



The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

June 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 Doctrine of the Trinity”

Percy Navarro

I. Can you find the word “Trinity” in the Bible?

- If it's not in the Bible, do you believe in Trinity?
- Some professing Christians don't believe in “Trinity” because it's not in the Bible.

II. Origin of the “Doctrine of Trinity”:

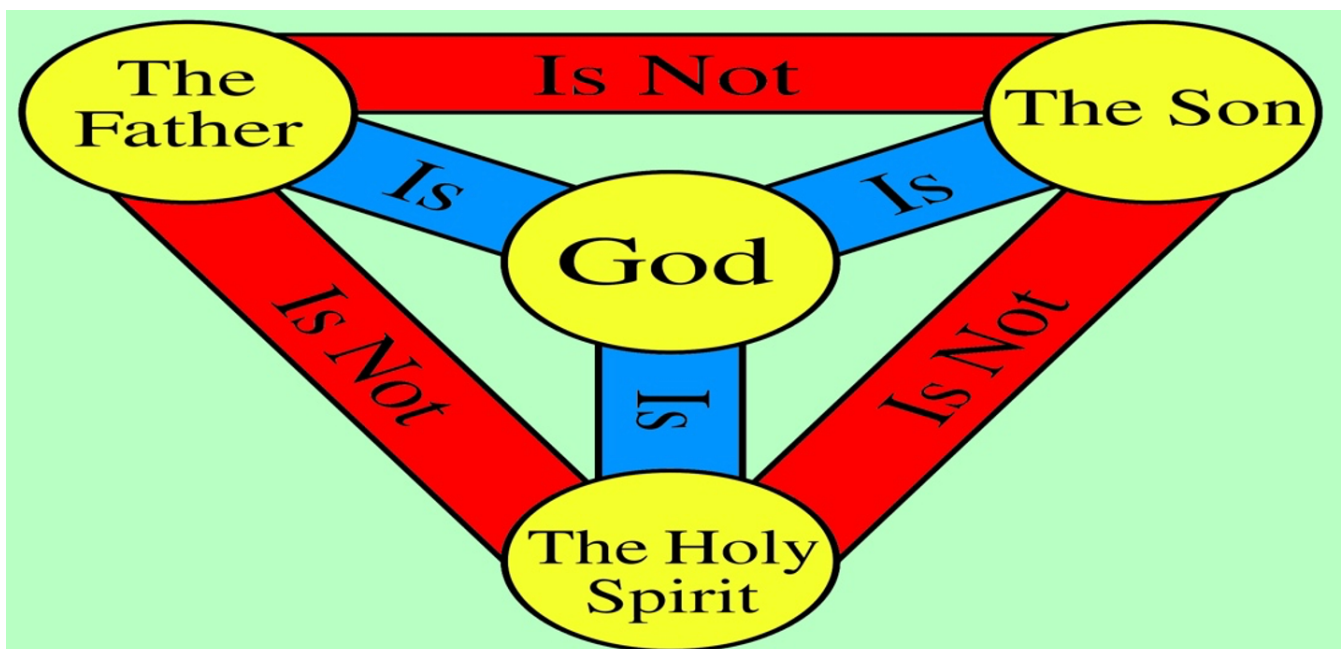
- About 300 years after Jesus' death, the nature of Jesus Christ and His relationship to the Father became an issue. Was Jesus 'begotten' by the Father from his own being (John 3:16), and therefore having no beginning, or else created out of nothing, and therefore having a beginning.
- Two opposing views:
- Arius, a priest from Alexandria, Egypt, taught that Christ, because He was the Son of God, must have had a beginning and therefore was a special creation of God. Further, if Jesus was the Son, the Father of necessity must be older. Son has a beginning
- St. Alexander and Athanasius from Alexandria believed that the Father and the Son were one but at the same time distinct from each other... Son has no beginning.
- 325 AD/CE, *First Council of Nicaea*, convened by Roman Emperor, Constantine, the council decided against the Arians overwhelmingly (of the estimated 250–318 attendees, all but two agreed).
- 342-343 AD, The ongoing disagreements were at times violent and bloody. Of the aftermath of the Council of Nicaea, noted historian Will Durant writes, “Probably more Christians were slaughtered by Christians in these two years (342-3) than by all the persecutions of Christians by pagans in the history of Rome” (*The Story of Civilization, Vol. 4: The Age of Faith*, 1950, p. 8). Atrociously, while claiming to be Christian many believers fought and slaughtered one another over their differing views of God!
- Question about the nature of the Holy Spirit:
- Council of Nicaea said simply, “We believe in the Holy Spirit.” “People were confused about the Holy Spirit. Was it simply a synonym for God or was it something more?”
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381 AD/CE: 44 years after Constantine's death, Emperor Theodosius the Great convened the Council of Constantinople (today Istanbul, Turkey) to resolve these disputes. The teaching of the three Cappadocian theologians "made it possible for the Council of Constantinople (381) to affirm the divinity of the Holy Spirit, which up to that point *had nowhere been clearly stated, not even in Scripture*" "

