



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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January 2022 Newsletter



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First Baptist Church website at
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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

From the Pastor's Desk



2022

We thought that if we all survived the difficulties of 2020 that this past year would be so much better. We thought, we hoped that COVID would calm down and all of us could return to a new normal. Vaccines for the virus have been helpful and so many took advantage of them and even a booster shot. But the virus has continued to evolve with the Delta variant and now the Omicron variant that is continuing to spread. We encourage vaccinations, masks where necessary and maintaining safety as much as possible. Again, we

survived a year – 2021 – and with eager anticipation we turn the calendar to 2022 in hopes for healing. In this new year we pray that God will continue to surround us and bless us as we gather to worship, learn, grow and go. Coming from Christmas our task is to be like those who came to visit the baby Jesus – the shepherds and the wise men – and be ready to tell others of God's love for us. We can never forget that even in the midst of a pandemic, God loved the world so much that God sent his son to live among us. In this new year we give thanks to God for his indescribable gift – Jesus.

As a congregation we have continued to meet in person each Sunday and for over a year now we have been live streaming our worship services on YouTube (First Baptist Church of Dover DE). An adult Sunday School class began meeting, ABWM Circles began meeting in person, some other activities resumed including a picnic, an Ice Cream Social, the Christmas Tea and other social gatherings. We have had small study groups, ministry through the food pantry and the shawl ministry have continued and we have been able to bless others with school supplies through Big Brothers, Big Sisters, warm socks and other gifts through Code Purple. We give thanks for the overwhelming generosity of this church family.

In this new year we will explore new ways to care for one another and to serve our community. We know that there are great needs among families in our neighborhood that we may be able to meet.

On a personal note, Rebecca and I want to thank you all for a generous gift that we received at the Christmas Tea and for other notes, cards, and gifts with expressions of encouragement and your love. We are so thankful for the privilege of serving among you here in Dover. The last few days of December and the first week of January we will be in Ohio spending time with our granddaughters and oh yes, with our daughter and son-in-law and our son and his girlfriend. I'm not sure that this will be "down" time because we will be kept busy. We will see many of you on Sunday, January 9, and we will share communion during that time of worship,

While we are gone, I have asked a servant leader from our own church family to speak on Sunday, January 2. I hope you will want to hear **Michelle Rogers** during worship on that morning. You may know Michelle as the mother of two beautiful little girls and Jerome's spouse, but as an Air Force Reserve Major and the Commander for the Force Support Squadron for the 512th Airlift Wing, she is a compassionate and encouraging leader. I am thankful that when I asked, she said yes. Please support her and join her in worship.

Many blessing to each of you as we prayerfully prepare for God's purpose in this new year.

In the Peace and Joy of Christ,

Rev. Dan Taylor



“New Years Resolutions”

Well, it's finally here – 2022. We are done with 2020 & 2021 and hopefully all the side affects thereof. What can we do this year to make this year better? Make a resolution?

Top 10 New Year's Resolutions

Spend More Time with Family & Friends	Quit Drinking
Exercise	Get out of Debt
Lose Weight	Learn Something New
Quit Smoking	Help Others
Enjoy Life More	Get Organized

And for those who like to see the outcomes:

Top 10 Commonly Broken New Year's Resolutions

Lose Weight and Get Fit	Spend More Time with Family
Quit Smoking	Travel to New Places
Learn Something New	Be Less Stressed
Eat Healthier and Diet	Volunteer
Get Out of Debt and Save Money	Drink Less

Well, as you can see, we hardly ever are able to keep the resolution we make at the beginning of the year. Christians can make a resolution that can make our eternity a much better place. Go to and being the Church. Christians in most cases, call Sunday the Sabbath and mostly Sunday morning. That's rather easy to do. You can make a preparation earlier in the week if needed: getting up earlier, preparing what you are going to wear, gas in the car, etc.

But what is even more important for Sunday is the preparation for Worshipping, Learning and Fellowshiping. Three things that make a Sunday terrific. If you are praying for your church, pray also for the Pastor, the *Worship Service* and for what will happen in the service. The learning part is an on-going, everlasting part. If someone tells you that they do not need to go to church to learn-they are correct, to a point. You may be *Learning* about God on your own. BUT are you superficial learning

or are you being tested as 'steel sharpens steel', learning with each other, such as in Sunday School or a small group study? And the *Fellowshipping* you have with fellow Christians. Where else can you go and grow better than at church? As you can see, I have been using a small 'c' in church as I refer to the place/building. The capital 'C' is for the Church or better – the body of believers. The Church are the people who come and fellowship with each other. It has been hard for the last couple of years to truly do that, but (hopefully) all those things that have held us back, will soon be relaxing and we can have an even better fellowship.

Let's all stick to a daily Bible Reading program; Let us all stay connected with each other; let's all pray daily for our church and people in need or the sick. Each and Every Day.

