

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOVER

Rev. William A. Guy

October 8, 2023

For freedom Christ has set us free.

Galatians 5.1

Prelude *Psalm THIRTY-ONE* ~ Thompson

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship:** Based on Psalm 27

God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?
**God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble,
and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!**

Day after day, we seek God's face and the assurance of God's holy love:

**O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us!
Be our guide and our light instead!**

One thing we ask of God:

That we may live in God's dwelling place all the days of our life, and never cease to behold the beauty of God's home.

Beloved of God, enter this worship in thanksgiving,
for God is among and within us!

Thanks be to God!

***Time of Prayer**

***Opening Hymn** "How Great Thou Art" #33

Special Music "In My Heart There Rings A Melody"
 Elton M. Roth
 Soloist – George Schuler

***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 **God's Timing**
 Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
 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 Must Tell Jesus" # 623

***Benediction**

Postlude *The Lord Reigneth* ~ L. Smith

**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.

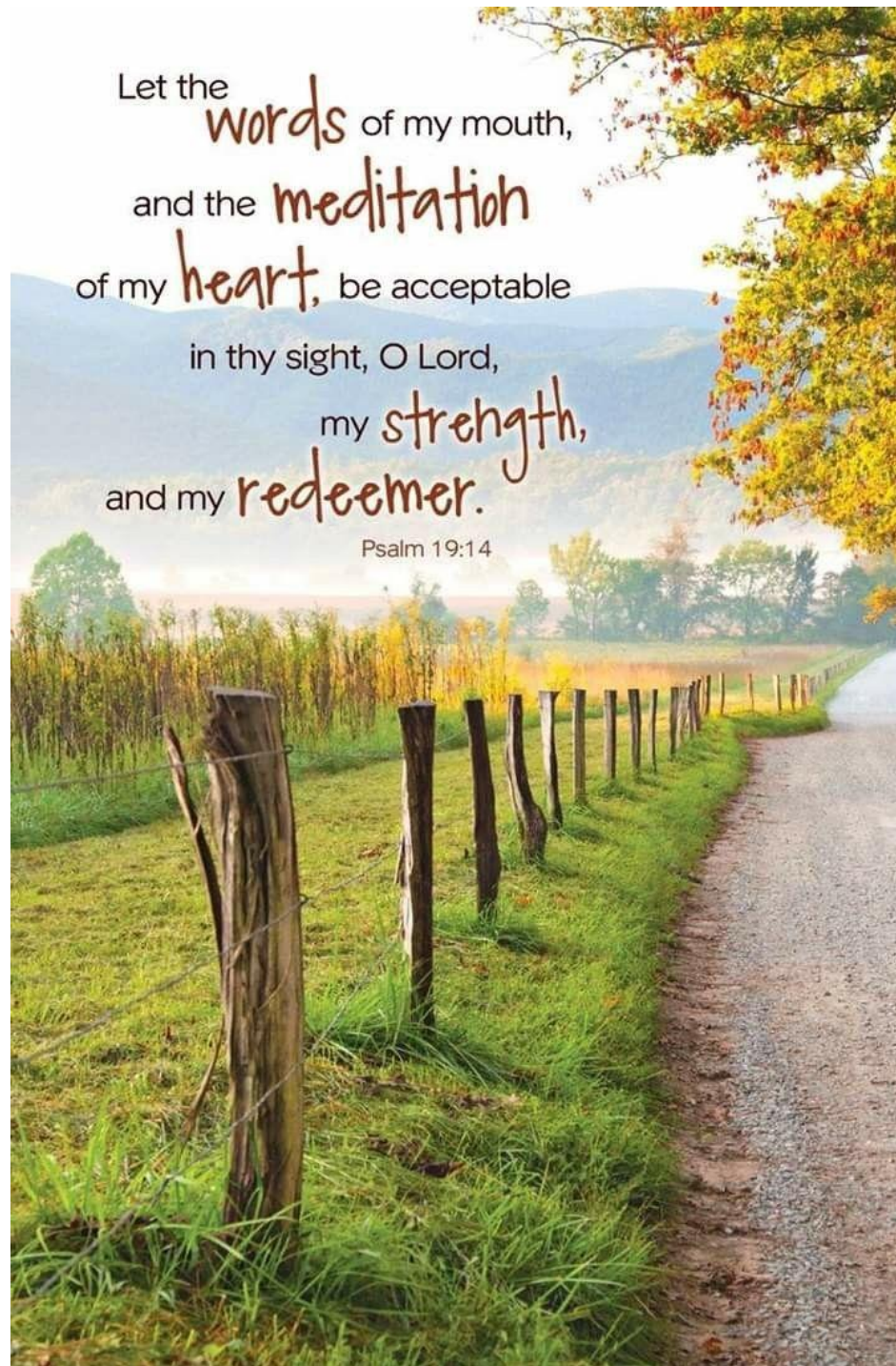
PROFESSION OF FAITH [BAPTISM]: If you receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord and follow Him in baptism, you are outwardly expressing your faith in Him. We would be happy to schedule a time for your baptism.

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

First Baptist Church of Dover, DE
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Dover, DE 19904
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This Week

TODAY – 10/8:

9:30am Adult Discipleship Class
Salvation - Library
9:30am Children's Baptism Class
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Fellowship Time
11:00am Worship

MONDAY – 10/9:

Church Office Closed- Columbus Day

TUESDAY – 10/10

10:00am Stewardship-Conf. Room
4:00pm Deacons - Library

WEDNESDAY – 10/11:

11:30am XYZ - Longhorn Steakhouse
2:30pm Christian Ed – Library
4:00pm DIMH Shelter Dinner
7:15pm Devotion & Prayer
Conference Call
978-990-5083
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THURSDAY – 10/12:

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary

Saturday – 10/14:

10:00am Missions – Conference Room

SUNDAY – 10/15:

9:30am Adult Discipleship Class
Baptism & Communion-Library
9:30am Sunday School
9:30am Children's Baptism Class
10:30am Fellowship Time
11:00am Worship
12:15pm Quarterly Business Meeting

SUNDAY, October 1, 2023

Worship Attendance: 102
Offering: \$ 12,829
World Mission Offering: \$ 910



FLOWERS TODAY are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of his mother, Ann Manno, by Sal Manno.

The Single Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Michelle Rogers' birthday on October 11th by her loving husband, Jerome.

On October 28th we will be having a Fall Festival, Chili Cook-off and Trunk or Treat. The Board of Christian Ed is looking for donations of candy, small toys, etc. for this event. There will be a sign-up sheet for the Trunk or Treat event. We would like to have 8-10 cars for this.

Men's Shelter Meal - Just a reminder that on Wednesday October 11, we will be providing meals for the Men's Homeless Shelter at the Walter Bagley Hall, 1155 Walker Road. The sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center. The food should be delivered between 4 and 5 p.m. in disposable containers. The meal provided in September was so well received and much appreciated.

A Church Quarterly Business Meeting will be held immediately after the Worship Service on Sunday October 15th in the Sanctuary.



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.

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.



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).

Then He said, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and put in his garden; and it grew and became a large tree, and the birds of the air nested in its branches." And again He said, "To what shall I liken the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened." Luke 13: 18-21

SERVING TODAY

Organist: *Gene Moore*
Worship Leader: *Phil Steinhoff*
Sound Technician: *Chris Cottrell*
Aaron King
Projection: *Charity King*
Streaming: *Mark Moore*
Bethel Chang
Trustees of the Day: *Mark Moore*