



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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May 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



"The Master Gardener"

What a glorious time of the year. The joy of the resurrection is vividly all around us. Our eyes are treated to an array of beauty in the way of brilliant colors-sweet smells of blossoms and birds singing and chirping as they too seem to be enjoying this miracle of life. Small colorless buds begin to emerge into beautiful robust colors that seem to make our eyes pop and prompting us to thank our God for His creation. Only God can make something so beautiful.

May we take time to fill our souls with this act of rebirth and give Him praise-He is the Master Gardener.



For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies;
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies;
Christ our God,
To thee we raise
This our voice of grateful praise.

Chris Septer
Deacon



SEARCH COMMITTEE Update

Presently, we have reached out to several Seminaries to post the job opening for a fulltime pastor at FBC. We are waiting for responses now. We are also working with Phil Steinhoff to put the posting and our profile on our website. That should be completed, hopefully, by the end of April. We also had to change our Advisory Team as the Pastoral Relations committee did not feel they could reveal anything discussed at their meetings. We are in the process of that change now.

May God's many blessings

Be yours forever more

And may you know you're valued

And loved by the Lord

Especially on this day

That we have set aside

To show our appreciation

To the Mothers in our lives



Happy Mother's Day

May 12th



Happy May!!

WE DID IT!!!! We surpassed last year's donation to the regional project. Congratulations to all who bought eggs, sold eggs, helped make the eggs, and/or made a donation to our project. We have raised almost \$2100 for the Clemmer's to feed the homeless children in Goma. If you still want to donate to this very worthy cause, it's not too late. You can still give your donation to Sue Moore until May 15th. Just make sure to have your check say ABWM of FBC and mark the memo section as a donation to ABWM regional project.

Sue Moore



Mary Bonar Circle

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

May 7, 11:30 ~ Mike & Mel's Restaurant



Joyce Reed Circle

Joyce is a missionary to IberoAmerica and the Caribbean
Leader: Margaret Steinhoff

May 4th, 11:30 ~ Mike & Mel's Restaurant

Ann Clemmer Circle

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

May 2nd, 1:00 ~ Olive Garden Restaurant



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



For most of us, the first person with which we bonded was our mother. She was our caregiver, cook, healer, comforter, encourager, teacher, chauffeur, psychologist, plus many other professions. But most of all, she loved us in her own unique way. She learned from her mother and from the available media of the time like television, magazines, and friends. Today's mother has so much more available information on motherhood through the internet. One source we all had but did not use frequently was the Bible. We have wonderful examples of dedicated mothers in the Bible that we'll examine here.

The first mother mentioned in the Bible was Eve. Genesis provides some insight into her life. She had no mother to mentor her as she raised her children. Adam named her Eve which meant "the mother of all living."

Another mother who faced many challenges was Sarah, which means "mother of nations." She was married to Abram and deemed barren. In order for him to have an heir, she encouraged her servant to bear the son she could not. However, jealousy interfered with her relationship with Hagar. God had promised Abram many descendants, but Sarah did not believe Him. She finally gave birth to Isaac. Her story can also be found in Genesis.

Later we read about Mose's mother, Jochebed. Her trust in the Lord was whole as she gave up her son to save his life. What a wonderful example of a mother's love. Thankfully, the Lord rewarded her by having her and her daughter be able to serve as a caregiver for the Princess's "son."

God also provided a son to Hannah. Her prayers were answered by God. She promised to give her son, Samuel, back to God to serve Him if He would give her a child. She followed through with her son.

Of course, we remember the story of Elizabeth who, like Sarah, had her son late in her life as a reward for following God and His commandments. John was raised in the church and was able to baptize his cousin, Jesus.

We have to mention Mary, the Virgin, mother of Jesus. Imagine being engaged to be married and finding out she was chosen by God to have His son! Her faith allowed her to raise His child with love and faith. She also was strong through His death, resurrection, and ascension to Heaven in order to fulfill the prophecies in the Bible.

There were many other mothers mentioned in the Bible who followed God. There were others of them not as faithful to God as the women mentioned here. When we get discouraged, exhausted, and disheartened with our children, we need to turn to the Bible and read about the mothers who faced many more challenges raising their children than we have. We need to remember God who will help us in those times. Prayer and faith in Him will see us through those times. We are not alone in this important task of raising our young ones.

