



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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March 2020 Newsletter

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“Board of Deacon’s Update”

The Board of Deacons is excited about the changes that are coming. On March 8th daylight savings time begins. The daylight hours will allow more light in the early evening. The flowers will bloom and new growth will occur.



We are also excited about the March 15th meeting when we will gather as a church family to share ideas regarding growth. We will look at our own personal growth, as well as, church growth. The entire church family is invited for lunch and a time of sharing. The meeting will occur following Sunday worship. Mark your calendar now. Be praying and allow God to work in your heart and mind. I know that God has great plans for us.

Finally, "Around the Table" groups will be formed. If you are interested in getting to know others in our church family, it is not too late to join, "Around the Table"



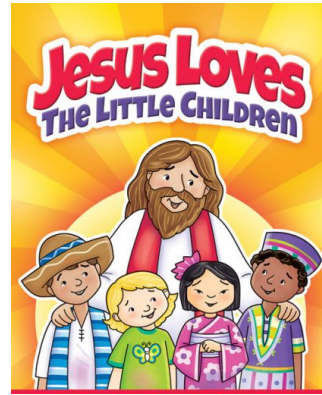
groups of approximately eight people will gather and enjoy a time of food, fun and fellowship. No matter your age - young or old - a couple or single, everyone is welcome to participate. Look for the sign up sheet in the narthex or call the church office to register. After the

groups are formed, an initial planning meetings will take place to discuss how and when each group wants to meet.

Looking forward to getting to know you better!

Please place your used ink and toner cartridges in the labeled box located under the table inside the downstairs entrance.

There is also a labeled 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. Thank you.



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.

The Board of Missions is looking for an individual or couple interested in becoming the new Food Pantry Coordinator(s) by participating in an internship with Willis Case through the summer and taking over leadership of the Food Pantry in the fall.

Job duties include the business end of the Food Pantry such as keeping the books, providing monthly reports to the Board of Missions, organizing the fall food drive, and Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets.

If you are interested in this rewarding opportunity, please contact the church office at (302) 674-1980.



Dear Ladies,

Happy March! Looking ahead to the weather for March 1st, it is supposed to be a beautiful, sunny day but the high will only be 42 degrees. Does that mean it is coming in like a lion or a lamb? Well, whatever it means, I don't see any snow listed. That is a good thing. Hope you all are well and have avoided the flu.

The last day for Chocolate Easter Egg orders is Sunday, March 8th. I hope you all have been busy getting those orders in. We start making the eggs on Thursday, March 12th at 10 a.m. in the church kitchen. The sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. If you have never helped with the egg making, please consider doing so. There is a lot of fun and laughter. The Sisterhood bonding is great! The more helpers, the faster it goes. Look for a list of the dates and times in the larger egg article. Eggs will be available for delivery on Palm Sunday, April 5th.

Our Women's Day of Renewal went very well. Twenty-seven women attended, including 3 ladies from Christ Memorial. We learned a lot about education in the Democratic Republic of the Congo – both past and present and how amazing Mary Bonar was. The presentation shared by Sue MacDonald was wonderful and we were pleased to have her. The soups were delicious! And we got to try all three, if we wanted. Yum!!!! And three Chocolate cakes – all different and delicious! We were able to put together 30 Newborn Baby layettes, which will we take to New Windsor, MD. in April. Thank you to all who helped make the day possible.

With March comes a change in Daylight Savings Time. Remember to "Spring forward." So set your clock ahead 1 hour when you go to bed on Saturday, March 7th or you will be very late for church the next morning. By the way, you will never get back that hour of sleep you lose, no matter how hard you try...and I have tried, sorry.

Until next month, have a Blessed day and month!
Margaret E. Steinhoff, President of ABWM of FBC Dover



**Mary Bonar/Rita
Chapman Circle**
Meeting March 3, 10:00 at the
home of Twyla Hinzman
Rita is a missionary to the
Democratic Republic
of the Congo
Leader: Jo Rolison



Joyce Reed Circle
Meeting March 7, 10:00 in the
Great Truths Classroom
Joyce is a missionary to
IberoAmerica and the Caribbean
Leader: Sue Moore

Ann Clemmer Circle
Meeting March 5, 1:00
at Church Library
Ann is a missionary to Eastern
Congo & South Sudan
Leader: Lois Glading





It's That Time Again

The last day that ABWM will be taking orders for homemade Chocolate Easter Eggs is Sunday, March 8th. They are available in the Dark Chocolate, Milk Chocolate or White Chocolate. You have a choice of seven (7) different fillings – Peanut butter, Strawberry cream, Chocolate cream, Orange cream, Buttercream, Coconut cream and Chocolate coconut cream. The cost remains the same as

in previous years: \$2.75 each or Two (2) for \$5.00. The eggs are delicious and freeze well, so that you can enjoy them anytime throughout the year. Look for order forms in the church bulletin or see any ABWM member. Please turn your orders in to Sue Moore.

