



The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

June 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



“Never Alone”

“John 14; 15-16”

Jesus said speaking to his disciples; 15-16, “if you love me, obey my commandments and I will ask the Father and He will give you another advocate who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit who leads to all truth”. The world cannot receive Him because it isn’t looking for Him because He lives with you and later will be in you”.

I once knew an elderly woman who lived alone for many years. She told me that she felt another living there with her. For this reason, she never felt alone. She was a believer and knew that this was the Holy Spirit living within her. Blessing her with a life of calm and peace.

When Jesus left this life, He said He needed to leave so the Comforter could come. He was both divine and human and taught, befriended and healed many of that time.

The Holy Spirit carries on that same work and divine interventions today. They are manifested through believers today following the examples of Jesus and his teachings. In a sense, Jesus is alive in

us. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit working through us continuing His work.

What a powerful and loving God we serve.

Chris Septer

Deacon

ap·pre·ci·a·tion

Noun: **appreciation**

recognition of the good qualities of someone



Men’s Appreciation Day

On Sunday, June 25th, we will be celebrating Men’s Appreciation Day. The Board of Christian Ed is sponsoring a luncheon for the men of our church following the morning Worship Service. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall and will (hopefully) be served by the ladies.

All men 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 men (and boys) will join us.

June 2023

Our Church Profile has been submitted and approved by ABCOPAD. On May 26th, Rev. Mark Mahserjian-Smith will be meeting with the committee to discuss the next steps in our search for a new pastor. Rev. Dan McDowell and Rev. Mark Mahserjian-Smith have put the notice of our need for a pastor on Ministry Life. They've told us we have already had several interested inquiries. Praise the Lord! Please continue prayer for this committee as we still have much work to do and need God's guidance in doing it.



Wednesday Night Prayer Call Phone Number

1-978.990.5083
Access code - 676527#

XYZ

XYZ will be meeting on June 14th at Restaurant 55, 2461 S State St, Dover, DE

19901. Please note the time change: it is 12:00 noon. If you plan on attending, the sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Table. We have a lot of fun. Remember XYZ stands for Extra Years of Zest. Looking forward to having you join us.



I wish to thank my church family for the many cards, prayers and phone calls during my recent hospitalization and recovery. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as my recovery is still in process. Many Thanks!

Judy Daniels



Free Concert on Saturday, June 17th in our Sanctuary



The Milford Community Band is a non-profit organization of vocational, and some professional, musicians dedicated to perform instrumental music for the enjoyment of participants and listeners alike. The MCB has more than one performance groups. The main group is the Concert Band and is the group performing a Spring Concert at FBC on Saturday June 17, 2023 at 3:00 PM. Other groups include the Smooth Sound Big Band, the Mid-Del Saxophone Quartet, the Christmas Carol Band and the Downtown Dixieland Band.

The Spring Concert on the 17th will include various styles of music including Classical, Show tunes, Pop, Marches, Movie themes and more and will feature soloist, Lorraine Leavel. Admission is free and open to the public. Tell your friends about the concert and invite them to come.

First Baptist Church of Dover, DE
301 Walker Road, Dover, DE 19904

May 19, 2023

Dear Members and Congregation of First Baptist Church Dover,

FBC Dover is happy to announce that after much searching, praying, and discussion Rev. William Guy via Transition Ministries has become our official interim Pastor. I have attached the announcement that I read on Sunday, the 14th. You may contact him via the church at (302) 674-1980, you may also contact the church secretary to leave a message, his cell: (302) 930-0113 or via email: revwilliamguy@gmail.com.

Please help me in welcoming & joining with him in ministries of First Baptist. As you can read, Rev. or Pastor Guy is very experienced in many different avenues of ministry as well as business and military ministry. You may even want to schedule some time with him to discuss any confidential issues you may have. He does have a busy schedule, so please make an appointment.

