



The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

July & August 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



SEARCH COMMITTEE Update

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.



Christmas in July



The Board of Missions is looking for artwork for the FBC Christmas Card this year. If you would be interested in submitting a picture/drawing to be considered, see Margaret Steinhoff. The size needs to be 8 ½ X 5 ½ (The size of our bulletins). There are a lot of mediums that can be used – paintings, drawings, photos, pastels, crayons, or colored pencils/markers, to name a few. Please submit your entries by Aug. 31st. We would encourage children, as well as adults to submit an entry. If your entry is not used this year, it may be used in the future. Use the gifts that God has given you to create our 2024 FBC Christmas Card.



Comfort Shawl
Ministry



If anyone out there has an interesting stitch or new type of yarn they'd like to demonstrate to us, please notify Sue Moore at (302)670-2626 to schedule a time. We love seeing new stitches and trying them out on new shawls. Also, if you know of someone who needs a nice warm hug of yarn, again notify Sue and she'll help you choose a shawl for that person. The next meeting will resume in September. If you don't crochet or knit, we'd love to teach you.





“Comfort Above and Comfort Below”

By Sue Moore

“Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,
Who comforts us in all our troubles,
So that we can comfort those in any trouble
With the comfort we ourselves receive from God.”

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV)

Except for those who have just started worshipping at FBC, most members know of my fondness for cats. You also know my mother-in-law came to live with us for about two years before her passing. My mother-in-law and I had a tolerable relationship. She tolerated me because Gene chose me and not the person she chose for him. I tried my best to gain her approval. She chose to put various challenges before me constantly. I thanked God for giving Gene a job in Delaware so that I didn't have daily contact with her. I grew to accept her attitude about me and treated her with respect anyway because I knew God had a plan in store for both of us that I would only know later in her life.

With Gene being an only child, I knew Gene and I would be responsible for her care. Therefore, when Gene's father passed, we drove to PA to take her to all her doctor's appointments, pay the bills, and make sure she had everything until the next trip. After living alone for a few years, we noticed dementia started to set in. We suggested she come down for the holidays between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Gradually, she began staying longer and longer. We finally suggested she stay with us. We converted the powder room and study into a downstairs bedroom and bath. She could have her own

area or join us anytime she wanted.

During this time spent with us Mom also became closer not only to me but to our cat Stormy, a long-haired tabby. When I saw Stormy for the first time, I knew she had to be ours. Gene gave into the tears I shed at the thought of not having her for a pet. There was just something about her that told me she had to live with us. She was very gentle and quiet, and loved being close to people. Stormy immediately decided Mom was her human. Whenever we couldn't find her, she was with Mom. Mom was a dog person all her life but immediately formed a bond with Stormy whom she named Smokey. They were always together.

Shortly before her death, Mom asked to talk with me privately. First, she said she wished she had realized how comforting cats were and insisted we get Smokey a companion when our other cat went over the rainbow bridge. Then, she said how she had misjudged me all those years. By this time, we were both in tears. She knew her time here was limited, and she wanted to set the record straight. She couldn't understand how I could take such good care of her when she had treated me so awfully. I told her that prayer helped. I had prayed to God that she could see me as I was, not who she thought I was. He had answered my prayers. I had always loved her, and she finally loved me. When she passed, I mourned for her as I did when my mother passed three years later.

Psalm 66:19-20

“But God has surely listened and has heard my prayer.
Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or
withheld his love from me!”

Luke 11:9-10

“So, I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”



*Love is patient
Love is kind*

Anniversaries

Christian & Karliatu Harris	7/03	4 years
Sal and Veronica Manno	7/13	50 years
Tom and Patricia Ward	7/19	21 years
Mike and Deb Metzger	7/21	51 years
Harry & Diane Anthony	7/23	58 years

Terry and Terry Lentz	8/1	43 years
Gene and Sue Moore	8/5	52 years
Rev. William & Tramaine Guy	8/5	24 years
Dan and Rebecca Taylor	8/13	36 years
Larry and Joyce Buckley	8/26	63 years
Steve and Teresa Gedney	8/27	46 years
Sam and Debbie Geiser	8/30	27 years



