



# The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

November 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**



## “Thank you for your service!”

This is often a phrase we hear when someone greets a military service member. In recent years, we have heard this phrase more often as we grow to appreciate more and more the sacrifice of those who have and continue to serve in our Armed Forces.

This month, we have an opportunity to show our appreciation on Saturday, November 11, which is Veteran’s Day.

I want to also use this phrase, “thank you for your service”, to acknowledge all of our friends and family of First Baptist Church of Dover. Please know that you are appreciated, whether near or far. Each Sunday, I have an opportunity to meet or get to know someone, who is either a part of FBC Dover, or is somehow connected to this church.

*thank you*

The support you provide to this community of faith does not go unnoticed. So, in this season of Thanksgiving, I want to say:

Thank you for your service and may God continue to



Due to an increase in referrals, the Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

Creamed or regular soups

Boxes of Mashed potatoes

Jello pudding/Jello gelatin

Canned fruit

Applesauce-16.3 oz jar

Chef Boyardee Canned Spaghetti

Beef Stew-20 oz. can

Cereal

Grape Jelly

Baked Beans

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. If you purchase any of the above items, you may place them in either the basket located in the Narthex or in the plastic tub located outside of the Food Pantry. Your support is greatly appreciated!



*Give*  
THANKS  
TO THE *Lord*  
FOR HE IS GOOD;  
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.  
1 CHRONICLES 16:34



## The Deacon's Fund

In Matthew 25 Jesus states: <sup>34</sup> “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

<sup>37</sup> “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

<sup>40</sup> “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

When we help each other we have helped Him. As he states in Matthew, we are to help each other. One of the ways we can help is through the Deacon's Fund. Sometimes, we can get into a situation that seems impossible to get out of. There are any number of reasons this can happen. Loss of a job, or reduced income, bills mounting up or just bad budgeting on our part, whatever the reason might be, you need help and you need it now. You can't get a loan and in the long run, it wouldn't help. You are between a rock and a hard place.

The Deacon's Fund has helped countless members and regular attenders at FBC. The people receiving the help are just as anonymous as the givers. That way the dignity of the person being helped can be saved and the help provided can start them on the right path again. In today's world, any one of us could be there or have been there.

But, how can we help? Every Sunday morning, there is a small brown envelope labeled **DEACON'S FUND**. You can put money or a check into that envelope and put it into the offering plate. Every Communion Sunday, a note in the bulletin reminds you to give to the Deacon's Fund.

**“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’**



**Christmas**

**Poinsettias**

It is already time to be thinking of the upcoming Advent Season and ordering Poinsettias to help decorate the Sanctuary for the holidays. Order forms will be available at the Welcome Center starting November 19th. The last day to place an order for a Poinsettia will be Dec. 10th. The cost this year is again \$12.50 per plant. Directions are on the order form. A form is in this newsletter.



~2023~

# Christmas Poinsettias



If you would like to place poinsettias in the church for Christmas, please complete the information below and place the form in the designated box at the Welcome Center or mail to the church office. **The last day to order is Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**Cost: \$12.50 for each plant.** *Make checks payable to "First Baptist Church", noting on the check "for Poinsettias".*

For further information, please contact Margaret Steinhoff at 302-228-9301 or the church office at 302-674-1980.

**Total No. of Plants:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given in memory/honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Plant(s) are to be picked up by the donor after the Christmas Eve Service on December 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_



Our women's circles have started the year with "Strength" and "Courage." All circles have met twice with healthy attendance. They have all picked an overseas project and are looking forward to our regional project which goes to the Clemmers this year. We've also had a marvelous ABWM Sunday featuring Jeni Pedzinski as our speaker. Her enthusiasm for our women's groups and the Lord's work in missions was quite evident.

The next item on this year's agenda is our International Women's World Day of Prayer on November 6<sup>th</sup>. As in previous years, each woman will receive a packet containing a devotional and list of prayer needs from Baptist women around the world. Of course, a teabag is included so that you may use your tea coaster with it while you pray.

Of course, our meetings will fill the first week in November. Don't forget to put November 30<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. We'll be setting up the Chrismon trees and decorating the Sanctuary for Advent at 10:00 AM that day. "Lots of hands make light work" the old saying goes.

Please wish everyone a most blessed Thanksgiving. We pray for each other and our families during Thanksgiving.



