



# The First Baptist Church of Dover

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October 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**



# Resiliency



The need to enhance individual resiliency has been brought to the forefront across our modern society. Whether it's school students, factory workers, military personnel, and on, finding ways to help individuals cope with life's stressors has been a priority for

many institutions. Resiliency is the ability to recover from difficulties and adapt to changing or challenging circumstances. A person's overall well-being is directly connected to their mental, emotional, and spiritual resiliency; and it is a theme deeply woven into the fabric of biblical narratives. The Bible is filled with stories of individuals and communities who faced adversity yet emerged stronger, providing timeless lessons on the power of faith and perseverance.

One of the most poignant examples of resiliency is found in the story of Job. Despite experiencing profound loss—his wealth, health, and family—Job maintained his faith in God. His journey illustrates that resilience is not merely about enduring hardship, but also about maintaining hope. Job's declaration, *"Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him"* (Job 13:15), serves as a powerful reminder that faith can be a source of strength in the darkest of times. It highlights the belief that, even in suffering, there is a purpose and a promise of restoration.

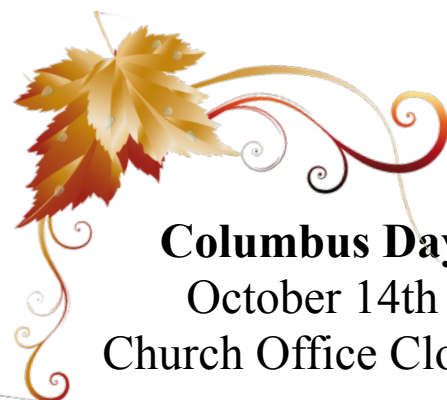
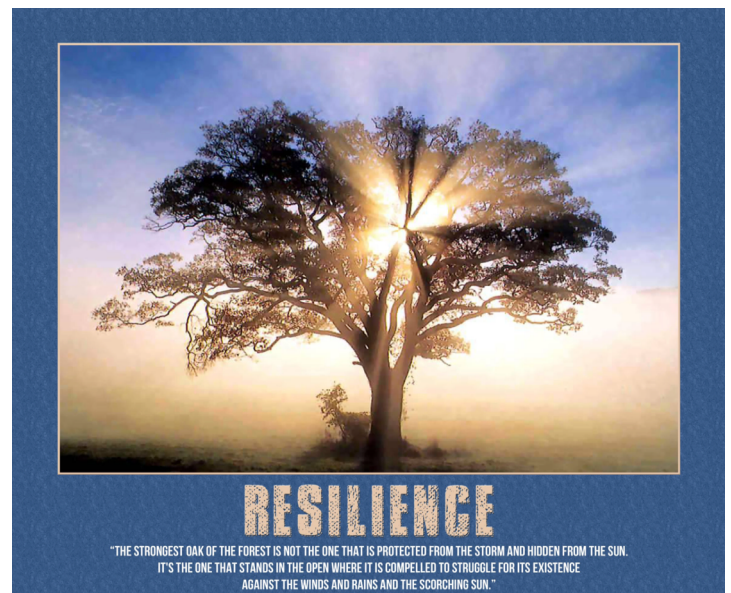
Similarly, the Israelites' exodus from Egypt exemplifies communal resilience. After generations of slavery, they faced the daunting task of crossing the Red Sea, pursued by Pharaoh's army. Their story, culminating in miraculous deliverance, underscores the importance of collective faith and action. As they stood at the shoreline, their fear was palpable, yet they were

reminded to *"be still" and see the salvation of the Lord* (Exodus 14:13). This narrative emphasizes that resilience often requires unity and trust in a higher power, reinforcing the belief that faith can lead to liberation.

Moreover, the New Testament offers insights into personal resiliency through the life of the Apostle Paul. Imprisoned and persecuted, Paul wrote letters that inspired countless believers, urging them to rejoice in suffering and to find strength in weakness. His words, *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"* (Philippians 4:13), encapsulate the essence of resilience rooted in faith.

In conclusion, the Bible teaches that resiliency is intertwined with faith, hope, and community. Through the trials of Job, the Israelites, and Paul, we learn that true resilience is not the absence of struggle but the triumph over it, grounded in an unwavering belief in God's promises.

**Jerome Rogers**



**Columbus Day**  
October 14th  
Church Office Closed



As you're reading this article, ABWM is just about concluded for this year. Rev. Faith Mack's sermon entitled "We Are Stronger Together" was excellent. It was fun to see the men sit back and let the women take charge. As usual, we invited Rev. Faith to join several of us for lunch before her trip back to New Jersey. It was good to get to know her better in a more relaxed atmosphere. We also want to thank all the ladies who took part in the ABWM celebration on Sunday, September 15.

October has no special events for our ladies except our programs. We have been blessed that Mary Stewart has developed close to ten programs for us to use this year. We thank Mary for all her work and knowledge in doing these programs for us.

On Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, make sure you receive your Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer packet after church. The World Day of Prayer is on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Please relax with a cup of tea while enjoying a Bible Study on women from around the world.



