



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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June 2020 Newsletter

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God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46.1



Dear Friends,

As we turn the calendar to the beautiful month of June that welcomes the beginning of Summer, we know that this year will be so different than those in the past. For the past three



months many of us have been staying home and keeping safe distances from others. We have wanted to stay safe from the contagion that has been spreading so rapidly. Never in our lives have we had a virus that has overwhelmed our country and the world so quickly and with such devastation. Here in Delaware we have followed the directives from Governor John Carney's office and businesses and gathering places have been closed. For our safety and the safety of others churches were told to suspend gatherings and for us to stay at home. Now, as of June 1, the first phase of re-opening will begin, but my advice to you and my plan is to be very,

very careful. Many among our church family are immune compromised – are ones who are older, have health issues that would put them at risk for contracting COVID19 if they come in contact with someone who may be carrying the Coronavirus. Please, please be careful and stay safe.

I am thankful to a number of folks in our congregation who have made masks for those who did not have any. Among those were Janis Renz, Veronica Manno, Sue Moore and Lorraine Steinhoff. These have been passed along to many within the congregation and beyond to friends and even to some with the Delaware Air National Guard. The recommendation is for each of us to continue to wear a mask when we are out or when someone comes to your home. Again, this is not only for your safety, but for others as well.



Your church leaders have begun the discussion and the planning for the time when we will once again be able to worship together in the sanctuary. Official guidance for Houses of Worship has been released and there are lots of issues to review and consider before a date can be set. Until that time, please continue to worship with us as the services are posted on YouTube – First Baptist Church of Dover DE – and a link is on the Facebook page – First Baptist Church of Dover Delaware. Also, the services are posted on the church website – fbcdoover.org. We are thankful to all those who have participated in services since we started recording for Sunday, March 22.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15.13

In the Hope of Christ,
Rev. Taylor



“Lessons from Covid-19”

Much has been said about COVID-19 which is spreading all over the world. This pandemic has become a threat to our way of life in just a matter of months. If the spread will continue, it will have a debilitating impact on our economy, general including our spiritual well-being.

What lessons can we learn from this virus?

First, planet Earth is our only home. The first verse in the Bible confirms it. No matter how we try to find lifeforms in other planets, this world is the only place where we can survive. God has wonderfully prepared this planet for us. We have to realize that God designed the day by day creation as a way to give us a habitable place. We need to acknowledge this and thank God for His creation.

Second, God has given us the responsibility to take care of the Earth. Genesis 2:15 tells us that God gave us a command to "work it and take care of it." It took the COVID-19 to make us remember that we are all brothers and sisters, and we should do something about it.

Third, we are always tempted by the devil. The temptation of Satan to us will only end when he will be detained someday. In the meantime, Satan is doing his best to tempt us not to follow God's commands. Adam and Eve succumbed to temptation and instead of confessing their sins, they ran away and hid. God eventually found them.

Any virus that is running around is a result of our carelessness. We have to collectively ask for God's forgiveness and seek God's guidance. Let us go back to the first three chapters of Genesis in the Bible for us to see clearly God's design and purpose.

We should all work together and keep that strong faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Contributed by Romeo Limson

"What a delightful surprise to find the flower on my front porch in early May. The cheerful yellow marigold greets me from my kitchen table each day. My sincere thanks to our First Baptist family! I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness."
Mary Stewart



Christian Education
Committee Meeting
June 16, 2020, 6:00 PM



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.

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.

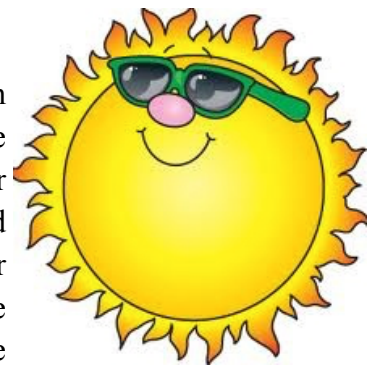
First Baptist Church receives credit for each cartridge that is turned in.

As a result, this reduces the cost of the church's office supplies. Thank you.



Dear Ladies,

June is here and we are officially on break until September, even though we have been “on break” since April. It has been a strange Spring for all of us. But, praise God, we have been well. Thank you to our Circle leaders – Jo Rolison, Lois Glading and Sue Moore – for keeping in touch with each of you and having you send your Love Gift, Overseas funds and monies for your Circle’s special projects/Missionaries. We are still collecting money for Easter Eggs, so I don’t have a final amount to report to you. The money is to be sent to the region by June 30th for the Regional Project, so I will be able to report the final amount we send next month. Hopefully, I will be able to have an ABWM Board meeting sometime this month so that we can set the calendar for 2020-2021 and I will be able to get the new Circle Book ready for September. We were unable to have our Dinner/Installation in May. Maybe we can have a get-together some time this summer. It would be nice to spend time with each other. I miss seeing you all.



