



The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

February 2024 Newsletter

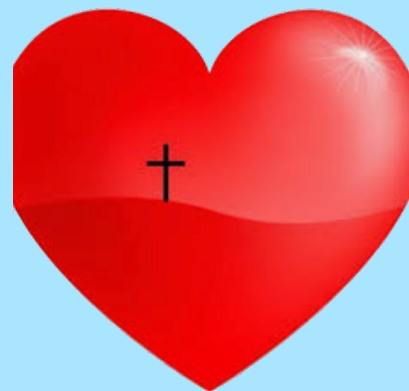


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First Baptist Church website at
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**The First Baptist Church
of Dover**
will gather in
the sanctuary
for worship
on Sunday,
at 11 AM.



Church Office Hours
Monday 8:00 - 2:00
Tuesday - Friday 9:00 - 3:00



"I know the plans I have for you..."

I wish to thank all of our family here at FBC Dover. We all have been busy since joining this church. It has been a wonderful adventure here and praise God for all he has done at FBC. Many changes have taken place since we joined, both very good and some struggles. This was a learning experience and somewhat eye-opening challenge.

As I write my last Deacons Bench article, I tend to remember all the good we (all) have done here and look forward, with even more anticipation, to the future of our church home. We are on a precipice of new adventures in His kingdom works. We need to look at today's church. There are many variations with many different songs and many different styles. But, we also know that there is only one main thing we need to focus on – Jesus.

As a farmer, we would plow the fields every spring. When making the first cut in a field, it was the most important, for every one thereafter would follow in that same trench. If that first row was crooked, every row after that would be also. But, in order to keep that first row straight and true, you had to focus on a spot at the opposite end of the field. So, you keep

your focus on that spot, make it a target. The minute you looked back, the straight row went crooked. But, when you would refocus on the spot, you would go straight again. So, such is our Christian life. When we keep our eye on Jesus and the Way, his Way, our life continues to go straight every day. Will there be bumps along the way, for sure for no row is completely straight. But, when we refocus our sight on the Way, we are as straight as an arrow.

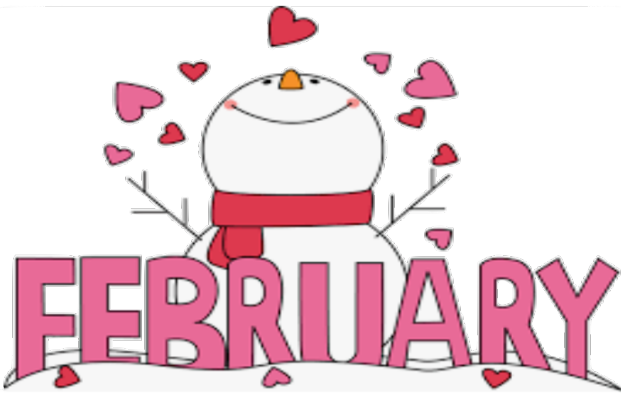
As we all turn a new leaf in 2024, be sure that you keep your eye on the prize, the true prize for us all. When you take your eye off the ball, and lose your focus, you tend to sway one way and another. So, pledge to keep your focus this year on Jesus, for it is the most important thing in your life. And tell others of your joy, for your testimony is something they can't argue with and you will make an impression on each person you meet.

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.¹³ You will seek me and find me when you *seek me with all your heart*.¹⁴ I will be found by you," declares the Lord

Mike Metzger





It was so sad to take the Christmas decorations down. But there were lots of blessings! We had a large group of helping hands to take them down. We appreciated all the help! Thank you so much!

All the circles were delighted to receive news from their individual missionaries. They are all doing well. Of course, money is always helpful. Speaking of money, at our retreat on February 3rd, we'll be kicking off our Easter Egg yearly fund raiser. Order forms will be available on February 4th at the Welcome Center.

All the proceeds will go to our regional project to help feed and clothe the homeless children in Africa near Ann and Bill Clemmer.

The retreat on February 3rd will feature two speakers, Lorraine Leavel and Mary Emma Tisinger. Lorraine will speak about women from the new testament and Mary Emma will talk about the old testament strong and courageous women. A continental breakfast will start the day off at 9:00am. We'll conclude with lunch from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH ARE INVITED!!!

Your sister in Christ,

Sue Moore



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

February 6, 10:30

Ann Clemmer Circle

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

February 1, 1:00
Cox Parlor



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

No meeting this month



**Men's Shelter Meal
Wednesday,
February 14, 2024**



Our next scheduled meal contribution is Wednesday, February 14, 2024. Your help provides a meal for the 40 men in need at the shelter.