### **Mary Bonar Circle**

**Faye Yarbrough is a missionary to South Africa**

**Leader: Beryl Gerhard**

**October 1, 10:30,  
Fellowship Hall**

### **Ann Clemmer Circle**

**Ann is a missionary to Eastern Congo & South Sudan**

**Leader: Lois Glading**

**October 3, 1:00,  
Cox Parlor**



### **Joyce Reed Circle**

**Joyce is a missionary to IberoAmerica and the Caribbean**

**October 5, 10:00,  
Fellowship Hall**







Ray Schellinger  
Guest Speaker  
October 13, 2024

RAY is the International Ministries global consultant for Immigrants and Refugees. He networks with IM colleagues and international partners that serve with refugees and displaced peoples, helping to strengthen their ministries, find needed resources and build capacity. Ray works to construct bridges between U.S. and P.R. churches and these partners, providing opportunities to serve some of the most vulnerable people in the world. In addition, Ray hosts several teams per year in international cross-cultural settings where they can learn about the struggles of migrants, the realities of global immigration and border policies.

On behalf of the Board of Missions, Terry Lentz thanks all who donated so generously to our Back-to-School supplies drive. We collected 514 items or packs which were delivered to the Dover Boys and Girls Club. Here's what you donated:

Box tissues 1  
Filler notebook paper 28 packs  
Pack of dividers 1  
Composition books 34  
Pencil sharpeners 22  
Glue sticks 44  
Packs of pencils 24  
Packs of colored pencils 17  
Pencil erasers 39  
Child scissors 11  
Classic colored markers 6 packs  
Thin highlighters 19  
Pencil boxes 6  
Backpacks 7  
Praise The Lord!!



3 ring binders 8  
Alcohol sanitizer 2 large pump bottles  
Pocket folders 36  
One subject spiral notebooks 70  
Bottles of glue 10  
Boxes of crayons 32  
Packs of jumbo crayons 3  
Pink erasers 30  
Packs of pens 13  
Large colored markers 5 packs  
Large highlighters 21  
Calculators 2  
Pencil pouches 4  
Cash donations \$65.00







**Dear members and friends of First Baptist Church:**

Gladys and Gilbert would like to thank our church family for their love and prayers extended on our behalf during Gilbert's recent illness. Thank you for the get well cards, phone calls, personal visits and being uplifted in prayer. God has heard and honored your prayers as Gilbert's health continues to improve. Thank you for your love and support as we go through this difficult time in our lives. We love each of you and are so very thankful for our FBC family.

**Love to all,  
Gilbert and Gladys Hutchins**



**SEARCH  
COMMITTEE  
Update**

Your Search Committee is currently conducting several interviews and checking references. We are also considering what changes we need to make to our current profile as per the survey.



**Gratitude**

**Judy Daniels** would like to thank those who provided cards, prayers and meals to her last month.



**Children's Baptism Classes**

Baptism classes will begin for children and teens ages 8 to 18 on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. They will be held in the Synagogue on the stage of Fellowship Hall. Each session will begin with a light snack. This class will last for 12 weeks. Please sign your child(ren) up at the Welcome Center so that we'll know how many for which to prepare.

Taking this course does not mean that your child has to be baptized. The course is meant to educate them on what baptism is and why baptism by immersion is important to us. If your child decides to be baptized, they must want to have Jesus in their hearts and pray Rev. Guy's special prayer.

# What Is the World Mission Offering?



Through International Ministries' World Mission Offering (WMO), thousands of God's people across the country celebrate and give financial support to ministries God is using to transform the world.

During the 2024 World Mission Offering, you will learn more about the work of IM Global Servants Deliris and Moise Carrion-Joseph, Sarah McCurdy, and Ray Schellinger and see how their ministries transform the lives of immigrants and refugees, survivors of domestic abuse, students, and children in Mexico. You will also meet IM Global Servants Mercy Gonzalez-Barnes and Jae Stockton, who are equipping seminary students and future leaders through theological training.

These stories offer a glimpse into what God is doing through International Ministries' 120+ global servants and 250+ international partners in over 70 countries. As one pastor described his church's involvement in the WMO, "God allows us to participate in what He is doing, which blesses our church and inspires us to get involved in our own mission activities where we live and beyond."

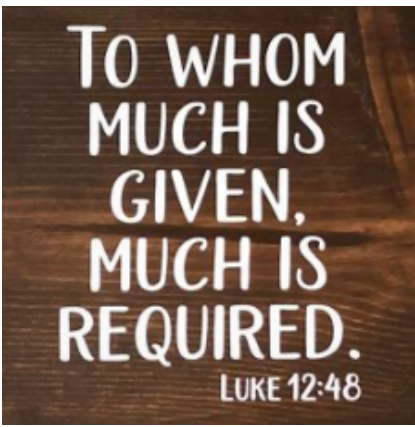
**We at First Baptist will be privileged to have as our morning speaker on October 13 IM Global Consultant for Immigrants and Refugees Ray Schellinger. Ray has recently been in Israel/Palestine where he conferred with Palestinian Christians about ways of partnering with them to respond to the needs of the people of Gaza and the West Bank once the war is over. A very timely topic! During the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30) Ray will have an informal discussion question/answer time with both adult SS classes and other interested adults in Fellowship Hall. All adults are invited to join us! During worship Ray will deliver the morning sermon. Don't miss this opportunity to hear first-hand from one of IM's global servants! (Ray is no stranger to FBC. His mother Gaynor Sale is a former member of FB. Plus, in 2007 a group of 7 from First Baptist spent a week working at Deborah's House, Tijuana, Mexico when Ray and his wife Adalia were serving as IM missionaries there.)**