Blessings and stay safe,

Margaret E. Steinhoff, President of ABWM of FBC Dover

We Still Have Easter Eggs for Sale

If you are still hungry for our delicious Chocolate Easter Eggs, we have GREAT news for you. Below is a list of what is still available to you to purchase, on a first come, first served basis. They are delicious and remember, chocolate is the best comfort food 😊

Butter Cream Filling

- 1 – Dark Chocolate
- 13 – Milk Chocolate

Coconut Cream Filling

- 1 – Dark Chocolate
- 6 – Milk Chocolate

Chocolate Cream Filling

- 2 – Milk Chocolate

Chocolate Coconut Cream Filling

- 6 – White Chocolate
- 9 – Dark Chocolate
- 10 – Milk Chocolate

Peanut Butter Cream Filling

- 10 – White Chocolate
- 2 – Dark Chocolate
- 28 – Milk Chocolate

If you are interested in purchasing any of the eggs, please contact the Church Office at 674-1980 and the Secretary will get the Eggs ready for you to pick up at the church. Cost is \$2.75 each or 2 for \$5.00. Proceeds go to help Youth in Brazil, our regional ABWM Project. Checks should be made out to ABWM of FBC. Any questions, please contact Margaret Steinhoff at 697-7592. Thank you for your support.



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**



COVID-19 may have closed certain doors, but God continues to open others
from Ann Clemmer – Global Servant to Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo – May 2020

During this Covid lock-down in Congo, a number of barriers have been put in place that restrict what I love to do: church services have stopped, programs for street and vulnerable children have been temporarily closed, women's groups cannot get together, and even the borders have been closed making it impossible to travel home to the U.S. One thing I can do, however, is to leave our home and visit others. Covid-19, in a way, has taken me out of familiar surroundings and into the community.

Recently I visited the home of Nyiramwiza, one of the members of our women's group, Fungua Maisha (Swahili for 'Open Life'). Nyiramwiza is a proud lady and was a little hesitant when I asked to visit her home. She lives with her 21-year-old son, Emmanuel, in a crude hut made of leftover pieces of plywood with one open window and a dirt-lava floor. Emmanuel sleeps on the only bed and his mother on the floor. Their only possessions are a few pots, a plastic chair and a small wooden bench. They did welcome me into their home, and Emmanuel was especially happy to have a visitor. He is a delightful young man, full of faith and hope.

They used to live in a neighboring town in a decent home with land for a small garden. As happens frequently in this area, rebel soldiers came to their village to rape and pillage. The first time, his father was shot and killed; the second time, Emmanuel's only sibling, a younger brother, was killed while Emmanuel, eleven years old at the time, was shot in the back and paralyzed from the neck down.

He spent nearly a year in a local hospital, but there was little they could do. His mother moved him to Goma for more intensive rehabilitation. After several years of therapy, he gained use of his arms, but will never walk. The only time that Emmanuel, now 21, gets out of their home is when his mother carries him on her back, which is becoming more and more difficult. I knew this lady, but she never shared the tragedy of their lives until I was able to visit her and her son where they lived.

Even though Emmanuel will never walk, Bill and I knew of a place that makes hand-propelled bicycles, and we knew of many in the US who would generously give to purchase one for him. "Emmanuel," I told him a few days later "we can't do anything for your legs, but I think we can get you out of that bed and out and about without your mother." A bike was built and fit especially for him and delivered to his house.

Last week I was in my second-floor office at the (now) empty school and social ministries center... missing all the children and worrying about how they are faring during these difficult times ... when I heard the squeaking of what sounded like a bicycle chain. Charging up the ramp, maneuvering a 180-degree turn with a wide and proud smile on his face, was Emmanuel on his new bike saying, "Mama Ann, look at me, I came here all by myself to visit you!"

COVID may have closed doors to some ministries for a time, but God is still at work and provides opportunities to serve Him and bring blessings to others.

