



The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

February 2023 Newsletter

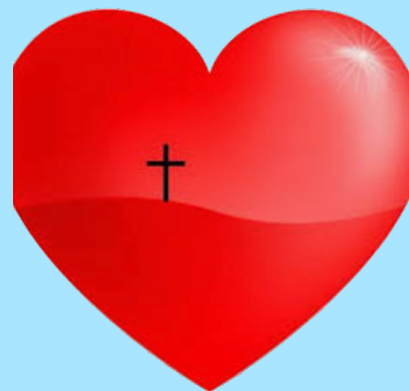


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Visit the
First Baptist Church website at
<http://www.fbcdover.org>

**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



"Looking Forward..."

Well, it has been a busy month and this time we need to focus on what's next for our church. The Search Committee is starting, a slow selection of finding a new pastor for First Baptist Church of Dover. You will be asked for your opinions, preferences, and ideas. They will be looking over 100s of possible candidates and it may take a while. The average time for a Search Committee is around 18 months. During that time, we will strive to have a Interim Pastor in place as soon as we can. With that search, we will have help from ABC just like the last time, when we found Pastor Dan.

During this transition time, we need to keep together even more than we have. We need to keep our church solid, strong and keep trusting in God!

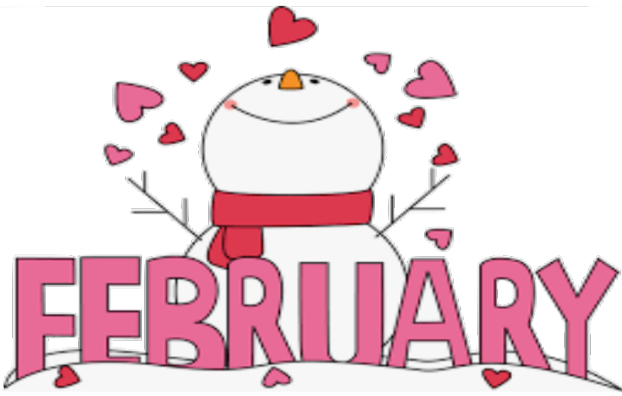
Having said all this, do I need to remind you that this is February and Valentine's Day is not far away. Also, this month, Lent starts on February 22nd and goes through April 6th. We are planning to have a Lenten devotional time on Wednesday evening after a light dinner. Please come and enjoy the time with each other and find out more about the season of Lent accumulating in Easter.

Easter is always a special time at FBC as we approach all the different aspects of the season. The final week of Jesus teaching his disciples and also us. All the way to the Cross. Specifics will be coming closer to that time. But, please be ready for a time that you can realize that Jesus paid it all on that Cross and the price he paid for our sins, was his physical life.

As this special time approaches, please be in prayer for the leaders in our church and the special leader that 'in-between' time until we have a chance to see what God has in store for us in a new Pastor. When we receive the new Interim Pastor, please call that person Pastor. I am sure that person does not want to be called "interim". They will be our pastor for a time until God makes His choice for Pastor of our church.

Mike Metzger





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.

In February the Mary Bonar Circle will meet Tuesday, the 7th, 10:00 at Jo Rolison's home. The Clemmer Circle will meet at the church (Cox Parlor) on Thursday, the 2nd, at 1:00.

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

February 7, 10:00 at Jo Rolison's Home

Ann Clemmer Circle

Ann is a missionary to Eastern
Congo - Goma

Leader: Thelma Schaller

February 2, : 00
Cox Parlor



Joyce Reed Circle

Joyce is Global Coordinator of
Spiritual Care

Leader: Margaret Steinhoff

No meeting this month





ABWM OF FBC

Is sponsoring a Women's
Retreat Entitled

CRAFTY WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

February 4, 2023

In Fellowship Hall

From 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM



Activities for the day include:

A time of fellowship and greetings
with a continental breakfast

Devotions and prayer

A Bible Study by Adele Aloï

Crafty cards by Becky Dale

Wrap up time



A soup lunch (bring a sandwich if
you like)



You'll also need your Bible for the
Bible Study

Everything is provided otherwise
at no cost.