We will receive the World Mission Offering throughout the month of October. Please give generously! Use the WMO envelope found in the pew racks or in the bulletin to give your offering. Checks should be payable to First Baptist Church and marked "WMO".

Thank you for your gifts to help spread the good news of Jesus Christ around the world!

Lois Glading for the Board of Missions





## STEWARDSHIP MONTH

### NOVEMBER 2024

Your FBC Stewardship Committee has been meeting during the summer and into the fall planning activities for our congregation. We have chosen the theme and scripture – **To Whom Much Is Given, Much Will Be Required (Luke 12:48) – Talents, Treasures, Time**

Please mark your calendars for the following dates as we get into the busy season. To start our season of gratitude, we have scheduled a luncheon to be catered by Mission BBQ for November 3rd, directly after morning service. Details will later follow regarding the donation to cover the cost and sign-up sheet in order to get a head count.

Next, Commitment Sunday is planned for November 17th. Your cards will be available at the luncheon or mailed to your homes. As you budget your giving, remember your donations are what the church uses in the paying of its bills so we can operate successfully.

Also, a couple of activities are being considered for the Kids Konnection to open their hearts and to welcome them in learning about being good stewards of God's gifts.

Feel free to offer any suggestions as the committee continues their planning to make Stewardship Month - November 2024 a memorable one!

Sincerely,

Stewardship Committee

Gerri Lee, Chairperson



# Birthdays

Gerri Lee	10/2
Catherine Wilcutts	10/2
Christopher Harris	10/4
Beryl Gerhard	10/9
Dan Taylor	10/10
Michelle Rogers	10/11
Dorothy Kerr	10/12
Youjay McIntosh	10/13
Nathanael Guy	10/16
Keni Zheng	10/20
Don Lee	10/24
Karliatu Harris	10/27
Gladys Hutchins	10/27
Debbie Geiser	10/29

# Anniversaries

Matthew and Sarah Yanez	10/09	3 years
Danny and Victoria Macklin	10/15	13 years
Cliff and Violet Cannon	10/22	69 years



Some of the food items are pop-top cans or dry food, like cereal, and plastic utensils. It can also hold other items for people like toothpaste, tooth brushes, and other toiletries. This box should only hold items that cannot be frozen (as it gets colder) and it will be located in the church's

front yard on the right side as you enter the property. It will be close to Walker Road, but far enough to follow the city regulations. Adelle & Ernie Aloï have agreed to oversee this project and to keep the Box supplied with the items mentioned.

Come and help our community: Take what you need - Leave what you can.

**Blessings to all!**

## Men's Shelter Meal October 9, 2024



The October meal contribution for the Dover Interfaith Mission Shelter at Bagley Hall is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9, 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 registration table in the church foyer at the end of September/beginning of October. Please deliver your contributed food item directly to the shelter at 1155 Walker Road, between 4:00pm and 5:00pm on Wednesday, October 9, 2024.

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



**Join our Church  
Services  
Online**

YouTube.com at  
First Baptist Church of Dover DE





## **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.**



## 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](mailto: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](http://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 October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  10:00 Mary Bonar Circle (Fellowship Hall)	2  7:15 Prayer Call	3  1:00 Ann Clemmer (Cox Parlor)  7:00 Sanctuary Choir	4	5  10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Fellowship Hall)  1:00 Wedding  6:00 Movie Night (Fellowship Hall)
6  9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship Time 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	7  10:00 Stewardship Mtg. (Conference Rm)	8	9  11:30 XYZ ( Restaurant 55)  4:00 Dinner at DIMH Shelter  7:15 Prayer Call	10  7:00 Sanctuary Choir	11	12  10:00 Missions (Conference Rm)
13  9:30 Sunday School Adults ~ Ray Schellinger (FH) 10:30 Fellowship Time 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	14  Columbus Day Church Office Closed  	15  November Newsletter Articles Due  	16  4:30 Deacons (Library)  7:15 Prayer Call	17  3:00 Christian Ed. (Library)  7:00 Sanctuary Choir	18	19
20  9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship Time 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 12:30 Quarterly Business Mtg.	21  1:00 Prayer Shawl (Fellowship Hall)	22	23  7:15 Prayer Call	24  7:00 Sanctuary Choir	25	26
27  9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship Time 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 12:30 Sunday School Teacher Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)	28	29	30  7:15 Prayer Call	31  7:00 Sanctuary Choir		

## 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.