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Ephesians 3:20



Birthdays

Comfort Shawl Ministry



Our members have not been able to meet since February due to illness and the COVID19 virus. We have really missed the fellowship we enjoy each month and we are in NEED of some NEW SHAWLS to replace the many prayer shawls given to those in need. Jo Rolison delivered 15 shawls to residents at Westminster nursing home in March. Recipients were so grateful. Large shawls are especially needed and also some medium size. The large shawls are always the first to go. I know it has not been possible to purchase yarn and fabric during this crisis. I hope we can soon purchase needed supplies. We hope to meet the 3rd Monday in June at 1 PM in the fellowship hall. Glenda will be leaving us to move to her new home in June. Janis Renz will take the leadership role assisted by Sue Moore. Meetings will continue the 3rd Monday at 1 pm. fellowship hall at church, until further notice. Please come and show Janis your support in June. I know you all have missed our time to fellowship, pray, and knit. I hope each of you is well, and staying safe. I miss you all.

In Christian Love, Glenda Case

Oscar Dennis	6/8
Irene Roberts-Gully	6/12
Carolyn McIlnay	6/13
Tom Roberts	6/13
Xavier Navarro	6/15
Jean Adkins	6/16
Walt Becker	6/18
Jessica Gedney	6/18
Randy Chang	6/19
B. Yvonne MaFarland	6/19
Austin Kemp	6/20
Barbara Rapp	6/21
Lois Glading	6/22
Judy Daniels	6/26
Marion Neal	6/27

Anniversaries

Robert & Suzanne Porter	6/10	42 years
Bill & Tammy Myers	6/18	32 years
Kenneth & Marsha Kemp	6/19	21 years
Mike & Janis Renz	6/30	41 years

ARE YOU TIRED OF BEING



TRAPPED INSIDE!

DO YOU NEED A GOOD REASON TO BE
OUT IN THE FRESH AIR?

AND

MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING
WITH

LIGHT PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
AND SET YOUR OWN TIME!

We need people, eighteen or older, to help with cutting the grass at church. Just need to drive the mower around the yard or a portion of the yard.

THE MORE the merrier and many hands make light work. If you have the time and would like to help please contact:



Harry Anthony at
harry@FBCdover.org ,
973-477-1980 or through the
church office 302-674-1980.

The first to volunteer will get to pick their time and area to cut.



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.

YOU 
CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE





Congratulations to our 2020 Graduates:

College Graduates:

Abby Ford	Wilmington University Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Analytics	Granddaughter of Mary Stewart
Tyler Myers	Wesley College, Dover, DE Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy	Son of Bill and Tammy Myers Grandson of Larry and Joyce Buckley
Joshua Daniel Santana	Towson University, Towson, MD Voice (Music) Degree	Grandson of Richard and Gaynor Waltz
Graham Stewart	University of Nebraska at Omaha Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice	Grandson of Mary Stewart
Caleb Septer	West Point Military Academy Rank of 2 nd Lieutenant Assigned to Fort Lewis/McCord Military Base in Tacoma, WA	Son of Scot and Michelle Septer Grandson of Chris Septer

High School Graduates:

Ashlyn Rachel Gawel	Abington High School Will attend Susquehanna University in the fall Mechanical Engineering	Granddaughter of Mike and Debbie Metzger
Austin Kemp	Lake Forest High School	Son of Kenneth and Masha Kemp Grandson of Gene and Sue Moore
Jacob Murr	Plumstead Christian School, Buck's County, PA Will attend Liberty University in the fall	Suzanne Murr's grandson



Here's What's Happening at our Church!



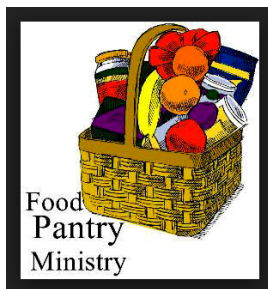
**Wednesday Evening Bible
Study & Prayer Time
Dinner at 6PM**
in the Fellowship Hall
followed at 7PM by Bible
Study and a Children's
Program.



**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.

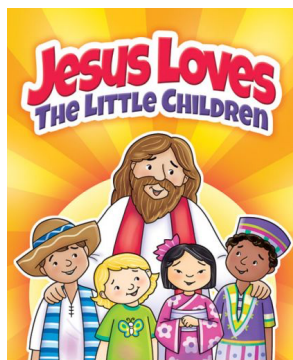


Please email your articles to Vicky Smith at
secretary@fbcdover.org



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 June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Scheduled activities subject to changes. Check with the Church Office for final dates and times.						
7 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 1:00 Trustees Mtg Online/Phone	8	9 7:00 Deacons	10	11	12 10:00 Missions (Conference Room)	13 9:00 Landscaping Workday
14 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Blood Pressure Screening	15 July Newsletter Articles Due 	16 6:00 Christian Education Mtg.	17	18	19	20
21 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship	22 1:00 Comfort Shawl Ministry	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 Worship	29	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.