Blessings, Mike Metzger, Chairperson of the Board of Deacons

Bio of Rev. William A. Guy

Rev. William A. Guy was born and raised in Chester, Pennsylvania, and found his way to Dover, Delaware via Delaware State University where he obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. In 2015, he obtained his Master's Degree in Divinity from Liberty Theological Seminary out of Lynchburg, Virginia. In 2021, he completed one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education with R.C. Freedom Ministries, Inc.

He has served in ministry for over 23 years, impacting many areas within the church and the community: President of Delaware State University Baptist Student Union, Statutory Ministry Volunteer at Wesley College, Director and Co-Advisor of Young Adult Ministry, Spiritual Advisor for Youth Ministries, Director of Tutoring Services, Director of the Boys to Men Mentoring Program, Director of the Drama Ministry, New Members and Discipleship Class Teacher, Sunday School Teacher, Director of Outreach, Back2School Community Fair Co-Chair, and Adjunct Instructor at the Charles Hammond Bible Institute and Calvary Bible College and Seminary.

Over the last ten years, he has served on the staff of Calvary Baptist Church of Dover, Delaware. His positions included Director of the Downtown Queen Street Service, where he ensured a contemporary style service was being offered to the local and surrounding community. He also served as an Associate Pastor, overseeing the children, youth, and young adult ministry. His most recent role was Assistant Pastor, where he oversaw the ministries of the church to provide advisement, planning, coordination, and collaboration.

Rev. Guy has been working at Bank of America for the last 21 years. His current role includes being a consultant, content designer and facilitator of associate and leader training. He also serves as a Chaplain with the Delaware Air National Guard where he supports 1100 airmen.

He is a proud member of The American Association of Christian Counselors and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Zeta Rho Lambda Chapter.

He and his wife Tramaine have been married for 22 years and have four wonderful children: NeShiya, Nathanael, Jocelyn, and Joel.



**THE AMERICAN BAPTIST
CHURCHES OF
PENNSYLVANIA & DELAWARE**



Envisioning Men's Ministry - August 4-5

AUGUST 4-5, 2023, 6 p.m.

WHO:

Pastors and Any Men Passionate about Doing Ministry Together

WHERE:

Camp Ichthus
2880 Stagecoach Rd. W; Palmerton, PA
Relaxing 100 Acres in the Heart of the Pocono Mountains

WHY:

To reconnect with Friends and Dream about the Future of American Baptist Men's Ministry

COST: \$20 Per Person -

Deadline for Registration 7/31/2023



A flyer is available at the Welcome Table. This is NOT the typical Men's Retreat. It is to identify and invite leadership caliber men to join together for a time of prayer, inspiration, discussion, and vision casting for ABMOPAD ministry going forward. For more information contact David Hardin PASTORDAVID@FBC-BETHLEHEM.ORG 610-865-4600.

One Great Hour of Sharing



*So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good.
At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up...*
— Galatians 6:9 —

This scripture held special meaning for us in the past year. War in Ukraine persists, communities from Kentucky to Puerto Rico are in the throes of long-term recovery from tornadoes, floods, and hurricanes, while wildfires continue to imperil western U.S. states. And those are just a few of the life-changing hardships people faced in 2022. In the midst of it all, American Baptists have responded through One Great Hour of Sharing, and we are seeing the harvest indeed.

Together, we provide immediate relief and long-term recovery support after disasters; equip churches and leaders in disaster preparedness measures; offer assistance to displaced people; and support global development projects that empower communities around the world to thrive. Our partners have persisted in this life-saving work despite the challenges of the pandemic and in the face of other disasters and humanitarian crises that continue to escalate in frequency and severity.

We are called to witness to this gospel truth: despite evidence to the contrary, even in the most difficult of circumstances, love remains. When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing you put love into action. Your giving shares faith, hope, and love all around the world. But the greatest of these is love.

