



The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

May 2020 Newsletter

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until further notice due to
the COVID-19 Virus.*





In this Spring of 2020 we are in the midst of the most interesting time that any of us can remember. This is usually when we would be gathering with family and friends to be outside together to enjoy the flowers, the blooming trees and early trips to the beach. This is usually the time when we gather as a church for worship,



small group gatherings including ABWM circle meetings, choir, Sunday School, Wednesday night dinners and more. But this year, as we are staying safe and staying home, the church scattered is still the church.

In the past few weeks worship has been different as a few of us, under the minimum number the state has set for gatherings, have had the privilege of sharing very special times to piece together experiences that we've all shared. Phil Steinhoff secured a YouTube channel for us at 'First Baptist Church of Dover DE' and for the past month and a half Sunday worship has been recorded and shared online. Some thought that we would miss Easter, but we all should realize that those of us who follow Jesus are Easter people and Hallelujah is our song. Christ is Risen, Indeed.

I am thankful for those who have been worship participants and of course all of you who joined with us and forwarded the services to your family and friends. We have also started a weekly conference call gathering to share scripture and to pray together. I really believe that with the innovative methods that we have begun using along with the calls and connections among those in the congregation we are being the church and not just coming to church. You know that God has called us to love each other and to care for each other. We are to love God and we are called to lead others into a life changing relationship with Jesus. Keep up the good work by reaching out to one another and to others who need you. When we are able to gather together for worship and fellowship again, we will be different as a church – we will step into a new way of living, loving and leading others to Jesus.

**We will never
change the world
by going to church.
We will only
change the world
by being the church.**

As we continue to face the trials that surround us with the corona virus, together we know that 'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.' Psalm 46.1 Blessings to you as you are filled with the courage and strength that God gives you for these days.

In the Hope of Christ,

Pastor Dan

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' ...
'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'
Mark 12.30-31



“Giving a Blessing”

May 22, 2020 is the Ascension Day celebration in the Christian calendar. The ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ happened 40 days after the resurrection.

What can we learn from the ascension of Jesus?

First, Jesus has given all His disciples a blessing. "When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them." What could this blessing be? We do not know the exact words of the blessing but we can have a clue on what it is on Matthew 28:16-20. Jesus gave the Great Commission to His disciples. This happened probably days before or weeks before the ascension. The blessing of Jesus here is in a form of a promise -- "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Jesus promised that they will receive power from the Holy Spirit. With this kind of blessing we can have the courage to spread the Gospel of salvation.

Second, Jesus is coming back.

"While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven." In the Book of Acts show that two angels assured the gathered disciples that Jesus is coming again. Let us continue in doing the mission that Jesus has entrusted to us because we believe that someday Jesus is coming back.

Third, there is joy in worshipping Jesus.

"Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God."

The eleven disciples knew that there will be struggles ahead of them. And in deed we know in church history that most of them were martyred because of their faith.

But they were filled with joy in worshipping the Lord.

a spirituality that is anchored in a certainty. Let us share that hope to others.

This should be the same with us. We must be joyful in praising God while we are in the church or outside the church.

May God bless us all as we pray that God will restore the joy of our salvation.

Contributed by Romeo Limson

“There are no words to express to everyone for their prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, and food brought to me during my illness. When you have no family around, it is so good to know your church family is there for you. A special thanks to Dick Smith who is doing my work as well as his own.”

Agnes L. Robinson



I would like to thank you for all the cards, prayers and phone calls you made after my car accident. It is reassuring to have a family like FBC. Without your support, my family and I would have trouble making it through this time, especially since I could not have any visitors. God Bless you all for your support and love you have shown us.

Mike Metzger



Sermons are now available on the church's website, fbcdoover.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.

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.





Dear Sisters in Christ –

Here we are, still in quarantine. I pray that you all are well and staying safe. Again, we will not be having Circle Meetings this month. I hope that you are checking on each other and calling each other. That is important, you know. Getting a phone call may be just the thing that is needed during this time.

