



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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August 2020 Newsletter



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The First Baptist Church of Dover

will gather in the sanctuary for
worship
on Sunday,
at 11 AM.

Come wearing your mask
and
continue safe distancing.

More information will be
coming by mail, email,
Facebook and on the
church website.



“God’s Criteria on Choosing a Leader”

Although the campaign period for national & local officials will start soon, there are already many posters and signs posted for those vying for a position on the November 3 elections. The election fever is upon us.

Is there a clear guideline in the Bible on what is a good leader? There are many examples and principles that we can get from the Bible. One guideline that God said to Moses -- "A king must not acquire great numbers of horses for himself, or make the people return to Egypt to get more of them... He must not take many wives or his heart will be led astray. He must not accumulate large amounts of silver and gold".

Looking at it closer, God's criteria is that a leader should be:

First, a leader is someone who will not repeat past mistakes, and will always pursue an agenda that gives freedom to people. This is what it means of not returning to the old system of governing the country -- a symbol of slavery, and of military arrogance.

Second, a leader is someone who is faithful and committed to what is in the heart of God. The key here is that the leader's heart will not be led astray either by a woman, a man, a thing, a group of people or another agenda. The commitment of the leader should foremost be on God.

Third, a leader is someone who does not use a position or power to acquire material possessions and personal advancement. The kings in the Bible were not

exempted by the temptation of having many horses, silver or gold. This is the same with our leaders of today because human nature is still the same. The Bible is telling our leaders to be honest and transparent for the good of our country.

Let us ponder upon this as election fever has already began.

May God bless us all as we choose Godly Leaders.

Contributed by Romeo Limson



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.



Happy August, Ladies –

It sure has been a hot summer. I hope you have been able to stay cool – as well as safe and healthy. Praying you are keeping in touch with each other via phone calls, cards, emails, etc.



The church has resumed worship services. The first one was well attended, considering the Covid19 circumstances. There were 47 in attendance. And you are still able to view the service at a number of locations on the internet, although it will appear later in the day or possibly not until Monday. They are doing their best to have it available earlier.

We are still in need of someone to fill the following offices this coming year: Secretary, Treasurer, and Coordinator of White Cross. If you have an interest in any of these offices, please contact me at 302-228-9301 or mesteinhoff@gmail.com at your earliest convenience. Thank you!!

Until September, God Bless you all!!

Margaret E. Steinhoff, President of ABWM of FBC Dover

P.S. - We still have Chocolate Easter Eggs available and they are still delicious! Available are:

Dk. Choc. Butter Cream – 1

Dk. Choc. Chocolate Coconut Cream - 2

Milk Choc. Chocolate Coconut Cream – 7

White Choc. Peanut Butter Cream – 8

Milk Choc. Butter Cream – 3

White Choc. Chocolate Coconut Cream - 6

Milk Choc. Chocolate Cream – 2

Milk Choc. Peanut Butter Cream - 17

Contact Margaret Steinhoff (302-228-9301) or Sue Moore (302-670-2626) if you are interested in purchasing any Eggs. The cost is 2 for \$5 and they are available on a first come, first served basis. Sale of Eggs will benefit next year's Regional Project.



**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**





Sanctuary Flower Arrangements

While we have been only having services on-line, we have been using our silk flower arrangements. A special "Thank you" to Ed Gerhard for making those beautiful arrangements. Now that we are meeting again in the Sanctuary, we will be using real flowers whenever possible. These are the open dates, at this time:

August 2 th	Sept. 13 th	Sept. 27 th
Oct. 4 th	Oct. 25 th	Nov. 1st
Nov. 22 nd	Dec. 6 th	Dec. 27th

If you are interested in any of these dates, please contact Margaret Steinhoff at 302-228-9301. These dates are available on a first come, first served basis. If you had chosen a date while we were closed, you are NOT responsible for the cost of the flowers, as they were not ordered. Be sure to sign up for next year when the order form for 2021 becomes available. Thank you for your willingness to be part of the flower ministry of our church. God Bless.