K. Sue Moore



Birthdays

Clifton Cannon	5/3
Wasana Sudler	5/3
Gloria Smith	5/4
Salvatore Manno	5/8
Paul Smart	5/15
Terry Lentz	5/16
Gene Schaller	5/20
Geneva Clark	5/21
Mable Morrison	5/21
Joyce Buckley	5/22
Tammy Myers	5/24
Mark Moore, Sr.	5/31



Anniversaries

Romeo and Milda Limson	56 yrs.	5/1
Mark and Beth Moore	14 yrs.	5/1
Clement and Bethel Chang	54 yrs.	5/9
Jerome and Michelle Rogers	17 yrs.	5/19
Jim and Dorothy Kerr	65 yrs.	5/23
Percy and Marivic Navarro	38 yrs.	5/24
Walt and Kathy Becker	39 yrs.	5/25
Brian and CeCe Cunningham	8 yrs.	5/27
Gilbert and Gladys Hutchins	75 yrs.	5/29



**Join our Church
Services
Online**

YouTube.com at
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Sanctuary Flowers

If you are interested in placing flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of someone, these are open dates at this time. They will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Forms are available at the Welcome Table. The cost is \$50 for two vases. If you have questions, contact Margaret Steinhoff.

Comfort Shawl Ministry



Our ladies have been hard at work this year making our shawls. This month will be our last meeting until September. For the May 20th meeting, we'll be meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Please let Sue Moore know if you can attend.

Please continue to call Sue or Vicky if you need to get a shawl for someone. They are stored at the church to be available for easy pickup.



Men's Shelter Meal

Wednesday, May 8, 2024



Men's Shelter Meal:

The May meal contribution for the Dover Interfaith Mission Shelter at Bagley Hall is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, 2024. Your help provides a meal for the approximately 40 men in need at the shelter.

Please look for a meal contribution sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center in the Narthex at the end of April/beginning of May. Please deliver your contributions directly to the shelter at 1155 Walker Road, Dover, between 4:00pm and 5:00pm on Wednesday, May 8, 2024.

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



THANK YOU to all who participated in the America For Christ offering which benefits American Baptist Home Mission projects in the United States and Puerto Rico. The final amount received from FBC totaled \$2,821.00.-----Board of Missions

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



**Wednesday Night
Prayer Call
Phone Number**

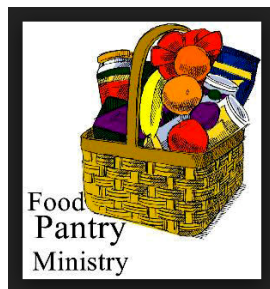
1-351-888-7208



**About the church or one of our
programs? Stop by the Welcome
Center for the answers.**

Stuff the Pantry @ First Baptist

Grocery bags are located just outside the sanctuary and include suggested items needed to stock the FBC Food Pantry. Return the bag the next Sunday and place it under the Food Pantry sign in the narthex. This is a mission outreach for our needy residents in the community.



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



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.





Need a little extra help in monitoring your blood pressure? Contact the church office for more information about having your pressure checked by one of the FBC nurses.

This activity is sponsored by the American Baptist Women's Ministries.



Here's what's happening in May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:30 Community Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	2 1:00 Ann Clemmer Circle (Olive Garden) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	3 9:00-3:00 Community Bible Study	4 11:30 Reed Circle (Mike & Mel's Restaurant)
5 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konection	6	7 9:30 Community Bible Study 11:30 Bonar Circle (Mel & Mike's)	8 8:30 Community Bible Study 11:30 XYZ (Outback Steakhouse, Dover) 4:00 DIMH Dinner 7:15 Prayer Call	9 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	10	11 10:00 Missions (Library)
12 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konection	13 June Newsletter Articles Due 	14	15 4:00 Deacon's 7:15 Prayer Call	16 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	17	18 9:00 Coordinating Committee
19 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konection	20 1:00 Prayer Shawl (Fellowship Hall)	21	22 7:15 Prayer Call	23 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	24	25 1:00 ABWM Installation of Officers
26 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konection 12:30 Luncheon-Anniversary Dinner-Hutchins	27 Church Office Closed Memorial Day 	28	29 7:15 Prayer Call	30 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	31	
<div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <p>Scheduled activities subject to changes. Check with the Church Office for final dates and times.</p> </div>						

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.