



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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October 2021 Newsletter



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The First Baptist Church of Dover

will gather in the sanctuary for
worship
on Sunday,
at 11 AM.

**Face Masks
are now optional.**

For more information check
our Facebook page and
the church website.

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



I don't know about you, but I have always enjoyed October. Yes, it was birthday month for 3 of the 4 members of my family and there's Halloween, but it was the first full month of Fall. The world around us began to change with flowering plants withering and leaves changing color and beginning to drop from the trees. There has always been a particular beauty to this month. October is a month of change that we anticipate and cherish.

It is interesting how we look forward to the changing of the seasons each year and at the same time we usually want things to remain the same in our lives and even in our relationships with God and with others. The old saying in the church – “We’ve never done it that way before” – reminds me that change isn’t easy when we are comfortable. This month we are continuing an emphasis in worship, Sunday School and in a small group that encourages each of us to look closely at all aspects of our lives and how God can change us. We are not talking about change just to change, but a change or allowing ourselves to be transformed for God’s purpose in our family, our congregation and even our community.

This special emphasis is authored by Rick Warren from Saddleback Church, but we adapt it for our worship and for the way we can experience it together. The theme verse that runs through this time is from Romans 12.2 – “Do not conform to the pattern of this world **but be transformed** by the renewing of your mind.”

TRANSFORMED

How God Changes Us

Be transformed by the renewing of your mind . . .

ROMANS 12:2

Also in October, as has happened for many years, shoeboxes are being filled with Christmas gifts for girls and boys for the **Operation Christmas Child** ministry. Christmas wrapped empty boxes are available in the narthex along with directions on the kinds of items that should and should not be packed and how one can add personal information so that the recipient of the box can communicate with the giver. We give thanks for the generosity and love of the congregation as they share with others

Each October it is a privilege to learn about the ministry that we share as American Baptists through International Ministries. We find out about the hands-on ministry of our missionaries and how lives are transformed around the world and are Surprised by God's Glory. We learn, promote, and give to the World Mission Offering during October.



On Sunday, October 10, our guest preacher will be Rev. Dr. Charles Jones who is the Area Director for Europe, the Middle East and Liberia for International Ministries. Plan to come and hear a wonderful preacher and friend who is already prayerfully looking forward to being with us that day.

How can God change you this month? Come and share October with us as we grow together.

In the Hope and Peace of Christ,
Rev. Dan Taylor



"The Change of Seasons"

As fall is here, we love to see the trees in their many colors. Some of us, even travel to distant areas that are known for the brilliant sights. The change of seasons brings us many changes, even though many of us remain relatively the same, inside. The temps are getting cooler, many outside activities are postponed until next year and fall sports take over. We all enjoy the change of seasons.

Can we do the same at our church? Rebecca has been given the vision that many people will be coming to our church. And in the vision, she was told we need to be prepared. Looking at the church with the eyes of a visitor. Do you see the cobweb that has been in the corner for many months, the dirty stain on a rug, the spot that needs painting all being overlooked since it's been there 'forever?' Just as the fall brings the colors of the season, may we bring a clean new aspect to see what we can do

to make our church more presentable.

In addition, may we bring a new, even better heart in being more 'colorful' in our greetings to each other. Let's be more colorful with each other. One of the things that visitors say is that our church is friendly. We have a few outgoing people greeting people as they come to our church, We need even more of our church to be outgoing, and then it becomes contagious as a second nature.

In Romans 16:16, Paul writes, "Greet one another with a **holy kiss**. The churches of Christ greet you." Now I am not saying to give each other a 'kiss', but in that same aspect, greet each other affectionately, in brotherly love. And as our church worship time should show that same brotherly love, affectionately.

Something to ponder...

Mike Metzger



SOCKTOBER (October 2021)

New pairs of socks needed for men and women. These will be given to the homeless through Code Purple.

Do not be conformed to this world,

***but be transformed by
the renewal of your mind,***

that by testing
you may discern
what is the will of God,
what is good and
acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2



Board of Christian Education – October 2021

Sunday School for adults (The Berean Class) will continue to meet at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings but will be moving to the Fellowship Hall for a few weeks as they discuss what it means to be **Transformed** (Romans 12.2). This class/teaching group is hosted by Mike Metzger and is open to all adults. If you are not involved in Sunday School, this would be a good time to give it a try. The Fellowship Hall will allow the viewing of the DVD teaching from Rick Warren and safe distancing for a time of reflection and discussion. Please come and join in the growing conversations.

Thursdays at 1:30 PM each week for the next seven weeks another **Transformed** group will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Rebecca Taylor will be hosting this group as they share the DVD teaching presentation and then time for discussion.

