



The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

April 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



“Renewal”

Snow is melting. Temperatures are rising. Colors are replacing browns and grays. There's only one explanation:

It must be Spring!

For believers, spring is a reminder that God is all about making things new. In fact, Jesus promised to make everything new one day (Revelation 21: 5) He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Spring is a time for growth. In nature, that comes from the right combination of sunlight and water. For our spiritual lives, it comes from the right combination of time with God in His word and time with other Christians in fellowship.

Psalm 1:3 “That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither- whatever they do prospers.:

You are never too old to learn a little more about God and his goodness. Just like rain provides nourishment to the plants, His word reaches into our hearts and shows us things we never would have imagined.

A great opportunity to do this would be to join a Sunday School class! How exciting that we now have two adult classes taught by Mike Metzger and a ladies class taught by Adelle Aloï! Plus, a children's class ages 10-14 years old being taught by Sue Moore and Jerome Rogers in the Synagogue off the Fellowship Hall. Kids Konnection continues to thrive during the worship service! This is for children ages 3-3rd grade

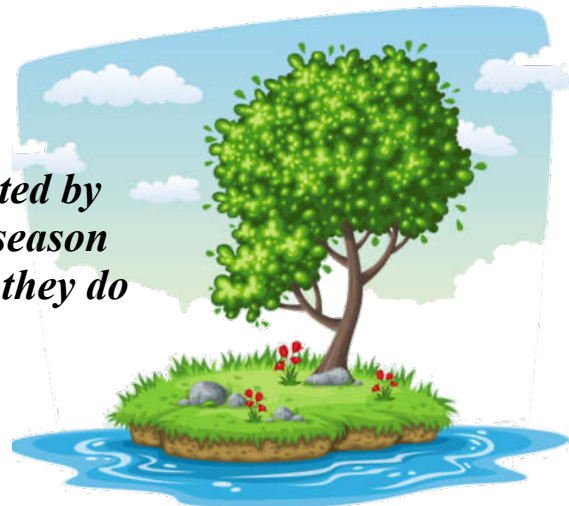
All are welcome! Exciting times here at First Baptist! God is good! All the time!

“RENEWAL”

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”
Psalm 51:10

Happy Spring family!!

Deb Metzger





Happy Spring –

Well, we are all “Egged out.” Thank you to all they ladies who came out to help with the egg making. We made A LOT of eggs! You will be given a better breakdown next month.

The ABWM Board has a meeting on Monday, April 22 @ 10am in the Conference Room outside the Pastor’s Office. We will be discussing the May Luncheon/Installation at that time. Just a reminder: Mark your calendars for this event on Saturday, May 25th at 1pm. Details as to location will be available at your May Circle Meeting and in the May Newsletter.

Hoping you had a Blessed Easter.

Your sister in Christ –

Margaret Steinhoff (for Sue Moore, President of ABWM of FBC)



Mary Bonar Circle

Faye Yarbrough is a missionary to the South Africa

Leader: Beryl Gerhard

April 2, 10:00

Jo Rolison’s home



Joyce Reed Circle

Joyce is Global Coordinator of Spiritual Care

Leader: Margaret Steinhoff

April 6, 10:00 ~ Fellowship Hall

Ann Clemmer Circle

Ann is a missionary to Eastern Congo - Goma

Leader: Thelma Schaller

April 4, 1:00 ~ Cox Parlor





Birthdays

Ruby Alaam	4/2
Violet Cannon	4/5
Robert Peterson	4/5
Donna Hutchins	4/8
William Guy	4/9
James Brown	4/10
Maria Peterson	4/13
Mickie Hooks	4/16
Iris Caban	4/20
Bill Fausey	4/21
Steve Gedney	4/22
Nancy Culver	4/23
Doris Parks	4/23
Veronica Manno	4/26
Patricia Ward	4/27
Margaret Steinhoff	4/28
Faith King	4/29
Tyler McCarty	4/30

Anniversaries

Fred and Kathy Corazza	44 yrs	4/26
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Comfort Shawl Ministry



The next meeting will be April 22 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
or Facebook.com (in search) First Baptist Church of Dover Delaware



Board of Christian Education Meeting
April 17, 2024, 2:30 PM



Make A Difference Day Project



For many years First Baptist has served our community with a “Make a Difference Day” project. In the past we have built wheelchair ramps for those in need, but this year the Board of Missions has decided the Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing (DIMH) will be the recipient of our efforts. DIMH is in the process of opening a **Shelter for Homeless Women and Children on Walker Road, Dover**. It is located across the street from Walt Bagley Hall, the men’s shelter where we provide the evening meal on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

The plan is for the Women’s Shelter to open in April. The Board will provide funds to DIMH to purchase highchairs. However, they are in need of additional things and here’s where you can help. They need:

Kitchen items, such as real dishes (not paper)



Baby/toddler dishes and utensils

Blankets (new) for single beds



Could you donate one or more of these new items? If so, please place them in the designated box in the narthex by **April 7**. THANK YOU for helping us to reach out to our neighbors down the street who are in need!



SANCTUARY FLOWERS



The following dates are open on the calendar for Sanctuary Flowers. The cost for the two vases is \$50.00. The forms are available at the Welcome Table. There is also a box to place your completed forms. You will be contacted if the date you request is already taken. Every effort will be made to give you the date requested. Please complete a separate sheet for each date requested. If you have any questions, contact Margaret Steinhoff at 302-228-9301. Your gift of flowers is a contribution to the church and is greatly needed and appreciated. FYI: Some flowers are more expensive (i.e. roses).

April 7	April 21	May 5	May 12	June 9
June 16	June 30	August 4	September 1	October 6
October 20	November 3	November 17	November 24	December 8
December 29				



"Grace upon Grace". We are blessed each morning by God's faithfulness and many blessings. It's not too late to give to the America For Christ offering which benefits American Baptist mission endeavors in the United States and Puerto Rico. As of March 17, we have received \$2,198.00 THANK YOU for your caring gifts!

Lois Glading

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@fbcdover.org

Men's Shelter Meal Wednesday, April 10, 2024



The April meal contribution for the Dover Interfaith Mission Shelter at Bagley Hall is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2024. Your help provides a meal for the approximately 40 men in need at the shelter.

Please look for the meal contribution sign-up sheet at the church Welcome Center at the end of March/beginning of April. Please deliver your contributed food item directly to the shelter at 1155 Walker Road, Dover, between 4:00pm and 5:00pm on Wednesday, April 10, 2024.

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



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, fbcdover.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 April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10:00 Bonar Circle (Jo Rolison's home)	3 4:00 Deacons 7:15 Prayer Call	4 1:00 Clemmer Circle (Cox Parlor) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	5	6 10:00 Reed Circle (Fellowship Hall)
7 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	8	9	10 08:30 Community Bible Study (CBS) 11:30 XYZ (Ruby Tuesday's, Milford) 4:00 DIMH Dinner 7:15 Prayer Call	11 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	12	13 10:00 Missons (Conference Rm.)
14 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	15 May Newsletter Articles Due 	16	17 08:30 Community Bible Study (CBS) 2:30 Christian Ed (Library) 7:15 Prayer Call	18 7:00 Sanctary Choir	19	20
21 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 12:15 Quarterly Business Meeting	22 10:00 ABWM Board Mtg. (Conference Rm) 1:00 Prayer Shawl Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	23	24 08:30 Community Bible (CBS) 7:15 Prayer Call	25 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	26	27
28 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 12:30 Luncheon for Board Members & Spouses	29	30				

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.