

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOVER

Rev. William A. Guy

September 3, 2023

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

Ephesians 3.17

Prelude "Green Fields and Meadows" ~ G.F. McKay

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 123**

Great and Glorious God, we gather to worship you.
We lift our eyes to you, in reverent awe before your majesty.
Great is the Lord our God, and greatly to be praised!

Generous and Merciful God, we come to worship you.
We lift our eyes to you, giving thanks for your compassion.
Gracious is the Lord our God, and greatly to be praised!

Welcoming and Empowering God, we worship you.
We lift our eyes to you, and we celebrate your faithfulness.
Holy is the Lord our God, and greatly to be praised!
We lift our eyes, seeking to worship and praise our God.
Amen.

***Time of Prayer**

***Opening Hymn "Victory in Jesus" #352**

Special Music "It Is Well with My Soul" Spafford/Bliss
Bethel Chang: Flute – Randy Chang: Piano – Joel Guy: Violin

***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 "Unity in the Body of Christ"
1 Corinthians 12:12-31
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 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" #468**

Communion

***Benediction**

Postlude "From Thy Throne So High" ~ Von Gluck

****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 – 9/3:

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

MONDAY – 9/4:

Holiday-Church Office Closed

TUESDAY – 9/5:

10:00am Bonar Circle –
Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY – 9/6:

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

THURSDAY – 9/7:

1:00pm Clemmer Circle - Cox Parlor
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

SATURDAY – 9/9:

10:00am Missions - Library

SUNDAY – 9/10:

9:30am Adult Discipleship Class
Salvation - Library
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Fellowship Time
11:00am Worship – Baptism Sunday
12:30pm Church Picnic

SUNDAY, August 27, 2023

Worship Attendance: 96
Offering: \$ 3,664



FLOWERS TODAY are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Percy and Marivic Navarro by Rennie Quible. May God Bless you.

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. Beginning in 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.

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.

SANCTUARY CHOIR starts weekly rehearsals after Summer break this Thursday at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Come join us as we prepare Choral Anthems and leading congregational Hymn singing.

ABWM Sunday – September 17
Any woman wishing to sing in the FBC Women's Choir on ABWM Sunday, Sept. 17th. should speak to either Sue Moore or Margaret Steinhoff **today**.



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](tel:674-1980)) (secretary@fbcdover.org).

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30

SERVING TODAY

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



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.

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 in the Library:

- 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).