



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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May 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

A decorative floral frame with intricate scrollwork and leaf patterns, centered around the word "CONGRATULATIONS!".

CONGRATULATIONS!

First Baptist Church has received a certificate and recognition from American Baptist Churches USA for our giving to United Mission in 2022. “Your congregation is ranked #80 in United Mission giving throughout the entire denomination of approximately 5,000 churches for the calendar year ending December 31,2022! Congratulations and thank you for your generous support of \$13,010.00 in 2022!”

United Mission giving supports the work of our region, ABCOPAD, and provides support to continue the work of the ABCUSA Office of the General Secretary. Many programs and ministry opportunities are made possible within our region and across the nation by our giving to United Mission. THANK YOU for your generous giving! The certificate is posted on the Missions bulletin board in History Hall.

Board of Missions





A Mother's Devotional

In school, we had a large bulletin board outside of our rooms which needed decorating every month. In April, we made large raindrops for April Showers. On the raindrops, each child would write a story about the raindrop. Then in May, we'd replace the raindrops with large paper flowers. At the bottom were the words "Bring May flowers." For first graders, mothers are very special people. We'd use the flower theme then to make giant cards for mom. Sometimes the cards would be accompanied by decorated paper cups containing real flowers we raised in class, flowers that were bought, or tissue ones we made. The children would beam with pride when they took them home.

We were fortunate enough to have a very dedicated teacher named Anna McKinney who taught Special Needs Students. She was also a member of FBC and participated in our Sanctuary Choir. She would often cut out articles from newspapers, magazines or catalogs and put them in our choir folders for us to find. One article she shared was the one about Mother's Day. It started in 1912 in West Virginia. The article said they wanted to recognize mothers as an important part of our culture. Mothers love their children like no one else. Who do they go to when they're not feeling well? Who do they want to be proud of them? Who gets fistfuls of wildflowers frequently? Mothers love their children even if they've been naughty, no matter how old those children are!

God created mothers to have a special place in our families. Even though fathers help around the house, mothers are the predominant caregivers. Lots of mothers work outside of the home these days which adds another major task for them to juggle in their busy day. They

worry constantly about babysitters, cleaning, washing, cooking, helping with homework, meeting deadlines at work, taking their children to special activities, and handling illnesses. To do everything in their day, they usually wake up first and are the last ones to go to bed at night.

Mothers, if we raise our children to love our Lord and Savior, their lives will be filled with joy and love. Every day is a teaching day. They need to know the Ten Commandments from Ephesians 6:1-3. We can introduce them to mothers in the Bible like Mary, the Mother of Jesus from John 19. There, also, is Elizabeth from Luke 1. Hannah promised her son to God in 1 Samuel 1. The list goes on. Many women from the Bible dedicated their lives to God and taught their children to honor Him as well.

Children and husbands, think about everything your mother and wife do each day to make your life easier. Show her your love and appreciation this Mother's Day with a special card or little homemade gift that will mean the world to her. Here are some beautiful passages you could use for your card:

1 Peter 3:4

Psalms 139:13

1 Corinthians 13:13

Proverbs 31:25

Proverbs 31:10-12

Isaiah 66:13

Proverbs 31:26, 28-29

Philippians 1:2-3

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Here is a touching last thought, "The only time your mom smiled when you were crying was when you were born."

K. Sue Moore





Happy May!!

Many, many thanks to all the ladies who helped to make Easter Eggs this year. You are truly dedicated women. Between donations and the sales from the eggs, we'll be able to send at least \$1500 to Susan Haggerty for the training of abused women

in Costa Rica. The final amount will be announced when everything is collected and counted.

After our board meeting on April 25th, I'll be able to let everyone know where and when our Installation of officers will take place. All our circles decided to go out to a luncheon rather than have a covered dish dinner for May 20th. We'll have a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Table closer to that date.

Circle leaders, don't forget to give Margaret Steinhoff your booklet information. Ladies who haven't been in a circle are invited to join us for our closing celebration on May 20th. Just sign up. We'd love to have you experience the love and fellowship of being a circle sister.

Sue



Mary Bonar Circle

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

May 2, 11:30 ~ Mike & Mel's Restaurant



Joyce Reed Circle

Joyce is a missionary to IberoAmerica and the Caribbean
Leader: Margaret Steinhoff
May 6th, 10:00 ~ Mike & Mel's Restaurant

Ann Clemmer Circle

Ann is a missionary to Eastern Congo - Goma
Leader: Thelma Schaller
May 4th, 1:00 ~ Green Turtle Restaurant





2022-2023 REGIONAL PROJECT

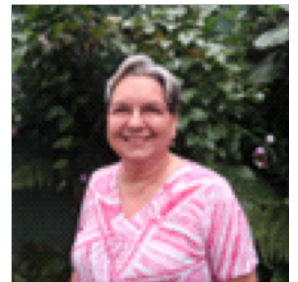
Sue Haggerty is a Global Servant with International Ministries (IM) serving in Costa Rica. Her ministry is to come along side Nicaraguan Immigrant women & children leaving situations of domestic violence.

