



# The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

January 2024 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**

*Behold I will do a new thing*

ISAIAH 43:19

Isaiah 43:19 ESV, “<sup>19</sup> Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

What is God up to in your life? Do you perceive it? Does your new year’s resolution align with what you perceive God is doing?

During the month of December, I posed the following questions:

- What needs to happen in order for the things you hoped for to be fulfilled?
- What changes do you need to make?
- What do you need to let go of?
- What new things need to be embraced?

As you embrace the new year, continue to reflect upon the Word of God, what you sense in your heart from God and what things you hope to be fulfilled in your life.

Happy New Year!

Peace and Blessings,  
**Rev. William A. Guy**





## *"A Better Direction"*

I once read a story of a young college student who played defense on his football team. It was during a Tournament of Roses game and he recovered a fumble-turned and ran a sixty-five yard run in the wrong direction. His own teammates tackled him just before he scored a touchdown for the opposing team. The very next play his team went on to win the game.

Even though his intentions were good, I would imagine he was somewhat embarrassed and probably was jokingly reminded many times of the incident.

There may have been times when we have made quick decisions and head in another misguided direction and need support to get us on the better path. We can't change those situations but we can learn from them and know just as that student discovered there is help to guide us in a new direction.

As we think back to those awkward times, we can see God at work making a negative into a positive. We can always rely on Romans 8:38. "All things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose."

Chris Septer, Deacon



Annual reports need to be emailed to the secretary in a Word document no later than Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.



**January 28, 2024**  
**12:15 PM**





A special thanks go to Milda and Romeo Limson, Harry Anthony, Theresa Lentz, Margaret and Phil Steinhoff, and Norm Clendaniel for helping to decorate the sanctuary on November 30<sup>th</sup>. When you see them, please say thanks. I know they will appreciate that gesture. We did have lots of fellowship and fun that day knowing why we were decorating.

The next week the circles met to celebrate the Advent season. Several circles also collected their overland monies and sent it to a former circle member who had moved across the country and had no winter clothing. Hopefully, this donation will help her both physically and mentally as she's gone through lots of stress over the move.

The ABWM also met in December to begin plans for our annual Day of Renewal on February 3, 2024. We've entitled it "Strength and Courage." We plan to talk about women in the Bible who demonstrated those characteristics in their faith to God. The morning will start with a continental breakfast at 9:00 followed by a devotional. Then we'll have several breakout groups to discuss the women and do an easy craft. We'll end with our crockpots of soup and dessert. If anyone requires a sandwich, they may bring their own. ALL WOMEN in the church are invited to attend, not just ABWM circle members. Come enjoy some time with the women of our church and get to know some new faces.

Your sister in Christ,  
**Sue Moore**



**Mary Bonar Circle**  
Faye Yarbrough is a missionary  
to the South Africa  
Leader: Beryl Gerhard

January 2, 10:00 Fellowship Hall



**Joyce Reed Circle**  
Joyce is Global Coordinator of  
Spiritual Care  
Leader: Margaret Steinhoff

January 6, 10:00  
Church Library

### **Ann Clemmer Circle**

Ann is a missionary to Eastern  
Congo - Goma  
Leader: Thelma Schaller

January 4, 1:00  
Cox Parlor





**Mark Your Calendars**

***Women's Day of Renewal/Retreat***

# **Strong & Courageous**

Saturday, February 3, 2024

Davis Fellowship Hall

9:00 am - 1:00 p.m.

**Strong and Courageous Women of the Bible**

**Continental Breakfast**

**LUNCH**

**Craft**

**Songs & Readings**

**Fellowship**

***Look for the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center  
in January***

**All Women Are Welcome**



# Birthdays

Emmanuel Harris	1/1
Bill Myers	1/5
Milda Limson	1/6
Debbie Fausey	1/10
Judith Cowen	1/11
CeCe Cunningham	1/12
Dick Smith	1/19
Marivic Navarro	1/20
Christine Septer	1/27
Natalie Downing	1/29
Agnes Robinson	1/29

# Anniversaries

Irv and Nancy Culver	1/12	55 years
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We have another new Sunday School Class starting on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This class is dedicated to our tweens and teens, fourth grade and up. It will be from 9:30 to 10:30 every Sunday morning in the Synagogue Room. It will delve into God, Living for Jesus, and Loving Each Other. Jerome Rogers and Sue Moore will be teaching these concepts. We'll also have a short time each class period to learn some songs to share during the worship service.

