

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOVER

Rev. William A. Guy

September 10, 2023

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

Ephesians 3.17

Prelude "The Will of God Is Always Best" ~ J. Pachelbel

Service of Baptism

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 139**

We've come to worship God,
who loved us before we were yet born!

We've come to worship God,
who knows us even better than we know ourselves!

We've come to worship God,
whose presence never leaves us!

We've come to worship God,
whose love for us never ceases!

**This is our God.
Let's worship together!**

***Opening Hymn "Down By the Jordan" Insert**

**Special Music "To God Be the Glory" ~ Cosby/Doane
Corina and Loretta Harris**

***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
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 "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" # 327**

***Benediction**

Postlude "Chorus in C Minor" ~ G. Blake

**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 – 9/10:

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

TUESDAY – 9/12:

4:00pm Deacons

WEDNESDAY – 9/13:

11:30am XYZ Vincenzo's
7:15pm Devotion & Prayer
Conference Call
978-990-5083
Access code 676527#

THURSDAY – 9/14:

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary

FRIDAY – 9/15:

October Newsletter Articles Due

SATURDAY – 9/16:

9:00am Coordinating Committee –
Library
9:00am Landscape Workday

SUNDAY – 9/17:

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



FLOWERS TODAY are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Englehart and Mr. and Mrs. O. Philip Steinhoff Jr. and in honor of all grandparents-on-Grandparents' Day, by Lorraine Leavel.

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. The sign-up sheet for a meal contribution is now at the Welcome Table in the church foyer. Food should be prepared at home and delivered to the shelter between 4 and 5 p.m. on Wednesday September 20th.

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.

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— THAT WHOEVER —
BELIEVES IN HIM
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ETERNAL LIFE**

JOHN 3:16



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).

**"Peace I leave with you,
My peace I give to you;
not as the world give do I
give to you. Let not your
heart be troubled, neither
let it be afraid. You have
heard Me say to you 'I am
going away and coming
back to you.' If you loved
Me, you would rejoice
because I said, 'I am going
to the Father,' for My
Father is greater than I."
John 14:27-28**

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>Chris Cottrell</i>

SUNDAY, September 3, 2023

Worship Attendance: 100
Offering: \$ 7,316



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.

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.



ABWM Sunday – September 17

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Down By the Jordan

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8

("Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty")

Down by the Jordan, a prophet named John was baptizing,
Preaching a message the people found bold and surprising:
"God will forgive! Show that you'll change how you live!
Surely God's new day is rising!"

There by the river, the crowd came with great expectation:
"Are you God's Chosen One, sent here to rescue our nation?"
"No!" John replied. "He who is mightier than I
Judges and offers salvation."

Jesus, you went to be baptized along with the others,
Taking your place among sinners, God's lost sons and daughters.
Then with great love, God's Spirit came as a dove!
Your work began in those waters.

Here in the Church, we are baptized and filled with God's Spirit.
Freed and forgiven, we're welcomed with joy! Can you hear it?
This is God's sign! This is how God says, "You're mine!"
Let's take the good news and share it!

Biblical References: Matthew 3:1-17; Mark 1:1-11;
Luke 3:1-22; John 1:6-8, 14-34

Tune: *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, Stralsund, 1665
("Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty")

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