

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOVER, DE

Rev. William A. Guy

July 7, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *The King of Love My Shepard Is* ~ E. Englert

Time of Prayer

***Call to Worship** Based on Psalm 103:20-22

Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!

Bless the Lord, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!

Bless the Lord, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

***Opening Hymn** *How Great Thou Art* FBC Praise Team

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Offertory on "Pisgah"* ~ S. Scott

***Doxology** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #7

***Offertory Prayer**

Special Music *Goodness of God* by Jenn Johnson
Vocal Soloist - CeCe Cunningham

Kid's Konnection Children, ages 3 through grade 3
may leave for Kid's Konnection at this time.

Sermon Tale of Two Kings
I Samuel 18:1-16
Pastor Brian C. Cunningham

An Invitation

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO FOLLOW JESUS?
OR DO YOU WANT TO JOIN THIS CONGREGATION?
Come and share your decision with the Pastor
during the Hymn of Invitation.

***Hymn of Invitation** *Near to the Heart of God* #621 vv. 1 & 3

***Benediction**

Postlude *Majestic March* ~ R. Peery

**Please stand as you are able*

Visit Our Welcome Center!

Our congregation offers a variety of opportunities for worship, fellowship, growth, and service. We have programs designed for children and adults. We want you to know that you are welcome here. Stop by our Welcome Table in the church entrance and a friendly greeter will be glad to help you.

About the Message

Today's message is not just someone delivering God's Word to an audience of people. In a worship service, each person is a participant and God is the audience. Although the Pastor has prepared a message for all of us, please don't just sit back and listen ... hear it and try and determine what God might have for you today and will give you in the days to come.

About The Offering

Those of us who have committed our lives to Christ give to support God's work here in this place. If you are visiting, don't feel pressured to give. Our members and regular attenders support our ministry out of gratitude to God. This is an act of worship and thanksgiving.

How May I Join First Baptist?

The First Baptist Church of Dover has a time of invitation during each worship service. This time is provided for anyone wishing to make a commitment to accept Jesus as Lord and to follow His teachings. Others may want to serve Christ as a part of this congregation. During the invitation hymn, come to the front of the Sanctuary and share your decision with the pastor. The following are the ways in which you may join First Baptist Church of Dover.

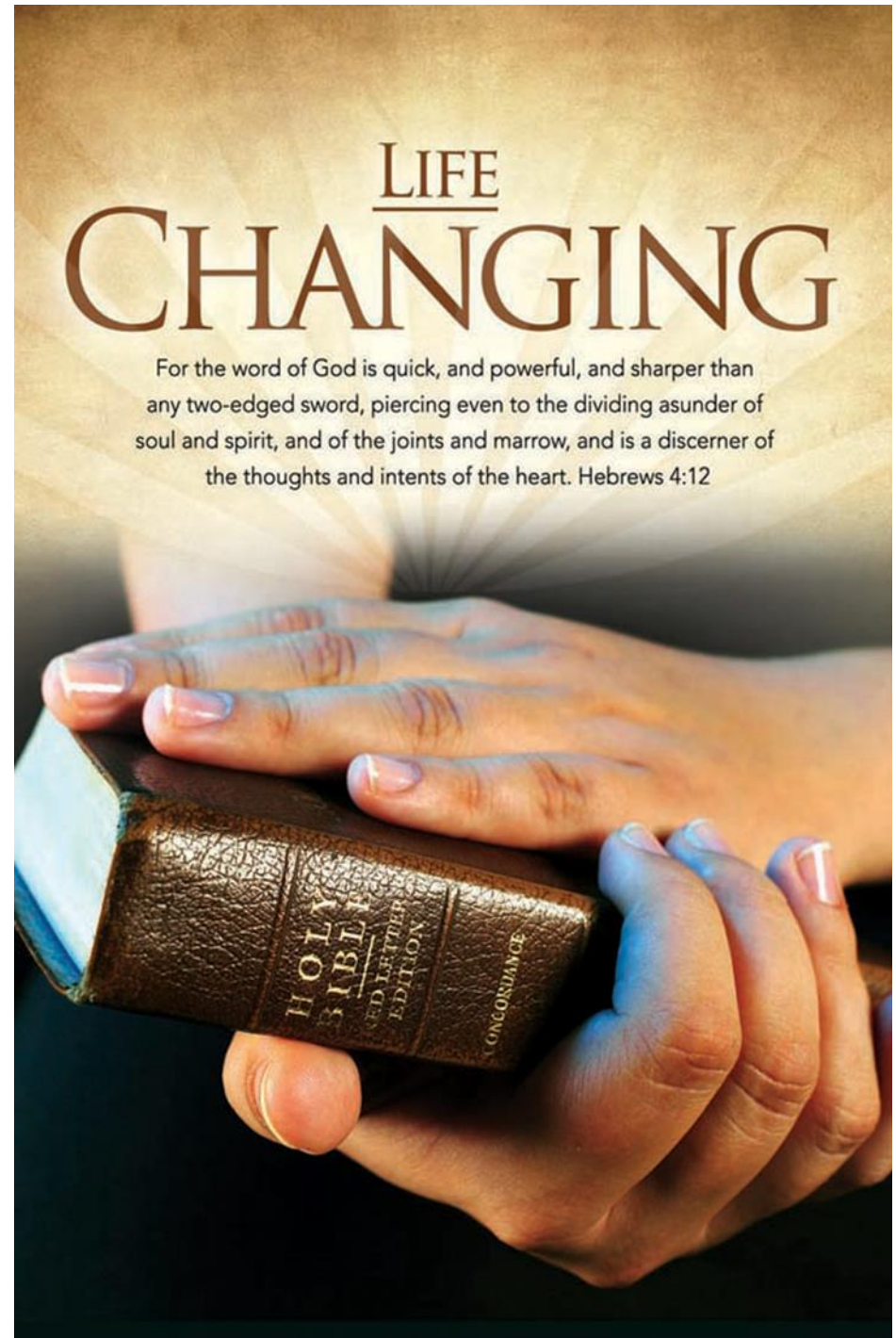
PROFESSION OF FAITH [BAPTISM]: If you receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord and follow Him in baptism, you are outwardly expressing your faith in Him. We would be happy to schedule a time for your baptism.

