



The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

July & August 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



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Summertime, Summertime, Summertime.

After this last winter, everyone was wondering when it would get here. The bitter cold, the snow and just general miserable weather was the topic for most conversations in the winter. But now, HOT! Will we ever be satisfied?

Being satisfied is the pursuit for most people of today. The pursuit of happiness, the pursuit of wealth, the pursuit of technology, and many other pursuits not being able to mention here. "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" is a well-known phrase in the United States Declaration of Independence. However, the pursuit of our selfish happiness at the cost of everything and everybody else's happiness is what's not in mind for the thought behind the document; nor should it be pursued.

So, how can we be happy? The obvious answer for us and our church as Christians, is in Jesus. But, what does that mean – how can we show that to others? I get the most joy and happiness when I am working on a project for someone else. For the homeless, Habitat,

teaching Sunday School, and other work projects as well as the many disaster relief projects in which I have participated. We have a statement that we are the 'hands and feet of Christ'. We are doing some things, but need to expand it even more. We must go beyond the four walls of the church building, into our community.

A very popular contemporary Christian song today is from Matthew West. Below is the first portion of the song. Let it sink in as you read it and as you hear it on radio:

"Do Something" by Matthew West

I woke up this morning
Saw a world full of trouble now
Thought, how'd we ever get so far down
How's it ever gon'na turn around
So I turned my eyes to Heaven
I thought, "God, why don't You do something?"
Well, I just couldn't bear the thought of
People living in poverty
Children sold into slavery
The thought disgusted me
So, I shook my fist at Heaven
Said, "God, why don't You do something?"
He said, "I did, I created you".

Mike Metzger



Anniversaries

Sal and Veronica Manno	7/13	47 years
Tom and Patricia Ward	7/19	19 years
Mike and Deb Metzger	7/21	48 years
Harry and Diane Anthony	7/23	56 years

Terry and Terry Lentz	8/1	41 years
Gene and Sue Moore	8/5	50 years
Dan and Rebecca Taylor	8/13	34 years
Larry and Joyce Buckley	8/26	61 years
Steve and Teresa Gedney	8/27	44 years



Sundays at 9:30am Sunday School with Mike Metzger

Wednesday Night
Prayer Call
Phone Number



1-978-990-5083, enter PIN 676527#

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Have you been to the Davis Fellowship Hall and looked at the items in the Mission Display Cabinets, located near the outside doors to the patio? One cabinet, prepared by the Board of Missions, highlights Haiti. The other one done by the Board of Christian Education focuses on Vacation Bible School. You might wonder where did these Haiti things come from--



There were three single ladies, sisters, who lived in Westmont, NJ. Mildred, Myrtle, and Alice Townsend were members of the Westmont Baptist Church, when Leonard Hatch was their pastor. (Leonard is also a former pastor of FBC, Dover.) The sisters became close friends with Leonard and his wife Marion. Mildred and Myrtle were educators and made several educational mission trips to Haiti. Alice was a nurse and served as an American Baptist missionary in North East India for many years. As they grew older and needed to downsize, they asked Leonard and Marion if they would like to have the “treasures” from their years of serving God in many parts of the world. The Hatch’s went to Westmont and brought back to their home in Lewes, DE a car full of these things. They kept what they wanted, and called Lois Glading, who was then Chairman of the Board of Missions at FBC, and asked if FBC would like to have what remained. Lois and George went to Lewes and brought home a car trunk filled with beautiful things, especially from India and Haiti.

Then the question at First Baptist was “What do we do with these things and how do we display them?” The Board of Missions asked Ron Jarrell and George Glading to design and build two Mission Display Cabinets for Davis Fellowship Hall. The First Baptist Memorial Foundation contributed \$200.00 for building materials. The cabinets were built and hung. Then on April 10, 2005, with the cabinets filled with items from the Townsend collection, they were dedicated with Miss Mildred Townsend present.

Through the years others have added to this collection, including Jan Holliday who lived all over the world through her employment with the US State Department; Avis Triplett, Lottie Deuble, Bud and Carol Russell, and others. Changing the displays periodically to highlight countries or mission themes has been the responsibility of the Board of Missions and more recently the Board of Christian Education. We have tried to treat these “treasures” with care and store them in such a way that they can be used for many years to come. They are stored in large labeled containers on the lower level in the closet of the Seekers classroom.

Check out the current displays, and watch for new ones coming in the near future.

Lois Glading



American Baptist Home Mission Societies

ONE GREAT HOUR

of Sharing 2022



June 5:	\$840.00
June 12:	\$1,000.00
June 19:	\$615.00
Total:	\$2,455.00



Food Pantry: Three families of seven individuals were served for the month of May and two families of 11 individuals for June. Looking for a possibility of having a “Food Box” near Walker Road.