Following are the dates and times for Egg making. There is a sign-up board in the Narthex. If you haven't helped before, please consider doing so. It is a lot of fun and fellowship. Besides making the process go quicker, many hands make light work. All the Egg making sessions will be held in the Church Kitchen.

Thursday, March 12th - 10 AM

Saturday, March 14th - 10 AM

Tuesday, March 17th - 10 AM (Wear your green that day)

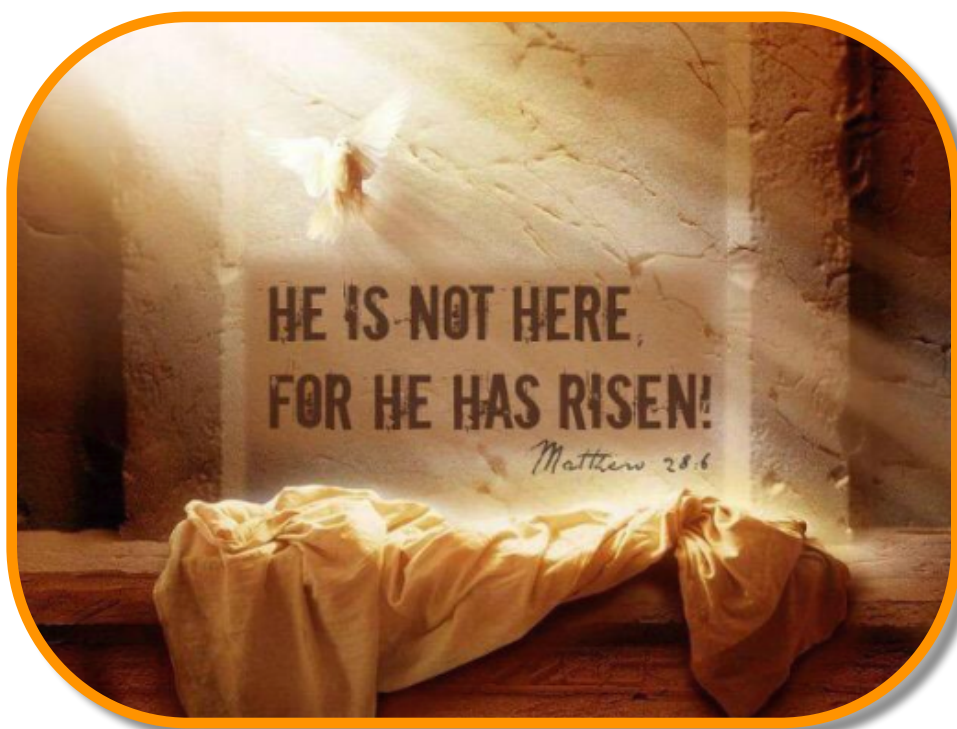
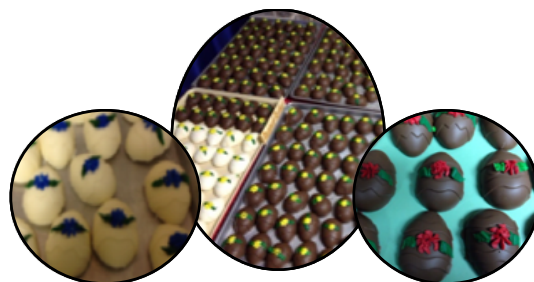
Friday, March 20th - 10 AM

Tuesday, March 24th - 10 AM

Thursday, March 26th - 10 AM

Tuesday, March 31st - 10 AM

Wednesday, April 1st - 10 AM (Possible make-up day)





Birthdays

John Kelly, Jr.	3/03
Daniel Macklin	3/04
Theresa Thornburg	3/05
Marsha Kemp	3/10
Christopher Cottrell	3/12
Lisa Clark	3/13
Karen Blakenman	3/14
Yesiah Dennis	3/16
Scott Septer	3/20
Anna McKinney	3/22
Sue Moore	3/26
Laraine Harris	3/27
Richard Waltz	3/27
Brian Cunningham	3/31

Anniversaries

Aaron & Charity King	14 years - 3/11
Donald & Ramona Scott	35 years - 3/16
Norman & Lisa Clendaniel	42 years - 3/17
Tom & Pat Roberts	67 years - 3/28

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 Sheridan's Irish Pub, 42 W. Commerce St., Smyrna, on March 19 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 March 15th. All persons available during the day are invited to attend.

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. 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"!

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.

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(extra years of zest)



America for CHRIST OFFERING 2020

“You shall
LOVE your
NEIGHBOR
as **YOURSELF.**”
MATTHEW 22:39



Thanks to your **America for Christ** (AFC) Offering contributions, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) ministers to families who have lost homes to floods, to children living lives of limitation in poverty, to seminarians preparing to devote their lives to sharing the Good News, and many more. We have been answering God's call to heal broken families and communities—as well as cultivate strong Christian leaders and equip passionate disciples—since 1832.