Factors against them:

- *Low education level (often less than 3rd grade) so job options are limited
- *High level of prejudice against them in the general Costa Rican population
- *Fathers of the children are not assisting in any way (financial or otherwise)
- *No extended family support nearby or dysfunctional family relationships
- *Often have 3+ children to provide for
- *Come out of situations of domestic violence, often told by society and the church to disregard abuse, and make the relationship work. They are

Factors in their favor:

- *Committed to providing for their children, not afraid of hard work and sacrifices
- *Eager to learn new skills to work or get a better job
- *Desperate for a better life and schooling for their children



What American Baptist Women’s Ministries of Pennsylvania & Delaware can help provide:

- *Emergency assistance (medical care, food housing etc.)
- *Legalization of immigration status (obtaining documentation, paperwork, fees, transportation, or a lawyer)
- *Formal education assistance (Tutoring of children and adults, supplying basic school supplies)
- *Job skill training assistance (Registration and tuition assistance, supplies)
- *Counseling for trauma (Some is free through the justice system; others need to draw on private counseling.)
- *Group care/Pastoral care (Celebrations of special events and Bible studies with supplies and transportation)
- *Publication of Bible studies (studies written for women and girls at risk, based on biblical women)

PROJECT GOAL \$15,000.00

YOUR SUPPORT CAN HELP WOMEN GET THEIR FRESH START IN COSTA RICA

Make checks payable to **ABWM of FBC** and list **Regional Project** in the memo section.

Donations accepted through the end of May. Place in offering box or give to Margaret Steinhoff.

WOMEN’S APPRECIATION DAY



On Sunday, May 21st, we will be celebrating Women’s Appreciation Day. The Board of Christian Ed is sponsoring a luncheon for the women of our church following the morning Worship Service. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall and will (hopefully) be served by the men. All women in the church are invited and it is free of charge. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Table so that they can plan for the correct number of people. We hope that all women (and girls) will join us.



Birthdays

Clifton Cannon	5/3
Wasana Sudler	5/3
Gloria Smith	5/4
Faith Murphy	5/6
Salvatore Manno	5/8
Paul Smart	5/15
Terry Lentz	5/16
Gene Schaller	5/20
Geneva Clark	5/21
Mable Morrison	5/21
Joyce Buckley	5/22
Tammy Myers	5/24
Mark Moore, Sr.	5/31



Anniversaries

Romeo and Milda Limson	55 yrs.	5/1
Mark and Beth Moore	13 yrs.	5/1
Clement and Bethel Chang	53 yrs.	5/9
Jerome and Michelle Rogers	16 yrs.	5/19
Jim and Dorothy Kerr	64 yrs.	5/23
Percy and Marivic Navarro	37 yrs.	5/24
Walt and Kathy Becker	38 yrs.	5/25
Brian and CeCe Cunningham	7 yrs.	5/27
Gilbert and Gladys Hutchins	74 yrs.	5/29



**Join our Church
Services
Online**

YouTube.com at
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Open Dates for Sanctuary Flowers

If you are interested in placing flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of someone, these are the open dates at this time. They will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Forms are available at the Welcome Table. The cost is \$50 for two vases. If you have questions, contact Margaret Steinhoff.

9/17 10/8 10/22 12/3

**Comfort Shawl
Ministry**



Our ladies have been hard at work this year making our shawls. This month will be our last meeting until September. For the May 15th meeting, we'll be going out for a late lunch. We will be meeting at Mike & Mel's Restaurant at 1:00 PM. Please let Sue Moore know if you can attend.

Please continue to call Sue or Vicky if you need to get a shawl for someone. They are stored at the church to be available for easy pickup.



*Here's What's
Happening at
our Church!*



**Wednesday Night
Prayer Call
Phone Number**

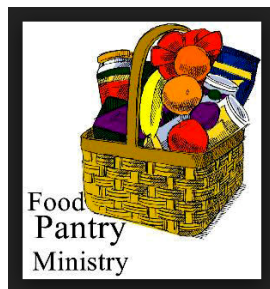
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**About the church or one of our
programs? Stop by the Welcome
Center for the answers.**

Stuff the Pantry @ First Baptist

Grocery bags are located just outside the sanctuary and include suggested items needed to stock the FBC Food Pantry. Return the bag the next Sunday and place it under the Food Pantry sign in the narthex. This is a mission outreach for our needy residents in the community.



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



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 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.





Need a little extra help in monitoring your blood pressure? Contact the church office for more information about having your pressure checked by one of the FBC nurses.

This activity is sponsored by the American Baptist Women's Ministries.



Here's what's happening in May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 11:30 Bonar/ Chapman Circle (Mike & Mel's Restaurant)	3 8:30 Community Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	4 1:00 Ann Clemmer Circle (Green Turtle Restaurant) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	5	6 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Mike & Mel's Restaurant)
7 Mother's Day 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	8	9 4:00 Deacon's	10 11:30 XYZ (Chaiyo's Restaurant) 2:30 Christian Ed (Library) 7:15 Prayer Call	11 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	12	13 10:00 Missions (Library) 10:00 Kids Saturday
14 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	15 June Newsletter Articles Due  1:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry (Mike & Mel's Restaurant)	16	17 7:15 Prayer Call	18 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	19	20 9:00 Landscaping Workday 9:00 Coordinating Committee
21 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection Women's Appreciation Day (after service luncheon Fellowship Hall)	22	23	24 7:15 Prayer Call	25 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	26	27
28 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	29 Church Office Closed Memorial Day 	30	31			
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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.