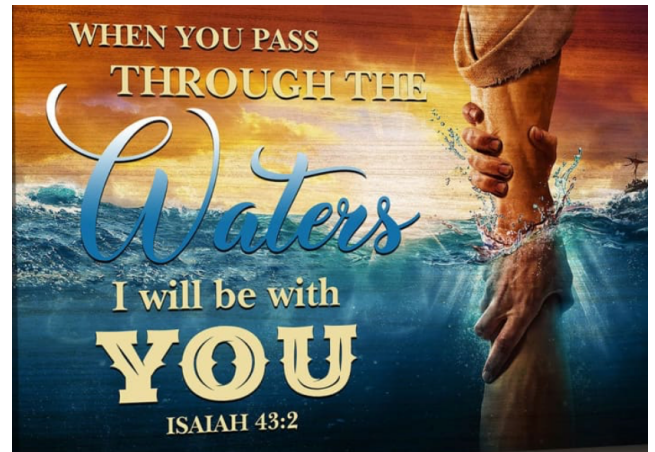
**Wednesday Night
Prayer Call
Phone Number**

1-978.990.5083

Access code - 676527#



It's summertime and our ladies are off to vacation and visit relatives. Unfortunately, the Board had to meet June 17th to plan dates for the upcoming 24-25 year. We're also working on finding a speaker for our September 15th ABWM Sunday. Many hands are still making prayer shawls as well. So, even though the circles won't meet, we're still active and preparing for a busy new year. There's also room in each circle for new members. Any ladies not involved in ABWM are welcome to come and visit any or all of the 3 circles to see if it's an activity of which you'd like to be a part.



**Men's Shelter Meal
Wednesday,
July 10 &
August 14, 2024**



The June meal contribution for the Dover Interfaith Mission Shelter at Bagley Hall is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10 & August 14, 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. Please deliver your contributions directly to the shelter, at 1155 Walker Road, Dover, between 4:00pm and 5:00pm on Wednesday, July 10 & August 14, 2024.

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



Birthdays

Kathy Becker	7/2
Patricia Riddle	7/7
Fred Corazza	7/13
Charity King	7/16
Barbara Gilsdorf-Jones	7/20
Irv Culver	7/21
Chuck Fithian	7/27
Isaac Yarsiah	7/27
Ikegai Lenyee	7/30
Lester Blakeman	7/31
Jerome Dunlap	7/31
Teresa Gedney	8/2
Jane Meder	8/2
Catherine Wilcutts	8/2
Cindy Cannon	8/4
Mark Knott	8/6
Bethel Chang	8/6
Brandy Lentz	8/9
Morgan Stiegler	8/9
Harry Anthony	8/12
Aaron King	8/12
Youjay McIntosh	8/13
Mike Metzger	8/15
Nathanael Guy	8/16
Christian Harris, Jr.	8/18
Phil Steinhoff	8/19
Don Lee	8/24
Joan Foster	8/27
Gaynor Waltz	8/29
Cody Leavel	8/30
Clement Chang	8/31



