



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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November 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

November

Every time I see the beautiful fall leaves I marvel at the vibrant colors and the variety that are on display. They radiantly glow when the sun strikes them and brighten the cloudy days. Soon, they'll be on the ground, and then we get to decide whether we will mulch or rake. The seasons change yet we know that the One who created all of that beauty remains steadfast.

One change that we will all endure comes on the first Sunday of November as **we set our clocks back one hour** returning to Eastern Standard Time. That day, November 6, is a Sunday when you don't want to be late. We will be sharing at the Lord's Table and will begin a special emphasis on honoring God with our stewardship. *Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.* 1 Peter 4.10. After worship, the Stewardship Committee will host a luncheon and ministry plans for 2023 will be shared by boards as we enjoy food and fellowship with a theme of **"Light Hearted Giving."**



We will once again have the opportunity to serve our community through the **Annual Food Drive** that is sponsored by the Central Delaware Interfaith Alliance (the new name of the Kent Ecumenical Food and Crisis Fund). Volunteers will be needed to help at the Redner's in Greentree Shopping Center and to sort food as it's brought to the church. Food collected will help to stock the shelves of our own Food Pantry. If you want to **volunteer on Saturday, November 12**, contact Mike Metzger.

Throughout November we will highlight the importance of stewardship in the life of a follower of Christ and the life of our church. We realize that each of us has been blessed with resources, skills, talents, and abilities that God has provided. It is our privilege, in response to God's gifts, to give in thanksgiving. We give from our financial resources to support ministries, we give our time to volunteer, we use our talents in many different ways, and **we are the hands and feet of Christ**. Near the end of the month, on Sunday, November 20, we will make our financial commitments to the 2023 ministries, and we will dedicate our commitment cards. Following that worship service, a new celebration will be introduced as we gather at the tables in the Fellowship Hall for an **All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner**.

It is hoped that family and friends will join you as we all give thanks together. There is no cost for the meal. Invite those who may not have a family dinner scheduled on Thanksgiving Day. Invite someone who needs to share in a



feast and a time of giving thanks to God who has provided all that we have. Register at the Welcome table so that places can be prepared for everyone.

On a **personal note**, I was invited and was recently inducted as an Honorary Commander with the Chaplain Corps on the Dover Air Force Base. It will be a privilege to work with Chaplain Lt Col Kathy Scott, and other chaplains in the days ahead.

Peace and Blessings,
Rev. Dan Taylor



As a child, November seemed to be an exceptionally long month because it was such a long time until December and Santa would come. As an adult and a teacher, November flew by too quickly. At school, we had the most holidays that earned a day off and fewer teaching days than a regular month would have. We had a day off for elections, then came Veterans Day, followed by two days of conferences, and, finally, three days for Thanksgiving.

There was so much to do to prepare for conferences, namely figuring out grades and what to say to parents who always thought their child was perfect. Each child was perfect in their own way but not necessarily in their parent's way. Trying to keep the conferences positive was sometimes difficult. First grade was usually where teachers would first suggest that their child might not be as mature or able to focus on learning as other children the same age. More emphasis on behavior was also stressed. I was so thankful for our loving God

because He always helped me through those tough conferences.

Being able to communicate through prayer always gave me peace of mind as I went into these difficult discussions. God was guiding me through them, helping me make suggestions to help the parents help their child. When we pray, we should praise Him for all He has done for us, followed by our prayer requests, and ending with thanking Him. I used that as a guide to talk with parents. First, I would praise the child for what they could do well, then discuss what problems they were having, and then give suggestions for how to solve those problems. God's example helped me tremendously at this time of year so that I would not alienate parents. Knowing He was there with me, gave me solace.

Thanksgiving followed conferences soon after. Knowing how God had so recently assisted me, I could fully enjoy traveling to Pennsylvania to be with all our family for that special holiday. We knew He was watching over our travels and preparations for the big dinner we would all enjoy together. Sharing our love with one another was felt deep in our hearts. This time together enabled us to remember the biggest and most precious gift God gave us, His son, Jesus. My prayer for you for November is that you and your family can pray together and thank God for the bountiful blessings He has given you. I pray that His gift of His son will give you the peace and contentment you need during this busy and stressful time of year.

Sue Moore



American Baptist Women's Ministries are looking forward to our Baptist World Day of Prayer on Monday, November 7th. During our meetings this month we will learn about this Day of Prayer and for the concerns of women around the world. Each woman will be given a packet to use on that Monday. It will contain a short Bible Study and a tea bag. Our wish is that you will use this Bible Study as your devotional on this day, sharing in worship and prayer with other Baptist Women around the world as you sip a relaxing cup of tea.

Don't forget November 22, at 10:00 in the morning, to come help decorate the Chrismon Trees and prepare the wreaths for the sconces. We have lots of fun and fellowship that morning. We'll be done by noon or earlier if we have lots of helping hands.

This month, the Mary Bonar Circle will meet at 10:00 A.M. on November 1st at Suzanne Murr's home. The Ann Clemmer group will meet at 1:00 P.M. on November 3rd. The Joyce Reed will meet at 10:00 A.m. on Saturday, November 5th.

Sue Moore



Mary Bonar Circle

**Faye Yarbrough is a missionary
to South Africa**

Leader: Beryl Gerhard

November 1, 10:00

Meeting at the home of Suzanne Murr's home

Ann Clemmer Circle

**Ann is a missionary to Eastern
Congo - Goma**

Leader: Thelma Schaller

November 3, 1:00,

Meeting in the Fellowship Hall



Joyce Reed Circle

**Joyce is Global Coordinator of
Spiritual Care**

Leader: Margaret Steinhoff

**November 5, 10:00,
Fellowship Hall**



Children's Grateful Gathering

Saturday, November 12, 10:00 AM
Fellowship Hall

On Saturday, November 12, a special gathering will happen from 10:00 AM to 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. The Board of Christian Education will be hosting this event for children ages two to twelve. Bible lessons, stories of Thanksgiving, crafts, snacks, and games will be shared together. This will be a great time to bring children, grandchildren and their friends to enjoy time together.





