



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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May 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

May

It's May! Finally the temperatures are rising, and bright colors have replaced the browns and grays. We are in the middle of Spring. For believers, Spring is a reminder that God is all about renewing and refreshing. In fact, there is a promise in Revelation 21:5 that says, "See, I am making all things new." In Song of Solomon 2:11-12 we hear this - For now, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.



with her we welcomed Youjay McIntosh and Tete McIntosh as members.

In recent weeks a small group study, led by Rebecca Taylor, had six participants on Wednesday evenings. We are eager to have others who want to be a part of a small group in the days ahead where they can grow as followers of Jesus and share together. There will be additional opportunities for you to get involved in a study time that can meet during the day or in an evening, either in person or on Zoom. Contact me if you want to learn and grow with others in a small group.

We are so pleased that we have been able to safely worship for the past nine months even during the pandemic. We will continue to be vigilant by wearing masks, checking temperatures and safely distancing in the sanctuary. We give thanks for the vaccines and for the number of you who have received your doses. This gives us assurance as we meet, but we continue to be safe to protect others.

This month we will have some special times of worship together including Mother's Day on May 9 and a baby dedication on May 16. Our daughter Sarah and her husband, Dustin, and daughters will be here, and it will be a privilege for our congregation to share in a time of dedication with them. Together we will dedicate Melody who celebrated her first birthday in February. We will have some other special times during the month as we worship and minister together.

May God continue to protect us and challenge us in the days ahead.

Rev. Dan Taylor

There is a feeling of renewal within our congregation as we officially welcomed new members on Easter Sunday last month and celebrated a baptism. Rosemarie Tumey followed Jesus in Baptism and along





"Why do bad things happen to good people?"

Why indeed? A thought which has plagued the mind of believer and non-believer since creation, it can at times be hard to look upon the plight of some people and still believe there is a benevolent, all loving, all caring God of creation. When we view images of masses of poor people struggling simply to survive another day, or hear stories of children being neglected and/or abused, we, or at least, I have a tendency to question the degree to which an all knowing, all seeing God truly cares.

The truth is God does care. In Romans 3:23 we read, "for all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God." We live in a fallen world, we are fallen, I am fallen. By its fallen nature evil is present in our world and on account of this suffering and injustice will visit both the believer and non-believer. The Bible is clear none of us by our own means is justified, or good, but rather we merely are forgiven. That God chooses to bless us at all speaks to his mercy, and that God sent his son to die for mankind evidences the depth of his love for us. God cares greatly and God loves infinitely, but the God that loves us enough to sacrifice his Son for us, also respects the freewill that he allows to govern his creation.

As believers our challenge is to give thanks even in the midst of trials, and to cling ever tightly to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. God doesn't promise that he'll remove all of our hardships, nor does he promise prosperity or peace in this life, but what he does offer is a comforter through our earthly turmoil and a pathway past our fallen nature and to an eternity with him, Jesus Christ.

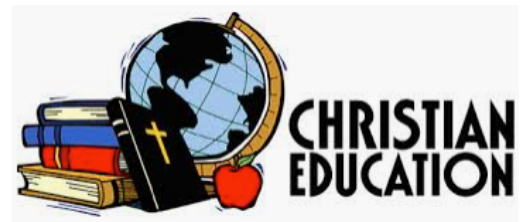
Why do bad things happen to good people? The question is a matter of perspective. The truth is we are not good, simply forgiven, and we should never cease

to give thanks to the God of eternity for the mercies he shows us daily. Thank you, Jesus!

Sincerely,

Mike Metzger

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



Board of Christian Education Meeting
May 18, 2021, 6:00 PM



Landscaping Workday
Saturday, May 8, 2021, 9:00 AM

Come join in the fun and be a part of making the First Baptist Church an awesome place to enjoy, both inside and out.



