



The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

April 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



"In an Instant"

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, "declares the Lord," plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Any one of our lives can be changed in an instant. An accident, a loved one's death, a divorce, a serious illness. We never know what the future holds for us, and really would we want to? But, be assured that God knows the plans He has made for our lives. God is in every detail of our lives, however big or small. Sometimes we feel like we don't want to bother God with what we think is a small or trivial thing going on in our lives, but He wants us to bring everything to Him.

Jeremiah 29:12 -13 "Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me with all your heart." Talk about a good listener! You have His undivided attention anytime- day or night. Such a comforting thought! God is always near to us.

In His love, Deb Metzger

Search Committee News

April 2023



Your Search Committee has been hard at work completing a church profile. By the time you read this it will be complete and sent to ABCOPAD. The group has been meeting almost every week since our Annual Business Meeting in January to finish this task. Once ABCOPAD approves our church profile, they will try to match up our church with pastors who would fit with our wants and needs. At this point we begin the interview process with those ministers. We'll also listen to trial sermons, some in person and some through the internet.

We'd also like to thank you for filling out all the surveys and answering our questionnaires. Some of them were difficult to understand but necessary. We'll keep you posted each month on our progress.

*"And God said,
"It is good..."*





The ABWM ladies of First Baptist Church in Dover will have your egg orders available for pickup on April 2nd. We have made extras as usual which will be made available in Fellowship Hall on April 2nd. If you do not wish to buy eggs but would like to contribute to our regional project, you may make out a check to "ABWM of FBC" with Regional Project in the memo section.

The Mary Bonar Circle will be meeting this month at Jo Rolison's home on April 4th at 10:00. The Ann Clemmer Circle will meet on April 6th at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall at the church. The Joyce Reed Circle will meet on April 1st at 10:00 at the church also. On April 25th the Board will meet to discuss our Installation of Officer's meeting in May.

Sue Moore



Mary Bonar Circle

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

April 4, 10:00 ~ Jo Rolison's home



Joyce Reed Circle

Joyce is Global Coordinator of
Spiritual Care
Leader: Margaret Steinhoff
April 1, 10:00 ~ Great Truths
Classroom

Ann Clemmer Circle

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

April 6, 1:00 ~ Fellowship Hall





Birthdays

Violet Cannon	4/5
Robert Peterson	4/5
Donna Hutchins	4/8
Maria Peterson	4/13
Mickie Hooks	4/16
Iris Caban	4/20
Steve Gedney	4/22
Nancy Culver	4/23
Doris Parks	4/23
Veronica Manno	4/26
Patricia Ward	4/27
Margaret Steinhoff	4/28
Tyler McCarty	4/30

Anniversary

Fred and Kathy Corazza	43 yrs	4/26
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Comfort Shawl Ministry



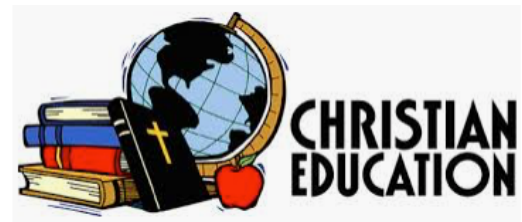
The next meeting will be April 17 and we will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00.

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



Board of Christian Education Meeting
April 12, 2023, 2:30 PM

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@fbc dover.org

Thank You

Dear FBC Family - My family and I would like to thank each of you for your support and encouragement through conversation, prayers, cards and flowers during the recent illness, hospitalization and death of our beloved Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother, Leona Kelley Hutchins. The donation of Gideon Bibles in her memory would have made her very happy as she was an auxiliary member of the Gideons. Additionally, all the birthday greetings that she received from this body of believers made her 90th birthday extremely special! She was very grateful saying that her 90th birthday was her best! God is awesome and good, and His characteristics have been exhibited in the loving actions of our FBC family and we are grateful beyond what any mere words can express. With deep Christian love and thankfulness, John Kelley and family



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, fbc dover.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.