Thank you so much to everyone who has **Prayerfully Prepared for God's Purpose** with prayer and cleaning in our church building. So much has been done and yet there are still many more opportunities. We have several persons who have offered to come on their own time and work on specific areas. Thank you!

On Saturday, October 2, 2021, from 9:00 AM through 3:00 PM, the church will be open to pray and work together. At noon a lunch will be served. Please join with others in prayerfully preparing. Come when you can and stay as long as you can. From 9:00 to 9:30 will be a specific time of prayer and at 2:45 cleaning will be over and those gathered will close the day in prayer.

**"Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think."
Ephesians 3.20**



Dear Circle Sisters,

Welcome Fall!! Goodbye heat and humidity!! Finally, the weather is livable. I love the Fall – cooler temperatures, beautiful colors – the air smells so good. What a wonderful season to enjoy God's earth.

I was able to attend all the first Circle Meetings in September and enjoyed each one. Glad to be back together after a restful (?) summer break. Hope you were able to attend ABWM Sunday on September 12th. It was lovely. Our guest speaker, Sue Hegarty, was wonderful and had a very informative and inspiring message. If you missed it, you can view it on our church website – fbcdover.org – by clicking on sermons and finding the date. It is definitely worth watching.

We don't have any special events this month, just our meetings. Looking ahead to November is Baptist Women's Day of Prayer. More information will be in next month's newsletter.

I am still trying to work on the Circle Books and am hoping to have them for you for the October meetings. Wish me luck. Still no formal information from Regional or National ABWM, so it looks as if I am on my own. Please keep me in your prayers.

Until next month

Your sister in Christ,
Margaret



**Mary Bonar/Rita
Chapman Circle**

Rita is a missionary to the
Democratic Republic
of the Congo
Leader: Jo Rolison

October 5th, 10:00,
Meeting at the home of Beryl Gerhard



Joyce Reed Circle

Joyce is a missionary to
IberoAmerica and the Caribbean
Leader: Sue Moore

October 2nd, 10:00,
Meeting at the Fellowship Hall

Ann Clemmer Circle

Ann is a missionary to Eastern
Congo & South Sudan
Leader: Gaynor Waltz

October 7th, 1:00,
Meeting in the Fellowship Hall





Birthdays

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| Gerri Lee | 10/2 |
| Joyce Lake | 10/4 |
| Beryl Gerhard | 10/9 |
| Jake Fithian | 10/10 |
| Barbara McCarty | 10/10 |
| Dan Taylor | 10/10 |
| Michelle Rogers | 10/11 |
| Dorothy Kerr | 10/12 |
| Pat Roberts | 10/15 |
| Keni Zheng | 10/20 |
| Gladys Hutchins | 10/27 |

Anniversaries

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| Danny & Victoria Macklin | 10/15 | 10 years |
| Richard & Gaynor Waltz | 10/17 | 6 years |
| Cliff & Violet Cannon | 10/22 | 66 years |

FBC of Dover Craft Fair
October 30th, 9am - 1pm



For additional information or if you wish to become a vendor, please contact Veronica Manno at vmanno713@gmail.com or contact the church office.

*Comfort Shawl
Ministry*



We will start meeting again on Monday, October 18th, 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. 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.

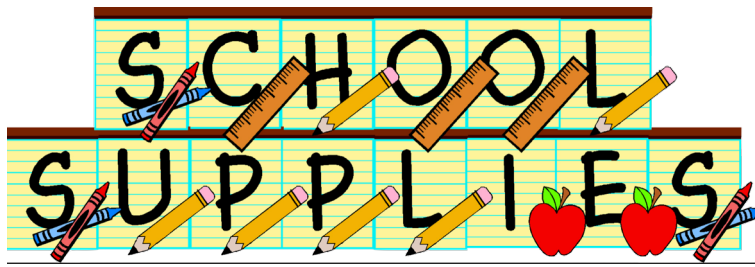


*Join our Church
Services
Online*

YouTube.com at
First Baptist Church of Dover DE



**Masks are now optional if
you are vaccinated.**



Back to School Supplies (August 2021)

Below school supplies were given to Big Brothers/Big Sisters for distribution to the children they serve. Thank you for your generous hearts. .

| | | | |
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| Back Packs: | 7 | Spiral Notebooks: | 27 |
| Pencil Case/Box: | 11 | Markers (Packs): | 10 |
| Crayons (Packs): | 22 | #2 Pencils (Packs): | 18 |
| Scissors: | 9 | Glue/Glue Sticks(Packs): | 17 |
| Pink Erasers (Packs): | 9 | Sharpeners: | 9 |
| Loose Leaf Paper: | 12 | Composition Notebook: | 23 |
| Hand Sanitizer: | 5 | Rulers: | 9 |
| Pocket Folders: | 38 | Box of Tissues: | 5 |
| Highlighters (Packs): | 9 | Ball Pen (Packs) | 5 |
| Index Card (Pack): | 1 | Invisible Tape: | 1 |
| Colored Pencils (Packs): | 5 | | |



OCC (Operation Christmas Child) (September - October 2021)

Christmas wrapped empty shoe boxes are available in the narthex. Please pick one or more and return them by Wednesday, October 24, 2021. These shoe boxes will be dedicated on November 14, 2021.