This quarantine has made it difficult to complete a number of our commitments, but I am sure that people are understanding. Phil and I were planning on delivering the baby layettes to New Windsor when we went to Massanutten over Easter vacation. Well, that didn't happen. So, I guess they will get there eventually. The regional Thrive conference to be held in May has been cancelled. The Regional Project money is now due by June 30th. A few of the Easter Egg orders remain at the church awaiting to be picked up. And we have quite a few eggs that are available for sale at the church, as well. Hopefully, we will be off quarantine before the money is due so that we can offer these eggs for sale. If any of you are interested in purchasing eggs, call the church office and Vicky will see if they are available for you to pick up.

Please keep Ann and Bill Clemmer in your prayers as they are now dealing with both Ebola and Covid-19. They had thought that the Ebola was finally under control, but a new case was confirmed just 48 hours before the declared end of the Ebola was to have taken place. They are dealing with many issues currently. Our other missionaries, Rita Chapman and her husband, Glen and Joyce Reed and her husband, David have also had their work affected by Covid-19. The world has really felt the effects of this pandemic.

I am not sure what our status will be at the end of May, but I am doubting that we will be able to have our Spring Dinner/Installation of Officers event. Time will tell. Keep strong in your faith during these times and remember that God is in charge. Don't let fear overpower you. I hope you have been able to view the services that have been being posted online. They have been very uplifting and inspiring. God is good...ALL THE TIME.

Take care and God Bless,

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

Hannah Myers	5/1
Sarah Myers	5/1
Marlene Nicholson	5/1
Clifton Cannon	5/3
Wasana Sudler	5/3
Gabe Buckley	5/4
Gloria Smith	5/4
Faith Murphy	5/6
Salvatore Manno	5/8
Paul Smart	5/15
Terry Lentz	5/16
Geneva Clark	5/21
Mable Morrison	5/21
Joyce Buckley	5/22
Al Sansbury	5/22
Tammy Myers	5/24
Mark Moore, Sr.	5/31

Anniversaries

Romeo & Milda Limson	5/1	52 yrs.
Mark & Beth Moore	5/1	40 yrs.
Clement & Bethel Chang	5/9	50 yrs.
Jerome & Michelle Rogers	5/19	13 yrs.
Jim & Dorothy Kerr	5/23	61 yrs.
Percy & Marivic Navarro	5/24	34 yrs.
Walt & Kathy Becker	5/25	35 yrs.
Gilbert & Gladys Hutchins	5/29	71 yrs.

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"!



The Memorial Service for Ron Hohrein is scheduled for Saturday, June 20th at 1:00pm at Calvary Church on Rt. 10, 1141 E.

Lebanon Road, Dover, DE 19901.

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.

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Here's What's Happening at our Church!



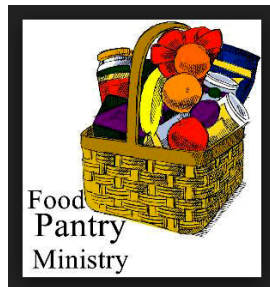
**Wednesday Evening Bible
Study & Prayer Time
Dinner at 6PM**
in the Fellowship Hall
followed at 7PM by Bible
Study and a Children's
Program.



**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.*

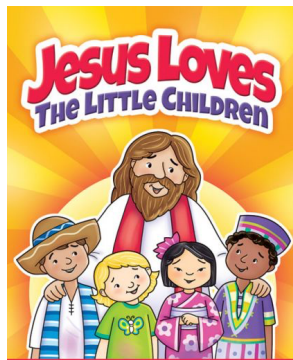


Please email your articles to Vicky Smith at
secretary@fbcdover.org



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**
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 May

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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May 9. - 9:00 - Trustees' Workday

*May 15 - June Newsletter Articles
Due *

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.