The Giving Tree Donations (January – February 2023)



Bag/Pillow	1
Boots	3
Gloves	3
Hats	57
Hoodies	3
Jackets	3
Pants	3
Scarves	16
Slippers	2
Socks	12
Sweaters/Sweat Shirts	26
Sweat Pants	1
Throw Blanket	6



Above were given to Code Purple in Dover, Delaware.
Thank you for your God given generous hearts.

America for Christ Offering 2023

THANK YOU for your gifts to the America for Christ offering, which enables ministry among our churches and community partners in the United States and Puerto Rico. It's not too late to give. As of March 19, we have received **\$1915.00**.

Sincerely, Lois Glading



DIMH Update: March 16, 2023

The shelter and resource center are both relocating this weekend, as the property at 684 Forest Street was leased from the Downtown Dover Partnership, which plans to utilize it.

The shelter will be at Walt Bagley Hall, 1155 Walker Road. The building can accommodate 40 men. Some will live upstairs in transitional housing, while the shelter will be downstairs. DIMH director Karen Rowland and food/donations coordinator Wilma Hall will work in this building.

Dinner will be made available to all 40 residents following the pattern we have had for years. The building has a commercial kitchen and a smaller dining room.

DIMH has purchased two buildings with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, which will also cover renovations:

1156 Walker Road (former St. John's Lutheran School) will be converted to a shelter for women and children. Plans for water, sewer, and drainage upgrades have been provided to the City of Dover for review, which does not require City Council approval. The architectural plans have preliminary approval by the city building inspector. It is expected that 40 individuals will reside in four dormitories with ample program and recreation space. Karen Rowland and Wilma Hall will relocate to this facility when open. The hope is to open it by the end of 2023.

630 W. Division Street is a 19,700-square-foot building for multiple purposes. It will house the DIMH Resource Center beginning March 27, with case management and related services provided in this location. Some offices and a church will continue to lease space in the building. The rear half will be converted to apartments: five-man units will be located upstairs, with each man having his own small bedroom while sharing kitchen, bath, and living areas. Downstairs will have two- and three-bedroom apartments for families. There will be laundry facilities on both floors. A small clinic will also be in the building to provide medical care focused on those experiencing homelessness.

Housing at 630 W. Division will focus on those moving from shelter to stability, with all residents required to participate in case management and programs of self-development.

DIMH continues to operate Interfaith Crossing as long-term housing for men who have moved on from homelessness. Two houses within Dover offer shared housing for the same target population.


Residence in DIMH shelters is provided at no charge. Housing operates with rents sufficient to cover costs and will be determined.

The Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing will continue to welcome the provision of meals and food donations at Walt Bagley Hall.

Volunteers are sought for assistance with the resource center. Training is provided and hours are weekdays from 8:30 to 4:30, with volunteers able to work on shifts of their choice.

For more information or to volunteer, please call the office at 302-736-3600 or email interfaithdover@verizon.net

Here's what's happening in April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00 Reed Circle (Great Truths Classroom) 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt (Fellowship Hall)
2 9:30 Sunday School (Berean Classroom) 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	3	4 10:00 Bonar Circle (Jo Rolison's home)	5 08:30 Community Bible Study (CBS) 7:15 Prayer Call	6 1:00 Clemmer Circle (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	7 Church Office Closed Good Friday	8
9 Easter 9:30 Sunday School (Berean Classroom) 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	10	11 4:00 Deacons (Library)	12 08:30 Community Bible Study (CBS) 11:30 XYZ (Mike & Mel's Restaurant) 2:30 Christian Ed (Library) 7:15 Prayer Call	13 7:00 Sanctary Choir	14 May Newslett Articles Due 	15
16 9:30 Sunday School (Berean Classroom) 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 12:15 Quarterly Business Meeting	17 1:00 Prayer Shawl Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	18	19 08:30 Community Bible (CBS) 7:15 Prayer Call	20 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	21	22
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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.