



The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

September 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



“Let Love Flow”



Oh, My Goodness! Love was definitely flowing during the week of VBS! From the director's planning meetings, all the volunteers and helpers who came to teach, serve and pray for all the children. Everything just seemed to fall into place! ***Thank You God!***

This year's project was to support Honduras to provide clean drinking water. How often do we take for granted something as simple as clean water. From a glass of iced water or the water we use to brush our teeth! To be honest, do we really think about it? We are so blessed to live in this country where we have abundant access to pure and clean water. This is not the case in some places such as Honduras.

So, during VBS, the children and adults lovingly brought their offerings each night and the total came to \$336.06! It only takes \$5 to provide clean water for one child to drink

per year. That's enough to provide 67 people with clean water for a year!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Matthew 10:42 -*And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."*

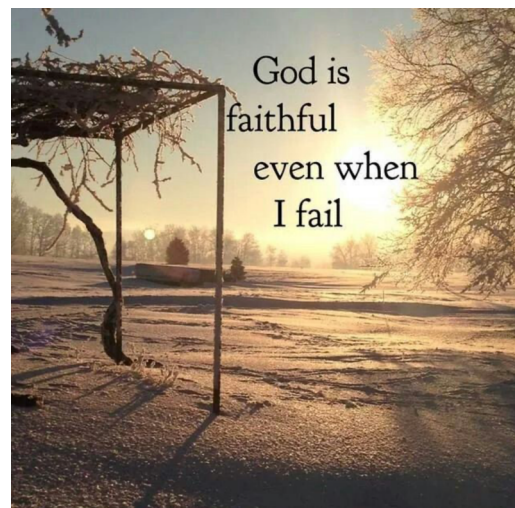
Dear God, we offer up our thanks and praise for all that you have given us. We are grateful for the many blessings you have given us. We offer up ourselves and all that we have in service to you and service to others. Use us to make a positive difference in the world and help us to be a blessing to those around us. Amen

In Christian Love,

Deb Metzger



Judy Daniels would like to express her gratitude for the visits, cards and prayers during her recent hospital and rehabilitation stays.





Birthdays

Debbie Metzger	9/2
Diane Fithian	9/3
Tramaine Guy	9/3
Percy Navarro	9/3
Mary Stewart	9/9
Aaron King, Jr.	9/10
Alice Murphy	9/15
Betty Perkins	9/18
Jennifer Moscrip	9/19
Lisa Clendaniel	9/22
Lorraine Leavel	9/22
Glenda Case	9/25

Anniversaries

George and Rosemary Schuler	13 yrs	9/3
Dick and Gloria Smith	67 yrs	9/7
Gene and Thelma Schaller.	61 yrs	9/21
Scot and Michelle Septer	33 yrs	9/22

Sanctuary Choir Practice resumes on Thursday, Sept. 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please join us to help praise the Lord in song.



Prayer Shawl Ministry



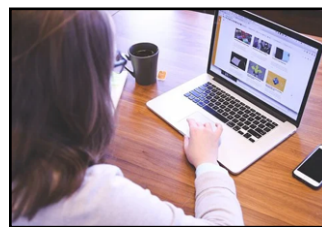
Our Prayer Shawl meetings will begin again on September 16th at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your summer tales and any shawls completed during the summer so we can tag them.

Don't forget to tell us of anyone who needs a shawl for comfort and prayers. We have an ample supply.

Men's Shelter Meals to resume September 11, 2024



Thanks for everyone's help with meals at the Dover Interfaith Men's Shelter in August 2024! Our next scheduled meal contribution is Wednesday, September 11, 2024. The meal contribution sign-up sheet is located at the Welcome Center. September's menu includes Spaghetti with meat sauce, Steamed Broccoli, Texas Toast, and Assorted Cupcakes. Please deliver your contributed food item directly to the shelter at 1155 Walker Road, between 4:00pm and 5:00pm on Wednesday, September 11, 2024. Everyone's help for this needed service is greatly appreciated!



Join our Church Services Online

YouTube.com at
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Our ABWM Circles are preparing to begin their new year. The Mary Bonar Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 3rd, at 10:00 at the church Fellowship Hall. The Ann Clemmer Circle will meet on September 5th at 1:00 in the Cox Parlor

at the Church. The Joyce Reed Circle will meet on September 7th at 11:30 at Mike and Mel's Restaurant in Wyoming. If you are not a member of a circle and would like to see what we are all about, please feel free to attend any of the three circles.

We are also preparing for ABWM Sunday on September 15th. We are looking forward to hearing Rev. Faith Mack in the pulpit for that Sunday. She is the sister of our own Mrs. Denise Englesen. We'll be celebrating strong and courageous women.

Sue Moore



Mary Bonar Circle

Faye Yarbrough is a missionary to South Africa

Leader: Beryl Gerhard

Sept. 3, 10:00

Fellowship Hall



Joyce Reed Circle

Joyce is a missionary to IberoAmerica and the Caribbean

Leader: Margaret Steinhoff

September 7, 11:30

Mike & Mel's Restaurant

Ann Clemmer Circle

Ann is a missionary to Eastern Congo - Goma

Leader: Lois Glading

September 5, 1:00

Cox Parlor



All Church Picnic

Save the date – September 1, 2024.

