar:

The church calendar is in the secretary's office. If you need to check the availability of the church for an event or meeting, please contact the secretary to see if the date is available. If the date is available, please submit the following information in writing to the secretary via email or by the secretary's mailbox:

Date and time of event or meeting
Location of the event or meeting

The secretary will send you written confirmation of the date and time you requested.

For the Boards, Committees and Circles that meet on regular days of the month, written notification is only needed if there is a change in the date and/or time of the meeting.

Church Office Hours:

Reminder-the church office hours:	Monday	8am-12pm
	Tuesday	9am - 3pm
	Wednesday	9am – 3pm
	Thursday	9am – 3pm
	Friday	9am - 5pm

If you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact the secretary at (302) 674-1980. Thank you!

Vicky Smith, BS
Secretary

Here's What's Happening at our Church!



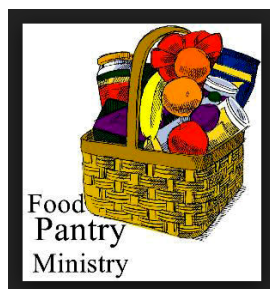
**Wednesday Evening Bible
Study & Prayer Time
Dinner at 6PM**
in the Fellowship Hall
followed at 7PM by Bible
Study and a Children's
Program.



**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.



Here's what's happening in January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2	3	1 Church Office Closed 	2 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	3	4 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Home of Mary Emma Tisinger)
5 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship	6 7:00 Deacon's Meeting (Library) 7:00 Visitation Teams	7 10:00 Bonar/ Chapman Circle (Home of Agnes Robinson) 3:00 Game Day (Fellowship Hall)  3:00 Good News Club	8 9:30 Community Bible Study Annual Reports due to the Secretary 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer	9 1:00 Ann Clemmer Circle (Church Library) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	10 10:00 Take down Chrismon Trees	11 9:00 Coordinating Committee (Library) 
12 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Blood Pressure Screening	13 7:00 Visitation Teams	14 February Newsletter Articles Due  3:00 Good News Club 5:30 Missions Mtg.	15 9:30 Community Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer	16 11:30 XYZ (Countrie Eatery)  7:00 Sanctuary Choir	17	18 10:00 Frontline Ministries
19 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:30 Trustees Meeting (Library)	20 1:00 Comfort Shawl Ministry 6:00 Board of Christian Ed 7:00 Visitation Teams	21 3:00 Good News Club	22 9:30 Community Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Annual Business Meeting	23 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	24	25
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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.