



# The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

April 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**



Your Deacons are available to help and care for you. Following are the responsibilities from the FBC of Dover Bylaws:

The Board of Deacons shall be composed of eleven (11) members, all of whom shall be responsible for the duties of this Board. The Deacons share with the Pastor responsibility for the spiritual life of the Church. In that capacity, they shall work closely with the Pastoral staff and other organizations of the Church. The Deacons shall actively assist the Pastor in promoting the welfare of the Church and conducting the worship services; they shall prepare and assist the Pastor with the Lord's Supper and in Baptismal Services. The duties of the Deacons shall include, but not be limited to: Consideration of all applicants for membership and letters of dismissal from the Church in compliance with ARTICLE II of these Bylaws. Collect and administer a Deacons Fellowship Offering for the relief of and needs of sick and/or distressed. The Chairperson of the Deacons shall serve as Moderator in the absence of an elected Moderator. Full responsibility for Worship Services in the absence of the Pastor. The Deacons shall appoint from its membership a representative to the Coordinating Committee and Staff Relations Committee.

By this time, you should have already received a letter from your Deacon and maybe even a phone call. Get familiar with your Deacon. They should be able to help you with your situation.

Sincerely,

***Mike Metzger***

Sundays at 9:30am  
Sunday School with Mike  
Metzger in the  
Fellowship Hall



Rich Robinson, a former student of Leona Hutchins, is very thankful for those in the congregation who have been praying for him in his time of illness. He understands the power of prayer and says he has been particularly blessed by all who have offered prayers on his behalf. He believes your prayers for him have been a gift. A gift that reaffirms his faith, acknowledges his needs, comforts his pain, and encourages his healing.

Greetings from the  
Board of Christian  
Education!!



Lenten study with Rebecca Taylor ... will start Wednesday, March 24, 2021 and go through Wednesday, April 21, 2021. We will begin each evening at 6:00pm.

We will be studying Max Lucado's book *He Chose the Nails, What God Did to Win Your Heart*.

The five sessions are:

1. He Chose to Be One of Us
2. He Chose to Forgive Us
3. He Chose to Invite us into His Presence
4. He Chose to Love Us Forever
5. He Chose to Give Us Victory

Study guides will be provided as we watch the DVD together. Please call the church office if you are interested in participating!



Hi Ladies,

Happy Spring!

He is Risen – He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!!!! It is hard to believe that it is April already and that a year ago we weren't able to meet as Circles or as a church to celebrate Easter. I thank God that we are able to do so this year. Easter is such a wonderful time to meet and fellowship together. What a glorious gift we have received from God, that He sent his Son into the world to die on the cross for our sins and then arose from the grave.

Besides having Circle meetings in April, the ABWM Board will meet on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The main thing we will be discussing is the possibility of having our May Dinner/Installation. Please be thinking about this and discuss it at your Circle meeting. Your in-put and thoughts are important to us in our decision-making. I know that some of you have not felt safe in attending Circle meetings or Worship yet, and we understand. But if enough of you feel good about us meeting together in May, we want to know.

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

Blessings, *Margaret*



### **NO Chocolate Easter Eggs this year**

Due to the Pandemic and the restrictions, the ABWM will not be able to carry out their annual Chocolate Easter Egg Fundraiser. The purpose of this fundraiser is to provide funds to our Regional ABWM Project. The project for 2021 was carried over from 2020. It is entitled "Brighter Days for Brazilian Youth" and the American Baptist Women of Pennsylvania and Delaware are raising money to help renovate, decorate and open a thrift shop in Vitoria, Brazil. This Regional Project will assist the poor youth of Brazil that often choose life on the streets to escape the poverty of the slums and, more often, to escape abusive families. On the streets, they are exposed to HIV/AIDS, malnutrition, child prostitution, substance abuse, and violence. If you would like to make a donation to this project in lieu of ordering Chocolate Easter Eggs this year, please make your check payable to ABWM of FBC and write "Regional Project" in the memo section. They can be placed in the offering boxes on Sunday or mailed to the church office. We apologize for not having our Chocolate Easter Eggs this year and hope to have them available again next year.



