



The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

January 2025 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 Church and Youth Ministry ”

The origins of the Youth Ministry within the Baptist church, began in the early 1940's and 1950's to help guide young people to the teachings of Jesus Christ, and by creating a nurturing space to assist them grow in their faith, spirituality, coupled with a strong personal enrichment.

The church Youth Ministry is a dedicated program, particularly established to engage and provide spiritual support to young people through spiritual guidance, fellowship, and activities both within the church and outside of the church, that are tailored to their age group, generally with the desired goal to help them develop their faith in Christ, and overall to become active members of their church congregation.

In order for the mission of a church Youth Ministry to become a success in teaching its young people about our savior Jesus Christ, it is imperative that the youth be gather from the 6th grade to the 12th grade and be trained and supervised by an adult team who are willing to lend their gifts and talents to serve the Lord and have the privilege to see that the youth become followers of Jesus Christ. The Youth ministry should be led either by a Senior Pastor, a Youth Pastor, or a leader of the Youth Ministry who should merely see their roles as servants in helping the church and the ministry fulfill the command of Christ.

The composition of our current church family - our congregation here at FBC-First Baptist Church Dover, is made up of people from our various communities who generally are of the traditional family: mothers and fathers with one or more children, individuals who are divorced, widowed, singles, the elderly, young teenagers and young adults, the shut-ins, the homeless, and the abused, etc. It is from this dynamic church family that our Youth Ministry should be developed, simply

because the Youth Ministry helps to strengthen the church within the community in which it exists.

As we look forward to the New Year-2025, we pray that our heavenly father will help the kids of our church develop into stewards and help their parents enforce the concepts they are taught in Kids Konnection into their homes, so that they may be able to fully take ownership of their faith.

Ed Gilman
Deacon-FBC



As our Stewardship Celebrations begin to wind down for the year, the committee would like to thank all of you, members and friends, for all you do to help take care of God's wonderful world including our church and church family. Please remember to also thank our Lord for all He has given us and will always give us as needed.

We end our campaign with one last thought:

“At dinner after church on Palm Sunday little Maria began chattering away about learning a new song in Sunday School about a cross-eyed bear named Gladly. It took her parents a while before they realized that the hymn Maria had been singing was really ‘Gladly the Cross I’d Bear.’”



Calling ALL Women!

All three Circles met in December and celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus. We enjoyed good food, great fellowship and a reminder that Jesus is the reason for the season.

During January the board is organizing our annual Day of Renewal for February 22, 2025. We're hoping to go outside the box in planning this year's Day of Renewal. More information will be shared at our January meetings.

Your sister in Christ,
Sue Moore



Mary Bonar Circle
Faye Yarbrough is a missionary
to South Africa
Leader: Beryl Gerhard
January 7, 10:00
Fellowship Hall

Ann Clemmer Circle

Ann is a missionary to Eastern
Congo - Goma
Leader: Lois Glading
January 2, 1:00
Fellowship Hall



Joyce Reed Circle
Joyce is Global Coordinator of
Spiritual Care
Leader: Margaret Steinhoff
January 4, 10:00
Fellowship Hall





Birthdays

Emmanuel Harris	1/1
Bill Myers	1/5
Milda Limson	1/6
Debbie Fausey	1/10
Judith Cowen	1/11
CeCe Cunningham	1/12
Dick Smith	1/19
Marivic Navarro	1/20
Christine Septer	1/22
Natalie Downing	1/27
Agnes Robinson	1/29

Anniversaries

Irv and Nancy Culver	1/12	56 years
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Men's Shelter Meal January 8th, 2025



Thanks for everyone's help with meals at the Dover Interfaith Men's Shelter during, 2025! Our next scheduled meal contribution is Wednesday, January 8, 2025. The meal contribution sign-up sheet is located at the Welcome Center. January's menu includes: Sloppy Joes, 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, January 8, 2025. Everyone's help for this needed service is greatly appreciated!