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
Thanksgiving dinner.



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

It's not too late to give to the World Mission Offering. As of October 23, we have received \$2255.00. One pastor has written that through his church's involvement in the WMO, "God allows us to participate in what He is doing, which blesses our church and inspires us to get involved in mission activities where we live and beyond." Please give generously!



WHAT IS THE WORLD MISSION OFFERING?

Through International Ministries' World Mission Offering (WMO), every September and October thousands across the country celebrate and give financial support to ministries that God is using to transform the world.

For more than 200 years, International Ministries (also known as the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society), has combined resilience, adaptability, and creative approaches to cross-cultural ministry with faithfulness to Scripture. We serve together with and learn from our many local partners in ministry around the globe.

During the 2022 World Mission Offering, you will learn about the work of Global Servants Katherine & Wayne Niles and Kathy & Tim Rice do to provide health care, clean water, administration, and more in hospitals in the Democratic Republic of Congo. You'll also see the impact of the ministries of Global Servants J.D. & Rhonda Reed and Sarah Matos, as they work with local partners and fellow global servants to offer medical clinics in Bolivia and to lead the Master of Theological Studies program that is preparing Christian leaders throughout Iberoamerica.

These stories offer a glimpse into what God is doing through International Ministries' 120+ global servants, volunteers, home staff, and 250+ international partners in 70 countries. **Through your generous gifts to the World Mission Offering, you can help International Ministries work cross-culturally to invite people to become disciples of Jesus Christ and to proclaim, through word and deed, God's reign of justice, peace, and abundant life for all creation.**

We will receive the WMO each Sunday in October. Offering envelopes are available at the Welcome Table. Checks should be payable to FBC and marked WMO. Please give generously!

Board of Missions



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!

By Rennie Quible

Here we are together, the X and Y and Z.

All of us together, and silly as can be.

We enjoy the lunches as we all munch and eat.

Being all together makes it an extra special treat.

Yes, we're all together, a goofy fun-style group

Wishing someone would come and pay for all
our soup!

Come join us November 9th at 11:30 a.m. at
Grotto's Pizza (Dover) for our next gathering.



Each year, a Christmas Card is designed by a member of our church and it is sent out to everyone. If you would like your name to appear in the card, it is suggested that you take the money you would use to send cards to those in the church and donate it

to this project. A check can be made out to First Baptist Church, indicating in the memo "Christmas Card Project" and placed in the offering box. The money received is sent to our Special Interest Missionaries, whose names will appear inside the card, as well. This year our card will be provided by Jeff Twilley. If you are interested in submitting a card design for a future Christmas Card, please see Margaret Steinhoff for information. All contributions will be considered for future Christmas Cards. It should be an original work, drawing or photo.



Christmas

Poinsettias

It is already time to be thinking of the upcoming Advent Season and ordering Poinsettias to help decorate the Sanctuary for the holidays. Order forms will be available at the Welcome Table starting November 20th. The last day to place an order for a Poinsettia will be Dec. 11th. The cost this year is \$12.50 per plant. Directions are on the order form.



Birthdays

Gilbert Hutchins	11/3
Caleb Septer	11/6
Sarah Prescott	11/7
Michelle Septer	11/7
Alice Murphy	11/8
Ken Kemp	11/10
Tyler Myers	11/12
Gene Moore, Jr.	11/15
Angela Allen	11/17
Michael Caban	11/17
Larry Buckley	11/19
Sarah Smart	11/20
Romeo Limson	11/30

Anniversaries

Chad and Morgan Stiegler	11/6	2 years
Michael and Iris Caban	11/12	18 years
Cody and Lorraine Leavel	11/14	2 years
Willis and Glenda Case	11/1	61 years
Lester and Karen Blakeman, Sr.	11/25	55 years
Edward and Beryl Gerhard	11/27	46 years
Phil and Margaret Steinhoff	11/30	48 years

Comfort Shawl Ministry



Prayer Shawl Ministries will meet on November 21 at 1:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. We could still use more ladies! If you can't knit or crochet, we could still use your help hand sewing labels or machine sewing flannel shawls. We have prayer and a devotional plus lots of laughs and fun together. If you're interested, just come to the meeting and find out what we do.

Chrismon Tree Decorating November 22, 10:00



**Join our Church
Services
Online**

YouTube.com at
First Baptist Church of Dover DE

*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

*Don't
forget to
Smile!*



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 November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 Bonar Circle (Suzanne Murr's home)	2 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 7:15 Prayer Call	3 1:00 Clemmer Circle (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	4	5 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Fellowship Hall)
6 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 12:15 Stewardship Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)	7	8 3:30 Deacon's (Library)	9 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 11:30 XYZ (Grotto's Pizza) 7:15 Prayer Call	10 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	11 Church Office Closed Veterans Day 	12 10:00 Missions (Library)
13 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	14	15 December Newsletter Articles Due  3:30 Deacon's (Library)	16 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 7:15 Prayer Call	17 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	18	19 9:00 Coordinating Committee (Library)
20 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 12:15 Thanksgiving Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)	21 1:00 Prayer Shawl (Fellowship Hall)	22 10:00 Decorate Chrismon Trees (Sanctuary)	23 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 7:15 Prayer Call	24 Thanksgiving Holiday Church Office Closed 	25	26
27 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection First Sunday of Advent 	28	29	30 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 7:15 Prayer Call			

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.