

ABWM SUNDAY
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOVER
Rev. William A. Guy
September 17, 2023

**Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your
God will be with you wherever you go.”** Joshua 1:9

Prelude **“Prelude”** ~ **C. Franck**

Welcome and Announcements Sue Moore

***Call to Worship:** Sue Moore & Mary Emma Tisinger

“I Will Be with You” **#550**

Jesus said, “Peace be with you!
As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

**“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”**

“Freely you have received, freely give.”

**Be strong and courageous.
Do not be discouraged,
for the Lord your God will be with you wherever
you go.**

***Opening Prayer & Lord’s Prayer (debts)** Suzanne Murr

***Opening Hymn** **Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus** **#646**

Special Music **“Thy Word”**
Women’s Choir

***Presentation of Tithes and offerings**

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

***Offertory Prayer and Prayers of the People** Tramaine Guy

Kid’s Korner Gerri Lee

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

Introduction of Speaker Margaret Steinhoff

Sermon **“Life Story”** Rev. Jeni Pedzinski
2 Corinthians 4:5-18

Altar Call Rev. Guy
**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 Love to Tell the Story** **#696**

***Benediction** Rev. Guy

Postlude **“Postlude in D”** ~ **Von Weber**

****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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Rev. William A. Guy

This Week

TODAY – 9/17:

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

****NOTE: The parking lot will be paved this week. There will be NO activities at the church during this time. (M-F)**

MONDAY – 9/18

1:00pm Prayer Shawl-Mike & Mel's
Restaurant, Wyoming, DE.

TUESDAY – 9/19:

WEDNESDAY – 9/20:

4:00pm DIMH Shelter Dinner*
7:15pm Devotion & Prayer
Conference Call
978-990-5083
Access code 676527#

THURSDAY – 9/21:

SUNDAY – 9/24:

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

SUNDAY, September 10, 2023

Worship Attendance: 123
Offering: \$3,335



FLOWERS TODAY are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my brother, Gene, who will celebrate his 103rd birthday on September 19th in heaven, by June Katz.

***On September 20th**, First Baptist Church will again be serving meals at the Walt Bagley 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. We are in need of 2 pans of Lasagna (recipe at Welcome Table) and 2 Green Beans. Thank you for assisting with this very worthwhile project.

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - If you are new to the church or have found you have a little extra time in your schedule, please come and join us in this time of fellowship. Our shawls go to members, family of members, friends in need, and cancer patients at Kent General. We need seamstresses, also, as we have lots of flannel to sew into shawls, as well. We meet every third Monday of the month at 1:00 PM usually in Fellowship Hall.

Ushers: Yvonne McFarlin, Deb Metzger, & Marivic Navarro
Welcome Table: Diane Anthony, Agnes Robinson, & Jo Rolison



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).

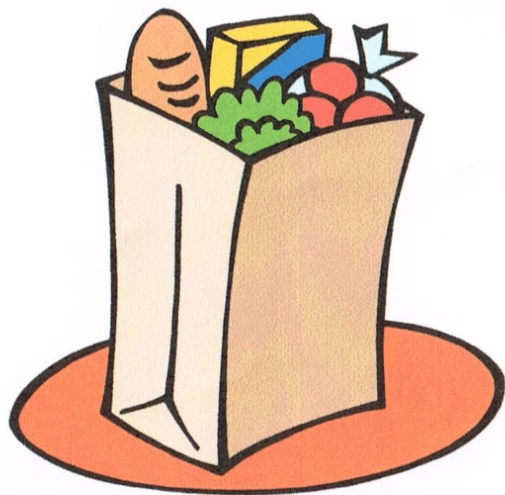
“Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: “He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.”

Luke 7:47-48

SERVING TODAY

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

MINISTRIES
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOVER



Preparing for Stewardship Sunday event in
November 2023

Please send pictures, articles featuring our church's
ministries - serving members, community, sharing
gifts, love and kindness

To: phil@fbcdover.org

More information to follow

Thanks - Stewardship Planning Committee