



# The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

September 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!

Here are some reminders from our sermon series during the months of July and August.

July we shared “Love Is” from 1 Corinthians 13:

- God’s love for me, operating in me, and flowing through me.
- I am loved by God, in love with God, God’s love flows through me.
- Serve because I am loved, not to be loved.
- As we pour into the lives of others, don’t forget to receive God’s love into our lives.
- Don’t be afraid...God is with you!

August we shared the sermon series “The Gifts of the Spirit” from 1 Corinthians 12:

- Spiritual gifts are not the same as natural gifts. Spiritual gifts come from the Holy Spirit.
- Spiritual gifts are meant to build up (grow) the church and carry out God’s plan on earth.
- Whatever you are gifted or blessed to do, present it to God that His grace may be upon it.
- There is a difference between a good thing and a God thing.
- We can become so busy doing good things, that we don’t have enough time to do God things.
- Are you currently serving in an area that is a ~~good thing~~, but you sense God leading you to a God thing?

I am excited about what God is doing at FBC Dover! Let’s keep loving God, loving people, and making disciples!

Blessings,  
Rev. William A. Guy, Interim Pastor

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The Board of Christian Ed would like to thank everyone who participated with STELLAR VBS this year. We had a great time and can’t wait to do it next year.

THANK YOU!  
Veronica Manno  
Board of Christian Ed



A huge thank you to everyone for joining us as we celebrated our 50th anniversary! God has blessed us abundantly with wonderful family and friends!  
Love, Mike and Deb



# Birthdays

Debbie Metzger	9/2
Diane Fithian	9/3
Percy Navarro	9/3
Mary Stewart	9/9
Aaron King, Jr.	9/10
Alice Murphy	9/15
Betty Perkins	9/18
Jennifer Moscrip	9/19
Lisa Clendaniel	9/22
Lorraine Leavel	9/22
Glenda Case	9/25
Carolyn Akers	9/28

# Anniversaries

Dick and Gloria Smith	67 yrs	9/7
Scot and Michelle Septer	33 yrs	9/22

Choir Practice resumes on Thursday, Sept. 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please join us to help praise the Lord in song.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry



Our Prayer Shawl meetings will begin again on September 18th at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your summer tales and any shawls completed during the summer so we can tag them.

Don't forget to tell us of anyone who needs a shawl for comfort and prayers. We have an ample supply.

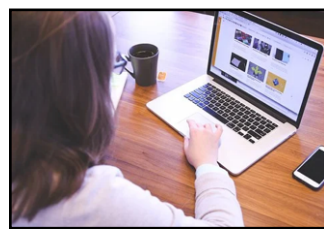
## Men's Shelter Meals to resume September 20, 2023



First Baptist Church, through the Board of Missions, has arranged to supply evening meals for the Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing's shelter at Bagley Hall. Our scheduled meal date is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Our first scheduled meal is September 20, 2023. Meals are prepared for 40+ men.

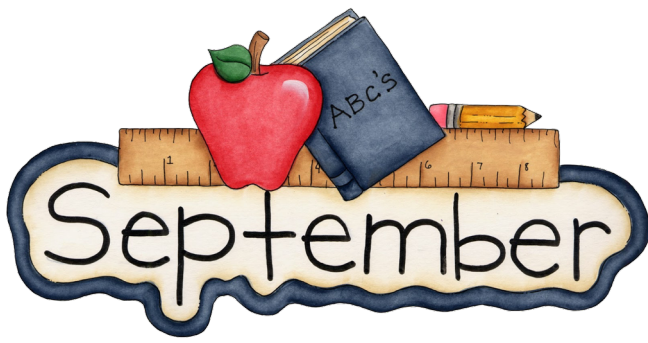
Please look for a meal contribution sign-up sheet at the Welcome Table in the church foyer on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of September!

Everyone's help for this needed service is greatly appreciated!



**Join our Church Services Online**

YouTube.com at  
First Baptist Church of Dover DE



The Board of ABWM has planned a busy year of activities for our ladies. First, we'll resume our individual Circle meetings in September. The Joyce Reed Circle will meet September 2, at 11:30 at Mike and Mel's Restaurant in Wyoming, De. The Mary Bonar Circle will meet on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. The Clemmer Circle will meet on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.

On September 17<sup>th</sup> our ABWM ladies will take over the Sunday service featuring a special speaker, Jeni Pedzinski, director of Mission Mobilization for International Ministries and a former missionary to Thailand. We pray for a full house that Sunday to support our very active ladies in their work for our ABWM ladies abroad in their missionary work.

*Sue Moore*



**Mary Bonar Circle**  
Faye Yarbrough is a missionary to the South Africa  
Leader: Beryl Gerhard  
Sept. 5, 10:00  
Fellowship Hall

### **Ann Clemmer Circle**

Ann is a missionary to Eastern Congo - Goma  
Leader: Thelma Schaller  
September 7, 1:00  
Cox Parlor



**Joyce Reed Circle**  
Joyce is a missionary to IberoAmerica and the Caribbean  
Leader: Margaret Steinhoff  
September 2, 11:30  
Mike & Mel's





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



**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@fbcdoover.org](mailto:secretary@fbcdoover.org)



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



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](http://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.

# A Food Pantry – Missions Project.

Earlier this year, the Missions Board was requested to help the needy with more than just the Food Pantry. It was noticed that Christ Episcopal Church has a Blessings Box in their downtown location. See the picture:



Ours will be similar to this picture and will hold food with pop-top cans or dry food, like cereal, and plastic utensils. It can also hold other items for people like toothpaste, tooth brushes, and other toiletries. This box should only hold items that will not freeze, as it gets colder. It will be located in the church's front yard on the right side as you enter the property. It will be close to Walker Road, but far enough away to follow the city regulations. We will be seeking food donations once it is constructed and in place before the end of August.

Many thanks to Jerome Rogers who has done a vast majority of building the Blessings Box and to Mike Metzger who has assisted and planned the project.

Come and help our community:

Take what you need - Leave what you can.  
Blessings to all!

*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!





# Here's what's happening in September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 11:30 Joyce Reed Circle (Mike & Mel's Diner)
3 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	4  Labor Day Church Office Closed	5 10:00 Bonar Circle (Fellowship Hall)	6 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 7:15 Prayer Call	7 1:00 Clemmer Circle (Cox Parlor) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	8	9 10:00 Missions (Library)
10 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 12:30 Church Picnic	11	12 4:00 Deacon's (Library)	13 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 11:30 XYZ - Vincenzo's 2:30 Christian Education (Library) 7:15 Prayer Call	14 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	15 October Newsletter Articles Due 	16 9:00 Coordinating Committee (Library) 9:00 Landscaping Workday
17 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 ABWM Sunday - Worship Kids Konnection	18 1:00 Prayer Shawl (Fellowship Hall)	19 Stewardship (Conference Room)	20 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 4:00 Dinner at DIMH Shelter 7:15 Prayer Call	21 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	22	23
24 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	25	26	27 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 7:15 Prayer Call	28 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	29	30

## 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.