



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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June 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



We step boldly into the month of June and realize that we are nearly halfway through 2022. In the past month we celebrated Mother's Day, shared a luncheon to honor women, and dedicated a beautiful 6-month-old little girl and her parents to be a family centered on Jesus. A special thank you to Harry and Diane Anthony who worked lovingly to cook home-made marinara sauce and prepare baked ziti.

The luncheon on Sunday, May 15, also included baked ham, vegetables, salad and bread. The Anthonys extended family joined them to help in the kitchen and men of the church served and helped to clean-up after the meal. We are thankful for church family and special times of fellowship that we share.

This year, the first Sunday of June is Pentecost Sunday. This marks the beginning of the church in the New Testament as the disciples had followed the directions of Jesus to wait in Jerusalem and they would receive power from the Spirit of God. The passage in Acts 2 is an exciting story of God's work in the world and in verses 41-42 we read: So those who welcomed Peter's message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. On Sunday, June 5, we too will have a baptism and we will break bread together at the Lord's Table. Plan to worship with us and **wear red** to celebrate and acknowledge Pentecost and the coming of the God's Spirit into our lives.



Discipleship is key to learning and growing as followers of Jesus. One of the initial ways that is done for children is through the summer tradition of Vacation Bible School. This month we have the privilege of hosting a community VBS that involves leaders and volunteers from our own church family along with those from Christ Church Episcopal, St. Andrews Lutheran and Wesley United Methodist. The theme for the week is **Jerusalem Marketplace**. The children will be in different small groups (tribes), will have crafts, foods, songs, games, and stories that all relate to the time of Jesus in Jerusalem. The stories from the Bible will share the story of Jesus and His love for the children. Volunteers are needed in many areas and a sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for your convenience. If you need additional information, contact Debbie Metzger or Rebecca Taylor.



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With many others across the country and around the world, we mourn the loss of life in Uvalde, Texas following the shooting in the Robb Elementary School. We cry, we pray, and we seek God's comfort. 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.' Matthew 2.18

As we offer our thoughts and our prayers, we also need to contemplate what else can be done to help end these senseless killings. If you have ideas share them.

Peace and Blessings to you all,
Rev. Dan Taylor



KIND

In pondering about what to write this month, turning to the children we see all around us daily provided the answer. Many questions came to mind. How will their lives change as they grow and are met with challenges with which we have never had to deal? How will they raise their children in these new times where violence is an everyday occurrence? What help can older adults give new parents? Who else can be valuable resources for these parents? Obviously, this is a topic too complex to have simple yes or no answers or brief one or two words to cover it. One could author books about the topic as well. One word did come to mind--- **kindness**.

According to Wikipedia, kindness is defined as “a type of behavior marked by acts of generosity, consideration, or concern for others, without expecting praise or reward.” In the Bible, many virtues overlap because they all have kindness as a basis. In Joshua 2:12, Rahab asks that her family be spared when she was asked to hide Joshua’s spies in her home. She was showing a kindness in protecting them. God repaid her by granting her wish. In I Kings 3:6, Solomon thanks God for His kindness in giving David a son and putting his father on the throne. He continues his praise of the Lord to including

him on the throne after David. In many instances, God’s mercy is another name for kindness. Love is also another term for kindness. Giving His only son to die on the cross was God’s greatest kindness to man.

Our children also provided their definitions of kindness. In fact, they could probably speak on the topic better than most adults. One child said kindness is helping a family member or friend out. Another one claimed kindness is being kind to others and you care about them. You share with people and play with them by sharing your toys was another answer. Lastly, kindness is teaching someone to do something. They got so involved in their discussion, a slight argument occurred. Stopping the children, it was pointed out that arguing could most times be considered an unkindness because they weren’t being kind about someone else’s ideas. It took a few moments for them to think about that. They realized they were wrong eventually but not until they had a few more disagreements. Each time they were reminded about being kind. Many Kid Connections sessions could be taught on this topic.

In school, teachers were to post their classroom rules and consequences. In many classrooms, some form of the Golden Rule, “Do unto others as they would do unto you,” was displayed. During the pandemic, many people became depressed and acted unkind to one another. Even though we are a loving and caring congregation, many of us also had complaints about each other. One of the most useful tools to instruct children is by example. Might a suggestion to everyone be to set a good example of kindness to each other. If the children see us being kind, they, too, will act kind. This means, not only in church should we act with kindness, but also at the grocery store, the doctor’s office,

restaurants, fitness clubs, and all the various places we go during our busy days.

We can help parents teach their children how to be kind by setting a good example. Sit down with children and explain why people do some of these awful acts. Talk about how they can confide in an adult to talk about their concerns or a bully they encounter. We can be there for them instead of thinking about our woes. Let us put our children as our first priority.

Sincerely,

Sue Moore

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



Wednesday Night
Prayer Call
Phone Number

1-351-888-7208

Democratic Republic of the Congo



You are invited to meet and greet Ann and Bill Clemmer on Tuesday, June 28 at 8:30 am in the First Baptist narthex and sanctuary. Come and hear about their American Baptist mission work in the Goma area of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Coffee and pastries will be available to eat in the narthex prior to entering the sanctuary. Come for the fellowship and to be inspired! Bring a friend!!

ANN & BILL CLEMMER

ANN and BILL reside in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) on the Congo Rwanda border



where they serve as regional consultants working with IM partners, HEAL Africa and IMA World Health, in the town of Goma. Bill provides support to health care workers,

hospitals, and clinics that provide life saving maternal and child health services, while Ann supports educational and relief assistance to orphans and vulnerable children. The Clemmers began their service with International Ministries in January 1993 and have served in DRC, South Sudan and Haiti with interim assignments in Somalia, Yemen, Burundi, and other countries to meet urgent and short-term needs.

