

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOVER

Rev. William A. Guy

August 20, 2023

That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith,
as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

Ephesians 3.17

Prelude "The Joyful Day Shines Forth" ~ J.G. Walther

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship:** Inspired by Psalm 107:1, 8

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Let us thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.

***Time of Prayer**

***Opening Hymn** "There Are Many Ways of Sharing" Insert

Special Music "Goodness of God"
Fielding | Johnson | Cash | Ingram | Johnson
Soloist – Iris Caban

***Presentation of Tithes and offerings**

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #7

***Offertory Prayer**

Kid's Korner

Kid's Konnection Children, ages 3 through grade 3,
may leave for Kid's Konnection at this time.

Sermon "Spiritual Gifts and Unity in the Body"
1 Corinthians 12
Reverend William A. Guy

Altar Call

**ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO FOLLOW JESUS?
OR DO YOU WANT TO JOIN THIS CONGREGATION?**
Come and share your decision with the Pastor
during the Hymn of Invitation.

***Hymn of Invitation** "Holy Spirit, Light Divine" #306

***Benediction**

Postlude "In Thee Lord, Have I Put My Trust" ~ J.C. Bach

**Please stand as you are able*

Visit Our Welcome Table!

Our congregation offers a variety of opportunities for worship, fellowship, growth, and service. We have programs designed for children and adults. We want you to know that you are welcome here. Stop by our Welcome Table in the church entrance and a friendly greeter will be glad to help you.

About the Message

Today's message is not just someone delivering God's Word to an audience of people. In a worship service, each person is a participant and God is the audience. Although the Pastor has prepared a message for all of us, please don't just sit back and listen ... hear it and try and determine what God might have for you today and will give you in the days to come.

About The Offering

Those of us who have committed our lives to Christ give to support God's work here in this place. If you are visiting, don't feel pressured to give. Our members and regular attenders support our ministry out of gratitude to God. This is an act of worship and thanksgiving.

How May I Join First Baptist?

The First Baptist Church of Dover has a time of invitation during each worship service. This time is provided for anyone wishing to make a commitment to accept Jesus as Lord and to follow His teachings. Others may want to serve Christ as a part of this congregation. During the invitation hymn, come to the front of the Sanctuary and share your decision with the pastor. The following are the ways in which you may join First Baptist Church of Dover.

PROFESSION OF FAITH [BAPTISM]: If you receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord and follow Him in baptism, you are outwardly expressing your faith in Him. We would be happy to schedule a time for your baptism.

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP: As a Baptist, whose church membership is elsewhere, you are most welcome to join our fellowship. We will send for your church letter.

STATEMENT: By statement from another denomination. This is a statement of faith in Christ and that you have been baptized by immersion.

We stream our Worship Service each Sunday. It can be found on YouTube. Our YouTube channel is – First Baptist Church of Dover DE

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There Are Many Ways of Sharing
NETTLETON 8.7.8.7 D ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

There are many ways of sharing, But God's Spirit gives each one.
There are different ways of caring; It's one Lord whose work is done.
God, whose gifts are overflowing, May we hear you when you call;
Keep us serving, keep us growing For the common good of all.

We've been baptized in the waters! We've been given work to do.
When you call your sons and daughters, You give gifts for serving you.
God, we join in celebration Of the talents you impart.
Bless each baptized one's vocation; Give each one a servant's heart.

All are blest by gifts you give us; Some are set apart to lead.
Give us Jesus' love within us As we care for those in need.
Give us faith to make decisions; Give us joy to share your Word.
Give us unity and vision As we serve your church and world.

Biblical Reference: 1 Corinthians 12
Tune: John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813 ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing") (MIDI)
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Included in Songs of Grace: New Hymns for God and Neighbor (Upper Room Books, 2009).
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New Hymns: www.carolynshymns.com/



There has been a large number of referrals to the First Baptist Church Food Pantry recently which has depleted the available food. As a result, we are in need of the following items:

Creamed Soups
Boxes of Mashed Potatoes - 4 oz. bags or 15.3 oz. box
Jello Pudding
Jello Gelatin
Canned Fruit-no peaches
Spaghetti
Mac and Cheese
Applesauce - 16.3 oz. jar
Chef Boyardee Canned Spaghetti
Beef Stew - 20 oz. can
Small boxes of Cereal
Canned Tomatoes

When purchasing these items, please check to make sure the expiration date is in the distant future to provide for a longer shelf life in the Pantry. We greatly appreciate any items that you may donate to the Food Pantry.