**Join our Church
Services
Online**

YouTube.com at
First Baptist Church of Dover DE

The Bend *in the* THE ROAD

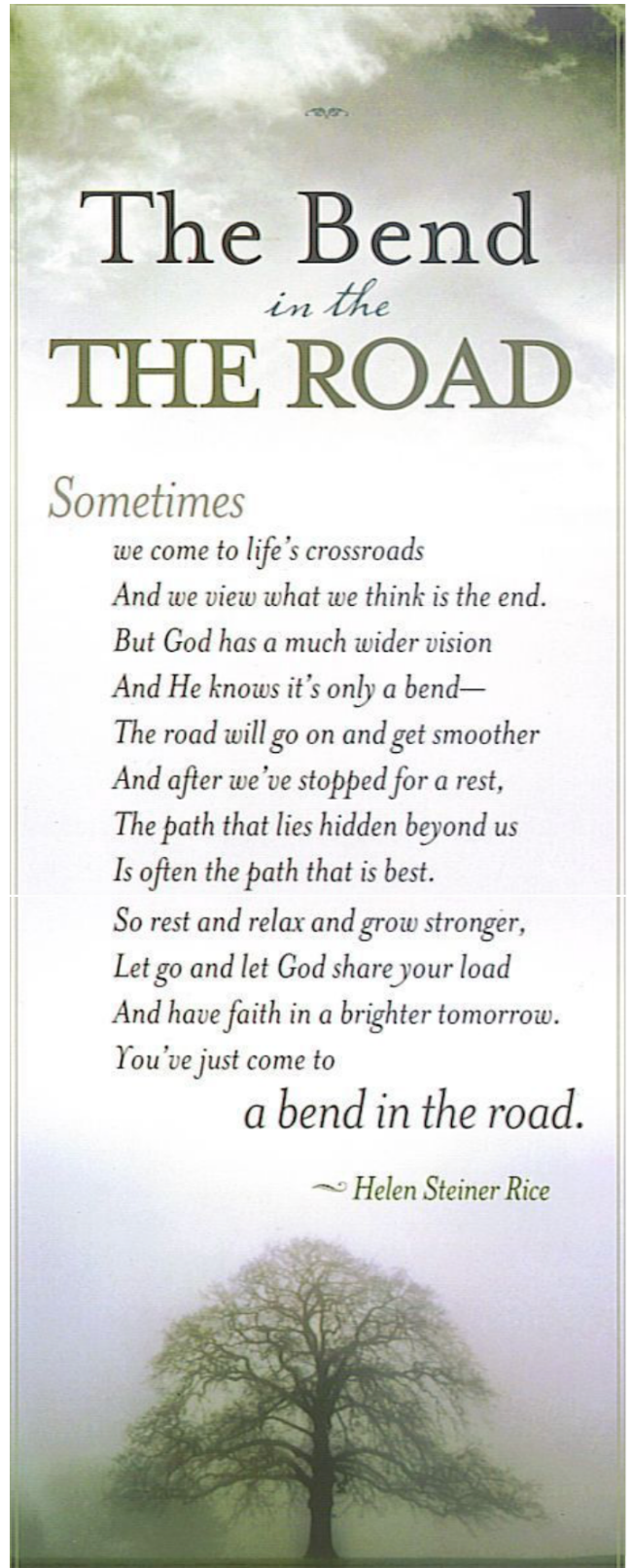
Sometimes

*we come to life's crossroads
And we view what we think is the end.
But God has a much wider vision
And He knows it's only a bend—
The road will go on and get smoother
And after we've stopped for a rest,
The path that lies hidden beyond us
Is often the path that is best.*

*So rest and relax and grow stronger,
Let go and let God share your load
And have faith in a brighter tomorrow.
You've just come to*

a bend in the road.

~ Helen Steiner Rice



One Great HOUR OF SHARING



Would you like to share the light of Christ with others in your own community and around the world? Would you like to help a skilled tailor in Indonesia find a new life through sewing? Would you like to help a mother in Romania find safe shelter for her children when homelessness is an ever-present reality? Help women farmers in Indonesia and much more? You have until June 30th to give you special donation at all of these needs and others for One Great Hour of Sharing.

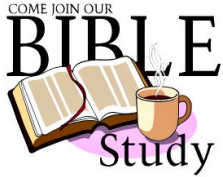
Your generous gifts make a difference in lives and communities around the world. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus reminds us that we are the light of the world. We share that light when we do good for others. Discipleship for the inside out begins with generosity and that can begin with you.

As of June 16th, your gifts have reached \$2369.00. Let's make this a banner year in our giving and SHARE YOUR LIGHT!

Beryl Gerhard

Please Help Blessings Box
Donations Needed
Any Single Serving Food Item
Especially Applesauce, Fruit Cups
Deposit in Blessings Box in Narthex
Or place near food pantry/mark for Blessings Box.

Here's What's Happening at our Church!



Wednesday Evening
Prayer Call 7:15PM
See page 4 for
information



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



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 July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 7:15 Prayer Call	4 Church Office Closed 	5	6
7 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	8	9	10 11:30 XYZ at Mission BBQ 4:00 DIMH Dinner 7:15 Prayer Call	11 2:00 Nominating Committee (Conference Room) 3:00 Christian Ed (Library)	12	13 10:00 Missions (Conference Rm)
14 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	15	16	17 4:00 Deacons (Library) 7:15 Prayer Call	18	19	20
21 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:30 Quarterly Business Meeting	22	23	24 7:15 Prayer Call	25	26	27
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VBS July 22 - 26, 5:00 - 8:00 PM

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.

**Scheduled activities
subject to changes. Check
with the Church Office for
final dates and times.**

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