



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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June 2025 Newsletter



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**The First Baptist Church
of Dover**
will gather in the sanctuary for
worship
on Sunday,
at 11 AM.

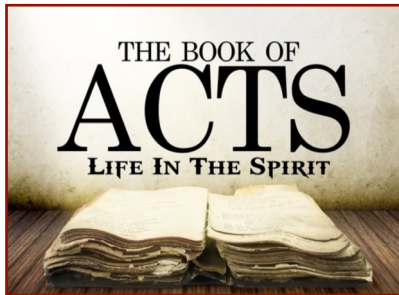


Church Office Hours
Monday 8:00 - 2:00
Tuesday - Friday 9:00 - 3:00

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Church Family,

As May unfolded in its vibrant beauty, we turned our hearts to the enduring reality of the resurrection. Our preaching theme this past month, "Witnessing our Risen Lord," called us to embrace the transformative power of Christ's victory over death, together. As we step into the month of June, we are reminded of the powerful work of the Holy Spirit, which will be our focus in preaching this month. It is through the Spirit's guidance and strength that we are able to accomplish the work God has set before us. On our own, we are insufficient, but with the power of the Holy Spirit, we are equipped to fulfill His calling as a community of faith. As Jesus promised in Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Let us lean into this divine strength as we continue our journey together.



Over the past month, our Bible study has been strong, and we will continue exploring the book of Acts in June. As we reflect on the early church, may we remember the call to share the Gospel boldly and live as a community united in purpose. In Acts 2:42, it says, "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Let us emulate their commitment and dedication as we strengthen our own mission and ministry here at FBC.

June also marks the end of the academic year for many, while others enter into vacation season. As we celebrate the promotions and graduations of our young people, let us remember that they are not just the future of our church—they are the NOW! Our youth are an integral part of our faith community, and it is essential that we continue to celebrate, support, and serve them in meaningful ways.



As we head into the summer, I pray that you find time to relax, refresh, and refuel for the journey ahead. But let us also ensure that we continue to spend time in the presence of God, seeking His guidance and strength for the season ahead.

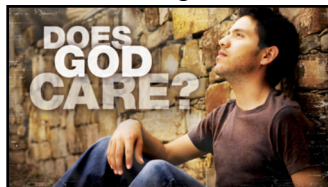
Blessings,

Pastor Brian C. Cunningham



“Why do Bad Things Happen to Good People”

Why indeed? A thought which has plagued the mind of believer and non-believer since creation, it can at times be hard to look upon the plight of some people and still believe there is a benevolent, all loving, all caring God of creation. When we view images of masses of poor people struggling simply to survive another day, or hear stories of children being neglected and/or abused, we, or at least, I have a tendency to question the degree to which an all knowing, all seeing God truly cares.



The truth is God does care. In Romans 3:23 we read, “for all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God.” We live in a fallen world, we are fallen, I am fallen. By its fallen nature evil is present in our world and on account of this suffering and injustice will visit both the believer and non-believer. The Bible is clear none of us by are own means is justified, or good, but rather we



merely are forgiven. That God chooses to bless us at all speaks to his mercy, and that God sent his son to die for mankind evidences the depth of his love for us. God cares greatly and God loves infinitely, but the God that loves us enough to sacrifice his Son for us, also respects the freewill that he allows to govern his creation.

As believers our challenge is to give thanks even in the midst of trials, and to cling ever tightly to our Lord and