2021 WORLD MISSION OFFERING

WMO 2021: What is the World Mission Offering? (October 2021)

Through International Ministries' World Mission Offering, thousands across the country celebrate and support ministries that God is using to transform the world.

For more than two hundred years, International Ministries (also known as the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society), has combined resilience, adaptability, and creative approaches to cross-cultural ministry with faithfulness to Scripture. We serve together with and learn from our many local partners in ministry around the globe.

During the 2021 World Mission Offering, you can see highlights of the work of Global Servants [Ketly and Vital Pierre](#) in the Dominican Republic, as they provide education, Bible studies, language classes, a micro-loan program, legal counseling, and more for Haitian immigrants facing inequity and maltreatment in the Dominican Republic. You can hear from Global Servants [Alise and Mark Juanes](#), as they talk about their ministry of practical care and love for the hill tribe children in Chiang Mai, Thailand. You can also see the impact of Global Servant [Ricardo Mayol-Bracero](#)'s ministry, as he serves and stands alongside communities in Latin America trying to access clean water and air.

Through these three ministries you will have a glimpse into what God is doing through International Ministries' 120+ global servants, 900+ volunteers, home staff, and 250+ international partners in 70 countries.

This October, our church has the opportunity to join the transformational work God is doing as we work cross-culturally to invite people to become disciples of Jesus Christ and to proclaim, through both word and deed, God's reign of justice, peace, and abundant life for all creation. God can use your participation not only to change lives internationally, but also to deepen your own discipleship in Christ. You can take part in what the Holy Spirit is doing to bring God's kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven."





Time, Talents, Treasure

The Stewardship Committee decided to use these three words as our theme for this year's Stewardship Campaign. Many of us give our time to our church by freely helping to teach, clean, prepare meals, mow the lawn, pull weeds, organize meetings, get bags of food, and many other things. Some have talents they share whether it be musically, artistically, organizationally, decoratively plus more. We may think our monetary worth or our belongings are our treasures. These things we do or have are not our greatest treasure. God is.

Giving to the Lord is what we are actually doing. We are giving back what He has given us. We are being good stewards by taking care of His belongings that he has allowed us to use.

As we approach November, please think about what you can give to our Lord in Time, Talents, and Treasure. Then join us on November 6th at 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall for our post-Covid Stewardship dinner. We're again having the group from Townsend Church prepare our meal of Chicken and Dumplings, ham and the rest of the fixings. The cost is staying the same; \$15/person and \$25/couple or family in the same home. Dick Smith and Agnes Robinson will take your reservations.

We'll have fellowship, music, poetry, and lots of food to enjoy. We hope everyone will look forward to the wonderful time with our church family.



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



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

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

You are my *Shield*,
my *Strength*, my
Portion, my *Shelter*,
my *Strong Tower* and
my *Deliverer*.

Jesus



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.



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.

Here's what's happening in October

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Fellowship Hall) |
| 3 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection | 4 | 5 10:00 Bonar/ Chapman Circle (at Beryl Gerhard (home) 5:00 PM Children's Choice (Fellowship Hall) 3:30 Deacon's Mtg (Library) | 6 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) | 7 1:00 Ann Clemmer Circle (Fellowship Hall) 1:30 Transformed (Fellowship Hall) | 8 | 9 9:00 Landscaping Workday |
| 10 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection Missions Speaker | 11 Columbus Day Office Closed  | 12 5:00 PM Children's Choice (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 Christian Education Meeting | 13 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) | 14 November Newsletter Articles Due  1:30 Transformed (Fellowship Hall) | 15 | 16 9:00 Coordinating Committee (Library) |
| 17 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 12:15 Quarterly Business Meeting | 18 1:00 Prayer Shawl (Fellowship Hall) | 19 5:00 PM Children's Choice (Fellowship Hall) | 20 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) | 21 1:30 Transformed (Fellowship Hall) | 22 | 23 |
| 24 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection | 25 | 26 5:00 PM Children's Choice (Fellowship Hall) | 27 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) | 28 1:30 Transformed (Fellowship Hall) | 29 |  |
| 31 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection | <p>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.</p> | | | | | |