



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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May 2022 Newsletter



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**The First Baptist Church
of Dover**
will gather in the sanctuary for
worship
on Sunday,
at 11 AM.

Masks
are
now
optional.

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



The First of May

*If I could stay up late no doubt
I'd catch the buds just bursting out;
And up from every hidden root
Would jump a tiny slender shoot;*

These are the first few lines of a poem by Annette Wynne that reminds me of what we all see and experience during May. The second wave of flowers are bursting, the azaleas are blooming, the trees are transforming from sticks to being full of green leaves. It is a wonderful time of transformation.

We step into May, just a couple of weeks after Easter, and we continue to celebrate that God loves us – all of us – so much that he sent us Jesus, allowed him to die and raised him from the dead. We continue to affirm our own transformation because we believe in him and are promised eternal life in God's presence.

This month gives us many unique opportunities to share in worship, fellowship, celebration, and conversation. On Sunday, May 1, we will worship together, share communion, and we will welcome the Spellman family as we dedicate 6-month-old Alycia and her parents, Allyssa and Earl. It has been my privilege to share in vow renewals, weddings and even a birthday celebration with this extended family in our church building. I am honored that they have asked to have a baby dedication as well.

Mother's Day is May 8 and on the following Sunday, May 15, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall after worship to share Lunch and Honor Women. Both men and women are welcome to share the meal. Plans are being made by a couple of our Boards and we hope you will invite other women to join with us that day.

When we expect guests in our home, we get ready and clean house. In June we are hosting Vacation Bible School in our building in partnership with Christ Church Episcopal, Wesley United Methodist and St. Andrews Lutheran churches. To prepare for that event, a couple of special days have been set aside when we can get together and Prayerfully Prepare for God's Purpose by praying, cleaning, and making the building ready for company. On Saturday, May 21 from 9 AM to 3 PM, lunch will be served and there are tasks for everyone. Come, share, and prepare or make arrangements with Rebecca Taylor for a time that works for your schedule. One may choose to come and pray or share any part of the day! We want to be ready to welcome guests.

A very special time for conversation and dialogue is planned for Saturday, May 28 from 10 AM to Noon. Please join with others for Coffee and Conversation in National Security and Winning the Peace. Our own, Lt Colonel Jerome Rogers has been a part of this year's class at the US Army War College and will complete his degree in June. He will be presenting and leading the conversation with topics that include: Winning the War vs. Winning the Peace, the Nature of Warfare, What's happening in Ukraine? What happened in Afghanistan? Doing things right, but also Doing the right things. This will be a time when we can look at these topics through the lens of our Christian values. Plan to join together on Saturday, May 28 and invite others to come with you.

During worship in May, we will continue to explore core values of congregations and see how these might relate to our own community. Core values are biblically underscored and are guides for a church. Come and worship with us and share this special time as we open ourselves to the purpose God has for each of us.

May God continually bless you in these days,
Rev. Dan Taylor

**Please Join Us For
Coffee and Conversation**

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**National Security and
Winning the Peace**



Presenter:

Lt Colonel Jerome Rogers

--USAF / Delaware Air National Guard

--US Army War College

When: Saturday, May 28, 2022, 10a - 12p

Where: Fellowship Hall,

First Baptist Church of Dover



Vacation Bible School
June 20-23 – 5:30 – 8:00PM
Begins each evening with a
light supper
Volunteers are needed



One of my favorite verses in the Old Testament is from Joshua 1:7, “*Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.*”

Joshua was taking over after Moses. What a task, leading millions of people into the Promised Land after 40 years wandering in the desert. Can you imagine all the challenges he faced? He couldn't... And the pressure that he had on him, not only from the millions of people he had to lead, but also from God who depended on Joshua to lead His people into the land.

Does it seem to us, we are somewhat in Joshua's shoes? We have the future that we do not know what's going to happen? We have unseen trials that we will face, and what outcomes that we are fearful of? Family matters, financial matters, health concerns, friendships, and many other unknown matters. So, what do we do?

The obvious answer is to trust in God. But in the moment, do we really? Or do we end up looking back and see where God has helped us through the time of

trouble. At FBC, we open every meeting with the question, “Where have you seen God working?” This makes us stop and think about God's provisions, not only in our life, but maybe in other lives and circumstances we came through.

Today, I ask you, where have you seen God working in your life?

Sincerely,

Mike Metzger



Sundays at 9:30am
Sunday School with Mike
Metzger in the
Fellowship Hall



Wednesday Night
Prayer Call
Phone Number

1-351-888-7208



Dear Circle Sisters,

Happy May!! Another Circle year is coming to an end. Our summer break will be upon us soon. But we have had a very good year. It started with our first meetings in September and ABWM Sunday with our guest speaker, Sue Hegarty. Wasn't she inspiring? Hoping and praying we will be able to get another great speaker this next year.

Your final Circle meeting of the year will be in the beginning of May. Your final monetary contributions will be due at that meeting. They should include the monies you have collected for your Missionary, your overseas project money, and your final Love Gift. Also, if you want to contribute to the Regional Project (Building a Food Pantry in The Dominican Republic for Haitian Refugees) instead of purchasing Chocolate Easter Eggs, which were not made again this year, your contribution needs to be made out to ABWM of FBC and indicate "Regional Project" in the memo section of your check. This money will be sent in June to the Regional Treasurer. We are opening it up to the congregation, as well. Finally, you will need to decide on the information for next year's Circle book. This will include dates, time, and location of your meetings and your officers. Also, please check your information on the member's page and indicate any changes that should be made for next year.