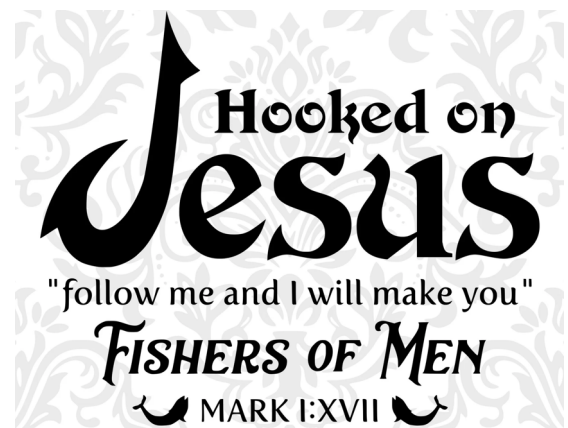
A list of volunteer opportunities here in Dover was provided to Pastor Dan.



Men's Celebration Luncheon

All welcome!

July 10th after church



Please sign up at the welcome table if you will be attending. Also, if you want to sign up to contribute some food, there is a sign up sheet for that also. Hope to see you there!



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Dear Circle Sisters,

Here I am, writing to you again. At this time, we don't have a new President for our ABWM. Please let me know if you are interested in this position. Until then, I guess I am acting President. Please pray about this if you are considering it.

We don't have a lot on the table for these two months. There will be a board meeting in August, but the date is to be determined. Our next meetings will begin in September. Keep using your Love Gift Boxes over the summer. Our blessings NEVER stop. We gave \$1,222.78 to Love Gift this past year.

The final amounts sent to our Missionaries are as follows: \$1,500.00 to Ann Clemmer and \$300 to Joyce Reed. We were able to send \$213.15 to the Clean Water Project in Haiti and \$271.00 to the Democratic Republic of Congo Med. Supplies, Nurses training and transportation. You all are so generous. At the time of writing if this article, I don't know the final amount sent for the Regional Project – Building a Food Pantry for Haitian Refugees in the DR, but we are committed to sending a minimum of \$1,000.00.

Be thinking of Overland Projects for next year. I will be working on Circle Books for '22-'23 over the summer so that they will be ready for you at your first meeting in September. Please let me know if you are changing Circles, etc. The Circle leaders have already given me the information for their Circles.

Praying you have a relaxing and blessed summer.

See you in September!

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**





Vacation Bible School will be held here each evening, **JULY 17 – 20**, with our congregation participating with St. Andrews Lutheran, Wesley United Methodist and Christ Church Episcopal. This is a wonderful opportunity to volunteer to work with children and help them learn about Jesus. Sign-up sheets are on a convenient poster in the Narthex. Please contact Debbie Metzger or Rebecca Taylor for additional information if you'd like to help.



Birthdays

Kathy Becker	7/2
Patricia Riddle	7/7
Charity King	7/16
Barbara Gilsdorf-Jones	7/20
Irv Culver	7/21
Chuck Fithian	7/27
Isaac Yarsiah	7/27
Ikegai Lenyee	7/30
Lester Blakeman	7/31
Jerome Dunlap	7/31



Teresa Gedney	8/2
Jane Meder	8/2
Cindy Cannon	8/4
Mark Knott	8/6
Bethel Chang	8/6
Ralph Hinzman	8/6
Morgan Stiegler	8/9
Aaron King	8/12
Mike Metzger	8/15
Phil Steinhoff	8/19
Ed Gerhard	8/20
Joan Foster	8/27
Gaynor Waltz	8/29
Clement Chang	8/31



**Join our Church
Services
Online**

YouTube.com at
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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 \$50 for two vases. If you have questions, contact Margaret Steinhoff.

7/3 7/10 7/31

10/3 11/6 12/4 12/11

(PLEASE NOTE THE INCREASE IN COST. THIS APPLIES TO ALL FLOWERS ORDERED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR, EVEN IF YOU HAVE ORDERED THEM PRIOR TO NOW)

**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.



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.

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

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 July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Critter Camp	2
3 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	4 Church Office Closed	5	6 7:15 Prayer Call	7	8	9 10:00 Missions (Library)
10 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection Men's Celebration Luncheon	11	12 3:30 Deacons Meeting	13 11:30 XYZ at Vencenzio's 7:15 Prayer Call	14	15	16 9:00 Landscaping Workday 9:00 Coordinating Committee (Library)
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	1	2	3 7:15 Prayer Call	4	5	6
7 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	8	9 3:30 Deacon's (Library)	10 11:30 XYZ - Long Horn Steak House 7:15 Prayer Call	11	12	13 10:00 Missions (Library)
14 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	15 September Newsletter Articles Due 	16	17 7:15 Prayer Call	18	19	20 9:00 Landscaping Workday 9:00 Coordinating Committee
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