- The council adopted a statement that translates into English as, in part: "We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages . . . And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets . . ." The statement also affirmed belief "in one holy, catholic [meaning in this context universal, whole or complete] and apostolic Church . . ." With this declaration in 381, which would become known as the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, the Trinity as generally understood today became the official belief and teaching concerning the nature of God.

The Christian doctrine of Trinity (Latin: Trinitas, lit. 'triad', from trinus, "threefold") holds that God is three consubstantial (of the same substance or essence) persons – the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit – as "one God in three Divine Persons".

- This is the God who created the universe, the god who formed us. These three Divine Persons are mentioned in both Old Testament and New Testament.





Dear Circle Sisters,

We've set a difficult goal for our regional project for next year. We have to beat the \$2200.00 we made this year! Wonderful work ladies. Knowing the Clemmers as we do, they'll be able to feed many mouths for many days with that amount. Please continue to pray for them and the street children in Goma.

All the Circles have met for their last individual group meetings. By the time you receive this notice, we'll have had our installation of officers and final group meeting. On June 17th, we'll have our final Board meeting for the 23-24 year in which we will plan for our 24-25 year.

We wish everyone a safe and refreshing summer. Those ladies that do not belong to a circle, please consider attending a few in the fall to see what we do. They are a very fulfilling time to gather together as women of faith. We have a Bible program each meeting with prayer and fellowship. Of course, you'll also learn about our missions and gain the support from the other ladies in your circle. We'll be putting up a signup sheet sometime in August with the Circle names and meeting times. Signing up doesn't mean a life commitment, just a time to see what we're like. It may become a life commitment once you have attended.

Hope to see you in the fall!

Blessings,

Sue Moore



Mary Bonar Circle

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



Joyce Reed Circle

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

Ann Clemmer Circle

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



**No Meetings
until
September**





Items Donated for the DIMH Women's Shelter

4 sets of dishes, 4 place settings each
Multiple mugs/cups, glasses, and other dishes
4 sets toddler dishes and plasticware
Assorted toddler cups
8 dishtowels/ potholders
George Forman Grill
Brownie Pan set
9 x 13 cake pan
7 piece Chef knife set
1 Bath Towel set
2 sets silverware, 20 pieces each
28 twin size blankets/throws
Pampers, toddler size
\$200.00 to DIMH to purchase highchairs

THANK YOU to each person who contributed.
It was much appreciated!
Board of Missions



XYZ

Extra Years of Zest



XYZ will be meeting on June 12th at Green Turtle Restaurant, 2461 S State St, Dover, DE 19901. Please note the time change: it is 11:30 noon. If you plan on attending, the sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Table. We have a lot of fun. Remember XYZ stands for Extra Years of Zest. Looking forward to having you join us.



Wednesday Night
Prayer Call
Phone Number

1-978.990.5083
Access code - 676527#

Men's Shelter Meal Wednesday, June 12, 2024



The June meal contribution for the Dover Interfaith Mission Shelter at Bagley Hall is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 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 table in the church foyer at the end of May/ beginning of June. Please deliver your contributions directly to the shelter, at 1155 Walker Road, Dover, between 4:00pm and 5:00pm on Wednesday, June 12, 2024.

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

Milford Community Band

Stage, Screen, and Television

A Spring Concert

FREE Concert

Donations Welcome and Appreciated

Sunday, June 9, 2024

MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL

1019 N Walnut Street, Milford, DE

3:00 P.M.

Saturday, June 22, 2024

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

301 Walker Road, Dover, DE

3:00 P.M.

www.MilfordCommunityBand.org



Delaware
Division of the
Arts

This organization is supported, in part, by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts. The Division promotes Delaware arts events on www.DelawareScene.com.