Mike Metzger



**The
Giving
Tree**
Helping Those
in Need



Winter Clothings
Boots, coats, hats, hoodies, gloves,
pants, scarves, sweatshirts,
sweaters, thermal sets for the
homeless through Code Purple





Dear Circle Sisters:

Happy New Year!! I hope you all had a Blessed Christmas! May this year be better than last for all of us. I don't think we will ever return to the "normal" we used to have, but hopefully this year will become more "normal" with each passing day. Have faith in our Father...He knows the future.

All of us will be having our January meetings at the church. On Tuesday, January 11th, we will be meeting in the Sanctuary to take down the Chrismon Trees. I failed to thank those who helped with decorating the trees for Advent – Lois Glading, Milda and Romeo Limson and Sue Moore. "Thank You!" Please mark your calendars and come and help take them down. It is a wonderful time to get together and fellowship. Many hands make for light work, they say.

Looking ahead, in February we will be having our Day of Renewal. More information will be coming on that. Also, we will be taking orders for and making Chocolate Easter Eggs again this year as our fundraiser for the Regional Project. See, some "normal" is coming back.

Remember those of our ladies who are in need of special prayers...those who are ill, have had surgeries or who may have personal things going on in their lives. We are all sisters in Christ. Uphold each other. And remember our Special Circle Sisters.

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
January 4th, 10:00
Fellowship Hall



Joyce Reed Circle

Joyce is a missionary to
IberoAmerica and the Caribbean
Leader: Sue Moore
January 8th, 10:00
Fellowship Hall

Ann Clemmer Circle

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

January 6th, 1:00
Fellowship Hall





Birthdays

June Katz	1/1
Bill Myers	1/5
Milda Limson	1/6
Lee McCulley	1/8
Chris Blakeman	1/9
Wilfred Clark, Sr.	1/10
Judith Cowen	1/11
CeCe Cunningham	1/12
Dick Smith	1/19
Marivic Navarro	1/20
Brian Gedney	1/22
Leona Hutchins	1/27
Christine Septer	1/27
Agnes Robinson	1/29

Anniversaries

Irv and Nancy Culver	1/12	53 years
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We have received word that Julie Kerr, the wife of Rev. Larin Kerr, died in early September, 2021. She had been living with her son and daughter-in-law, David and Sharon, in Port Orchard, WA.

Sharon writes that "Julie had just moved into a memory care facility and fell hitting her head and had several brain bleeds. She died a few days later." Larin served First Baptist as our Minister of Christian Education from 1971-73 along with Julie and their five children. After leaving FBC, they served, through the American Baptist Home Mission Society, Native American churches in Montana and Oklahoma, and previously in Arizona. Larin died in 2017 and his family was given permission by the Rainy Mountain Kiowa Indian Baptist Church in OK to inter his ashes in their cemetery--an indication of how well loved and respected he was by that congregation.

Comfort Shawl Ministry



The next meeting will be January 17th and we will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00. 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



**Wednesday, 7:15pm
Telephone Prayer
Meeting**

1-351-888-7208



Masks are now optional if you are vaccinated.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS



Anyone wishing to give flowers for the church worship services for the year **2022** may complete this form and mail it too the church office or place in the designated box in the Narthex. **You must fill out a separate sheet for each date you request.** *The cost for the two vases is \$40.00.*

If you have any questions, contact Margaret Steinhoff at 302-228-9301.

Your gift of flowers is a contribution to the church and is greatly needed and appreciated. FYI: Some flowers are more expensive (i.e. roses).

Name_____

Address_____

Telephone #_____

Date Preferred_____

Type/Color of Flowers_____

What you would like your dedication to say_____

***You will be contacted if the date you request is already taken. Every effort will be made to give you the date requested. Please complete a separate sheet for each date requested.
Thank you!

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

XYZ

(extra years of zest)



If you are available during the day, XYZ
will be meeting on Wednesday, January
12th at 11:30 AM at the Country Eatery.
Please sign up on the sign up sheet or call
the church office to let us know you will
be attending.



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 January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Years Day 
2 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	3	4 10:00 Bonar/ Chapman Circle (Fellowship Hall)	5 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 7:15 Devotion & Prayer Conference Call	6 1:00 Ann Clemmer Circle (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	7	8 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Fellowship Hall)
9 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	10	11 3:30 Deacon's Mtg (Library) 10:00 Take down Chrismon trees 6:00 Christian Education Meeting	12 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 11:30 XYZ 7:15 Devotion & Prayer Conference Call	13 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	14 February Newsletter Articles Due 	15 9:00 Coordinating Committee (Library)
16 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	17 Martin Luther King Day Church Office Closed 1:00 Comfort Shawl Ministry (Fellowship Hall)	18	19 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 7:15 Devotion & Prayer Conference Call	20 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	21	22
23 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 12:15 Annual Business Mtg.	24	25	26 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 7:15 Devotion & Prayer Conference Call	27 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	28	29
30 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	31	<p style="text-align: center;"> 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>				