**Just sign up at the Welcome
Table.**





Birthdays

Wilfred Clark, Jr.	February 5
Jeff Twilley	February 5
Jo Rolison	February 7
Rebecca Taylor	February 7
Thelma Schaller	February 9
Willis Case	February 9
Xerez Navarro	February 14
Ray Murphy	February 16

Anniversaries

Robert and Maria Peterson (50) February 5



Masks are now optional if you are vaccinated.

Comfort Shawl
Ministry



The next meeting will be February 20th 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**

Sanctuary Flowers



A number of dates have been reserved for 2023 but there are still a lot of open dates. The cost is \$50 for two vases. The order forms are available at the Welcome Table. Request will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Below are the open dates.

Feb. 12	Feb. 19	Feb. 26	Mar. 5
Mar. 12	Mar. 19	Apr. 9	Apr. 16
May 7	May 14	May 21	June 4
June 11	June 18	June 25	July 2
Aug. 13	Sept. 3	Sept. 17	Oct. 1
Oct. 8	Oct. 29	Nov. 5	Dec. 10

As you can see, some months are pretty complete, and some have a lot of open Sundays. Please check your calendars and see if there are dates you would like to request. Every attempt will be made to give you the date(s) requested. You will need to use a separate form for each date requested. If you have any questions, please see Margaret Steinhoff. Thank you for your support of this ministry. The flowers help to beautify our sanctuary and enhance our worship.

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.



Church Leadership for 2023

Following are the Officers/Chairpersons of Boards/Committees as a result of
the actions at the
Annual Business Meeting on January 22, 2023:

Moderator	Michelle Rogers
Treasurer	Harry Anthony
Asst. Treasurer	Sal Manno
Financial Secretary	Agnes Robinson
Asst. Financial Sec.	Charity King (pending vote)
Church Clerk	Margaret Steinhoff

Boards

Christian Ed. (Chair.)	Veronica Manno
Deacons (Chair.)	Mike Metzger
Missions (Chair.)	Lois Glading
Trustees (Chair.)	Chris Cottrell

Committees

Constitution (Chair.)	Sue Moore
Finance (Chair.)	Harry Anthony
Nominating (Chair.)	Margaret Steinhoff
Stewardship (Chair.)	Gerri Lee
Staff Relations (Chair.)	Margaret Steinhoff

Pastoral Search Committee

Congregational Members

1. Milda Limson
2. Lorraine Leavel
3. Gerri Lee
4. Ed Gilman
5. Fred Corazza
6. Agnes Robinson

Alternates-Percy Navarro

Margaret Steinhoff

Board Members

1. Chris Cottrell - Trustees
2. Lois Glading - Missions
3. Veronica Manno – Christian Ed.
4. Sue Moore - Deacons

*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



John 3:16

For God so **loved**
the world, that He
gave His only
begotten Son,
that whosoever
believeth in Him
should not perish,
but have
everlasting life.



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 February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:30 Community Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	2 1:00 Ann Clemmer Circle (Cox Parlor) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	3	4 9:00 ABWM Day of Renewal Retreat (Fellowship Hall)
5 9:30 Sunday School (Berean Classroom) 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	6	7 9:30 Community Bible Study 10:00 Bonar Circle (Jo Rolison's Home)	8 8:30 Community Bible Study 11:30 XYZ (Piazza Mia's) 7:15 Prayer Call	9 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	10	11 10:00 Missions (Library)
12 9:30 Sunday School (Berean Classroom) 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	13	14 4:00 Deacons (Library)	15 March Newsletter Articles Due 8:30 Community Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	16 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	17	18
19 9:30 Sunday School (Berean Classroom) 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 12:00 Annual Business Mtg.	20 Church Office Closed 1:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry (Fellowship Hall)	21	22 8:30 Community Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	23 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	24	25 9:00 Coordinating Committee
26 9:30 Sunday School (Berean Classroom) 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	27	28				

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.