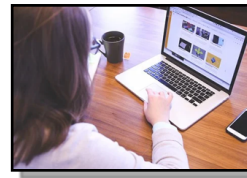
Birthdays

Abigail Eaton	6/3
Daniel Maina	6/8
Oscar Dennis	6/8
Irene Roberts-Gulley	6/12
Carolyn McIlnay	6/13
Xavier Navarro	6/15
D. Jean Adkins	6/16
Adelle Aloï	6/18
Walt Becker	6/18
Jessica Gedney	6/18
Corina Harris	6/18
Randy Chang	6/19
B. Yvonne McFarland	6/19
Austin Kemp	6/20
Barbara Rapp	6/21
Lois Glading	6/22
June Katz	6/23
Rev. Judy Daniels	6/26

God Bless you on your Birthday

Anniversaries

Feng Zhao and Yulan Zhan	6/06	33 yrs
Robert and Suzanne Porter	6/10	46 yrs
Harrison and Hannah Peoples	6/11	2 yrs
Bill and Tammy Myers	6/18	35 yrs
Kenneth and Marsha Kemp	6/19	25 yrs



**Join our Church
Services
Online**

YouTube.com at
First Baptist Church of Dover DE



SEARCH COMMITTEE Update

We have received several new applications for our Senior Pastor position. We are in the process of reviewing them and trying to set up times for a Zoom meeting with each one.



We are in the process of updating the church directory. In order to do this, we need your help. Please stop by the Welcome Table to see if the address, phone, anniversary, and birthday information we have for you is correct. If not, please fill out one of the sheets provided with the correct information.

If you are not in the directory and would like to be included, please stop by the Welcome Center to fill out an information sheet.

One Great HOUR OF SHARING



On Easter Sunday in 1949, on nation-wide radio, Christians were challenged to donate one million dollars in one hour to help people devastated by the aftermath of World War II. The 33rd U.S. President, Harry S. Truman, addressed the country. This included “There are thousands of children in foreign lands today who have no memory of their parents, no knowledge of the meaning of the words “home” and “family” and who have forgotten what it feels like to have enough to eat. There are hopeless thousands who wander among shattered towns seeking a place to rest, seeking security and a chance to begin their lives anew. There are many who pray to God only in secret, fearing persecution if they profess their beliefs openly.”

The broadcast concluded by asking Americans to give generously the next morning in their churches as more than 75,000 churches responded.

In 1973, American Baptists formally joined the movement that had been carried forward by several Protestant denominations. Giving to OGHS was \$82,045 in 1973. Over the decades since, American Baptists have increased their support for the offering and in doing so have been sharing the light in all corners of the world.

In Eugene Peterson’s paraphrase of Matthew 5:13-16, we understand the clear commission to show up brightly in the world and be generous with our lives. That is the invitation extended in their year’s theme, “Share the Light”. The scriptures tell us that huge crowds were gathering, drawn to Jesus by his teachings and the miracles of healing he performed. So Jesus climbed a hill and delivered his “sermon on the mount” to an audience captivated by his message and ways. He offered them blessings, affirming them in ways probably no one had before.

Then he described a life of discipleship characterized by prayer, humility, love of one’s enemies and a steady practice of being “salt and light”, sharing the goodness of God.

One Great Hour of Sharing is a beautiful opportunity to do just that. When we participate in this sharing, we become a prism of light scattering blessing in places that desperately need it.

Your gift, payable to First Baptist Church and marked for OGHS, may be placed in the offering throughout June.

Thank you for Sharing the Light.

Beryl Gerhard
Missions

Here's What's Happening at our Church!



Prayer Time Call
Wednesday ~ 7:15 pm

1-987.990.5083
Access code - 676527#



**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



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 June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	3	4	5 7:15 Prayer Call	6 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	7	8 10:00 Missions (Conference Room)
9 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	10 5:30 VBS Meeting & Dinner	11	12 11:30 XYZ Green Turtle 4:00 DIMH 7:15 Prayer Call	13 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	14 July & August Newsletter Articles Due 	15 9:00 Coordinating Committee (Library)
16 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 	17 10:00 ABWM Board Meeting (Conference Room)	18	19 4:00 Deacons Meeting (Library) 7:15 Prayer Call	20 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	21	22 3:00 Milford Community Band Concert
23 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	24	25	26 7:15 Prayer Call	27 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	28	29
30 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship		<div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <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.