



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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September 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.

From the Pastor's Desk

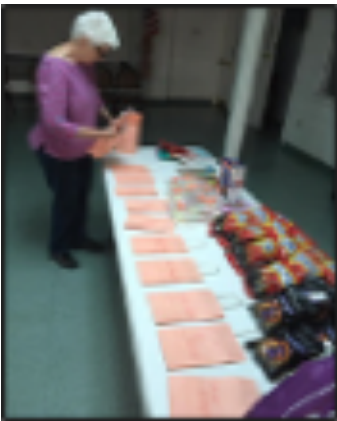


September

As we move into September, all that has been normal in past years is not the same this year. School is starting, yes, but the teaching model will be a hybrid of in-school and remote learning. This will be difficult for teachers, students and other staff. They all would really like to be in their classrooms, but the constant threat of the coronavirus brings alternate plans. Doctors visits and other medical procedures continue to be different than ever before. The precautions and the sanitizing of everything we touch will remain.

Each year, in the past, there has been a special event in the life of the church on the first Sunday September. It started years ago as an ice cream social and change over time to be an annual church picnic. That will not be happening this year for obvious reasons. Worship will continue Sunday mornings, but we will maintain our own precautions as we come into the church building. We will check temperatures, use hand sanitizer and will wear masks. It is so good that we can gather to worship and at the same time record the service and post it on YouTube, Facebook and on the church website. Please join us on Sunday in the sanctuary and if you prefer to stay home, please look for the service online later Sunday evening after it has been edited.

For the past weeks we have been encouraging all who drive by the building on Walker Road to wear a mask. We feel, along with others, that this is a way that we show love for others. Keep it up and continue to show your love and care for others. If there are those persons you know who need food or have other needs, please call the church office.



In the past months, the Board of Christian Education has encouraged the distribution of Sunday School lesson material and surprises to those in the children's classes. Pictured here is Rebecca Taylor filling bags to be delivered to the homes of the children. We hope that with the help of parents that they are continuing to learn and grow to be followers of Jesus.

Each week on Thursday evening at 7:15 there is a group that gathers on a conference call to share together and pray together. If you would like to participate, please contact the church office to get the conference call access number.

Thank you for your continued prayers for one another and for the church family. Thank you for your continued contributions that support the ministries we share. Thank you for the hope that we each share through Jesus.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1.3-5

*In the hope of Christ,
Rev. Dan Taylor*



“Do Not Share Fake News”

As of the latest statistics released by News Media, over half of the world's population are now online. 75 percent of this people are active social media users with Facebook and YouTube as the Top 2 sites or apps that are being used. They are also being used as a source of news and information. And there lies the "beauty and the beast." Everybody can become an instant newscaster, news writer, or blogger. But anyone can also be the source of fake news.

In the Bible, the other word for Gospel is Good News. The Gospel is the Good News of Salvation in Jesus Christ. If that is Good News, what then is fake news in the context of the Bible?

The prophets already warned us about fake news. Isaiah said "Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter."

First, fake news is not believing that Jesus is the Messiah.

"Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the antichrist..."

Second, fake news is not holding on to the teachings of Jesus Christ. "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Third, fake news is believing everyone who can quote a

Bibleverse. Some are distorting it. "Paul writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction."

Even Satan can quote a scripture. Let us be on guard with this because there are many cults around us. Let us pray that God will open our hearts and minds as we study the Bible.

Let us share the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ, and not the fake news that deny it.

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.



The following printer ink cartridges are available. If you can use them, please contact Vicky Smith at 302-674-1980.

**1 HP 564 ~ 1 HP 920
Several Epson 200 & 220**

Happy September –

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over and fall will be here before we know it. The past five and a half months have certainly been different. Continue to pray for our country. This has truly been a stressful period in our lives. But we have survived. Our faith has remained strong. And we believe that God is in control and knows the outcome of all of this.



The ABWM Board met to discuss what direction we should take during this time.

Following are the recommendations we agreed upon:

1. We will postpone Circle Meetings until October. Hopefully, we will be in Phase 3 by that time.
2. All Circle Meetings will take place in the Davis Fellowship Hall. They have placed a large circle of round tables at the end of the Hall near the doors to the courtyard. We can meet there while still social distancing.
3. Masks need to be worn during the meetings. If you are in need of one, let me know.
4. If you have refreshments at your meeting, they should be individual bottles of water and the snacks need to be ones that are pre-packaged. Examples would be packs of crackers, muffins, etc.
5. ABWM Sunday is being postponed. Not really a good time to have it now.
6. We have a very nice balance in our checking account at this time, so it was decided that there isn't a need this year for a voluntary assessment to be collected. If things change, we will revisit this option.
7. We are still waiting to hear about our White Cross quotas for the coming year.