### **Mary Bonar Circle**

**Faye Yarbrough is a missionary to South Africa**

**Leader: Beryl Gerhard**

**November 7, 10:30  
Fellowship Hall**

### **Ann Clemmer Circle**

**Ann is a missionary to Eastern Congo - Goma**

**Leader: Thelma Schaller**

**November 2, 1:00  
Cox Parlor**



### **Joyce Reed Circle**

**Joyce is Global Coordinator of Spiritual Care**

**Leader: Margaret Steinhoff**

**November 4, 10:00  
Fellowship Hall**



## Men's Shelter Meal Wednesday, November 8, 2023



The November meal contribution for the Dover Interfaith Mission shelter at Bagley Hall is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8, 2023. Your help provides a meal for the approximately 30 men in need at the shelter.

Marie, the shelter's Administrative Coordinator, shares these words with our church family: "Thank you for all your work to get meals to the men at the shelter. Your help makes the limited budget work much better."

Please look for a meal contribution sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center at the end of October. Please deliver your contributions directly to the shelter, at 1155 Walker Road, Dover, between 4:00pm and 5:00pm on Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

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

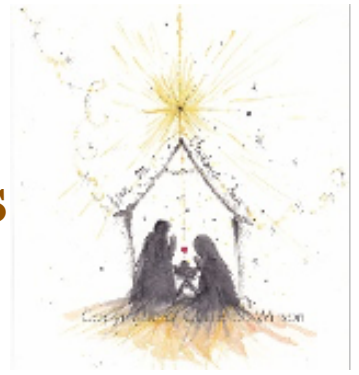
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### Search Committee News

Your Search Committee continues to be busy. We've been making some calls and had some interviews. We still have some questions for Rev. Mark Mahserjian-Smith as to protocols and other details of which we're unsure.

However, we are making progress even if it seems to be slow. As usual, we'll continue to keep everyone as informed as possible. Please keep us in your daily prayers. God Bless You.

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING!



Each Year a Christmas Card is designed by a member of our church and is sent out to everyone. If you would like your name to appear on the card, it is suggested that you take the money you would use to send cards to those in the church and donate it to this project. A check can be made out to First Baptist Church, indicating in the memo "Christmas Card Project" and your envelope # and place it in the offering box. The money received is sent to our 5 Special Interest Missionaries, whose names will appear inside the card, as well. There will also be envelopes for this project available at the Welcome Center starting Nov. 19th. Please be sure to indicate how you would like your name to appear on the card when making your donation. ***The deadline for participating in this project is December 3<sup>rd</sup>.***



By Rennie Quible



Here we are together, the X and Y and Z.  
All of us together, and silly as can be.  
We enjoy the lunches as we all munch and eat.  
Being all together makes it an extra special treat.  
Yes, we're all together, a goofy fun-style group



Wishing someone would come and pay for all our soup!  
Come join us November 8th at 11:30 a.m. at The Palace for our next gathering.



# Birthdays

Gilbert Hutchins	11/3
Caleb Septer	11/6
Sarah Prescott	11/7
Michelle Septer	11/7
Alice Murphy	11/8
Ramona Scott	11/9
Ken Kemp	11/10
Rebecca Kime	11/11
Tyler Myers	11/12
Gene Moore, Jr.	11/15
Angela Allen	11/17
Michael Caban	11/17
Larry Buckley	11/19
Sarah Smart	11/20
Matthew Yanez	11/29
Romeo Limson	11/30

# Anniversaries

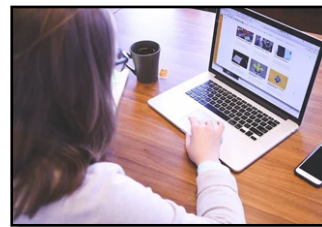
Chad and Morgan Stiegler	11/6	3 years
Michael and Iris Caban	11/12	19 years
Cody and Lorraine Leavel	11/14	3 years
Willis and Glenda Case	11/1	62 years
Phil and Margaret Steinhoff	11/30	49 years

## Comfort Shawl Ministry



Prayer Shawl Ministries will meet on November 20 at 1:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. We could still use more ladies! If you can't knit or crochet, we could still use your help hand sewing labels or machine sewing flannel shawls. We have prayer and a devotional plus lots of laughs and fun together. If you're interested, just come to the meeting and find out what we do.

