



# The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

October 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**



## FBC Dover Family and Friends, Welcome to Fall!

During this season, we begin to experience a shift or change in several areas: weather, schedules and even how it looks outside. This can be an exciting time for some as we approach several holidays. For others, it can begin a time of sadness. This is where I want to remind you, that wherever you find yourself

in life during this season, remember “You Fit!”

We are reminded in 1 Corinthians 12:18 AMPC that God has placed each person in the Body of Christ right where He wants them:

<sup>18</sup> But as it is, God has placed and arranged the limbs and organs in the body, each [particular one] of them, just as He wished and saw fit and with the best adaptation.

At times, we may feel out of place in society, but as a believer in Jesus Christ, God has us right where He wants us. We have to, by faith, trust God on our position as we grow in our posture. Posture deals with our way of thinking, which has to be renewed to align with God’s purpose for our lives.

So during this season of Fall, if you feel low or out of place, remember your position in Christ based upon 1 Peter 2:9 ESV:

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.



Blessings,  
Rev. William A. Guy



## Communications



Fall is a great time of year to get outside and enjoy the colors of the trees and the fall items such as Fall Festivals in many different towns or areas. To see and taste items of fall is very good. Spiced items, apples, apple pies and many other tastes of fall. When we see and know of a happening that someone might enjoy, it is good to share the information with them.

Paul writes in Ephesians 4:29; *Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.*

As we talk with each other, I am asking for you to be praying for each other also. Sometimes, people always don't express their need for prayer, and we need to dig a little deeper to find their real need for prayer. This is a two-way street, in being in need or prayer and asking for prayer. It's always good to communicate with another and express the real need on your heart even if it is for another person.

In this matter, your Deacon maybe in contact with you asking about your needs or your family needs. We have most of our congregants on our Deacon Shepherding lists. Some are shut-ins and can't make it to church, some of whom have not come back to church since Covid started. They are still on our hearts and minds, even though we do not physically see them each week.

Your Deacon may be making phone calls to check up on you. If not please let me know, as I can tell you and/or the Deacon covering you to reach out and make you feel part of our congregation. If needed, we can make a personal visit with or without Rev. Guy at your convenience.

Also, if you have a need, please contact your Deacon. Please realize your Deacon cannot know your needs unless you tell them. Your Deacon can let Rev. Guy know, if you want or not.

As we get back into doing 'church', since the pandemic started, many normal everyday ministry items had to be sidetracked. It is time we get back to the basics and communicate with each other. This is a basic ministry item, and we are refocusing to communicate with each other.

*If you do not know who your Deacon is, please contact me and I will let you know.*

**Mike Metzger**

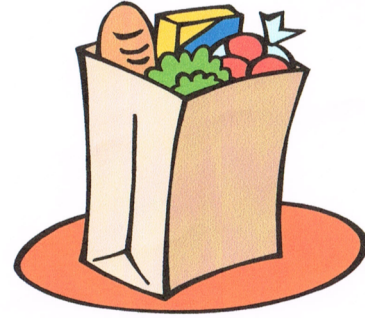




The Board of Missions would like to thank everyone who participated with prayers and donated supplies for back to school campaign for the boys and girls club. We collected a total 431 items and packages. Such as backpacks, notepaper, colored and regular pencils ,pens , composition and spiral notebooks, scissors erasers etc. plus 20 dollars.

Thank you so much again  
Terry Lentz

# Ministry of the 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](mailto:phil@fbcdover.org)

More information to follow

Thanks - Stewardship Planning Committee



## Mary Bonar Circle

Faye Yarbrough is a missionary  
to South Africa

Leader: Beryl Gerhard

October 3, 10:30,  
Fellowship Hall

## Ann Clemmer Circle

Ann is a missionary to Eastern  
Congo & South Sudan

Leader: Thelma Schaller

October 5, 1:00,  
Fellowship Hall



## Joyce Reed Circle

Joyce is a missionary to  
IberoAmerica and the Caribbean

Leader: Margaret Steinhoff

October 7, 10:00,  
Fellowship Hall

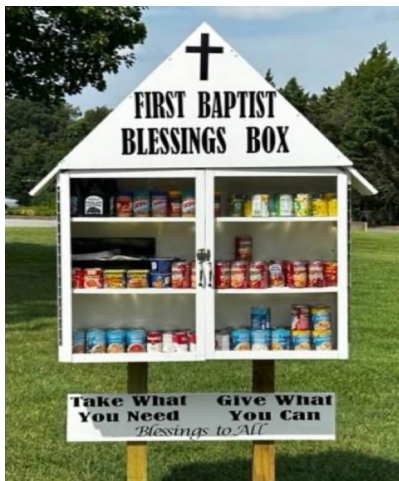




**Food  
Pantry**

## Missions Project

Earlier this year, the Missions Board was requested to help the poor more than just with the Food Pantry. It was noticed that “Blessings Boxes” have been seen in the area, to feed those in need of food. Several people have helped construct First Baptist’s version of our Blessings Box. Some of the people who have helped in this project are: Jerome Rogers, Chris Cotrell, Norman Clendaniel, Harry Anthony, Aaron King, Jen & Xander Moscrip & Mike Metzger. There may be a few I have left off this list, in case I did – I apologize.



