



# The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

February 2021 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.

**Church Office Hours**  
**Monday 8:00 - 2:00**  
**Tuesday - Friday 9:00 - 3:00**



## ***“How should we love others?”***

In John 13:34-35 Jesus said that He is giving us a new command -- love each other as He have loved us, and by doing so the world will know that we are His disciples.

Why is this a new command?

*First,* this command to love is new because it is founded on a new relationship – our relationship with Jesus Christ. We relate with one another now as people who are united in our faith with Jesus Christ. We are now brothers and sisters in Christ. We now view our relationship with others not just as classmates, party affiliates, officemates or family members but in the light of our relationship with Jesus.

*Second,* this command to love is new because it is presented in a new form – we love each other the way Jesus Christ loves us. What is a Christ-like love? Let me mention few of my views of Jesus' love:

1. *It is sacrificial.* We have to be willing to sacrifice ourselves for the sake of our loved ones.
2. *It is prayerful.* We need to pray for our loved ones.
3. *It is forgiving.* We need to forgive our loved ones 70 times 7.
4. *It is helpful.* We must love others not just with words but with our actions.
5. *It is compassionate.* We need to care and emotionally support our loved ones.

This kind of love should be demonstrated by us readily, sincerely, humbly, constantly, and creatively.

*Praying for God's Continued Blessings.*

*“Happy Valentine's Day”.*

*Contributed by Romeo Limson*



***Join our Church  
Services  
Online***

**[FBCdover.org](http://FBCdover.org) or on [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) at  
First Baptist Church of Dover DE**

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**

Greetings Ladies,

January has gone quickly and here we are in February already. And, as stated last month, this will be a different February for us. There will be no Day of Renewal for the first time in many, many years. But, with the restrictions



with the pandemic, it was felt that it was safer for all if we didn't try to meet as a group at this time. But we will still be working on our decided Homeland Missions Project – providing bag lunches for the homeless through the Homeless Shelter. Each of your circles decided in January how many bag lunches you would be preparing at your February meeting. All the completed bag lunches will be placed in the Synagogue and will be taken to the Shelter following the final meeting of the week. I know that these lunches are greatly needed and appreciated. It's nice to be doing our Homeland Missions Project for something that benefits those in our own city.

Again, as previously stated, we are NOT selling our Chocolate Easter Eggs this year. Last year was a marathon but we were able to get all the orders filled before the shutdown occurred. With us not being able to really get orders this year, as well as trying to make them while social distancing, it just didn't make sense. But, if you would like to make a monetary donation to the Regional Project, you can write out your check to ABWM of FBC and indicate Egg Project in the memo section. Hopefully, we will be able to make eggs again next year. It seems to be the best way to raise money each year for the Regional Project.

We would like to convey our condolences to our Circle Leader and sister, Lois Glading, and her family at the passing of her husband, George. He will be sorely missed by all. What a help he has been over the past years with our Easter Egg Project - putting labels on bags, bagging eggs and just being there. He was a very special man and had a huge impact on many in our church over the years.

I pray you are all staying safe. If you are in need of anything, don't hesitate to reach out to your Circle Sisters. Until next month –

Blessings, *Margaret*



**Mary Bonar/Rita  
Chapman Circle**

**Rita is a missionary to the  
Democratic Republic  
of the Congo**

**Leader: Jo Rolison**

**Feb. 2nd , 10:00 ~ Fellowship Hall**



**Joyce Reed Circle**

**Joyce is a missionary to  
IberoAmerica and the Caribbean**

**Leader: Sue Moore**

**Feb. 6th, 10:00 ~ Fellowship Hall**

**Ann Clemmer Circle**

**Ann is a missionary to Eastern  
Congo & South Sudan**

**Leader: Lois Glading**

**Feb. 4th, 1:00 ~ Fellowship Hall**





# Birthdays

Charlotte Smart	2/4
Wilfred Clark, Jr.	2/5
Jeff Twilley	2/5
Jo Rolison	2/7
Rebecca Taylor	2/7
Willis Case	2/9
Xerex Navarro	2/14
Ray Murphey	2/16
Victoria Macklin	2/18
Maria Higdon	2/20
Linda Brothers	2/23
Dorothy Gampp	2/23

# Anniversary

Robert & Maria Peterson	48 yrs.	2/5
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If anyone is interested in a free plug-in electric mower, please contact the church office or Harry Anthony.



This February, we will gather in Fellowship hall 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 Sue Moore. 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  
February 16th, 2021, 6:00 PM



# Sanctuary Flowers



Anyone wishing to give flowers for the church worship services for the year **2021** may complete this form and mail it too the church office or place in the designated box in the Narthex. **You must fill out a separate sheet for each date you request.** The cost for the two vases is \$40.00.

If you have any questions, contact Margaret Steinhoff at 302-228-9301.

Your gift of flowers is a contribution to the church and is greatly needed and appreciated. FYI: Some flowers are more expensive (i.e. roses).

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**Name**\_\_\_\_\_

**Address**\_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone #**\_\_\_\_\_

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**Date Preferred**\_\_\_\_\_

**Type/Color of Flowers**\_\_\_\_\_

**What you would like your dedication to say**\_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\*\*You will be contacted if the date you request is already taken. Every effort will be made to give you the date requested. Please complete a separate sheet for each date requested. Thank you!**

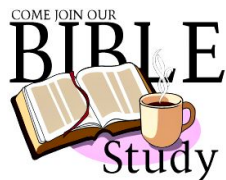
## Here's What's Happening at our Church!



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!**

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.



### Wednesday Evening Bible Study & Prayer Time Dinner at 6PM

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

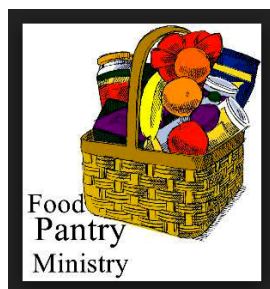
**ON HOLD FOR NOW**



**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](mailto:secretary@fbcdover.org)

### 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 February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10:00 Bonar/ Chapman Circle (Fellowship Hall)	3	4 1:00 Ann Clemmer Circle (Fellowship Hall)	5	6 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Fellowship Hall)
7 11:00 Worship	8	9	10	11	12	13 9:00 Coordinating Committee 
14 11:00 Worship 12:15 Trustees	15 March Newsletter Articles Due 	16	17	18	19	20
21 11:00 Worship	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 11:00 Worship	The individual Boards and Committees will be notifying their members as to their meeting date and time in February at the Annual Business Meeting on January 31st.					
		<div>Scheduled activities subject to changes. Check with the Church Office for final dates and times.</div>				

## 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.