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP: As a Baptist, whose church membership is elsewhere, you are most welcome to join our fellowship. We will send for your church letter.

STATEMENT: By statement from another denomination. This is a statement of faith in Christ and that you have been baptized by immersion.

We stream our Worship Service each Sunday. It can be found on YouTube. Our YouTube channel is – First Baptist Church of Dover DE We are also on our Facebook Page – First Baptist Church of Dover, Delaware.

First Baptist Church of Dover, DE
301 Walker Road
Dover, DE 19904
(302) 674-1980



This Week

TODAY – 7/7:

9:30am Sunday School Classes
10:30am Fellowship Time
11:00am Worship

MONDAY – 7/8:

5:00pm -6:30pm VBS Volunteer
Training (FH)

WEDNESDAY – 7/10:

11:30am XYZ at Mission BBQ
4:00pm DIMH Meal
7:15pm Devotion & Prayer
Conference Call
978-990-5083
Access code 676527#

THURSDAY – 7/11:

2:00pm Nominating Committee
Conference Room
3:00pm Christian Ed. Library

Saturday – 7/13:

10:00am Missions Conf. Room

SUNDAY – 7/14:

9:30am Sunday School Classes
10:30am Fellowship Time
11:00am Worship

SUNDAY, June 30, 2024

Worship Attendance: 127
Offering: \$9,035
One Great Hour of Sharing \$ 774

Please help Blessings Box-

Donations needed. Any single serving food item, especially applesauce and fruit cups. Deposit in Blessings Box in the Narthex or place near the Food Pantry marked Blessings Box.

FLOWERS TODAY are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my spiritual son, Dylan James, whose birthday is July 16th. Praise God. By John Kelley

A Special Thank-you – Praise God! – All the Sanctuary Flower Sundays have now been filled.

Looking Ahead – The next Quarterly Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 21st. immediately following the morning worship service.

Men's Shelter Meal-July 10th –

Thanks for everyone's help with meals at the Dover Interfaith Men's Shelter in June 2024! Our next scheduled meal contribution is Wednesday, July 10, 2024. The meal contribution sign-up sheet is located at the Welcome Center. July's menu includes: Sloppy Joes with hamburger rolls, potato salad, and fruit cocktail. Please deliver your contributed food item directly to the shelter at 1155 Walker Road, between 4:00pm and 5:00pm on Wednesday, July 10, 2024. Everyone's help for this needed service is greatly appreciated!