Some of the food items are pop-top cans or dry food, like cereal, and plastic utensils. It can also hold other items for people like toothpaste, tooth brushes, and other toiletries. This box should only hold items that cannot be frozen (as it gets colder) and it will be located in the church’s front yard on the right side as you enter the property. It will be close to Walker Road, but far enough to follow the city regulations. Adelle & Ernie Aloï have agreed to oversee this project and to keep the Box supplied with the items mentioned.

Come and help our community:

Take what you need - Leave what you can.

Blessings to all!



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. More to come.



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 October 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at Longhorn Steakhouse for our next gathering.



# Birthdays

Gerri Lee	10/2
Catherine Wilcutts	10/2
Beryl Gerhard	10/9
Barbara McCarty	10/10
Dan Taylor	10/10
Michelle Rogers	10/11
Dorothy Kerr	10/12
Harry Anthony	10/12
Youjay McIntosh	10/13
Nathanael Guy	10/16
Keni Zheng	10/20
Don Lee	10/24
Gladys Hutchins	10/27
Debbie Geiser	10/29

# Anniversaries

Matthew and Sarah Yanez	10/09	2 years
Danny and Victoria Macklin	10/15	12 years
Cliff and Violet Cannon	10/22	68 years

## Christmas Card Project



Each year, a Christmas Card is designed by a member of our church, and it is sent out to everyone. If you are interested in submitting a cover design for consideration for this year's Church Christmas Card, please see Margaret Steinhoff. She will give you the requirement for size, etc. All entries will be considered and the Board of Missions will pick the card for this year. If we don't use your design this year, we may use it for a future card. Put your artistic juices to work. Use the gifts that God has given you to bless the people of our church. **Deadline for submission is November 5th.**

## Men's Shelter Meal October 11, 2023



The October meal contribution for the Dover Interfaith Mission shelter at Walt Bagley Hall is scheduled for October 11, 2023. Your help provides a meal for the approximately 30 men in need at the shelter.

Please look for a meal contribution sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center outside of the sanctuary on the last Sunday of September. Contributed meal items are delivered directly to the shelter, at 1155 Walker Road, Dover, between 4:00 and 5:00 PM on October 11, 2023.



**Join our Church  
Services  
Online**

YouTube.com at  
First Baptist Church of Dover DE



## WMO 2023: WHAT IS THE WORLD MISSION OFFERING

Through International Ministries' World Mission Offering (WMO), every fall thousands across the country celebrate and give financial support to ministries that God is using to transform the world.

For more than two hundred years, International Ministries has combined resilience, adaptability, and creative approaches to cross-cultural ministry with faithfulness to Scripture. We serve alongside our many local partners in ministry around the globe.

During the 2023 World Mission Offering, you can learn more about the work of Global Servants Aaron and Valerie Osterbrock as they train and mentor pastors through Sabah Theological Seminary in Malaysia. You can also see the impact of Global Servant Faye Yarbrough's ministry as she uses her math and science background to tutor children at Teleios Christian School in South Africa.

These stories offer a glimpse into what God is doing through International Ministries' 120+ global servants and 250+ international partners in 70 countries. As one pastor described his church's involvement in the WMO, "God allows us to participate in what he is doing, which blesses our church and inspires us to get involved in activities where we live and beyond."

Join with us, as we work cross-culturally to invite people to become disciples of Jesus Christ and to proclaim, through both word and deed, God's reign of justice, peace, and abundant life for all creation. Please give generously, as we receive the WMO each Sunday in October. Checks should be payable to First Baptist Church and marked WMO. Use the provided WMO envelope and place your gift in the offering or mail it to the church. Our missionaries thank you!!

Terry Lentz and Lois Glading,  
Board of Missions

# STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Your FBC Stewardship Committee has been meeting during the summer and into the fall 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 luncheon or mailed to your home.

Also, the committee is asking all ministries to send pictures, articles, notes of updates of the fine work you have been doing throughout the year. Several of you took pictures of past events such as VBS, church clean up day, Baptism, meal prep at the men’s shelter, church picnic and etc. At our luncheon we will be featuring our ministries to thank them and to encourage more participation.

A flier has been appearing in the church bulletin directing where such information can be sent to: [phil@fbcdover.org](mailto:phil@fbcdover.org)

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

Thank you,

Gerri Lee, Chairperson



*Here's What's  
Happening at  
our Church!*



**About the church or one of our  
programs? Stop by the Welcome  
Center 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)



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 October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship Time 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	2	3 10:30 Mary Bonar Circle (Fellowship Hall)	4 8:30 Community Bible Study  7:15 Prayer Call	5 1:00 Ann Clemmer (Cox Parlor)  7:00 Sanctuary Choir	6	7 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Fellowship Hall)
8 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship Time  11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	9 Columbus Day Holiday - Church Office Closed  	10  4:00 Deacons (Library)	11 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 11:30 XYZ (Longhorn SH) 2:30 Christian Ed (Library) 4:00 Dinner at DIMH Shelter 7:15 Prayer Call	12  7:00 Sanctuary Choir	13 November Newsletter Articles Due  	14 10:00 Missions (Library)
15 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship Time 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 12:15 Quarterly Business Meeting	16 1:00 Prayer Shawl (Fellowship Hall)	17	18 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  7:15 Prayer Call	19  7:00 Sanctuary Choir	20	21 9:00 Landscaping Workday
22 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship Time 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	23	24 2:20 Christian Education (Library)	25 8:30 Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  7:15 Prayer Call	26  7:00 Sanctuary Choir	27	28 4:00-7:00 Fall Festival and Chili Cookoff
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## 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.