The All Church Picnic is set to follow the morning worship service that day. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. Also, there is a food sign-up board in the Narthex. Please sign-up on both. There will be plenty of Food & Fellowship. If you are interested in providing entertainment, there is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center, also. Maybe you play an instrument or sing. All types of entertainment are encouraged. There will also be some games available to play in the courtyard, weather permitting and Face Painting for the children.

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, condiments, etc. will be provided. The Fellowship Hall will be available for eating in air conditioning, if desired. The food will be set up there, as well. Ice Cream sundaes will be part of the dessert, so if you make home-made ice cream, this is your chance to shine. Toppings will be provided.

The Picnic should last until around 5pm. Stay as long as you can, invite friends (but please be sure to sign them up so that we have enough food). Dress is casual for the day, so come casual to church that day, as well. Also, bring your lawn chairs, in case you want to sit outside to watch the games.

We will have a time for hymn singing and devotions. It will be a day of fun and fellowship for all.

Pray for niceweather. Hope to see you there!





Great joy – Great news!

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, founded by Franklin Graham. It runs September 22-October 27. This ministry is worldwide and sends gift filled shoeboxes to children in Jesus's name at Christmastime. Each week empty shoeboxes will be available in the narthex, starting September 22. Pick up one or more shoeboxes and follow the directions on the brochure inside the box for filling it, noting the age and sex of the intended recipient. When you have filled your shoebox, return it and place it on the bench in the narthex by October 27. Using the envelope provided, please enclose or mail a \$10 donation for each box to help with shipping and processing. The dedication of the shoeboxes will be during morning worship on Sunday, November 10. The shoeboxes will then be transported to our area collection location on November 18. Questions? Contact Abby Eaton, 732-404-7866.



SEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS

The survey results are in. They were very interesting. We had sixty surveys returned. The numbers may not add up to 60 because some questions were not answered. Following are the answers the congregation gave:

60 responses-----50 from members-----10 from non-members

1. AS THE SEARCH COMMITTEE HAS SAID, WE ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY FINDING A FULL TIME PASTOR WHO FITS OUR PROFILE. SHOULD WE . . .
 - A. CONTINUE TO SEARCH---**25**
 - B. REVISE OUR PROFILE WITH DIFFERENT EXPECTATIONS---**8**
 - C. TRY TO FIND A PART-TIME PASTOR---**26**
 - D. OTHER 2
2. IF WE CONTINUE TO SEARCH, HOW WOULD YOU FEEL ABOUT HIRING A WOMAN PASTOR?
 - A. IF SHE CAN DO THE JOB FULL-TIME, I HAVE NO PROBLEM ABOUT HIRING HER.---**29**
 - B. I WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE A WOMAN IN THE PULPIT, BUT I'D TRY TO GIVE HER A CHANCE.---**21**
 - C. OTHER _____One said---NO WOMAN
3. IF WE REVISE OUR PROFILE, WHAT AREAS OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU? PLEASE NUMBER THEM FROM **1 TO 6** WHERE 1 IS MOST IMPORTANT AND 6 IS LEAST IMPORTANT.
 - *A. Visits to elderly and sick----most important
 - *B. Bible Studies----2nd most important
 - *C. Fellowship activities----3rd most important
 - D. Missions and Community help----tied
 - E. About 5 had teens and children ministries

We felt the first three priorities were so close together that those were areas we would want a part-time minister to initiate. The last two priorities would be handled by lay people. A full-time minister would do all with help from lay leaders.

4. Would you help fill in the gaps?----Most replied yes if able

Why wouldn't you help? Some said too old, not qualified, doing too much already

Many people questioned about why we shouldn't just hire Rev. Guy. The main reason is that Rev. Guy asked to have his name be removed from the list of candidates. With his continuing duties with the Reserves, he cannot dedicate his time to a full-time position as our minister. Therefore, we are still reviewing other applications that have been sent to us. We have spoken to several of them thus far. We need to get to know them better before making any rushed decisions. We are a unique congregation which shares a delightful diversity of people. We need to find that special person God has in mind for us and remember that He will decide whom it will be when He is ready. Therefore, we are continuing to review applications for a full-time pastor. We continue to covet your prayers and patience. Thank you for your understanding.

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



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 September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 12:30 Church Picnic 	2  Labor Day Church Office Closed	3 10:00 Bonar Circle (Fellowship Hall)	4 7:15 Prayer Call	5 1:00 Clemmer Circle (Cox Parlor) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	6	7 11:30 Joyce Reed Circle (Mike & Mel's Restaurant)
8 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	9 10:00 Stewardship (Conference Room)	10	11 11:30 XYZ - McGlynn's Restaurant 4:00 DIMH Dinner 7:15 Prayer Call	12 3:00 Christian Ed (Library) 4:30 Deacon's (Library) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	13	14 10:00 Missions (Conference Room)
15 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection ABWM Sunday	16 October Newsletter Articles Due  1:00 Prayer Shawl (Fellowship Hall)	17	18 7:15 Prayer Call	19 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	20	21 9:00 Coordinating Committee (Library) 9:00 Landscaping Workday
22 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Sunday - Worship Kids Konnection	23	24	25 7:15 Prayer Call	26 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	27	28 10:00 Sunday School Teachers Training
29 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	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.