



# The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

April 2020 Newsletter

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*All activities are cancelled  
until further notice due to  
the COVID-19 Virus.*





In the past week we have certainly journeyed to places we never thought we would be. We hear about the continued spread of the Coronavirus and we are all doing our part to stay at home or keep our distance from one another. We don't want to contract the virus nor do we want to pass anything on to others. This certainly makes it extremely difficult when we need to cancel worship services and other gatherings of the church. We miss being with each other and sharing our lives.

Please know that we are praying for you and are thinking of you as you do your part. The church office remains open during the day so that you can call if you have any needs and let us know if you need food or anything that we can bring to you.

Please call one another to check in because others will welcome the chance to talk with you. Please pray for or with each other and share your concerns. These are anxious times, but we should not be afraid and instead we remain vigilant and careful.

If we were together for a time of Bible study it would be fitting to look once again at Psalm 23. These words of David bring us assurance and encouragement as we read them as if for the first time. As you read these 6 verses I've included some thought provoking statements and questions that were passed on to me by a clergy friend. I hope that this will be a blessing for you as it was to me.

Peace and Blessing to you,

Pastor Dan

### *Psalm 23*

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
[Name the blessings in your life. ]

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
[What is good in your life? What is peaceful in your life?]

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
[Name a time God has restored you – a time when God reached out and brought you back.]

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
[What are you worried about? What “shadows” keep you up at night?]

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
[How do you need to be taken care of? How do you want to be loved?]

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.  
[What is it you need to empower your faith? What do you need in order to go forward?]

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## ***“THE MEANING OF CHRIST’S RESURRECTION FOR US”***

If Christ has conquered death, then what does it mean for us?

*First*, the resurrection of Jesus means that we too can rise above the death-like situations that surround us. Paul affirms that we share in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as illustrated in our baptism. If this is so, then we are empowered by God to see life, and make life-affirming decisions in seemingly hopeless situations.

*Second*, the resurrection of Jesus means that the Gospel that we preach is true. In the book of Acts, the word "resurrection" was repeated many times. The disciples were full of courage in preaching the good news about Jesus because of the resurrection. The disciples who were previously scattered and dejected during the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus, were transformed and became bold enough to stand in front of many people declaring that they are followers of Jesus. This was because of one thing alone -- the resurrection of Jesus. This means that we too should not be ashamed in sharing the Gospel because our God is not dead.

*Third*, the resurrection of Jesus means that we are now bringers of hope. Hope is very powerful as a psychological motivation. How much more if our hope is based on the resurrected Jesus. Our expectation then is full of confidence because "he who began a good work in us will surely bring it on to completion..." (Phil 1:6). Our hope is not just a mere psych ploy, but more importantly a spirituality that is anchored in a certainty. Let us share that hope to others.

*Hallelujah!!! He is risen indeed!!!*

*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 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.



**Sermons are now available on the church's website, [fbcdover.org](http://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.**

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,***

I hope this newsletter finds you well. In this time of uncertainty with the COVID-19 virus, we need to remember each other in prayer. There will be no Circle meetings in April. It seems strange not to be meeting at this special time of year when we remember the greatest sacrifice ever made on our behalf and rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord, His triumph over death. Please keep in touch with your Circle Sisters. Let them know you are thinking of and praying for them. And check in on each other. Sometimes that phone call makes all the difference in a person's day.

