



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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March 2022 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



This month we enter into the season of Lent that leads us to Easter. Some definitions of this period say that Christians mark this time to commemorate the 40 days that Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness before beginning his public ministry, the time that he endured temptation by Satan. Lent is also a time of personal reflection and spiritual discipline. To assist us all with that, a booklet of short devotions for each day from Ash Wednesday to Easter is being distributed during worship. The theme, **In View of God's Mercy**, is what will direct our thinking in worship and also for Wednesday

evenings during Lent. Each Wednesday at 5 PM you are invited to a soup and sandwich meal followed by a time of devotion and prayer. This will be the first time in two years that we will gather in person on Wednesday evenings. Join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for Easter.

Many times, Lent is described as a season of grief that ends with the great celebration of Resurrection Sunday. In the past few weeks our church family has experienced the death of a number of friends, and we are grieving. Twyla Hinzman, Barbara Hart, Elaine Eckbold, Charlotte Smart, and more recently, Catherine Chang and Elaine Jarrell have realized the promises of Jesus of eternal life in the presence of God. We can hear the words of the Psalmist who tells us in Psalm 30.5b, "Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning." Yes, we give thanks for lives well lived and continue to pray for and support family members who greatly miss their loved one.

The weather has been tricking us and making us feel that Spring is on the way, but with temperatures in the high 60's one day and in the mid



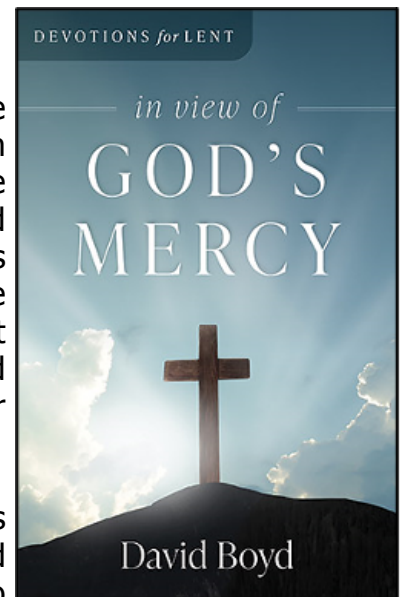
30's the next, it's hard to know what to do. Yes, the seasons change, and on Sunday, March 20, Spring will arrive. Take note that the previous week, Sunday, March 13 is the day that we move our clocks ahead one hour as Daylight Saving Time begins. With all the changes around us each day, the weather, the clocks, the economy, the news of the world, the technology and on, and on please remember what we find in Hebrews 13.8 – "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

In the days ahead, please continue to pray for PEACE between Ukraine and Russia and in other conflicts around the world.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15.13

In the Hope of Christ,

Rev. Taylor





"Why do bad things happen to good people?"

March – Spring time is coming this month! **FINALLY!** This winter has been one of the rough ones. Severe cold and snow. We were wondering if the season would ever change. It always does as it is faithful. Every year comes the fresh spring after the long winter. The birds come chirping again, the flowers start blooming and Easter comes to us remind us of Jesus' rebirth after that long cold 3 days He was in the tomb.

Yes, He is faithful and always there in cold seasons and warm; in the good times of our lives and the bad; in our joy and sorry. He never leaves. As our church starts looking to the future, we need to remind ourselves that we been inside the walls way too long, just as if it was winter. The Son is come and He is inviting, no commanding us, to **GO!**

See **Matthew 28:** The Great Commission ¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ **Go** therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

So, as we start **GOing** this spring into our world, neighborhood, and even to our family, we should have the confidence to know that Jesus has our back. He is with you wherever you **GO**. He wants to show you the great mission He has for you. He wants to water you and make you grow in His garden. And then you can spread the warmth all around you and get to see others

same. Take some time this Spring to make your garden grow and show others the flowers of your nourishing.



Sincerely,

Mike Metzger





Dear Circle Sisters,

Top O' the Mornin' to Ya! With the weather being so changeable from day to day, it will be interesting to see if March will come in like a Lion or like a Lamb. I know that the groundhog saw his shadow last month, which means we are supposed to have 6 more weeks of winter. We'll have to wait and see. I apologize for not having an article in the February Newsletter. I was in rehab from Covid at the time. But I am doing better, bit by bit, and hope to be back to my regular routine soon. Thank you for all your prayers, cards and calls.

Two of the Circles did not have meetings last month. The Bonar/Chapman Circle has had their share of difficult times. Two of their ladies have gone to be with the Lord in the last month and it has left an aching in their hearts. Twyla Hinzman and Elaine Jarrell had been active in ABWM for many, many years. They will be truly missed by all the Circle Sisters. Please keep their families in your prayers. Their leader, Jo Rolison, is finally at home from rehab and continuing to heal. They are planning to meet this month on Tuesday, March 1 at 10:00 a.m. at Jo's home. The other two circles will be meeting at the church.

Well, so much for having "normal" back in our lives. No Day of Renewal and no Chocolate Easter Eggs again. Maybe next year. However, it means we need to find another way to secure funds for the regional project. Be thinking about ways we can accomplish this. Lent will be here soon and we will be focusing on that time in Christ's life and the sacrifice He made on our behalf.

In October I reminded you to turn your clocks back and enjoy the extra hour of sleep that they would take back in the Spring. Well, the time has come. Be sure you "Spring forward" and set your clocks ahead when you go to bed Saturday, March 12th or you will be very late for church the next morning.

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. Uphold each other. And remember our Special Circle Sisters monthly and on holidays and birthdays. We are all sisters in Christ. When you think of someone, give them a call or send a note. These are little things that can mean a lot.

Until next month,
Blessings!