## Chrismon Tree Decorating November 30, 10:00



**Join our Church  
Services  
Online**

YouTube.com at  
First Baptist Church of Dover DE

# Food Drive for Thanksgiving & Christmas

Location	Date	Time	Work at Store	Pick up / Deliver food to:
Camden - Redner's	11/3/2023	10 am - 6 pm	St Andrews	Holy Cross (2pm) / 1st Baptist (6pm)
Greentree - Redner's	11/3/2023	10 am - 6 pm	Wyoming	1st Baptist (2 & 6 pm)
Cheswold - Redner's	11/3/2023	10 am - 6 pm	Holy Cross	Holy Cross (2 & 6 pm)
Greentree - Redner's	11/10/2023	10 am - 6 pm	First Baptist	1st Baptist (2 & 6 pm)

Help sort at 1st Baptist

1	11/3/2023	_____
2	11/3/2023	_____
3	11/3/2023	_____
4	11/10/2023	_____
5	11/10/2023	_____
6	11/10/2023	_____

**Help Prepare Thanksgiving & Christmas Food Boxes 11/18 & 12/9 20-25?**

**Items Needed:\***

- Boxed Stuffing
- Bags of gravy
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Box of instant mashed potatoes
- Canned Vegetables



Mike Metzger

## Fall Food drive 2023

This Fall we will be working 2 days at Redner's as we have in the past. November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> only, 2 Fridays from 10 am to 6 pm. I will be getting a schedule out as soon as we are definite as we are coordinating with other churches. We are working with all 4 Redner's in the surrounding Dover area.

Also on both days, we will need a team of volunteers back at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church to check dates, separate and prepare the Thanksgiving boxes and Christmas boxes. The Food Pantry will purchase the turkeys for both the Thanksgiving & Christmas boxes.

For these holiday boxes we are looking for Boxed Stuffing, Bags of gravy, Canned cranberry sauce, Boxes of instant mashed potatoes, and Canned Vegetables. If you would like to include a Christmas Card, please do so.

Please let me or Deb know if you have any questions.

Deb & Mike Metzger  
302-559-8429 & 302-264-1174



## Stewardship Committee

Your FBC Stewardship Committee has been meeting during the summer and into the planning activities for our congregation. We have chosen the theme - "God, Gifts, and Gratitude - Sharing, Serving, and Giving Outside the Box." As individuals and as a church family, all are recovering and adjusting after Covid 19, facing life with the fond memories of loss loved-ones and re-calculating financial changes. We are mindful that we must be creative in our giving and serving.

The dates November 5 - Sunday - after church service will start our season of gratitude with a catered luncheon to which you will receive an invitation and a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to get a head count. There will be a donation asked to help cover the cost. However, do let us know if your personal budget is too stretched at this time. Your presence to attend this family gathering is an honor and we will work in God's grace to have you here.

Next, is Commitment Sunday which is scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup>. Commitment cards will be picked up at the church or mailed to your home.

The Stewardship Committee continues in their planning, so feel free to offer ideas/suggestions, even if they may seem "Outside the Box!"

Gerri Lee, Chairperson

Here's What's  
Happening at  
our Church!



About the church or one of our  
programs? Stop by the Welcome  
Center, Sunday AM 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)

You are my *Shield*,  
my *Strength*, my  
*Portion*, my *Shelter*,  
my *Strong Tower* and  
my *Deliverer*.

*Jesus*



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.

# Here's what's happening in November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 7:15 Prayer Call	2 1:00 Clemmer Circle (Cox Parlor) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	3	4 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Fellowship Hall)
5 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 12:15 Stewardship Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)	6	7 10:30 Bonar Circle (Fellowship Hall)	8 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 11:30 XYZ (The Palace) 4:00 Dinner at DIMH Shelter 7:15 Prayer Call	9 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	10 Church Office Closed	11 Veterans Day  10:00 Missions (Conference)
12 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	13	14 December Newsletter Articles Due  3:30 Deacon's (Library)	15 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 2:30 Coordinating Committee (Library) 7:15 Prayer Call	16 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	17	18
19 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	20 1:00 Prayer Shawl (Fellowship Hall)	21	22 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 7:15 Prayer Call	23 Thanksgiving Holiday Church Office Closed 	24	25
26 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	27	28	29 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 7:15 Prayer Call	30 10:00 Decorate Chrismon Trees & Sanctuary		

## 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.