



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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November 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



This year seems to be moving quickly past us as we turn the calendar to November. We feel that 2021 is coming close to an end with temperatures dropping along with the leaves. This month is always special for us individually as well for our congregation. We have times of giving and sharing with others and gathering to give thanks for God's generosity.

Two things are happening on the first weekend of November that have been traditional activities for our church family. For many, many years our congregation has had an active Food Pantry and we have worked directly with the state Social Services agency for referrals of individuals and families who have food insecurities. We also have referrals from other churches in the community, other agencies and schools. In recent years the churches in the community, as part of the Kent Ecumenical Food and Crisis Fund, have sponsored a **Food Drive** at local grocery stores. On Friday and Saturday, November 5 & 6, that Food Drive will be at all three Redner's stores and half of the food collected at all three sites will come to the First Baptist Church Food Pantry.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help in the pantry both days from 10 AM – 6 PM in 2-hour shifts. Volunteers are also needed to staff the table at the Greentree Redner's on Friday from 10AM – 6PM in 2-hour shifts. Those at Redner's will need to greet shoppers, hand a shopping guide of needed items, and collect the food items as they leave the store. Please call the church – 302-674-1980 – to volunteer.



The second thing that will happen on Saturday evening is our Stewardship Dinner. The theme this year - **Time, Talent, & Treasure** – will be a way that we can explore God's generosity and how we have the privilege of using all that we have been given. So many times, in a stewardship emphasis, the financial need of the church is the only concern. But this theme is different as we celebrate how we give thanks to God by being good stewards of our financial resources, our skills and talents and the way we use our time. Come and share the fellowship around the tables, the testimonies, and the delicious home-cooked, catered dinner. Join in on Saturday, November 6 at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall and the cost is \$15 per person and \$25 per family in the same household. Call the church to make your reservation.



On Sunday, November 21, we will have a special time during worship to prayerfully offer our commitments to God for the coming year. Together we will commit to pray for the ministry and mission of the church, and we will commit our financial giving for those ministries in 2022. Join us for this special dedication Sunday.

During this month we will have the privilege of dedicating the many shoeboxes that you and others have filled for children around the world through Operation Christmas Child. Join us on Sunday, November 14, during worship for the dedication.

Thanksgiving is a special time during November for our country, our families and each of us as we pause to give thanks. This may be a time for traveling or receiving family or making those special phone calls to tell others how thankful you are for them. Paul told us ... "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 4.18. I hope that you will take the time each day to give thanks, not only on one designated day, but each day. Give thanks to God in all circumstances.



The last Sunday of November is the First Sunday of Advent. Advent is that time of waiting and preparing to welcome Jesus, the Son of God, into our lives. Each Sunday we begin to prepare for Christmas as we celebrate Jesus. Plan to worship and grow together during this unique time filled with traditions and newness at the same time. Invite others to worship with you as together we enjoy the music of the season and once again remember the distinct stories.

November is filled with thankfulness and hope as we look to the future that God has for us together.

In the Joy of Christ,

Rev. Dan Taylor.



“Giving Thanks for the Blessings”

When I taught, I looked forward to November because it came between the two kid friendly holidays of Halloween and Christmas. Explaining to a first grader what gratefulness is can be a challenging task. Every day I would read a book to the children that was related to our curriculum or to a holiday. Even though I would not dare mention my beliefs in God, I was able to share how thankful I was for all His blessings. We could talk about the Pilgrims and why they came to America and why they celebrated Thanksgiving. We listed our blessings without calling them “blessings.” Of course, the typical answers to why we were thankful included such things as toys, TV, computers, and clothing. But once those were out of the way, deeper thinking took place. Then answers of family, homes, and school took place. When they answered with love, kindness, blessings, and church, I knew I had gotten these answers from their hearts. We also thought of ways we could show our thankfulness. Many of the students wanted to make cards or draw pictures. Some even talked of small gifts. Then we would discuss to whom these ideas would go. Mom and Dad were the big winners of thanks, followed by grandparents, relatives, friends, teachers, favorite servers, doctors, and numerous other people.

As the children and I learned together about Thanksgiving, we also learned about each other. The children were eager to share their thoughts and listen to each other. We, as adults, need to sometimes stop and listen to each other. Each one of us needs the comfort and support of others who will truly listen. We know God listens to us especially when we pray, and He knows our needs. He has given us so much for which to be thankful. During this month of November, let us show our thanks to Him to prepare ourselves for His most precious gift, Jesus.

Sue Moore



Poinsettias for the Sanctuary



It is time to place your orders for Poinsettias for the Sanctuary during Advent. The florist has requested to know the number of plants needed early due to the current problem with getting products, in general. The due date for ordering is **November 14th**. The cost is \$12.50 per plant this year. That is a reduction from previous years. You'll need to complete an order form. (One is In the Newsletter and forms will also be available at the Welcome Table.). If paying by check, be sure to write “Poinsettia” on the memo line. Thank you, in advance, for helping the decorate our Sanctuary for Advent/Christmas.



