



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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February 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



It is a time of change and a time of transition when we reach February each year. In the life of a congregation, we step from Christmas to Epiphany and now we look to the Gospel stories of Jesus and how his many works and teachings influence our lives.

Of course, February begins with Groundhog Day and after the recent cold and snow, we hope that Spring is coming soon. Because of the cold and ice in the parking lot and on neighborhood streets we did cancel in-service worship on January 30, but we were able to share online through YouTube. We have been so thankful for that access since March 2020 that has allowed so many to be a part of worship from their homes. In the coming days we hope that more and more will be able to come out and join us in person as the Omicron COVID cases are beginning to drop. We give thanks for that, and know it is a joy to worship together.

We know that worship is a core value for many congregations, and I believe it is one of the primary values for us as well. Gathering to praise, pray and hear God's word is important for those of us who are Christ followers and for those who are searching as well. I would encourage you to come and to invite others to join you in worship. Also, if you want to participate by sharing with special music – vocal or instrumental, singing in the choir, sharing a reading, or a testimony, please let me or Phil Steinhoff know as we plan for the days ahead. In coming weeks, we hope to explore other core values that are important to many congregations and maybe to ours as well.

In the life of a congregation like ours we both mourn and rejoice when special ones in our lives pass away. Certainly, we mourn the loss of special friends and family members, ones who have been active and lived out their testimony among us. At the same time, we rejoice knowing that as we find in 2 Timothy 4.7 that they have fought the good fight, have finished the race and have kept the faith. We rejoice and give thanks for lives well lived among us who are in God's presence. This past month Twyla Hinzman and Barbara Hart both passed away on January 21, 2022. We are thankful for their lives and that they were God's gifts that we were privileged to share.

We are also thankful that God's word gives us comfort in these times. Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5.4. In John 4.27 we hear these words, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." We also look to the writings of the Psalmist, "He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds." Psalm 147.3. The Psalmist also gives us this assurance, "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." Psalm 73.26

As we remember and as we look forward, we need to prayerfully praise and prepare for God's purpose among us. Let us worship, learn and grow together in the days ahead. "Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting." Psalm 147.1

May God richly bless you and give you peace,

Rev. Taylor



“With Love from God”

February is renowned for the month of Love, having Valentine’s Day coming on the 14th. One day in the year we can look at our valentine and show them a love statement of what we feel about them. We may give them a card, chocolates, flowers, or other items such as a nice night out for dinner. It is a month we express our love for the one we love. How will you spend this particular day with the one you love?

Maybe we should relook at the word ‘one’? Of course, without exception, we should show our *eros* love. But, as you may already know there are other types of love, such as the one we often look at-*Agape*. Yes, our love for our Savior and looking at His love for us. Can we lump all our love for our Savior in one day? Of course not! We need to show Him the appreciation for what he has done for us and His love for us every day! Just like we show our love for our spouse every day, we also need to show our heavenly Father every day.

Here are some love letters that God sent via His word, the Bible:

My Child,

You may not know me, but I know everything about you. ([Psalm 139:1](#))

For you were made in my image. ([Genesis 1:27](#))

I knew you even before you were conceived. ([Jeremiah 1:4-5](#))

You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book. ([Psalm 139:15-16](#))

I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live. ([Acts 17:26](#))

You are fearfully and wonderfully made. ([Psalm 139:14](#))

I knit you together in your mother’s womb. ([Psalm 139:13](#))

I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love. ([1 John 4:16](#))

Simply because you are my child, and I am your Father. ([1 John 3:1](#))

Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand. ([James 1:17](#))

For I am your provider and I meet all your needs. ([Matthew 6:31-33](#))

Because I love you with an everlasting love. ([Jeremiah 31:3](#))

My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore. ([Psalm 139:17-18](#))

I will never stop doing good to you. ([Jeremiah 32:40](#))

For you are my treasured possession. ([Exodus 19:5](#))

I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul. ([Jeremiah 32:41](#))

And I want to show you great and marvelous things. ([Jeremiah 33:3](#))

If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. ([Deuteronomy 4:29](#))

I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine. ([Ephesians 3:20](#))

For I am your greatest encourager. ([2 Thessalonians 2:16-17](#))

When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you. ([Psalm 34:18](#))

As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart. ([Isaiah 40:11](#))

One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes. ([Revelation 21:3-4](#))

And I’ll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth. ([Revelation 21:3-4](#))

I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus. ([John 17:23](#))

For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed. ([John 17:26](#))

He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you. ([Romans 8:31](#))

And to tell you that I am not counting your sins. ([2 Corinthians 5:18-19](#))

Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled. ([2 Corinthians 5:18-19](#))

His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you. ([1 John 4:10](#))

I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love. ([Romans 8:31-32](#))

And nothing will ever separate you from my love again. ([Romans 8:38-39](#))

Come home and I’ll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen. ([Luke 15:7](#))

I am waiting for you. ([Luke 15:11-32](#))

Love, Your Dad. Almighty God

Mike Metzger



Ann Clemmer Circle

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

**February 3rd, 1:00
Fellowship Hall**



Mary Bonar/Rita Chapman Circle

**Rita is a missionary to the
Democratic Republic
of the Congo**

**Leader: Jo Rolison
February 1, 10:00
Agnes Robinson's Home**



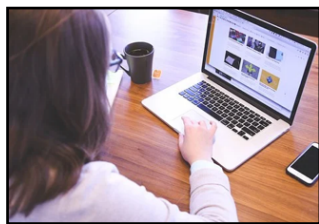
Joyce Reed Circle

**Joyce is a missionary to
IberoAmerica and the Caribbean**

**Leader: Sue Moore
February 5th, 10:00
Fellowship Hall**



The next meeting will be February 21st 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 **2021** 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!**

Anniversaries and Birthdays

February 2022



Anniversary

Robert and Maria Peterson (49) February 5

Birthday

Wilfred Clark, Jr.	February 5
Jeff Twilley	February 5
Jo Rolison	February 7
Rebecca Taylor	February 7
Thelma Schaller	February 9
Willis Case	February 9
Thelma Schaller	February 9
Xerez Navarro	February 14
Ray Murphy	February 16

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 February 9th at 11:30 AM at the Restaurant 55. 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 February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 Bonar/ Chapman Circle (Agmes Robinson's Home) 3:30 Deacon's Mtg (Library)	2 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 7:15 Prayer Call	3 1:00 Ann Clemmer Circle (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	4	5 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Fellowship Hall)
6 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 12:15 Annual Business Mtg.	7	8	9 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 11:30 XYZ (Restaurant 55) 7:15 Prayer Call	10 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	11	12
13 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	14	15 March Newsletter Articles Due 	16 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 11:30 XYZ 7:15 Prayer Call	17 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	18	19 9:00 Coordinating Committee (Library)
20 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	21 1:00 Comfort Shawl Ministry (Fellowship Hall)	22	23 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 7:15 Prayer Call	24 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	25	26
27 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	28					

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.