Some of us have been busy making the Chocolate Easter Eggs. We have made 900+ eggs. Sue Moore, Micky Hooks and I feel like we have been living at the church. Also, special thanks to Rennie Quible and Rosemary Schuler for their help with making and decorating eggs and to M.J. Moore for putting all the labels on the bags. The eggs are done and ready for pick-up. Call the church office to let Vicky know when you will be coming to pick up your eggs. She will bring them out to you. If you are unable to come to the church to pick up your orders, we will figure out a way to get them to you. They are going to be delicious, as per usual! Again, peanut butter was the biggest flavor choice; 400 + were made. Lois Glading was our biggest seller once again with ~ 171 eggs sold! That's a lot of eggs! And very special thank you to Gene Moore, who has been put to work in many ways, Phil Steinhoff for helping to bag eggs and assemble orders, Lorraine Steinhoff and Cody Leavel for driving to Rehoboth at the last minute to purchase the 34 bags of chocolate we needed to finish making eggs (we couldn't find what we needed in Dover) and for helping to bag eggs and assemble orders, and to Rosemary and George Schuler for helping to assemble the orders. We couldn't have accomplished all of this in such a short time without all the help. This is the largest quantity of eggs we have ever made. Hopefully, the money raised will be of great help to the street kids and their program in Brazil. Definitely a worthy cause! If you missed getting eggs, we will be selling extras when we are back to "normal," which I pray will be sooner than later.

The Board Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> is also on hold. I will call you to reset the meeting. Hopefully, we will be able to have our Dinner/Installation in the end of May and will need to meet prior to plan for it.

I pray that this stressful time will be over soon so that we can meet again in May for our Dinner/Installation. Remember to thank God for seeing us safely through this and for His blessings every day and pray for those affected by the Coronavirus and those who have lost loved ones and those who are providing care.

Until next month, God Bless you all!

***Margaret E. Steinhoff, President of ABWM of FBC Dover***



**Mary Bonar/Rita  
Chapman Circle**

**Rita is a missionary to the  
Democratic Republic  
of the Congo  
Leader: Jo Rolison**



**Joyce Reed Circle**

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

**Ann Clemmer Circle**

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







# Birthdays

Violet Cannon	4/5
Norma Jean Courtney	4/5
Robert Peterson	4/5
Leon Prescott	4/7
Donna Hutchins	4/8
Maria Peterson	4/13
Mickie Hooks	4/16
Bill Fausey	4/21
Steve Gedney	4/22
Nancy Culver	4/23
Veronica Manno	4/26
Patricia Ward	4/27
Margaret Steinhoff	4/28
Faith King	4/29
Elaine Jarrell	4/30
Tyler McCarty	4/30

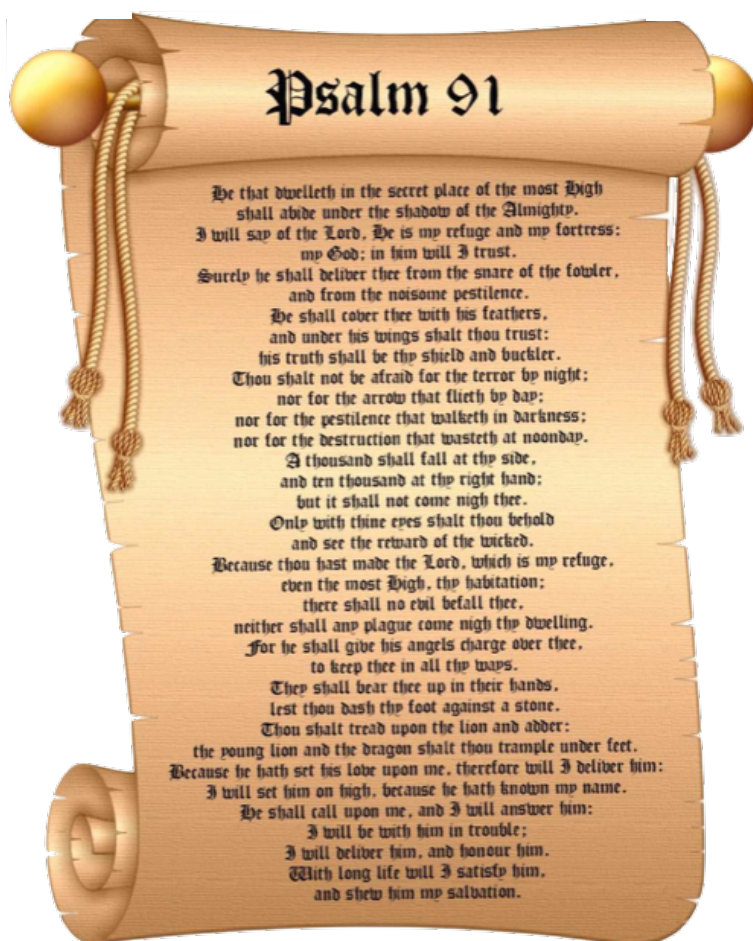
# Anniversaries

Leon & Sara Prescott	4/7	70 years
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## 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"!



