

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOVER

Rev. William A. Guy

August 27, 2023

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

Ephesians 3.17

Prelude "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship: Psalm 111

Come, and praise God!  
In the company of the God's people,  
let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**Great are the works of God,  
full of glory and majesty.**

Our God is gracious and compassionate;  
**our God is merciful and forgiving**

our God is faithful and trustworthy,  
**our God is just and good.**

So come, let's worship God together.  
**God's praise will last forever!**

### \*Time of Prayer

\*Opening Hymn "Holy Spirit, Be My Guide" #299

Special Music "In The Garden" Anne Murray  
Vocal Soloist – Lorraine Leavel

\*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 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" #304

\*Benediction

Postlude "Allegro" ~ C. Franck

*\*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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# This Week



## **TODAY – 8/27:**

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

## **WEDNESDAY – 8/30:**

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

## **SATURDAY – 9/2:**

11:30am Joyce Reed Circle at  
Mike and Mel's restaurant

## **SUNDAY – 9/3:**

9:30am New Members  
Orientation Class  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Fellowship Time  
11:00am Worship

## **SUNDAY, August 20, 2023**

Worship Attendance: 85  
Offering: \$ 4,076

**FLOWERS TODAY** are given to the Glory of God. One vase is given in celebration of Cody Leavel's birthday on August 30th with love, Margaret & Phil. The other vase is given in memory of Harry C. Anthony, Jr. by his loving parents, Harry & Diane Anthony

**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.

**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](http://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](http://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](tel:674-1980)) ([secretary@fbcdover.org](mailto:secretary@fbcdover.org)).

**As the Father loved me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. This is My commandment that you love one another as I have loved you.**

**John 15:8-12**

## **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: *Mark Moore*  
*Sal Manno*



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.

## **New Members Orientation Class**

Looking to become a member of FBC Dover or learn more about our church? Join us on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Our next baptism will take place on Sunday, September 10th.

## **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 visit the welcome table to sign up.\*\*\*

*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 August. Don't forget your lawn chairs!

Casual dress (even for church).