



# The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

January 2023 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**



## *"New Year, New You?"*

What is a resolution? Why do people make them for the New Year? Try answering these questions to a six-year-old who sometimes can't even remember what happened five minutes ago. Sometimes they don't know the difference between good and bad or why they should try to be a better person. Depending on the maturity of the class, writing resolutions was an excellent writing assignment for First Graders, after several days of discussion on the topic with examples. After writing five to ten resolutions, the child would also have to tell why they wrote each one. One can learn quite a bit about a child and their interaction with family members with such an assignment.

Have you thought about your new resolutions? Do they sound like a diet plan? Or an exercise program? Or a bank statement? What could someone learn about you if they read your list of ten resolutions? Would they think you're a dreamer? Would they say that you tried the same ones last year? Could they realize that Jesus comes first in your life? Here are some examples of Christian resolutions taken from the internet:

1. Read your Bible 30 minutes a day.
2. Start prayer journaling.
3. Play Bible games to make learning fun.
4. Remain faithful to God and look to Him first in every aspect of your life.
5. Do not let anything else become an object of worship.

6. Guard your tongue from wickedness and do not use profanity, especially as it pertains to the name of God.
7. Do not become so involved in your work that you neglect to take time to worship God.
8. Join a Bible Study group.

In researching this topic, one can realize that the best resolutions are the ones God gave Moses called the Ten Commandments. If we followed those daily, maybe we could be better disciples to bring others closer to God this coming year.

*Sue Moore*



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.'"



## ***Calling ALL Women!***

Weather permitting, the American Baptist Women will present its Annual Retreat on February 4, 2023, in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. A continental breakfast will be served to begin the event and end with a soup and salad lunch. Look for signs posted after the holidays for the topics to be studied that day.

We hope everyone enjoyed the Chrismon trees this year. We're about to take them down until the next Advent season. Mark your calendar for January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 to help take down our decorations.

Each Circle enjoyed a festive Christmas social time during their December meetings. In January the Mary Bonar Circle will meet at the church at 10:00 on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Clemmer Circle will also meet at the church on Thursday at 1:00. On Saturday, the 7<sup>th</sup>, the Joyce Reed Circle will meet at the church. We would like to welcome any ladies who currently do not belong to a circle to come to any one of the above circles to learn about what they do for the church and for missions.

Your sister in Christ,

***Sue Moore***



### **Mary Bonar Circle**

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

**Leader: Beryl Gerhard**

**January 3, 10:00 Fellowship Hall**



### **Joyce Reed Circle**

**Joyce is Global Coordinator of  
Spiritual Care**

**Leader: Margaret Steinhoff**

**January 7, 10:00  
Fellowship Hall**

### **Ann Clemmer Circle**

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

**Leader: Thelma Schaller**

**January 5, 1:00  
Cox Parlor**





# Birthdays

June Katz	1/1
Bill Myers	1/5
Milda Limson	1/6
Chris Blakeman	1/9
Judith Cowen	1/11
CeCe Cunningham	1/12
Dick Smith	1/19
Marivic Navarro	1/20
Brian Gedney	1/22
Leona Hutchins	1/27
Christine Septer	1/27
Agnes Robinson	1/29

# Anniversaries

Irv and Nancy Culver	1/12	54 years
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Masks are now optional if you are vaccinated.

Comfort Shawl  
Ministry



The next meeting will be January 16th and we will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00.

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 - To join

**Call - 978-990-5083**  
**access code -**  
**676527**





It is with a sad heart that we have accepted the well-deserved retirement of our pastor, Reverend Dan Taylor. He has been our rock to stand firm upon over the past 10 years. We rejoice as he moves on to enjoy his next chapter and ask that you join us on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, immediately after the service to celebrate Dan and Rebecca and their devotion to our congregation. Please pray with us as we search for our next spiritual leader.



## *Sanctuary Flowers*

It is that time again when orders need to be placed for Sanctuary Flower for the coming year, 2023. The cost will be \$50.00 for two vases again. Certain flowers, such as roses, will cost more. The order forms are available at the Welcome Table. Dates are on a first come, first served basis, so reserve your date(s) as soon as possible. Every effort will be made to meet your requested date. Please PRINT the information on the form and fill it out completely. You will need to use a separate form for each date requested. If you have any questions, please see Margaret Steinhoff.

## Giving Tree



**(January – February 2023)**

**Winter clothing items for the homeless through  
Code Purple.**

**Gloves, Scarves, Hats, Sweatshirts, Sweaters,  
Hoodies, Sweat Pants,  
Socks, Boots, Vest.**

*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@fbcdoover.org](mailto:secretary@fbcdoover.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, [fbcdoover.org](http://fbcdoover.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 January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:30 Sunday School (Berean Classroom) 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	<b>2</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>3</b> 10:00 Bonar Circle (Fellowship Hall)	<b>4</b> 8:30 Community Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	<b>5</b> 1:00 Ann Clemmer Circle (Cox Parlor) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Fellowship Hall)
<b>8</b> 9:30 Sunday School (Berean Classroom) 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 3:30 Deacons (Library)	<b>11</b> 8:30 Community Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	<b>12</b> 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:00 Missions (Library)
<b>15</b> 9:30 Sunday School (Berean Classroom) 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	<b>16</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> 1:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry (Fellowship Hall)	<b>17</b> February Newsletter Articles Du 	<b>18</b> 8:30 Community Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	<b>19</b> 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:30 Sunday School (Berean Classroom) 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 12:00 Annual Business Mtg.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8:30 Community Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	<b>26</b> 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	<b>27</b> 8:30 Community Bible Study	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30 Sunday School (Berean Classroom) 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 12:00 Luncheon	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

## 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.