



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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December 2022 Newsletter



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The First Baptist Church of Dover

will gather in
the sanctuary
for worship
on Sunday,
at 11 AM.



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



“What Christmas is all About”

In this season of our Lord’s birth, let’s celebrate the Advent season with anticipation and overwhelming joy. Don’t make it about spending money on gifts, but on the gift from the heart for others. Don’t be overwhelmed by the hustle and bustle of shopping and crowds, but be overwhelmed on the gift of that little baby who came into this world to radically change it. Don’t be so tired that you stay away from the celebrations of His birth, but be energized by them.

Here is a poem from M.S. Lowndes:

What Christmas Is All About

Christmas will always be for us
A time to reflect on Christ,
The gift God gave to all the world
Was the gift of His life

We know Christmas is not about tinsel,
Nor fancy Christmas wreaths,
Nor is it about all the decorations
That adorns our Christmas trees

And it’s not about Holly or Mistletoe
Hanging from our doors,
Nor is it about the gifts that are left
By the jolly Santa Claus

Christmas is more than all of this
And the only reason why
We celebrate Christ’s birth together
And the wonder of His life

So remember as you celebrate,
Just what it’s all about
And invite the Lord to join with you,
Instead of leaving Him out

For He will always be the reason
We celebrate this day,
No substitute the world may offer
Can take that meaning away.

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Mike Metzger



As our Stewardship Celebrations begin to wind down for the year, the committee would like to thank all of you, members and friends, for all you do to help take care of God’s wonderful world including our church and church family. Please remember to also thank our Lord for all He has given us and will always give us as needed.

We end our campaign with one last thought:

“At dinner after church on Palm Sunday little Maria began chattering away about learning a new song in Sunday School about a cross-eyed bear named Gladly. It took her parents a while before they realized that the hymn Maria had been singing was really ‘Gladly the Cross I’d Bear.’”



Dear Circle Sisters:

Our ABWM sisters enjoyed a double helping of international prayer time for our World Day of Prayer on November 7th. Each Circle held their own program that week. The programs were all different but very interesting. On Monday, the 7th, each lady had a Bible Study on Esther while enjoying a cup of tea. It was amazing to think that ladies around the world were praying about the same time and also had problems so similar to ours.

December will see our monthly meetings where we will celebrate the birth of Jesus. The Ann Clemmer Circle will go to Piazza Mia on Thursday, Dec. 1 at 1:00 PM for a luncheon. On Saturday, Dec. 3rd, the Joyce Reed Circle will also go to Piazza Mia for their Christmas Luncheon. On Tuesday, Dec 6th, the Mary Bonar Circle will enjoy a luncheon at the home of Joyce Buckley. We all wish everyone a very safe and blessed holiday season.

Your sister in Christ,
Sue Moore



Mary Bonar Circle

Faye Yarbrough is a missionary
to the South Africa
Leader: Beryl Gerhard

**December 6th, 11:30,
Meeting at Joyce Buckley's**



Joyce Reed Circle

Joyce is Global Coordinator of
Spiritual Care
Leader: Margaret Steinhoff

**December 3rd, 11:30,
Meeting at Piazza Mia**

Ann Clemmer Circle

Ann is a missionary to Eastern
Congo - Goma
Leader: Thelma Schaller

**December 1st, 1:00,
Meeting at Piazza Mia**





Birthdays

Suzanne Murr	12/8
Vicky Smith	12/9
Rennie Quible	12/14
Norman Clendaniel	12/14
Thomas Ward	12/15
Jerome Rogers	12/22
Amber Farrow	12/24
Jacob Septer	12/27
Jim Kerr	12/28
Ernie Aloï	12/29
Emily Saunderson	12/31

Anniversaries

Ray and Alice Murphy 12/19 36 years

Comfort Shawl
Ministry



The next meeting will be December 20th and we will be meeting at the Olive Garden at 11:30.

These faithful ladies continue to knit, crochet, and sew prayer shawls to give our infirmed members and friends some warmth with prayer. If you're free the third Monday of each month at 1:00, please join us as we share fellowship and stitches for those who need a bit of comfort.



