



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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September 2022 Newsletter



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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



Many of you have said that the summer months have gone by so quickly this year and September is upon us. Labor Day, the first Monday of September, is known as the unofficial end of Summer and that

means there will be less traffic to the beach and the kids are all back in school by the end of that week. That also means that most vacations will be over by then and folks will be back home. In past years we have had an all-church picnic on Sunday, the day before Labor Day. This year, that gathering has been changed to the second Sunday of the month.

The Church Picnic will be on Sunday

afternoon, September 11 at 4 PM. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided, and sign-up sheets will be provided for other food and fixin's. You know that a picnic is a wonderful opportunity for each of us to invite friends to join us at the tables. If you know someone who is looking for a worshipping congregation, invite them to a Sunday morning worship experience and invite them to the church picnic on September 11.



ALSO, on Saturday, September 10, a gathering for children will happen in the fellowship hall from 10 AM to noon. Bible story, crafts, snacks and activities will make a fun morning for the children you bring and those you invite. The Board of Christian Education has a Saturday event scheduled each month for the rest of the year.



CORE VALUES

In the past few months, I have been highlighting different values of Christians and a congregation during worship. As together we hear and see these, we may agree that these are values that we can all agree upon. Here are core values that have been presented. Do you agree with these? Do you have others that should be included?

Worship

John 4.23-24 – But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Discipleship

Matthew 28.19-20 – 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, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Prayer

Matthew 21.22 – “Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive.”

1 Thessalonians 5.16-18 – Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Mission & Service

Mark 16.15 – Go into all the world and proclaim the good news^[b] to the whole creation.

Acts 1.8b - ... you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

2 Corinthians 5.20 – So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

1 John 3.18 – Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

1 Peter 4.10 – Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received

Fellowship / Relationships

Acts 2.46-47 – Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

May you see the value in each new day and 'love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' Luke 10.27

In the Hope and Love of Christ,
Rev. Dan Taylor





Birthdays

Debbie Metzger	9/2
Diane Fithian	9/3
Percy Navarro	9/3
Mary Stewart	9/9
Alice Murphy	9/15
Betty Perkins	9/18
Jennifer Moscrip	9/19
Lisa Clendaniel	9/22
Lorraine Steinhoff	9/22
Glenda Case	9/25
Mary Emma Tisinger	9/26
Carolyn Akers	9/28

Anniversaries

Dick and Gloria Smith	66 yrs	9/7
Scot and Michelle Septer	32 yrs	9/22



**Join our Church
Services
Online**

YouTube.com at
First Baptist Church of Dover DE

Comfort Shawl Ministry



Ladies and gentlemen, save September 19 at 1:00 for the beginning of the 2022-23 prayer shawl meetings. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Bring any finished shawls that need to be tagged to add to our supply. Last year we gave over 50 shawls to the hospital, various members of the church, and friends who were in need. We still have a plentiful amount but need to continue to add to the stock. If you crochet, knit, or sew, you can also make shawls. We welcome anyone with an interest in this ministry to come to this first meeting of the season to see what we do.



**Food
Pantry**

NEEDS

Due to an increase in referrals to the Food Pantry in the last several weeks, the Pantry is in need of the following items:

Beef Stew 20 oz cans

Peanut Butter 16.3 oz jars

Applesauce 24 oz jars

Rice 16 oz bags

Cereal

Macaroni and Cheese

Instant Mashed Potatoes 4 oz bag or 15.3 oz box

When purchasing these items, please check to make sure the expiration date is in the distant future to provide for a longer shelf life in the Pantry. If you purchase any of the above items, you may place them in either the basket located in the Narthex or in the plastic tub located outside of the Food Pantry. Your support is greatly appreciated!



Welcome back, ladies, to a new season of ABWM. Since we broke for summer, some changes have occurred which we pray are acceptable to all of our members. After asking many different ladies to take the position of president, the Board decided that Sue Moore would take that position. Sue and Margaret would share the position of Coordinators of Church and Community Service. Another change is that the Mary Bonar/Rita Chapman Circle has changed its name to

the Mary Bonar Circle. Faye Yarbough will be their missionary focus and is currently a missionary to South Africa. Beryl Gerhard will be their new circle leader. The Joyce Reed Circle leader who is new, but not really, to the position is Margaret Steinhoff. With decreasing numbers of ladies in circles, it is difficult to find replacements for some officers, therefore when the new booklet comes out, some ladies have multiple offices.

Our ABWM Sunday is currently scheduled for September 18th. Margaret has been busy all summer searching for a missionary speaker for that special Sunday. The Board also hopes this year that we will be able to make our delicious Easter Eggs again to donate proceeds to our regional project entitled "Fresh Start in Costa Rica."

We have had several new people either join the church family or attend the church regularly. Any ladies in the church may attend any of our monthly meetings to find out what ABWM is all about. The Mary Bonar Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 6th at 10:00 AM at Beryl Gerhard's home. The Ann Clemmer Circle will meet on Thursday, September 1st at 1:00 PM at the church. The Joyce Reed Circle will meet on September 10th at Noon at Mike and Mel's Restaurant (the former Hall's Restaurant) in Wyoming. It is a wonderful way to get to know the women of FBC. Please come and find out about our mission.