Margaret



Mary Bonar/Rita Chapman Circle

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

March 1st, 10:00 ~ Jo Rolison's Home



Joyce Reed Circle

**Joyce is a missionary to
IberoAmerica and the Caribbean
Leader: Sue Moore
March 5th, 10:00 ~ Great Truth's
Classroom**

Ann Clemmer Circle

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

March 3rd, 1:00 ~ Fellowship Hall





What is AFCO (America for Christ Offering) 2022? (March 2022)

American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) is promoting the America for Christ (AFC) Offering 2022, which seeks to raise \$1,000,000 to support American Baptist mission and ministry across the United States and Puerto Rico.

AFCO supports communities distressed by the devastation of COVID-19 last year, as the pandemic swept our country and Puerto Rico. We also helped families who lost homes to floods, wildfires and storms, along with children living on the edge because of poverty, and seminarians preparing to devote their lives to sharing the Good News. These are just a few of the ways we minister to those in need; there are many more.

Support AFCO

“I will praise you and testify about what you have done.” Psalm 22:22

Dear Mission Partner,

In the above verse, the psalmist tells of God’s many acts of deliverance and rescue in tumultuous times. We are stirred and inspired to praise God for all the wonders that God is performing in our lives.

That’s what you’ll witness in the Leader’s Guide we have put together to assist you with promoting this year’s America for Christ Offering. You’ll see testimony after testimony of the lives that have been touched and transformed through God’s love with your contributions.

It is my hope that these stories will move you as they have moved me, and will demonstrate the good that your contributions have done—and will do in the future. My friend, the needs are many across the United States and Puerto Rico.

It is up to us to answer God’s call to help and to heal. COVID-19 is devastating communities across the United States and Puerto Rico. Wildfires are raging in the West. Floods are rising in the East. Hurricane Ida leaves destruction from the Gulf Coast to the Northeast. Unemployment soars in many communities. In this context, our American Baptist partners are faithfully serving in congregations and communities with helping ministries and creative responses to the diverse needs in their local contexts, whether helping innocent children living in conditions of poverty, assisting a family that is being evicted, providing food and shelter to the homeless man pushing all his belongings in a shopping cart, and so many others who are hurting and lost.

What is needed is God’s love in its fullest expression in your church and your congregation. Through your generous financial partnership with ABHMS, we can—together—work to bring more hope into our broken world with leaders and disciples who are the hands and feet of Jesus.

So please, consider your gift to the America for Christ offering as we engage in transformational mission to bring God’s love and light into the hearts of people everywhere.

On behalf of ABHMS, thank you for your past generous support of our transformational mission.

Our ministries—along with the ministries of our mission partners—are making a difference in the lives of so many individuals and families. With your help, we can bring God’s healing touch to so many more.

May we count on your generosity once again?

With gratitude,

Dr. Jeffrey Haggray, Executive Director
American Baptist Home Mission Societies



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!**



Birthdays

John Kelley, Jr.	3/03
Rose Tumey	3/03
Daniel Macklin	3/04
Theresa Thornburg	3/05
Brian Jones	3/08
Marsha Kemp	3/10
Chris Cottrell	3/12
Lisa Clark	3/13
Karen Blakeman	3/14
Yassah Dennis	3/16
Scott Septer	3/20
Sue Moore	3/26
Laraine Harris	3/27
Richard Waltz	3/27
Brian Cunningham	3/31

Anniversary

Aaron and Charity King	3/11	16 years
Donald and Ramona Scott	3/16	37 years
Norman and Lisa Clendaniel	3/17	44 years
Tom and Pat Roberts	3/28	69 years

Comfort Shawl Ministry

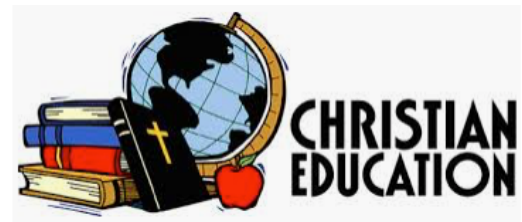


If anyone out there has an interesting stitch or new type of yarn they'd like to demonstrate to us, please notify Sue Moore at (302) 670-2626 to schedule a time. We love seeing new stitches and trying them out on new shawls. Also, if you know of someone who needs a nice warm hug of yarn, again notify Sue and she'll help you choose a shawl for that person. The next meeting will be March 21st at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. If you don't crochet or knit, we'd love to teach you.



**Join our Church
Services
Online**

YouTube.com at
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Board of Christian Education Meeting
March 15, 2022, 2:00 PM

Here's What's Happening at our Church!



ON HOLD

Wednesday Evening Bible Study & Prayer Time Dinner

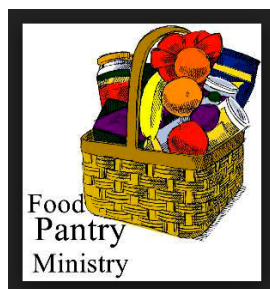
in the Fellowship Hall
followed at by Bible Study
and a Children's Program.



**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



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.




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 March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 Bonar/ Chapman Circle Jo Rolson's Home)	2 08:30 Community Bible Study (CBS) ASH Wednesday 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 (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	7	8 3:30 Deacons (Library)	9 08:30 Community Bible Study (CBS) 11:30 XYZ (Longhorn Steak House) 7:15 Prayer Call	10 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins 9:30 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	14	15  March Newsletter Articles Due 2:00 Christian Education Meeting	16 08:30 Community Bible Study (CBS) 7:15 Prayer Call	17 7:00 Sanctary Choir	18	19 9:00 Coordinating Committee
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27 9:30 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	28	29	30 08:30 Community Bible Study (CBS) 7:15 Prayer Call	31 7:00 Sanctuary Choir		

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.