The Board set the calendar for 2020-2021. Circle Books will be available at your first meeting. Dates for events are subject to change, as needed, and based on what is happening at the time as far as restrictions, etc. I know you ladies are flexible and that is really appreciated.

I think this brings you up to date with where we are right now. Remember to keep in touch with each other and keep one another in prayer. We will all be together again soon, I pray.

God Bless you all – ***Margaret***



Mary Bonar/Rita Chapman Circle

**Rita is a missionary to the
Democratic Republic
of the Congo
Leader: Jo Rolison
No September Meeting**



Joyce Reed Circle

**Joyce is a missionary to
IberoAmerica and the Caribbean
Leader: Sue Moore
No September Meeting**

Ann Clemmer Circle

**Ann is a missionary to Eastern
Congo & South Sudan
Leader: Lois Glading
No September Meeting**





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:

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|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 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.



Christian Education Committee Meeting
September 15, 2020, 6:00 PM

If anyone is interested in a free plug-in electric mower, please contact the church office or Harry Anthony.



Comfort Shawl Ministry



The busy and dedicated group of crocheters continues to work diligently at home on shawls to share with those in need. We had hoped to resume our monthly meetings in September, but think it is wise to postpone our first meeting until the third Monday in October which is October 19, 2020.

If you know of anyone in need of a "hug in the form of a shawl" please contact the church office. If you would like information about being part of this ministry, please call Janis Renz at 609-346-3158



From the Board of Missions



Operation Christmas Child

Empty shoe boxes are in the Narthex and on the bench just outside the secretary's office. Please fill & return them on the following dates:

10/04
10/11
10/18
10/25



Anniversaries

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| Dick & Gloria Smith | 9/7 | 63 yrs. |
| Scot & Michele Septer | 9/22 | 29 yrs. |

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| Aubriella Clark | 9/01 |
| Debbie Metzger | 9/02 |
| Diane Fithian | 9/03 |
| Percy Navarro | 9/03 |
| Barbara Hart | 9/04 |
| Mary Stewart | 9/09 |
| Vickyana Toussaint | 9/09 |
| Aaron King, Jr. | 9/10 |
| Alice Murphy | 9/15 |
| Efenita Navarro | 9/16 |
| Jennifer Moscrip | 9/19 |
| Lorraine Steinhoff | 9/22 |
| Glenda Case | 9/25 |
| Mary Emma Tisinger | 9/26 |
| Carolyn Akers | 9/28 |



Birthdays





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, September 12th, 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.

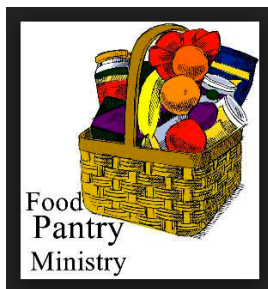
ON HOLD FOR NOW



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

Stuff the Pantry @ First Baptist

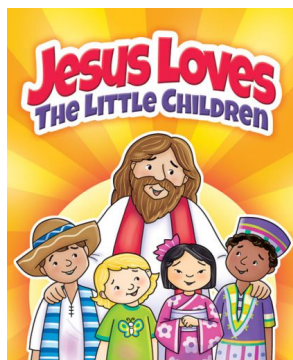
Grocery bags are located just outside the sanctuary and include suggested items needed to stock the FBC Food Pantry. Return the bag the next Sunday and place it under the Food Pantry sign in the narthex. This is a mission outreach for our needy residents in the community.



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 September

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|---|-----------|----------|---------------------------|---|
| <div> Scheduled activities subject to changes. Check with the Church Office for final dates and times. </div> | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 11:00 Worship | 7 Church Office Closed  | 8 7:00 Deacons (Fellowship Hall) | 9 | 10 | 11 10:00 Missions Mtg. | 12 9:00 Coordinating Committee Mtg.  9:00 Landscaping Workday |
| 13 11:00 Worship 12:30 Trustees Mtg. Teleconference | 14 | 15 October Newsletter Articles Due  6:00 Christian Education Mtg. | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 11:00 Worship | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 11:00 Worship | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |
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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.