



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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June 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



First Baptist Church of Dover

Greetings Church Family and Friends:

I wanted to provide an update for all of us as new guidelines have been issued by the CDC and Governor Carney that relate to our gathering together for worship and other activities. Cases of COVID are decreasing dramatically across the country and here in Delaware. Mandates are lifted and capacities for gatherings have been restored and people only need to keep safely distanced. Those safe social distances have been reduced from 6 feet to 3 feet.

In the sanctuary we are going to continue to use every other pew, but other seating restrictions have been removed. After discussion among church leaders, it was agreed that we ask **persons attending worship who have not been vaccinated to continue wearing masks. Those who are fully vaccinated can feel free to remove their mask when they are seated.**

We are thankful that God has protected us during the past 14 months as together we have done our best to remain safe. Your willingness to follow COVID restrictions is appreciated and your support through this pandemic has been so helpful.

This Sunday, May 23, is Pentecost. It is a time of hearing again the scripture that tells how the Spirit of God came over the disciples and they were able to communicate the Gospel in many languages to all those who were in Jerusalem. As Peter preached many welcomed the message and were baptized and this was the beginning of the church. We are told that they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. How appropriate it is that restrictions are lifted this weekend and as a church we meet in celebration of God's goodness and love for all. Join us as we worship together on Sunday and wear red as a sign of God's Spirit at Pentecost.

Celebrate Pentecost
WEAR RED
Sunday, May 23!

It was a distinct privilege for me, our family, and our church family to share in the dedication of our granddaughter, Melody Elizabeth Hill, last Sunday. As many of you saw in person or on the video, she is very active and has her grandpa wrapped around a number of fingers. These are emotional and joyful times in ministry. I was fortunate to be able to baptize both of our children and officiated the wedding of Sarah and her husband, Dustin, in 2017. Praying for Melody and her parents was a pleasure as they promised to continue to tell her how much Jesus loves her and to be Godly examples for her and her sister, Amelia.



May God continue to bless you in these days as we look to new ways of worshiping together and sharing the Good News of Jesus. Plan to join friends and family on Sunday and invite others to worship with you.

In the Hope and Joy of Christ,

Rev. Dan Taylor

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1.8



“Let’s Come and Eat Together”

After being couped up for a long time, for some it has been over a year, we decided to have a Summertime Picnic on June 27th after church. Putting “feet under the table” as Pastor Dan puts it, is a great way to get acquainted again after such a long time of solitude. Even though restrictions have been coming down, we are still a little fearful of getting close to each other again. Whether is for our safety or those of others, we want to be safe again.

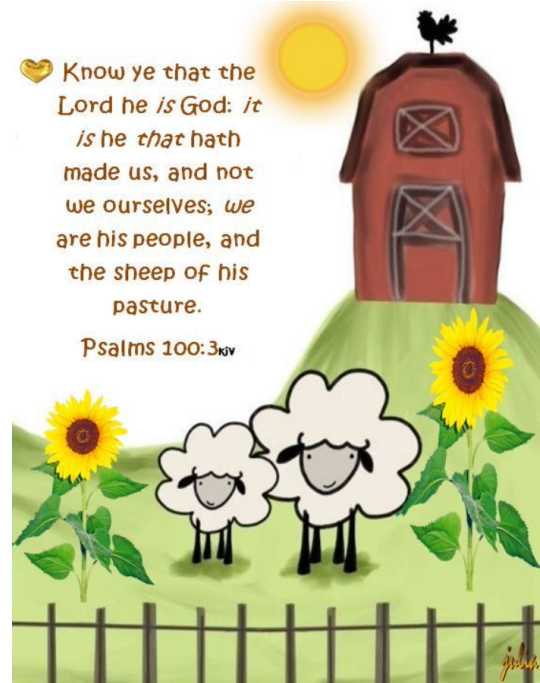
In Joshua 1:6-7 God says to Joshua, “*Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.*” Moses had died, and Joshua was chosen to take his place. In a similar way, for over a year, we have been quarantined, socially distant and masked up. This ‘new normal’ was unlike we had ever seen before. Some evidence or science shows it helped us get through the rough times of the pandemic.

But now, we can celebrate together and talk to each other face-to-face (mask less) and see smiles and reactions to each other. Most of us has gotten out of practice and it may take awhile to resume pre-pandemic activities and conversations. This is a big reason for us to have a church wide picnic and celebration. Please come after the worship service on June 27th, for the picnic with food, games, and entertainment. Joshua 1:9, “*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you*

wherever you go.” So be strong and not afraid. God has commanded it!

Sincerely,

Mike Metzger



Landscaping Workday
Saturday, June 9, 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.