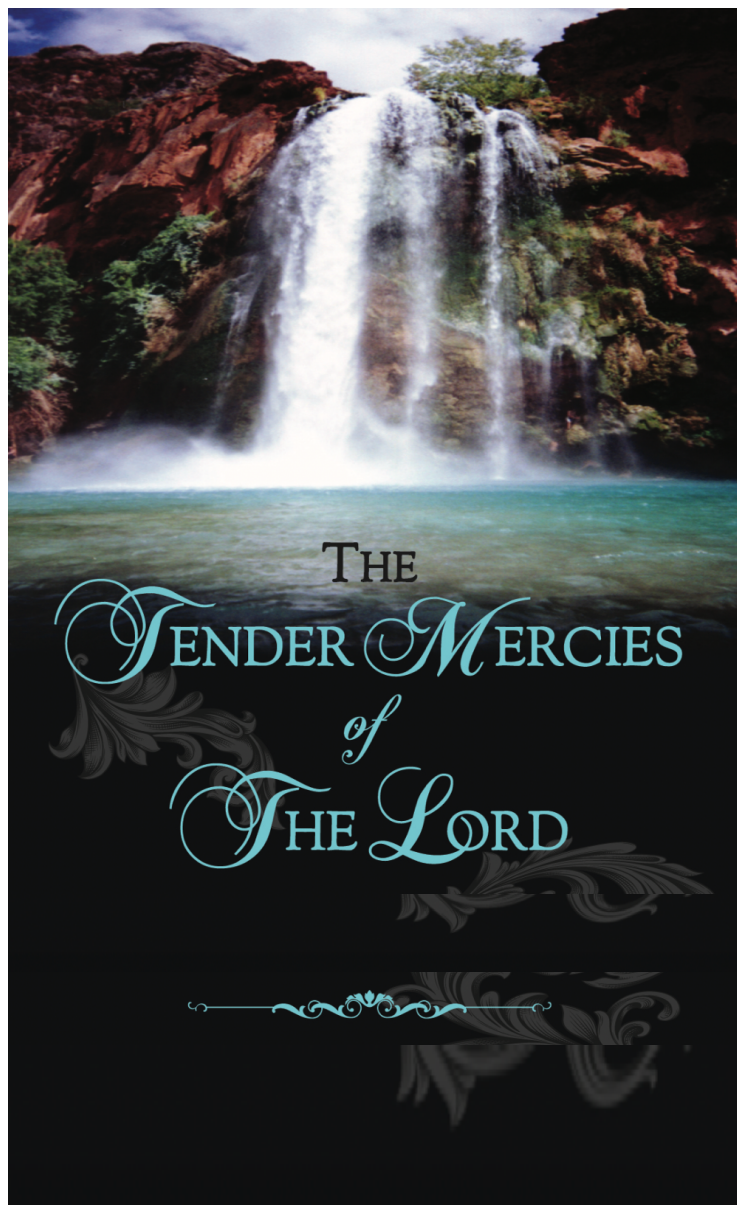
Savior, Jesus Christ.

God doesn't promise that he'll remove all of our hardships, nor does promise prosperity or peace in this life, but what he does offer is a comforter through our earthly turmoil and a pathway past our fallen nature and to an eternity with him, Jesus Christ.



Why do bad things happen to good people? The question is a matter of perspective. The truth is we are not good, simply forgiven, and we should never cease to give thanks to the God of eternity for the mercies he shows us daily. Thank you, Jesus.

Mike Metzger





Hi Ladies:

Thanks to everyone who bought our eggs, made a donation, and/or helped to make the eggs! We don't have a final total at the time of this posting as we still have some money not handed in. As soon as we have all the money in, we'll give the total we'll be sending to ABCOPAD for Summer Campers at the racetrack. This year we had many helping hands and were able to get them out early. It is true about many hands making light work. Again, church family, we appreciated all your help.

We are getting ready to wind up our year in June. The Board will be meeting to plan for next year and a new Circle Book will be ready for our first meetings in September. A sign-up sheet will be placed at the Welcome Center after it's decided. If you are not a circle member, you may still come and participate. Everyone will purchase their own meals.

We've had a busy and productive year. In December, we were able to give over \$300.00 to the Milford Christian Academy to help defray the cost of their lunch milk prices. We also collected money for our missionaries. The Bonar Circle will also send money to Liberia to the Ricks Institute to help fund their Head, Hearts, and Hands project that feeds and educates about 120 children each day, The Clemmer and Reed Circles will send money to the Congo to help supply medicine and medical supplies to the area where the people only make at most \$1.00/day. These can amount to several thousand dollars but split among several projects. We pray for these areas at our meetings and contact our missionaries monthly. The Prayer Shawl Ministry is also an offshoot of ABWM as well. It has not been as active this year as many of our ladies have been unable to make shawls due to medical conditions in their hands. Hopefully, after a restful summer, we'll be more active.