This Week

TODAY – 8/20:

9:30am Discipleship Class-
Baptism and Communion
in the Library
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Fellowship Time
11:00am Worship

MONDAY – 8/21:

10:00am ABW Board Meeting –
Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY – 8/23:

7:15pm Devotion & Prayer
Conference Call
978-990-5083
Access code 676527#

SUNDAY – 8/27:

9:30am Adult Discipleship Class –
Evangelism and Discipleship
in the Library
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Fellowship Time
11:00am Worship

SUNDAY, August 13, 2023

Worship Attendance: 101
Offering: \$ 7,233



FLOWERS TODAY are given to the
Glory of God and Happy Birthday Phil
on Aug. 19th. With love, from Gene &
Sue.

**We are in need of empty shoe
boxes and Christmas wrapping
paper** for Operation Christmas Child.
Materials can be dropped off in the
Narthex any Sunday.

Beginning on September 20th,
First Baptist Church will again be
serving meals at the men's homeless
shelter on Walker Road the third
Wednesday of each month. On the
first Sunday of September, a sign-up
sheet will be available at the welcome
table to sign up if you wish to provide
an item on the menu. More
information will be in the September
newsletter.

Did you know that First Baptist
Church is 170+ years old? Check out
the historical display in the Missions
cabinet in the Davis Fellowship
Hall. Many other items of FBC history
are on display in the History Hall on
the upper level.

**DEVOTION AND PRAYER
CONFERENCE CALL** is held each
Wednesday evening at 7:15pm. Dial
978-990-5083 and enter the **access
code – 676527 #** to participate.

New Members Orientation Class
Looking to become a member of FBC
Dover or learn more about our church?
Join us on Sunday, September 3rd at
9:30am for our New Members
Orientation Class! You will learn about
our history, our beliefs and our
identity. ***Please visit the welcome
table to sign up.***

Baptism Sunday- September 10th
Water baptism is a public declaration
of our faith in Jesus Christ. Individuals
wishing to be baptized must first
complete a baptism interest form
which can be found at our welcome
table.

Adult Discipleship Classes

The following classes will be offered on
Sundays at 9:30am:
September 10th – Salvation
September 17th – Baptism and
Communion
September 24th – Evangelism and
Discipleship
Please sign up at the welcome table.



**WELCOME to First Baptist
Church of Dover.** We are glad that
you wanted to share in worship with
us this morning. A very special
welcome is given to guests and new
residents of the community. If you are
seeking a church home, please
consider joining us. We are an
American Baptist congregation
(abcusa.org). If you want to know
more about us, contact the church
office at 302-674-1980 or check the
website www.fbcdover.org.



LULLABY LOUNGE is offered to
parents with restless children. It's
located at the back of our sanctuary
where you can continue to watch and
listen to our worship service.

KIDS KONNECTION is a kid-friendly
worship experience for children
Preschool–Grade 3. Children may
leave the sanctuary at the time
designated in the service.

FELLOWSHIP TIME between
Sunday School and morning Worship
from 10:30am to 10:50am in the
Narthex. Coffee, Tea and goodies will
be available. Please **do not** take
food/drink into the Sanctuary. Thank
you.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS is
offered for all ADULTS each Sunday at
9:30am. All are welcome.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you have a
request for the chain, please call or
email the church office (674-1980)
(secretary@fbcdover.org).

**I am the vine, you are the
branches. He who abides in
Me, and I in him, bears
much fruit; for without Me
you can do nothing. If
anyone does not abide in
Me, he is cast out as a
branch and is withered; and
they gather them and throw
them into the fire, and
they are burned. If you
abide in Me, and My words
abide in you, you will ask
what you desire, and it
shall be done for you.**

John 15: 5-7

SERVING TODAY

Organist:	Gene Moore
Worship Leader	Phil Steinhoff
Sound Technician:	Chris Cottrell
	Aaron King
Projection:	Charity King
Streaming:	Mark Moore
	Bethel Chang
Trustee of the Day:	Chris Cottrell

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.

All Church Picnic

Save the date – September 10, 2023. The All Church Picnic is set to follow the morning worship service that day. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Table. Also, there is a food sign-up board in the Narthex. Please sign-up on both. We are reaching out to the community and inviting them to join us for our picnic. There are many things planned for the afternoon. There will be a Bouncy House for the children and Face Painting. Also, we are planning entertainment in the courtyard. If you are interested in providing entertainment, there is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Table, also. Maybe you play an instrument or sing. All types of entertainment are encouraged. There will also be some games available to play.

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, condiments, etc. will be provided. The Fellowship Hall will be available for eating in air conditioning, if desired. The food will be set up there, as well. Ice Cream sundaes will be part of the dessert, so if you make *home-made ice cream*, this is your chance to shine. Toppings will be provided.

The Picnic should last until around 5pm. Stay as long as you can, invite friends (but please be sure to sign them up so that we have enough food). ***Dress is casual for the day, so come casual to church that day, as well.*** Also, bring your lawn chairs, in case you want to sit outside to watch the games and listen to the music. There may even be karaoke. It is also *Grandparents' Day* so we will be honoring them, as well.

It will be a day of fun and fellowship for all. Pray for nice weather. Hope to see you there!