The meal contribution sign-up sheet is located at the Welcome Center. Please deliver your contributed food item directly to the shelter at 1155 Walker Road, Dover, between 4:00pm and 5:00pm on Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

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

thank
you

I was dumbfounded by your awesome birthday tribute on the 31st. It was completely humbling. Although I miss Dover and particularly all of you at FBC, I recognize that the move was a very wise choice.

**With love and prayers,
Emily Saunderson**

Dear 1st Baptist Friends:

Thank you for blessing and encouraging me and Willie with your prayers and cards during my recent hospitalization and illness. Wrapped in my prayer shawl, I felt so many prayers and God's healing power. Willie is strong again, I am still on the mend but improving daily. I miss you all, however, I am so blessed to be able to listen to 1st Baptist Sunday worship on YouTube each Sunday evening! The services are so uplifting — the video quality is great- and I look forward to this each Sunday evening. I lift up your church's needs as you seek a full time minister—God is preparing.

God Bless, Glenda Case

**Comfort Shawl
Ministry**



The next meeting will be February 19th and we will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00.

These faithful ladies continue to knit, crochet, and sew prayer shawls to give our infirmed members and friends some warmth with prayer. If you're free the third Monday of each month at 1:00, please join us as we share fellowship and stitches for those who need a bit of comfort.



**Join our Church
Services
Online**

**YouTube.com at
First Baptist Church of Dover DE**



**Wednesday, 7:00pm
Telephone Prayer
Meeting - To join**

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

Anniversaries and Birthdays

February 2024



Anniversary

Robert and Maria Peterson (51) February 5

Birthday

Wilfred Clark, Jr.	February 5
Jeff Twilley	February 5
Jo Rolison	February 7
Rebecca Taylor	February 7
Thelma Schaller	February 9
Willis Case	February 9
Kathy Corazza	February 9
Millie Melvin	February 11
Xerez Navarro	February 14
Ray Murphy	February 16
Victoria Macklin	February 18
Edward Gilman	February 27
Geoff Eaton	February 28

Blessings Box



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Blessings Box. Your items are very useful and appreciated. We especially need individual serving items such as canned soup, snack bars, apple sauce or fruit cups, pudding cups, oatmeal, shelf milk, cereal. Please mark them for Blessings Box and leave them near the food pantry. We also find Raman Noodles and macaroni and cheese and small tuna cans useful.

Thank you!
Adelle Aloj

Giving Tree



(January – February 2024)

Winter clothing items for the homeless through
Code Purple.

Gloves, Scarves, Hats, Sweatshirts, Sweaters,
Hoodies, Sweat Pants,
Socks, Boots, Vest.



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



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 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 February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1:00 Ann Clemmer Circle (Cox Parlor)	2	3 9:00 ABWM Day of Renewal Retreat (Fellowship Hall)
4 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	5	6 10:30 Bonar Circle (Fellowship Hall)	7 8:30 Community Bible Study 4:00 Deacon's 7:15 Prayer Call	8 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	9	10 8:45 CBS 10:00 Missions (Comference Rm)
11 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	12	13	14 8:30 Community Bible Study 11:30 XYZ (Hollywood Diner) 4:00 DIMH Dinner 7:15 Prayer Call	15 March Newsletter Articles Due  7:00 Sanctuary Choir	16	17
18 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	19 Church Office Closed 1:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry (Fellowship Hall)	20	21 8:30 Community Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	22 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	23	24 9:00 Coordinating Committee
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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.

Annual Business Meeting Results

The following are the results of the organizational meetings of the 2024 Boards & Committees:

Boards:

Christian Ed – Iris Caban – Chairperson

Michelle Rogers - Secretary

Meeting – TBD

Deacons – Jerome Rogers – Chairperson

Sue Moore – Secretary

Meeting – 1st Wednesday of the month at 4:00 pm

Missions – Lois Glading – Chairperson

June Katz – Secretary

Meeting – 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:00 am

Trustees - Chris Cottrell – Chairperson

Harry Anthony – Secretary

Meeting – Sundays at 12:30 pm as needed

Committees:

Constitution – Veronica Manno – Chairperson

Joyce Buckley – Secretary

Meeting – as needed

Nominating – Joyce Buckley – Chairperson

Milda Limson – Secretary

Meeting – Start in September

Stewardship – Gerri Lee – Chairperson

Secretary – as needed at meetings

Meetings – Start in July, day TBD at 10:00 am