Comfort Shawl  
Ministry



These ladies decided to celebrate the birth of Jesus by having a luncheon at their December meeting. We celebrated donating 50 prayer shawls to Kent General Hospital. Therefore, our inventory is a bit low just now but I'm sure we'll restock quickly. These ladies are very dedicated workers. You don't have to know how to crochet or knit to be a member of this group. If you can handle a needle and thread, that's all it takes to get started and join. It's also a great time for fellowship and sharing family stories.



Join our Church  
Services  
Online

YouTube.com at  
First Baptist Church of Dover DE



Wednesday, 7:15pm  
Telephone Prayer  
Meeting - To join

Call - **978-990-5083**  
**access code -**  
**676527**

# XYZ – 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month  
11:30am

January 10<sup>th</sup> – Longhorn Steak House, Dover

February 14<sup>th</sup> – Hollywood Diner, Dover

March 12<sup>th</sup> – Pizza Delight, Dover

April 10<sup>th</sup> – Ruby Tuesday's, Milford

May 8<sup>th</sup> – Outback Steakhouse, Dover

June 12<sup>th</sup> – Green Turtle, Dover

July 10<sup>th</sup> – Mission BBQ, Dover

August 14<sup>th</sup> – Smyrna Diner, Smyrna

September 11<sup>th</sup> – McGlynn's, Dover

October 9<sup>th</sup> – Restaurant 55, Camden

November 13<sup>th</sup> – Franko's, Camden

December 11<sup>th</sup> – The Palace, Milford

## Multi-Generational Women's Sunday School Class

The Book of James' strong emphasis on ethical living is a refreshing and concise instruction on how Christians can live an overcoming life in community with other Christians. Please join our Multi-Generational Women's class in the Church Library on the main floor beginning January 7<sup>th</sup> as we explore God's Word for living a victorious Christian Life. We welcome you as well as need you. Exploring the Word together increases our insight of God's Word exponentially! We look forward to discovering the wisdom in the Book of James with you.

Adelle Aloï, Leader



### Sanctuary Flowers

It is that time again when orders need to be placed for Sanctuary Flower for the coming year, 2023. The cost will be \$50.00 for two vases again. Certain flowers, such as roses, will cost more. The order forms are available at the Welcome Table. Dates are on a first come, first served basis, so reserve your date(s) as soon as possible. Every effort will be made to meet your requested date. Please PRINT the information on the form and fill it out completely. You will need to use a separate form for each date requested. If you have any questions, please see Margaret Steinhoff.

## Giving Tree



### (January – February 2024) Code Purple

Winter clothing like boots, coats, hats, hoodies, gloves, pants, scarves, sweatshirts, sweaters, and thermal sets to be given to the homeless through Code Purple located at  
**1207 E Division St, Dover, DE 19901**  
**near Maranatha Life Changing Church.**



*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 January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	2 10:00 Bonar Circle (Fellowship Hall)	3 8:30 Community Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	4 1:00 Ann Clemmer Circle (Cox Parlor) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	5	6 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Church Library)
7 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	8 10:00 Take down Chrismon Trees	9 4:00 Deacons (Library)	10 8:30 Community Bible Study 2:30 Christian Ed (Library) 7:15 Prayer Call	11 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	12	13 10:00 Missions (Conference Rm.)
14 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	15 <b>Church Office Closed</b> 1:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry (Fellowship Hall)	16 February Newsletter Articles Due 	17 8:30 Community Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	18 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	19	20 8:00 Clean Up Day
21 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	22	23	24 8:30 Community Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	25 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	26	27
28 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 12:15 Annual Business Mtg.	29	30	31 8:30 Community Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call		<b>Jan. 10</b> 11:30 XYZ (Longhorn Steak House) 4:00 DMIH Dinner	<b>Jan 10 Annual Reports Due</b>

## 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.