After discussing the Spring meal/Installation at all three of the Circle meetings in April, it was decided unanimously that we would go out on Saturday, May 21 at 1:00 p.m. The location will be decided at the Board Meeting and shared with you at your May meeting. PLEASE NOTE: The Board Meeting date has been changed to April 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Praying you all had a Blessed Easter. We need to continue to remember those of our ladies who need special prayers... those who are ill, have had or are having surgeries or who may have personal things going on in their lives. I feel so blessed to have you all as sisters in Christ. I have enjoyed attending all your meetings this year. The fellowship was wonderful, and you have great programs. Remember your Special Circle Sisters. When you think of someone, give them a call, or send a note. These are little things that can make a person's day.

Until next month,

Blessings, *Margaret*



Mary Bonar/Rita Chapman Circle

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

Leader: Jo Rolison

May 3rd, 11:30 ~ Olive Garden



Joyce Reed Circle

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

Leader: Sue Moore

May 7th, 10:00 ~ Hall's

Ann Clemmer Circle

**Ann is a missionary to Eastern
Congo & South Sudan**

Leader: Gaynor Sale

May 5th, 1:00 ~ Cheddar's



****Attention All ~**

The ABWM Regional Project this year is to help build a Food Pantry in the Dominican Republic for Haitian Immigrants in the area. BRIAN and LYNETTE SMITH serve among Haitians in partnership with Mission Maranatha Inc. working in the bateyes on the East Coast of the Dominican Republic. Brian works with local and visiting mission teams in construction and ongoing maintenance projects at existing ministries. Lynette is showing God's love to women and children through instruction in self-care skills and leading creative art workshops to empower them through creativity. Both Brian and Lynette work closely with colleagues in La Romana at the "Integral Vision Community Center" which aims to serve Haitian immigrants and cooperate with the Good Samaritan Hospital and local Haitian churches of the East of the Dominican Republic.

More than 30.5 percent of the population in the Dominican Republic lives below the poverty line. Widespread poverty, a lack of opportunities, and environmental issues such as water shortages, soil erosion, deforestation, flooding, and droughts are barriers to progress. Unemployment and underemployment are widespread.

The new food pantry that will be built is to be more secure than the present one and will be one that will keep out vermin and insects. This will allow the food to be stored more safely and let it last longer. The food pantry is greatly utilized by those Haitian immigrants in the region.

The ABWM usually send the proceeds from their sale of Chocolate Easter Eggs to this project. We were unable to make and sell Eggs again this year. If you usually purchase Easter Eggs from us and/or would like to contribute to this project, you can make a check out to ABWM of FBC and mark "Regional Project" in the memo section of the check. We appreciate any amount you could contribute. The Regional Goal (PA & DE) is \$15,000.00. We will accept contributions through the month of May. Thank you so much for your support.





Birthdays

Clifton Cannon	5/3
Wasana Sudler	5/3
Gloria Smith	5/4
Faith Murphy	5/6
Salvatore Manno	5/8
Paul Smart	5/15
Terry Lentz	5/16
Gene Schaller	5/20
Geneva Clark	5/21
Mable Morrison	5/21
Joyce Buckley	5/22
Tammy Myers	5/24
Mark Moore, Sr.	5/31



Anniversaries

Romeo and Milda Limson	54 yrs.	5/1
Mark and Beth Moore	12 yrs.	5/1
Clement and Bethel Chang	52 yrs.	5/9
Jerome and Michelle Rogers	15 yrs.	5/19
Jim and Dorothy Kerr	63 yrs.	5/23
Percy and Marivic Navarro	36 yrs.	5/24
Walt and Kathy Becker	37 yrs.	5/25
Brian and CeCe Cunningham	6 yrs.	5/27
Gilbert and Gladys Hutchins	73 yrs.	5/29



**Join our Church
Services
Online**

**YouTube.com at
First Baptist Church of Dover DE**



Open Dates for Sanctuary Flowers

If you are interested in placing flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of someone, these are the open dates at this time. They will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Forms are available at the Welcome Table. The cost is \$40 for two vases. If you have questions, contact Margaret Steinhoff.

5/15 6/12 7/3 7/10 7/31
10/3 11/6 12/4 12/11

**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 May 16th at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. If you don't crochet or knit, we'd love to teach you.



Here's What's Happening at our Church!



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.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study & Prayer Time Dinner at 6PM

in the Fellowship Hall
followed at 7PM by Bible
Study and a Children's
Program.

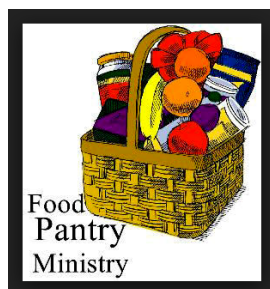
ON HOLD FOR NOW



**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

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 May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 11:30 Bonar/ Chapman Circle (Olive Garden)	4 8:30 Community Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	5 1:00 Ann Clemmer Circle (Cheddar's) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	6	7 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Hall's)
8 Mother's Day 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	9	10 3:30 Deacon's (Fellowship Hall)	11 8:30 Community Bible Study 11:30 XYZ (Countrie Eatery) 7:15 Prayer Call	12 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	13	14 10:00 Missions (Library)
15 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	16 June Newsletter Articles Due  1:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry (Fellowship Hall)	17	18 8:30 Community Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	19 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	20	21 9:00 Landscaping Workday 9:00 Coordinating Committee 1:00 Annual ABWM Luncheon/ Installation of Officers - Location TBD
22 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	23	24	25 8:30 Community Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	26 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	27	28
29 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	30 Church Office Closed Memorial Day 	31				
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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.