#### **Mary Bonar/Rita Chapman Circle**

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

**Leader: Jo Rolison**

**April 6th, 10:00 ~ Fellowship Hall**



#### **Joyce Reed Circle**

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

**Leader: Sue Moore**

**April 3rd, 10:00 ~ Fellowship Hall**

#### **Ann Clemmer Circle**

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

**Leader: Lois Glading**

**April 1st, 1:00 ~ Fellowship Hall**







# Birthdays

Violet Cannon	4/5
Norma Jean Courtney	4/5
Robert Peterson	4/5
Leon Prescott	4/7
Donna Hutchins	4/8
Maria Peterson	4/13
Mickie Hooks	4/16
Bill Fausey	4/21
Steve Gedney	4/22
Nancy Culver	4/23
Doris Parks	4/23
Veronica Manno	4/26
Patricia Ward	4/27
Margaret Steinhoff	4/28
Elaine Jarrell	4/30
Tyler McCarty	4/30

# Anniversary

Leon & Sara Prescott	71 years - 4/7
Paul & Charlotte Smart	35 years - 4/19

## 2021 Board Chairpersons

Board of Trustees-Chairperson-Chris Cottrell  
 Board of Deacons-Chairperson-Judy Daniels  
 Board of Missions-Chairperson-Percy Navarro  
 Board of Christian Ed.-Chairperson-Patricia Ward

## Comfort Shawl Ministry



We had seven ladies attend the March meeting. We opened with prayer, followed by a display of the new shawls for the month. The ladies saw the new bags for them. Then we played with some Off the Hook yarn. This is yarn you make items from without using any needles or hooks. Each of us was able to make a pot holder using this new type of yarn. We had a lot of fun laughing at others and ourselves as we mastered the usage of this new yarn. Before we knew it, time was up.

If anyone out there has an interesting stitch or new type of yarn they'd like to demonstrate to us, please notify Sue Moore at (302)670-2626 to schedule a time. We love seeing new stitches and trying them out on new shawls. Also, if you know of someone who needs a nice warm hug of yarn, again notify Sue and she'll help you choose a shawl for that person. The next meeting will be April 19 at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. If you don't crochet or knit, we'd love to teach you.



**Join our Church  
Services  
Online**

YouTube.com at  
 First Baptist Church of Dover DE

## Holy Week Services

**Maundy Thursday Service ~ Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary**

**Good Friday Ecumenical Walk ~ Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> begins at noon across from Bayhealth in front of Holy Cross**

**Easter Sunday Service ~ Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am in the Sanctuary**

## 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.

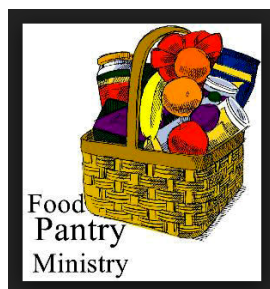
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**About the church or one of our  
programs? Stop by the Welcome  
Center for the answers.**

### 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](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 Baptist Women's Ministries.



# Here's what's happening in April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  1:00 Ann Clemmer Circle (Fellowship Hall)  7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	2  12:00 Good Friday Ecumenical Walk	3  10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Fellowship Hall)
4  9:30 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 Worship	5	6  1:00 Bonar/Chapman Circle (Fellowship Hall)	7  6:00 Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	8	9  4:00 Board of Missions	10  9:00 Coordinating Committee 
11  9:30 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 Worship 12:30 Trustees Mtg.	12	13	14  6:00 Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	15  May Newsletter Articles Due	16	17
18  9:30 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 Worship	19  9:30 ABWM Board Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  1:00 Prayer Shawl Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	20  6:00 Christian Education Meeting	21  6:00 Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	22	23	24
25  9:30 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 Worship	26	27	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.