Dear Circle Sisters:

Happy Fall Y'all! Isn't this beautiful weather? It's my favorite season of the year. All of the beautiful colors and the cooler weather. God IS SO GOOD!!

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer is Nov. 1st. Packets with a Bible Study and a tea bag will be given out to the ladies on the Sunday prior. Also, these will be mailed to our ladies who are not coming out. Please take some

quiet time on the 1st to make yourself a cup of tea and read the Bible Study.

Keep in mind that you will be observing this day of prayer with other women all over the world. You will have a program at your Circle Meeting about this event. An offering will also be taken for it at your meeting. Please come prepared.

On Tuesday, Nov. 23rd, we will be meeting in the Sanctuary to decorate the Chrismon Trees. Many hands make light work. Please plan on attending. We will also be decorating the Sanctuary. The first Sunday of Advent is Nov. 28th. Hard to believe, I know. The time is passing so fast.

Speaking of time, Daylight Savings Time ends Nov. 7th. Remember to set your clocks BACK an hour before you go to bed. You get an extra hour of sleep! Enjoy it now because they'll take it back in the spring.

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

Novemer 2nd, 10:00,
Meeting in the Fellowship Hall



Joyce Reed Circle

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

November 6th, 10:00,
Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Ann Clemmer Circle

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

November 4th, 1:00,
Meeting in the Fellowship Hall





Birthdays

Gilbert Hutchins	11/3
Caleb Septer	11/6
Sarah Prescott	11/7
Michelle Septer	11/7
Alice Murphy	11/8
Ramona Scott	11/9
Ken Kemp	11/10
Rebecca Kime	11/11
Tyler Myers	11/12
Gene Moore, Jr.	11/15
Angela Allen	11/17
Larry Buckley	11/19
Sarah Smart	11/20
Biruk Tilahun	11/26
Bettye Tanner	11/28
Romeo Limson	11/30

Anniversaries

Willis and Glenda Case	11/17	60 years
Lester and Karen Blakeman, Sr.	11/25	54 years
Edward and Beryl Gerhard	11/27	45 years
Phil and Margaret Steinhoff	11/30	47 years

Comfort Shawl Ministry



There will not be a meeting in November. The next meeting will be held December 20th. 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.

It's time to begin looking for the 12-16 pound turkeys for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. You may drop the turkeys off at the food pantry.

**Food Pantry
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Time, Talents, Treasure

November 6, 2021

The Stewardship Committee has placed poster size pictures throughout the Narthex. Each week they will be changed. Can you tell if they represent Time, Talent, or Treasure? We'll be talking about them at our Stewardship Dinner and during our Sunday worship service. Look at them closely. Think about which area they fit best and why.

Our dinner is an official coming out and celebrating the end of a challenging time for everyone. Please plan to join us on November 6th at 5:00 PM for our Stewardship dinner. The church from Townsend will again be making Chicken and Dumplings, Ham, Sweet Potatoes, and the rest of the trimmings for us. They may even have some leftovers if you'd like to buy them. Don't forget the homemade desserts.

We'll have some of our members helping with the program that follows the dinner. Please get your reservations in by Sunday, October 31st. If you can't find Dick Smith or Agnes Robinson, you can also give you reservation to Sue Moore at the lobby check-in table.



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



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.

~2021~

Christmas Poinsettias



If you would like to place poinsettias in the church for Christmas, please complete the information below and place the form in the designated box at the Welcome Center or mail to the church office. **The last day to order is Sunday, November 14th.**

Cost: \$12.50 for each plant. *Make checks payable to "First Baptist Church", noting on the check "for Poinsettias".*

For further information, please contact Margaret Steinhoff at 302-228-9301 or the church office at 302-674-1980.

Total No. of Plants: _____

Given in memory/honor of _____

Plant(s) are to be picked up by the donor after the Christmas Eve Service on December 24th.

Given by: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Here's what's happening in November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer	2 10:00 Bonar/ Chapman Circle (Fellowship Hall) 3:30 Deacon's Mtg (Library)	3 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	4 1:00 Ann Clemmer Circle (Fellowship Hall)	5 Community Food Drive for the FBC Food Pantry Friday & Saturday	6 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Fellowship Hall) 5:00 Stewardship Dinner
7 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	8	9	10 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	11 Veteran's Day Office Closed	12	13
14 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	15 December Newsletter Articles Due 	16 6:00 Christian Education Meeting	17 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	18 8:00 AM Children's Choice (Fellowship Hall)	19	20 9:00 Coordinating Committee (Library)
21 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	22	23 10:00 Decorate Chrismon Trees (Sanctuary)	24 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	25 Church Office Closed Thanksgiving 	26 Church Office Closed	27
28 Advent Sunday  9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	29	30				

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.