



The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

July & August 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



Hello First Baptist Church of Dover Family and Friends!

Can you believe it has been almost two months that I have been serving as Interim Pastor? It has been a great transition, and I am excited of what God is doing in and through this congregation. Over the past two months, the focus of the sermons has been on remaining in a close relationship with God. We witnessed this through the life of Peter, and how he would not stop pursuing a close relationship with Jesus. We also saw this through our time in Galatians 5, where we are reminded that it is the work of the Holy Spirit that brings forth the Fruit of the Spirit. There

is much work to do for the Kingdom of God, but we have to remember the One who called us to this great work...God! Keep pursuing God as you seek His will for your life and this church.

Blessings,
Rev. William A. Guy, Interim Pastor





“Celebration”

Celebration: A joyful occasion for special festivities to mark some happy event.

The spirit of celebration is for all our lives. Celebration shines in quiet gratitude that God has blessed our homes and our lives with the spirit of loveliness. We all celebrate because our lives overflow with things to be thankful for, and because God gives us the eyes to see how incredibly we have been blessed.

There are so many ways to celebrate God’s gift’s of our lives and relationships – and of Himself. We celebrate when we take the time to nurture ourselves and our families. We celebrate through our willingness to share, to love each other and to grow. And we celebrate by opening our lives to the Lord and letting His Spirit fill our lives with goodness.

Mike and I will be celebrating a very special time in our lives and we want you all to be a part of it! To our wonderful church family, we hope that you will be able to join us on July 23rd as we celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. It would bring us such joy to be able to share this time with all of you.



Dear Lord,

May our marriage always bring glory to God, joy to one another, and blessing to our family and friends for many generations to come. May love and laughter fill our hearts and home for all the days of our lives. May we face every challenge hand-in-hand and side-by-side knowing that with God’s grace we can conquer all obstacles together.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

1 Thessalonians 3:

12 and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, 13 so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Deb Metzger



Anniversaries

Sal and Veronica Manno	7/13	49 years
Tom and Patricia Ward	7/19	20 years
Mike and Deb Metzger	7/21	50 years
Harry and Diane Anthony	7/23	57 years

Terry and Terry Lentz	8/1	42 years
Gene and Sue Moore	8/5	51 years
Rev. William & Tramaine Guy	8/5	23 years
Dan and Rebecca Taylor	8/13	35 years
Larry and Joyce Buckley	8/26	62 years
Steve and Teresa Gedney	8/27	45 years
Sam and Debbie Geiser	8/30	26 years



Sundays at 9:30am Sunday School with Mike Metzger in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Night
Prayer Call
Phone Number



1-978.990.5083

Access code - 676527#

WHAT HAPPENED
THIS DAY IN
HISTORY?



Party like it was 1973!

Deb & Mike Metzger invite you to party!
Please join us as we celebrate our 50th
Wedding anniversary! On Sunday July
23rd we will celebrate this special time in
our lives, immediately after church in the
Fellowship Hall.

A sign-up sheet will be placed near the
Welcome Table. Please sign up by July
17th so we can make sure we have enough
food for everyone.

No presents please! Your presence will be
our present! Hope you can come#

Sunday July 23, 2023

Operation
Christmas Child
needs empty
shoeboxes and
Christmas
wrapping paper.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOVER
PRESENTS



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 31st-August 4th

5:30pm-8pm

Kids will launch on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world.

Sing and Play Blast Off
Stellar Bible Adventures
Imagination Station
All-Star Games
Galactic Snacks
Kid-Vid Cinema

REGISTER TODAY!
BRING A FRIEND!

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DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 5PM





Birthdays

Kathy Becker	7/2
Patricia Riddle	7/7
Charity King	7/16
Barbara Gilsdorf-Jones	7/20
Irv Culver	7/21
Chuck Fithian	7/27
Isaac Yarsiah	7/27
Ikegai Lenyee	7/30
Lester Blakeman	7/31
Jerome Dunlap	7/31



Teresa Gedney	8/2
Jane Meder	8/2
Cindy Cannon	8/4
Mark Knott	8/6
Bethel Chang	8/6
Morgan Stiegler	8/9
Aaron King	8/12
Mike Metzger	8/15
Phil Steinhoff	8/19
Joan Foster	8/27
Gaynor Waltz	8/29
Clement Chang	8/31



**Join our Church
Services
Online**

YouTube.com at
First Baptist Church of Dover DE

Gilbert and Gladys Hutchins would like to express our thanks to our FBC family for honoring us in celebration of our 74th wedding anniversary, May 29th. Special thanks to Vicky and Margaret for planning and keeping it a surprise for us. God has richly blessed us in our lives together with good health, family and friends. We love you.
Love, Gilbert and Gladys

**Comfort Shawl
Ministry**



If anyone out there has an interesting stitch or new type of yarn they'd like to demonstrate to us, please notify Sue Moore at (302)670-2626 to schedule a time. We love seeing new stitches and trying them out on new shawls. Also, if you know of someone who needs a nice warm hug of yarn, again notify Sue and she'll help you choose a shawl for that person. The next meeting will resume in September. If you don't crochet or knit, we'd love to teach you.



SAVE THE DATE - You're Invited to the

ALL CHURCH PICNIC



Sunday, September 10, 2023

Various locations on Church property

Following the morning worship



Please sign up at the Welcome Table
and also sign up to bring food on the
Food Sign-up Board in the Narthex in Aug.
Don't forget your lawn chairs! Casual dress.

Here's What's
Happening at
our Church!



Wednesday Evening
Prayer Call 7:15PM
See page 4 for
information



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



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 July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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2 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	3	4 Church Office Closed 	5 7:15 Prayer Call	6	7	8 10:00 Missions (Library)	
9 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	10	11 4:00 Deacons Meeting	12 11:30 XYZ at Mike & Mel's 7:15 Prayer Call	13	14	15	
16 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection Quarterly Business Meeting	17	18	19 7:15 Prayer Call	20	21	22	
23 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection Metzger Anniversary Celebration	24	25	26 7:15 Prayer Call	27	28	29	
30 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	31 5:30 VBS (Fellowship Hall)	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JULY 30 - August 4 - 5:30PM					
Scheduled activities subject to changes. Check with the Church Office for final dates and times.							

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.

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