ONE GREAT HOUR of Sharing 2022



One Great Hour of Sharing continues to be a tangible expression of love—walking with communities in times of crisis.

- Love responds.
- Love rebuilds.
- Love remembers.
- Love remains.

Together, we provide immediate relief and long-term recovery support after disasters; equip churches and leaders in disaster preparedness measures; offer assistance to displaced people; and support global development projects that empower communities around the world to thrive. Our partners have persisted in this life-saving work despite the challenges of the pandemic and in the face of other disasters and humanitarian crises that continue to escalate in frequency and severity.

We are called to witness to this gospel truth: despite evidence to the contrary, even in the most difficult of circumstances, love remains. When you give to **One Great Hour of Sharing** you put love into action. Your giving shares faith, hope, and love all around the world. But the greatest of these is love.

The Theme for this year is “Love Remains” from 1 Corinthians 13:13 (And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love). This offering will be received during the month of June.

Offering envelopes may be picked up at the Welcome Table. The OGHS offering that was received earlier this year was specifically targeted for the Ukraine. While this country and the surrounding countries of Hungary and Poland are still being served, this offering will also be used for other needs of people and areas as they occur. You were very generous with your offerings to the Ukraine. Please be as generous this month as we give to this offering. We give in Love – for all those in need.



Dear Circle Sisters,

It is with some sadness that I write this last letter to you in the newsletter. My term as ABWM of FBC President has come to an end. These four years have gone by quickly, too quickly. We have survived a pandemic and have remained strong. Even though we haven't been able to have all of scheduled events and activities, we have accomplished much. Your generosity in your giving has been wonderful. We have been able to complete both Overland and Overseas Mission projects, give money to our Missionaries and support our Regional Projects yearly.

I personally want to thank you for allowing me to attend your Circle Meetings. I have gained so much from them. Each one is different, with different programs, devotions, etc. And the bonding I feel among the ladies in each Circle is heart-warming. I have been so blessed by this experience. Thank you, thank you!

We also have felt losses during these past four years. Let us remember those of our ABWM who have gone on to be with our Lord and their families over these past four years: Elaine Jarrell, Twyla Hinzman, Addie Beaman, Avis Triplett, Peg Wright, Anna McKinney, Debbie Beaver, Judy Sansbury, Imogene Hutchison, Jan Holliday, and Lily Koff. These ladies are and will be greatly missed.

Enjoy your summer and stay safe. We will begin meeting again in September. If any of you need to switch Circles, please let me know. I will be working on the Program Book for next year over the summer so that you will have them in September. We will still have a Tuesday morning Circle, a Thursday afternoon Circle and a Saturday morning Circle – something for everyone.

Reminder – mark your calendars for Tuesday, June 28th. Bill and Ann Clemmer will be at First Baptist from 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Come and hear them share about their ministry in Goma – Democratic Republic of Congo.

Keep in contact with each other and remember your Special Circle Sisters over the summer. When you think of someone, give them a call, or send a note. These are little things that can make a person's day.

Blessings 🙏
Margaret



**Mary Bonar/Rita
Chapman Circle**
Rita is a missionary to the
Democratic Republic
of the Congo
Leader: Beryl Gerhard



Joyce Reed Circle
Joyce is a missionary to
IberoAmerica and the Caribbean
Leader: Margaret Steinhoff

Ann Clemmer Circle

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



**No Meetings
until
September**



****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 June. Thank you so much for your support.





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Birthdays

Oscar Dennis	6/8
Irene Roberts-Gulley	6/12
Carolyn McIlnay	6/13
Tom Roberts	6/13
Jean Adkins	6/16
Adelle Aloï	6/18
Walt Becker	6/18
Randy Chang	6/19
B. Yvonne McFarland	6/19
Barbara Rapp	6/21
Lois Glading	6/22
Rev. Judy Daniels	6/26
Marion Neal	6/27



Anniversaries

Robert and Suzanne Porter	6/10	44 years
Bill and Tammy Myers	6/18	34 years



**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.

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 resume in September. If you don't crochet or knit, we'd love to teach you.



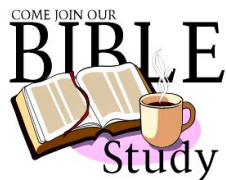
Here's What's Happening at our Church!



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.

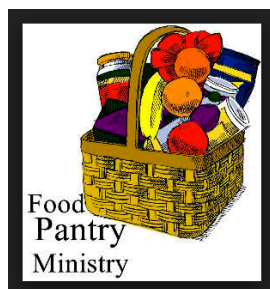
ON HOLD FOR NOW



**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 June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:15 Prayer Call	2 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	3	4
5 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	6	7	8 XYZ Sambo's 7:15 Prayer Call	9 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	10	11 10:00 Missions (Library)
12 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	13 5:30 VBS Meeting & Dinner	14 3:30 Deacons Meeting	15 July Newslett Articles Due  7:15 Prayer Call	16 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	17	18 9:00 Landscaping Workday 9:00 Coordinating Committee 3:00 Milford Community Band
19 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 	20 <div>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JUNE 20-23 - 5:00PM</div>	21 9:30 ABWM Board Meeting	22 7:15 Prayer Call	23 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	24	25
26 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	27 <div>CRITTER CAMP - JUNE 27 - July 1</div>	28 8:30 Meet Ann & Bill Clemmer at FBC	29 7:15 Prayer Call	30 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	July 1	
		<div>Scheduled activities subject to changes. Check with the Church Office for final dates and times.</div>				

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.