Comfort Shawl Ministry



The next meeting will be January 20th and we will be meeting in the Conference Room at 1:00PM.

These faithful ladies continue to knit, crochet, and sew prayer shawls to give our infirmed members and friends some warmth with prayer. If you're free the third Monday of each month at 1:00, please join us as we share fellowship and stitches for those who need a bit of comfort. Maria Peterson sent in 6 Prayer Shawls that she made at home. We appreciate those working from home who are not able to make the meetings.



**Join our Church
Services
Online**

YouTube.com at
First Baptist Church of Dover DE



**Wednesday, 7:15pm
Telephone Prayer
Meeting - To join**

**Call - 978-990-5083
access code -
676527**



If you are available during the day, XYZ will be meeting on Wednesday, January 8th at 11:30am at the Hollywood Diner. Please register on the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center or call the church office to let us know you will be attending. We have a lot of fun and fellowship. Please join us!

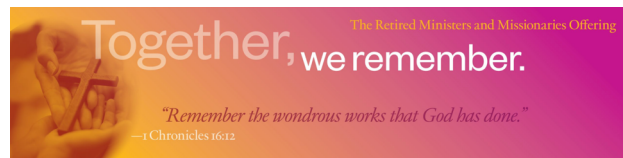


Keep watch in your Sunday Bulletins and in your mailboxes. We have some exciting news to share!



Sanctuary Flowers

It is that time again when orders need to be placed for Sanctuary Flower for the coming year, 2025. The cost will be \$50.00 for two vases again. Certain flowers, such as roses, will cost more. The order forms are available at the Welcome Center. Dates are on a first come, first served basis, so reserve your date(s) as soon as possible. Every effort will be made to meet your requested date. Please PRINT the information on the form and fill it out completely. You will need to use a separate form for each date requested. If you have any questions, please see Margaret Steinhoff.



Your gifts to the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering will be received through December 29. As of December 22, First Baptist members and friends have given \$1606.00 **T h a n k You!!**



We donated 25 Christmas Food Baskets to the Dover Division of Family Services.

Matthew 25:35 & 40- "For I was hungry & you gave me food; I was thirsty & you gave me drink. And the King said, "Assuredly, I say to you, Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of my brethren, you did it unto me."

Thank you to all who donated to this Christmas blessing for 25 families.

Blessings,
Romeo & Milda Limson, Food Pantry Coordinators

Giving Box



(January 12 – February 16, 2025)

The Giving Box will return to the narthex January 12-February 16 to receive your donations for Code Purple. Warm clothing (new and gently used) is needed in men, women, and children's sizes for persons in need. Watch the bulletin for more information.

First Baptist has received a "Certificate of Appreciation" from American Baptist Churches USA for our 2023 ranking #68 among approximately 4,700 American Baptist Churches in United Mission Giving with our support of \$14, 217.79!" See below---



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.


ATTENTION

Anyone interested in undecorating the Church from Christmas and taking down the Chrismon Trees after Epiphany, meet in the Sanctuary on Monday, January 6th at 10:00AM. Remember, many hands make light work

Thank you



Here's what's happening in January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Church Office Closed	2 1:00 Ann Clemmer Circle (Fellowship Hall)	3	4 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Fellowship Hall)
5 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship Time 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	6 10:00 Undecorate Chrismon Trees	7 10:00 Bonar Circle (Fellowship Hall)	8 11:30 XYZ (Hollywood Diner) 4:00 DIMH Dinner 7:15 Prayer Call	9 3:00 Christian Ed (Library) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	10	11 10:00 Missions (Library) 1:00-3:00 Meet the Candidate
12 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship Time 11:00 Worship Candidate Sermon Membership Meeting to Vote	13	14 February Newsletter Articles Due 	15 4:30 Deacon's (Library) 7:15 Prayer Call	16 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	17	18
19 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship Time 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	20 1:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry (Conference Room)	21	22 7:15 Prayer Call	23 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	24	25
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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.