The year 2020 was unlike any year we have witnessed in our lifetime. Record breaking fires on the west coast of the U.S. devastated communities and burned millions of acres. An extremely active hurricane season brought destruction to the Gulf Coast and Central America. A massive explosion in Beirut displaced thousands of individuals. All these events happened in the midst of the prolonged COVID-19 global pandemic. We are living in a time of uncertainty. And yet, even with so much that is unclear about the future, one thing is certain: through this ministry of **One Great Hour of Sharing**, you continue to *Let Love Flow*.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted every area of our personal and communal lives. In the same way, it also touched every area of the work of **One Great Hour of Sharing**: sustainable development, disaster relief, and refugee support. With so many in need, your compassion is more important than ever. We have carried into 2021 many of the same challenges. Disasters will continue to occur. Displaced populations remain vulnerable. And hundreds of millions of people around the world struggle under the weight of poverty. Thanks to your faithfulness and generosity, **One Great Hour of Sharing** will continue to respond.

Events of the past year have shown us that, even in times when we cannot be physically together in one place, our offerings to support **One Great Hour of Sharing** continue to strengthen our church's presence all over the world: providing water to the thirsty, food for the hungry, and hope for the weary. When you give to **One Great Hour of Sharing**, you "*Let Love Flow*." Your generosity ensures that the transforming power of love continues to change the world.



Dear Circle Sisters,

Wow! It will be officially summer this month. The year has gone by so quickly. And even though we have been in the middle of a pandemic and NOTHING has been normal, you all have still accomplished so much for the Lord and Missions! I am so very proud of all of you. You deserve a rest over the summer months.

The final totals have been turned in from each Circle. Over the year, you have given generously to Love Gift. You must have had a lot of blessings to thank the Lord for. Don't forget to use your Love Gift boxes over the summer. When the money was turned in for the Overseas Mission Projects for Haiti, the total was \$1,161.00. That's \$580.50 for each project – ***The Clean Water Project*** and ***Restoring Eyesight to Children and Youth***. And, in addition, each circle was able to send a nice check to each of their Missionaries for their personal use. You are very generous, loving ladies. And even without making and selling Chocolate Eggs this year, we were able to send \$1,000.00 to the Regional Project through the sales of extra eggs from last year and donations from our ladies and the congregation.

There is an ABWM Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 22nd at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. I am looking forward to being able to celebrate American Baptist Women's Sunday in September this year. We are hoping to have a luncheon following the morning worship service. It will be great to gather together again. One of the Circles has already planned on meeting in the homes of their ladies at times next year. I smiled when I read that. God is so good...all the time! He has gotten us through this year and we have still accomplished so much in his name.

I wish you a relaxing summer and pray that you will stay safe. Return refreshed and ready to do more for the Lord.

Blessings!

Margaret



**Mary Bonar/Rita
Chapman Circle**

Rita is a missionary to the
Democratic Republic
of the Congo

Leader: Jo Rolison

No Meeting Until September



Joyce Reed Circle

Joyce is a missionary to
IberoAmerica and the Caribbean

Leader: Sue Moore

No Meeting Until September

Ann Clemmer Circle

Ann is a missionary to Eastern
Congo & South Sudan

Leader: Gaynor Waltz

No Meeting Until September





Birthdays

Oscar Dennis	6/8
Irene Roberts-Gulley	6/12
Carolynn McIlnay	6/13
Tom Roberts	6/13
Xavier Navarro	6/15
Jean Adkins	6/16
Walt Becker	6/18
Jessica Gedney	6/18
Randy Chang	6/19
B. Yvonne McFarland	6/19
Barbara Rapp	6/21
Lois Glading	6/22
Judy Daniels	6/26
Marion Neal	6/27

Anniversary

Robert & Suzanne Porter	6/10	43 yrs.
Bill & Tammy Myers	6/18	33 yrs.



Comfort Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry members enjoyed a luncheon at Hall's Restaurant to end this season. We will start meeting again in September. Hopefully, by that time we will be able to take some of our 55+ shawls to the hospital and nursing homes. If you know of someone who needs a prayer shawl, let us know so we can get one to them.



**Join our Church
Services
Online**

YouTube.com at
First Baptist Church of Dover DE

Board of Christian Education
Family Movie Night
Friday, June 11th
7:00pm
Fun-Food-Fellowship



Landscape Work Day



Please come out and join us for as long as you are able on

Saturday, June 12th at 9am!

Your help is needed!

If you have any questions or concerns,
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!

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.

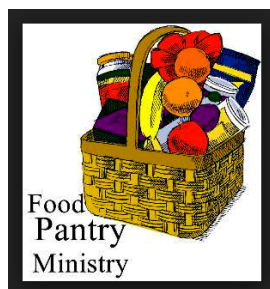
ON HOLD FOR NOW



**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 June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:00 Deacons Meeting	2	3	4	5
6 9:30 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 Worship	7	8	9	10	11  7:00 Family Movie Night	12 9:00 Landscaping Workday
13 9:30 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 Worship	14	15 July Newsletter Articles Due  6:00 Christian Education Meeting	16	17	18	19 9:00 Coordinating Committee
20 9:30 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 Worship	21	22 9:30 ABWM Board Meeting - Fellowship Hall	23	24	25	26
27 9:30 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 Worship	28	29	30			
<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.