Hi Ladies,

This year has flown by so quickly. We are having our last Circle Meetings until September this month. But we have a lot to accomplish at each of our meetings. First, we have to set our meeting dates, officers and hostesses for 2021-2022. And this is to be our reorganization year. I know that most of you are wanting to stay in the same circle. But, if anyone wants to switch to another circle, now is the time to do it. Please let your circle leader or me know. There are presently three circle choices - Tuesday morning at 10 am, Thursday afternoon at 1 pm and Saturday morning at 10 am. Maybe something has changed in your life and another day or time is better for you. Let us know so that it will be correct in the Circle Book for 2021-2022. If you know of any women who are not in Circles, you might like to invite them to join a Circle. This will also be your last chance to bring your offerings for the Overseas Mission Projects in Haiti and, if you have been collecting for a special gift for your missionary, this is the last time, as well.

Our nominating committee will be calling some of you about accepting an office in our ABWM. At this time, we are going to need a new Circle Leader and a Treasurer. If you are interested in either of these positions, please let me know. There are a number of you that would be great. Please pray about it when you are asked.

The Board has decided to postpone our May Dinner/Installation until September to run in conjunction with American Baptist Women's Sunday. Our hope is that the restrictions will be lifted and we will be able to meet safely. We are planning on having a luncheon following the morning worship service that day.

Praying you all are well and will have a wonderful May.

Blessings, *Margaret*



Mary Bonar/Rita Chapman Circle

Rita is a missionary to the
Democratic Republic
of the Congo

Leader: Jo Rolison

May 4th, 10:00 ~ Fellowship Hall



Joyce Reed Circle

Joyce is a missionary to
IberoAmerica and the Caribbean

Leader: Sue Moore

May 1st, 10:00 ~ Fellowship Hall

Ann Clemmer Circle

Ann is a missionary to Eastern
Congo & South Sudan

Leader: Lois Glading

May 6th, 1:00 ~ Fellowship Hall





Birthdays

Hannah Myers	5/1
Sarah Myers	5/1
Marlene Nicholson	5/1
Clifton Cannon	5/3
Wasana Sudler	5/3
Gabe Buckley	5/4
Gloria Smith	5/4
Faith Murphy	5/6
Salvatore Manno	5/8
Paul Smart	5/15
Terry Lentz	5/16
Geneva Clark	5/21
Mable Morrison	5/21
Joyce Buckley	5/22
Al Sansbury	5/22
Tammy Myers	5/24
Sue Ella Allen	5/25
Mark Moore, Sr.	5/31

Anniversary

Romeo & Milda Limson	5/1	53 yrs.
Mark & Beth Moore	5/1	11 yrs.
Clement & Bethel Chang	5/9	51 yrs.
Jerome & Michelle Rogers	5/19	14 yrs.
Jim & Dorothy Kerr	5/23	62 yrs.
Percy & Marivic Navarro	5/24	35 yrs.
Walt & Kathy Becker	5/25	36 yrs.
Gilbert & Gladys Hutchins	5/29	72 yrs.
Brian & CeCe Cunningham	5/27	5 yrs.

Comfort Shawl Ministry



We had seven ladies attend the April 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 May 17 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**



Thanks for the generous gifts and offerings of \$1,800.00. This America for Christ Offering will support the American Baptist Mission and Ministry across the United States and Puerto Rico. This will help in cultivating Christian leaders and equipping Christ's disciples to bring healing and transformation to communities here in the United states and Puerto Rico.

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 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.

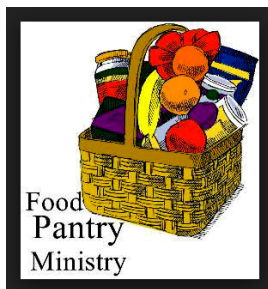
ON HOLD FOR NOW



**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

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 May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Fellowship Hall)
2 9:30 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 Worship	3	4 10:00 Bonar/Chapman Circle (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 Deacons Meeting	5	6 1:00 Ann Clemmer Circle (Fellowship Hall)	7	8 9:00 Landscaping Workday
9 9:30 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 Worship	10	11	12	13	14 June Newsletter Articles Due 	15 9:00 Coordinating Committee
16 9:30 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 Worship	17 1:00 Prayer Shawl Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	18 6:00 Christian Education Meeting	19	20	21	22
23 9:30 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 Worship	24	25	26	27	28	29
30		<div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Scheduled activities subject to changes. Check with the Church Office for final dates and times.</p> </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.