*Comfort Shawl
Ministry*



Even though our monthly meetings, on the third Monday of each month at 1:00 PM have been on hold, the dedicated members of this group have all been busy creating shawls so this ministry can continue. On September 21, 2020, as circumstances allow, we will gather in Fellowship hall at 1:00 PM for a time of encouragement, fellowship and prayer. We welcome anyone who would like to share in this ministry to join us. Even if you aren't "crafty" there are many other ways you can support this ministry, so if you have any questions, please contact Janis Renz at 609-346-3148. Most importantly, if you know of someone in need of God's comfort in the form of a hand-made shawl, please contact the church office.



Christian Education
Committee Meeting
August 18, 2020, 6:00 PM

*Thank
you*

Judy Daniels would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, luncheon and expressions of sympathy that she and her family have received since the death of her granddaughter, Katy Gulisek.



Birthdays

Teresa Gedney	8/02
Jane Meder	8/2
Cindy Cannon	8/4
Twyla Hinzman	8/05
Mark Knott	8/06
Bethel Chang	8/06
Ralph Hinzman	8/06
Morgan Kemp	8/9
Aaron King	8/12
Mike Metzger	8/15
Phil Steinhoff	8/19
Edward Gerhard	8/20
Clark Reynolds	8/23
Joan Foster	8/27
Gaynor Sale Waltz	8/29
Clement Chang	8/31

Anniversaries

Terry & Terry Lentz	8/01	39 years
Gene & Sue Moore	8/05	48 years
Daniel & Rebecca Taylor	8/13	32 years
Larry & Joyce Buckley	8/26	59 years
Ralph & Twyla Hinzman	8/27	60 years
Steve & Teresa Gedney	8/27	42 years
George & Lois Glading	8/29	56 years





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



Landscape Work Day



Please come out and join us
Saturday, August 15th at 9am!
Your help is needed!

If you are willing to volunteer or have questions,
please contact Chris Cottrell at 302-363-1765.



Here's What's Happening at our Church!



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!



Wednesday Evening Bible Study & Prayer Time Dinner at 6PM

in the Fellowship Hall
followed at 7PM by Bible
Study and a Children's
Program.

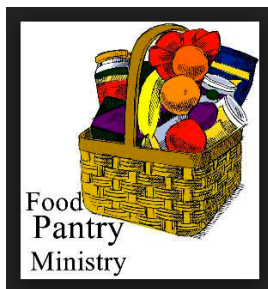
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**About the church or one of our
programs? Stop by the Welcome
Center for the answers.**

Stuff the Pantry @ First Baptist

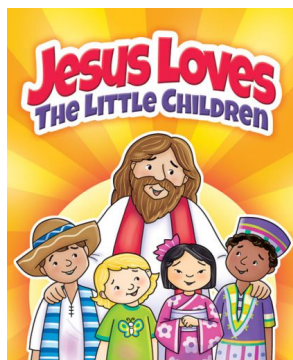
Grocery bags are located just outside the sanctuary and include suggested items needed to stock the FBC Food Pantry. Return the bag the next Sunday and place it under the Food Pantry sign in the narthex. This is a mission outreach for our needy residents in the community.



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



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 August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Scheduled activities subject to changes. Check with the Church Office for final dates and times.						
2 11:00 Worship	3	4 7:00 Deacons (Library)	5	6	7	8 9:00 Coordinating Committee Mtg.
9 11:00 Worship 12:30 Trustees Mtg. Teleconference	10	11	12	13	14 10:00 Missions Mtg. September Newsletter Articles Due 	15 9:00 Landscaping Workday
16 11:00 Worship	17	18 9:30 ABWM Board Mtg. (Davis Fellowship Hall) 6:00 Christian Education Mtg.	19	20	21	22
23 11:00 Worship	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 11:00 Worship	31					

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.