The world's needs today are as great as they were close to two centuries ago. We are extending our ministry by awarding grants to mission partners across the United States and Puerto Rico—partners who are also doing the work of empowering Christian leaders, nurturing disciples and intercultural awareness, and transforming congregations and communities with the healing power of God's love.

By contributing to the AFC Offering, you increase our capacity to fulfill the biblical mandate in Matthew 22:39: “*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*”

Our ministries—along with the ministries of our mission partners—are making a difference in the lives of so many individuals and families. With your help, we can bring God's healing touch to so many more.

Our congregation will be participating in this ministry throughout the month of March. Please give joyfully as the Lord leads you.

Quilts from Ed Gerhard:

The quilt with green scalloped edging is a Magic Vine Quilt handmade by Ed Gerhard's mother, Eloda Gerhard, in the 1930's. The pattern for each square appeared in a weekly newspaper in PA. The other scalloped quilt is in the Dresden Plate Design, which was pieced and hand quilted in the 1920's by Ed's mother, Eloda, as well.





HAVE YOU HEARD?

Would you like to save some money on federal taxes? If you are 70 ½ or older you can now make gifts directly from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to First Baptist without paying federal income tax on the withdrawal. This provision, called a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)**, has been possible for several years but the regulation is usually passed as an added part of the tax law near the end of the calendar year. It was done on a year to year basis. The **Tax Cuts and Jobs Act** passed by Congress in 2017 has made it a permanent part of the tax code.

How it works

- You must be age 70 ½ or older at the time the gift is made.
- At age 70 ½ you are required to receive an annual RMD (required minimum distribution).
- Funds received from this distribution are fully taxable.
- You must request from the IRA plan custodian a direct transfer of funds to First Baptist for the gift to be tax free.
- Gifts through a QCD can satisfy part or all of your required distribution.
- Notify your tax preparer of your charitable gift amount.
- The account types that are eligible for QCDs include: Traditional IRAs, Inherited IRAs, SEP IRA (inactive plans only) and SIMPLE IRA (inactive plans only).

Contact a member of the Finance Committee for further information.

Here's What's Happening at our Church!



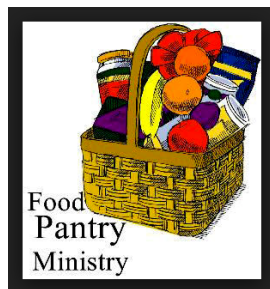
**Wednesday Evening Bible
Study & Prayer Time
Dinner at 6PM**
in the Fellowship Hall
followed at 7PM by Bible
Study and a Children's
Program.



**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.*

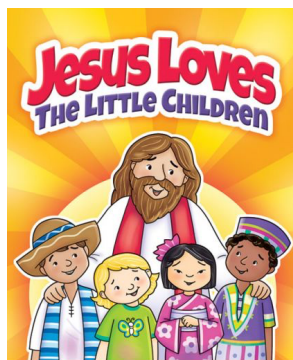


Please email your articles to Vicky Smith at
secretary@fbcdover.org



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!



**Fairview Elementary School's
Good News
Club**
Meets Tuesday at 3:15

**Volunteers needed to share in this ministry.
Come, sit and enjoy getting to know these
precious children. No skills required.**



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? Contact the church office for more information about having 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 March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship	2 7:00 Visitation Teams	3 10:00 Bonar/ Chapman Circle (Home of Twyla Hinzman) 3:00 Good News Club (Fairview Elementary School) 6:00 Deacon's Meeting (Library)	4 9:30 Community Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer	5 1:00 Ann Clemmer Circle (Church Library) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	6 	7 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Great Truths Classroom)
8 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Blood Pressure Screening Last Day for Easter Eggs to be ordered 	9 10:00 Staff Relations 7:00 Visitation Teams	10  3:00 Game Day (Fellowship Hall) 3:00 Good News Club (Fairview Elementary School)	11 9:30 Community Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer	12 10:00 Egg Making 2:00 Nominating Committee 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	13 10:00 Missions Mtg. (Conference Room)	14 10:00 Egg Making
15 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:30 Trustees Mtg. 12:30 Growing Together	16  April Newsletter Articles Due 1:00 Comfort Shawl Ministry 7:00 Visitation Teams	17 10:00 Egg Making 3:00 Good News Club (Fairview Elementary School) 6:00 Board of Christian Education Mtg.	18 9:30 Community Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer	19 9:00 Mt. Zion AME Church Event 11:30 XYZ (Sheridan's Pub)  7:00 Sanctuary Choir	20 10:00 Egg Making	21 10:00 Coordinating Committee (Library) 
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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.