## 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.*”

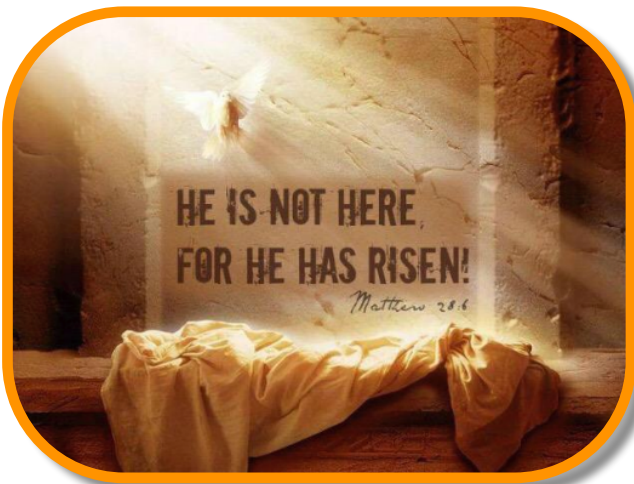
Our ministries—along with the ministries of our mission partners—are making a difference in the lives of so many individuals and families. With your help, we can bring God's healing touch to so many more.

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



Please find attached the prayer list for March 25, 2020. Don't forget the platforms you can use to participate in Sunday's 11:00am service if you access to the Internet:

- + YouTube.com - First Baptist Church of Dover DE
- + Church's website - [fbcdover.org](http://fbcdover.org).
- + Facebook - First Baptist Church of Dover Delaware.





# 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!



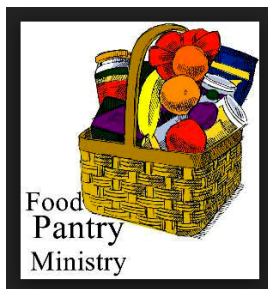
**Wednesday Evening Bible  
Study & Prayer Time  
Dinner at 6PM**  
in the Fellowship Hall  
followed at 7PM by Bible  
Study and a Children's  
Program.



**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.**

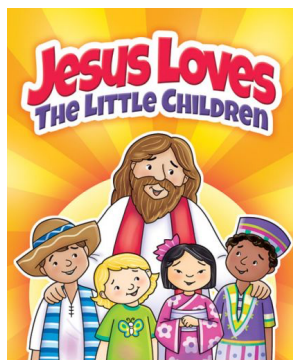


Please email your articles to Vicky Smith at  
[secretary@fbcdover.org](mailto:secretary@fbcdover.org)



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  
Pray for the Children**

**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 April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30 Community Bible Study 10:00 Egg Making 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer	2 1:00 Ann Clemmer Circle (Church Library) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	3	4 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Great Truths Classroom) 9:00 Landscaping Work Day
5 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship	6 7:00 Visitation Teams	7 10:00 Bonar/ Chapman Circle (Home of Elaine Jarrell)	8 9:30 Community Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer	9 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	10 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	11
12  9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Blood Pressure Screening	13 7:00 Visitation Teams	14 May Newsletter Articles Due 3:00 Game Day 	15 9:30 Community Bible Study - Easter Break 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer	16  11:30 XYZ (Smyrna Diner)) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	17	18
19 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:30 Trustees Mtg. (Library)	20 10:00 Staff Relations Committee (Conference Room) 1:00 Comfort Shawl Ministry 7:00 Visitation Teams	21 6:00 Board of Christian Education	22 9:30 Community Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Quarterly Business Meeting	23 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	24	25
26 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship	27 7:00 Visitation Teams	28	29	30 7:00 Sanctuary Choir		

## 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.