*Join our Church
Services
Online*

YouTube.com at
First Baptist Church of Dover DE



Wednesday, 7:15pm
Telephone Prayer
Meeting



Masks are now optional if you are vaccinated.



Sanctuary Flowers

Starting Sunday, December 18th, order forms for Sanctuary Flowers for 2023 will be available at the Welcome Table. The cost will be \$50.00 for two vases. Please complete the form and place it in the designated box at the Welcome Table or mail it to the church office. You will be contacted if the date you request is already taken. Every effort will be made to give you the date requested. This is on a first come, first served basis, so please do not wait to place your request. Also, please complete a separate sheet for each date requested. Your gift of flowers is a contribution to the church and is greatly needed and appreciated. FYI: Some flowers are more expensive (i.e. roses).



Each year, a Christmas Card is designed by a member of our church, and it is sent out to everyone. This year our artist is Jeff Twilley. 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 as a Christmas Gift. Their names will appear inside the card, as well. There is an envelope available at the Welcome Table where you can print how you would like your name to appear on the card. This can be placed in the offering box, as well or turned in at the Welcome Table. The last day to participate in this project is Dec. 11th.

XYZ
(extra years of zest)



If you are available during the day, XYZ will be meeting on Wednesday, December 14th at 11:30am at The Palace in Milford. Please sign up on the sign up sheet or call the church office to let us know you will be attending.



Christmas Poinsettias

The end date is close for ordering Poinsettias to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. Order forms are available at the Welcome Table. The last day to place an order for a Poinsettia will be Dec. 11th. The cost this year is \$12.50 each. Money for the Poinsettias can be place in the offering box indicating “Poinsettias” in the memo section of the check or, if paying cash, can be placed in an envelope marked Poinsettias and your name. The forms can be turned in at the Welcome Table or placed in the offering box. Poinsettias can be picked up following the worship service on Christmas Day.



Dover Interfaith Mission from Thelma Schaller

All men have been Covid 19 free since September.

The move to the women's and children's shelter has been delayed because of work on the waterline. In the meantime, men and office staff are housed on the first floor of the Walt Bagley Hall. Men with jobs or those receiving benefits are still on the second floor. The move should take place early in the new year. I am happy to house your purchases- sheets, towels, and whatever until I'm told they are needed.

Bus Tickets are also so important and many did not have them. They have been ordered and should be handed out by now! 630 W. Division St. has been purchased.

Meals for the holidays are needed. December 13, 14, 17 are the open dates. Meals may be cooked at home and 24 men will share them.

We sang the following song during worship recently. The first verse speaks to those who are concerned with housing.

There are many ways of sharing,
But God's Spirit gives each one.
There are different ways of caring;
It's one Lord whose work is done
God, whose gifts are overflowing,
May we hear you when you call;
Keep us serving, keep us growing
For the common good of all.

Blessings for a Happy Thanksgiving,
Thelma Schaller



*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



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 December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1:00 Ann Clemmer Circle (Piazza Mia) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	2	3 10:00 Children's Activity 11:30 Joyce Reed Circle (Piazza Mia)
4 9:30 Advent Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 	5	6 11:30 Mary Bonar Circle (Joyce Buckley's)	7 8:30 Community Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	8 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	9	10 10:00 Missions (Library)
11 9:30 Advent Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 	12	13 9:30 ABWM Board Meeting 3:30 Deacons (Library)	14 11:30 XYZ (The Palace, Milford) 7:15 Prayer Call	15 January Newsletter Articles Due  7:00 Sanctuary Choir	16	17 9:00 Coordinating Committee (Library) 3:00 Milford Community Band Christmas Concert
18 9:30 Advent Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 	19 11:30 Comfort Shawl Ministry (Olive Garden)	20	21 7:15 Prayer Call	22 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	23 Church Office Closed 7:00 Christmas Eve Service	24
25 Merry Christmas 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 	26 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	27	28 7:15 Prayer Call	29	30 Church Office Closes at 12:00 PM	31

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.