During the month of June, we will be receiving your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing. You donated \$1250.00 in February to a special OGHS offering for earthquake disaster relief for Turkey/Syria. Thank you. The needs continue all over the world. Please be generous in your giving to this offering. There will be bulletin inserts each week telling of work that is being done through these offerings. Please read them. The theme for One Great Hour of Sharing in June is "It's Time to Share." Let's do just that.

Thank you for your generous giving to our Missions Offerings throughout the year.



Dear Circle Sisters,

Our ABWM ladies are wrapping up another busy year of ministries with an end of the year luncheon on May 20th at Piazza Mia. The Ann Clemmer, Mary Bonar, and Joyce Reed Circles are preparing to send a total of \$1786 to our regional project in Costa Rica. We deeply appreciate all those who bought our Easter Eggs year and/or contributed monies for Sue Hegarty to

continue her work training abused women and helping them start a new life in a new country. In addition, each circle will be sending monies to support their circles' namesakes for their individual mission assignments. Through their monthly offerings, the circles will also be giving monies to the Overseas Purchase Plan. Part of this money will give India help to build hospitals and clinics, and purchase mobile unit supplies. Some will also go to Nicaragua for medical supplies and training health promoters. Some will go to South Africa for health kits for Health Builders.

We'll be taking the summer off, but return in September to begin another year helping wherever it is needed. If you enjoy mission work, fellowship with other women, and learning about other women of other countries, you might enjoy visiting one or all the circles to see what ABWM is all about. We'd love to have you join us.

Blessings,

Sue Moore



Mary Bonar Circle

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

Ann Clemmer Circle

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



Joyce Reed Circle

**Joyce is a missionary to IberoAmerica and the Caribbean
Leader: Margaret Steinhoff**

**No Meetings
until
September**





Birthdays

Abigail Eaton	6/03
Oscar Dennis	6/08
Irene Roberts-Gully	6/12
Carolynn McIlroy	6/13
Xavier Navarro	6/15
D. Jean Adkins	6/16
Adelle Aloi	6/18
Walt Becker	6/18
Jessica Gedney	6/18
Randy Chang	6/19
B. Yvonne McFarland	6/19
Austin Kemp	6/20
Barbara Rapp	6/21
Lois Glading	6/22
June Katz	6/23
Rev. Judy Daniels	6/26

God Bless you on your Birthday

Anniversaries

Robert and Suzanne Porter	6/10	45years
Harrison & Hannah Peoples	6/11	1 year
Bill and Tammy Myers	6/18	35years
Kenneth and Marsha Kemp	6/19	24 years



**Join our Church
Services
Online**

YouTube.com at
First Baptist Church of Dover DE



**Comfort Shawl
Ministry**



The ladies from Prayer Shawl Ministries will be taking a vacation during the months of June, July, and August. It gets fairly warm working on the shawls over the summer months. We will return in September. Hopefully, the hospital will be ready for another round of prayer shawls by then. We have been given lots of yarn from various people which we are storing in Daniels Den. If you'd like to have some of the yarn to begin some shawls over the summer, please see Sue Moore. We'd love to have you join our little group for prayer and fellowship in September.



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



Prayer Time Call
Wednesday ~ 7:15 pm

1-987.990.5083
Access code - 676527#



**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.

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 June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9:30 Sunday School (Berean Classroom) 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	5	6	7 7:15 Prayer Call	8 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	9	10 10:00 Missions (Library)
11 9:30 Sunday School (Berean Classroom) 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	12 5:30 VBS Meeting & Dinner	13 4:00 Deacons Meeting	14 12:00 XYZ @ Restaurant 55 2:30 Christian Ed (Library) 7:15 Prayer Call	15 July Newsletter Articles Due 	16	17 9:00 Landscaping Workday 3:00 Milford Community Band Concert
18 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 	19	20 9:30 ABWM Board Meeting	21 7:15 Prayer Call	22	23	24
25 9:30 Sunday School (Berean Classroom) 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 12:15 Men's Appreciation Day Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)	26 4:00 Coordinating Committee	27	28 7:15 Prayer Call	29		
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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.