We are in need of coffee cans

(metal or plastic (9-10oz. size) to hold the Sanctuary flowers when they are taken home. Please leave them at the Welcome Center. Thank you!



WELCOME to First Baptist Church of Dover. We are glad that you wanted to share in worship with us this morning. A very special welcome is given to guests and new residents of the community. If you are seeking a church home, please consider joining us. We are an American Baptist congregation (abcusa.org). If you want to know more about us, check the website www.fbcdover.org.



LULLABY LOUNGE is offered to parents with restless children. It's located at the back of our sanctuary where you can continue to watch and listen to our worship service.



KIDS KONNECTION is a kid-friendly worship experience for children Preschool-Grade 3. Children may leave the sanctuary at the time designated in the service.

DEVOTION AND PRAYER CONFERENCE CALL is held each Wednesday evening at 7:15pm. Dial **978-990-5083** and enter the **access code – 676527 #** to participate.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS is offered for all adults and children each Sunday at 9:30am. All are welcome.



PRAYER CHAIN – If you have a request for the chain, please call or email the church office (674-1980) (secretary@fbcdover.org).



FELLOWSHIP TIME between Sunday School and morning Worship from 10:30am to 10:50am in the Narthex. Coffee, Tea and goodies will be available. Please **do not** take food/drink into the Sanctuary. Thank you.

SERVING TODAY

Organist:	Gene Moore
Lay Leader:	Victoria Macklin
Worship Leader:	Phil Steinhoff
Sound Technician:	Chris Cottrell
	Aaron King
	Charity King
	Mark Moore
	Bethel Chang
	Danny Macklin
Trustee of the Day:	Chris Cottrell

THANK YOU FBC!

SHARE THE LIGHT

One Great
HOUR
OF SHARING

75
YEARS

*You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world.
Matthew 5:14 (MSG)*

**FINAL
TOTAL
Collected
\$3,388.00**



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Seach Committee News

At one point recently, we had four applicants. We eliminated two who did not send any references nor videos of sermons. They also did not respond to emails or phone calls. Another one could only be a part-time minister so withdrew the application. The fourth decided we were not a good fit and withdrew. Rev. Guy will continue as our Intentional Interim Minister until we find someone who can fill our position.

For those who are newer to FBC and not familiar with our process in finding a full-time pastor, the first step was to find an interim pastor who fills in until a regular full-time pastor is found. That person should not be considered for the permanent position as they have an advantage over any other perspective prospect. Then we go to ABCOPAD and post the position. We went through all the resumes of 35 pastors. After narrowing them down to our church's profile, we chose the top 7. We watched their sermons on YouTube and their church service. We then contacted the top three and called them to see if they might be interested. All three were content to stay where they were. We then contacted ABCOPAD again and got a few more names to evaluate. Again, we contacted some of them. One of them had just found a new church and was settling in there. The others were not interested anymore. We decided to post the position on various seminary sites. The two applicants from those postings never responded through email or telephone.

No new applicants have applied from our local ABCOPAD and no one else has contacted us from the seminaries at which we advertised our open position. Therefore, we are asking you, the congregation, to help in two ways. First, if you know of any possible pastor who might be interested in our church position, please contact one of your search team members and give them the name and phone number to make contact. Second, pray, pray, pray daily for the search team to find that person God has in mind for us.

STUFF THE PANTRY @ FIRST BAPTIST

Today pick up your grocery bag as you exit the Sanctuary following worship. The label on the bag suggests grocery items needed to stock the FBC Food Pantry. Return the bag next Sunday with some of the items and place it under the FOOD PANTRY sign in the Narthex. This is a mission outreach for our needy residents in the community.

Items needed for the Food Pantry:

Applesauce
Beef Stew
Canned fruit
Canned soup
Canned vegetables
Cereal
Fruit Cocktail
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Jelly
Peanut Butter
Macaroni and Cheese
Rice
Spam
Spaghetti Noodles/Sauce
Tuna Fish

An underwater scene with vibrant coral reefs in shades of red, orange, yellow, and purple. Bubbles rise from the bottom. A striped fish is in the upper left, and a sea turtle is in the lower right. The text 'VBS 2024' is at the top, 'Group' is above the word 'SUN', 'diving into friendship with GOD' is below 'SUN', 'July 22-26' is below that, and '5pm-8pm' is at the bottom.

VBS 2024

Group

SUN

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