Your sister in Christ,
Margaret



Mary Bonar Circle

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

**September 6, 10:00,
Meeting at the home of Beryl Gerhard**



Joyce Reed Circle

**Joyce is a missionary to
IberoAmerica and the Caribbean
Leader: Sue Moore**

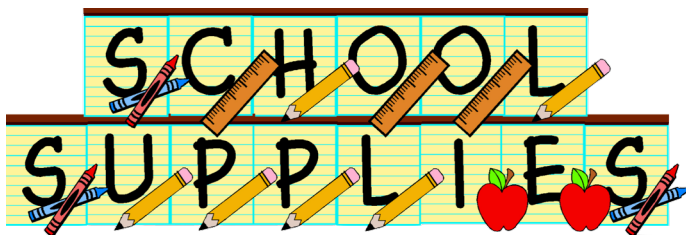
**September 10, 12:00,
Meeting at the Mike & Mel's
Restaurant, Wyoming**

Ann Clemmer Circle

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

**September 1, 1:00,
Meeting in the Fellowship Hall**





It's Back to School Time!

Summer is slowly winding down which means it's back to school time again. Students, parents, and teachers are all watching for sales on back-to-school supplies and clothes. Depending on what state you live in, prices can vary greatly. While on vacation in Virginia, we experienced a tax-free weekend on school supplies and clothes. The stores were packed with young and old alike. In casually talking with a parent of four children ranging in age from five to fourteen, I found out she had just spent over \$300.00 on just supplies. She was now going to and from to buy appropriate school clothes. Her fourteen-year-old came out modeling a really cool outfit but it wasn't appropriate for school. Mom gently but firmly steered her toward a more suitable outfit. The young lady went along with it but rather half-heartedly.

I remembered those days fondly. Even though I provided a list of necessities, there were always those who wouldn't or couldn't buy them. Therefore, for the sake of the children, I made sure to buy those same supplies so that each child would have them and not be embarrassed. I also gave each child a Back-to-School Kit with items such as rubber bands, pencils, erasers, candy, etc. Each item had a specific reason for being in the kit. For example, the erasers were to remove the upset feelings a child could have coming to a new teacher. Most of the students and parents appreciated the kit and started the year off well. Unfortunately, we weren't allowed to mention any Christian ideals in school.

In researching to write this article, I came across a Back-to-School Blessing Kit. It only consists of seven items; but it would be neat to remind teachers, parents, and children about God's influence in providing a good start to a new school or Sunday School year. Here is a list of the items and for what they stand:

- Jumbo glue stick---Remember to stick close to Jesus this year through prayer and reading your Bible
- Crayons---Color your school year bright by letting the light of Christ shine through you.
- 6 pencils---Write HIStory in your life this year by doing what Jesus would do and make wise choices.
- Mini Notebook---Use this notebook as a Gratitude Journal. Each day write down for what you are grateful.
- Bookmark---Mark your favorite Bible verse or story in your Bible.
- Prayer Journal---Use this to write down your prayers to God.
- Favorite Candy---Enjoy this sweet treat and remember that Jesus makes your life sweet!

If anyone would like to make a kit or two, please see me (Sue Moore). If we get enough, we can give them to our FBC children and/or the teachers at Fairview Elementary. With these stressful and trying times of violence, we need to uplift the students and teachers in prayer daily.

(The Blessing Kit came from www.vanessamyers.org.)



Gene and I would like to thank everyone for their congratulations on our 50th Anniversary. Our hearts were blessed by all the friends and family that attended our celebration. We'd like to especially thank our children, Marci and Mark, Deb Metzger, and Margaret Steinhoff for preparing the celebration as well as all who brought food.

Gene and Sue Moore



LIGHT, HEARTED GIVING



November 6, 2022

**Directly after the Worship
Service in the Fellowship Hall**

A light lunch of subs, salad, and dessert will be provided. Singing, laughing, and joyfully serving presentations will kickoff our Stewardship

This is a free event.

Everyone is invited; just sign up at the
Welcome table in October so
we can provide enough food.



Please keep Nov. 20th, after the
Worship Service, open so that you
and your family can come and have a
Thanks For Giving dinner.



We want to thank God for all He has
given us this year.

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

Is this your earring?

Call the office to reclaim



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 September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1:00 Ann Clemmer Circle (Fellowship Hall)	2	3
4 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	5  Labor Day Church Office Closed	6 10:00 Bonar Circle (at Beryl Gerhard's home)	7 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 7:15 Prayer Call	8 7:00 Senior Choir	9	10 10:00 Missions (Library) 10:00 Children's Activity Day (Fellowship Hall) 12:00 Joyce-Reed Circle (Mike & Mel's Restaurant, Wyoming)
11 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 4:00 Church Picnic	12	13 3:30 Deacon's (Library)	14 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 11:30 XYZ - Green Turtle Restaurant 7:15 Prayer Call	15  October Newsletter Articles Due 7:00 Senior Choir	16	17 9:00 Coordinating Committee (Library) 9:00 Landscaping Workday
18 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 ABWM- Worship Kids Konnection	19 1:00 Prayer Shawl (Fellowship Hall)	20 2:20 Christian Education (Library)	21 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 7:15 Prayer Call	22 7:00 Senior Choir	23	24
25 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	26	27	28 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 7:15 Prayer Call	29 7:00 Senior Choir	30	

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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.