Sue Moore



Mary Bonar Circle
Faye Yarbrough is a missionary
to the South Africa
Leader: Beryl Gerhard
Next Meeting - September



Joyce Reed Circle
Joyce is Global Coordinator of
Spiritual Care
Leader: Margaret Steinhoff
Next Meeting - September

Ann Clemmer Circle

Ann is a missionary to Eastern
Congo - Goma
Leader: Lois Glading
Next Meeting - September



There will be no Circle Meetings in June-August. Enjoy your break and return refreshed in the beginning of September. See you then!



One Great
HOUR
OF SHARING



One Great Hour of Sharing—Be the Light! 2025

Seventy-six years ago President Harry S. Truman addressed to nation asking Americans to think of the thousands of children in foreign lands who have no family or home and have forgotten what it feels like to have enough to eat. “Homeless thousands wandering to find a place to rest, seek security and a chance to live their lives. Praying to God only in secret fearing persecution. We know that we enjoy these great blessings not because of any special merit on our part, but because of the bounty of God. Since these things come to us from Him, we know that we must use them for the good of others in accordance with His will.”

Today One Great Hour of Sharing serves people in over 80 countries around the world. Sponsored by five Christian U.S. denominations and Church World Service we respond to needs as soon as they happen giving support to thousands of people for ongoing relief, rehabilitation and development. Each request is reviewed by the World Relief Committee of the American Baptist Board of General Ministries and distributed to those in need.

The theme this year is “Be the Light.” Your giving to this initiative will shed light in places where circumstances make it difficult to imagine a future with hope. You can create possibility for people forced to flee their homes in search of safety and new promise. You can support life-giving recovery efforts when disaster devastate communities. You can plant seeds of peace where war has brought despair and destruction.

Your gift payable to First Baptist Church and marked for OGHS may be placed in the offering throughout the month of June.

Beryl Gerhard



Birthdays

Alice Carroll	6/1
Abigail Eaton	6/3
Daniel Maina	6/8
Irene Roberts-Gulley	6/12
Carolyn McIlnay	6/13
D. Jean Adkins	6/16
Adelle Aloï	6/18
Walt Becker	6/18
Jessica Gedney	6/18
Corina Harris	6/18
B. Yvonne McFarland	6/19
Barbara Rapp	6/21
Lois Glading	6/22
June Katz	6/23
Rev. Judy Daniels	6/26

Anniversary

Paul & Jeanne Grice	6/9	52 yrs
Harrison and Hannah Peoples	6/11	3 yrs
Bill and Tammy Myers	6/18	36 yrs
Bobby and Denise Engelson.	6/18	8 yrs
Kenneth and Marsha Kemp	6/19	26 yrs



Men's Shelter Meal Wednesday, June 11, 2025



Thanks for everyone's help with meals at the Dover Interfaith Men's Shelter in May 2025!

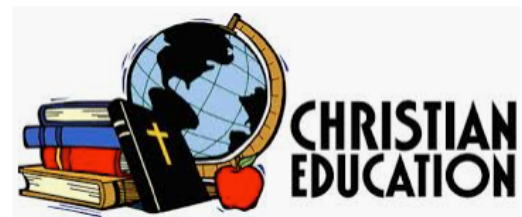
Our next scheduled meal contribution is Wednesday, June 11, 2025. The meal contribution sign-up sheet is located at the Welcome Center in the church Narthex. June's menu includes: Burgers with hamburger rolls, corn on the cob (either fresh or frozen), baked beans, and oranges. Please deliver your contributed food item directly to the shelter, at 1155 Walker Road, Dover, between 4:00 and 5:00 PM on Wednesday, June 11, 2025.

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



**Join our Church
Services
Online**

**YouTube.com at
First Baptist Church of Dover DE**



**Board of Christian Education Meeting
June 12th, 3:00 PM**

Milford Community Band

Under the direction of Philip C. Steinhoff

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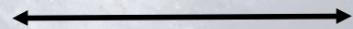
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Sunday, June 22 , 2025

MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL

1019 N Walnut Street, Milford, DE

3:00 P.M.



Saturday, June 28, 2025

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

301 Walker Road, Dover, DE

3:00 P.M.

FREE Concert

Donations Welcome and Appreciated



www.MilfordCommunityBand.org



This organization is supported, in part, by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts. The Division promotes Delaware arts events on www.DelawareScene.com.



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

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.



We still have a number of open dates for Sanctuary Flowers. Below are the present open dates. If you are interested in one of these, the forms are available at the Welcome Center. Your gift of flowers is greatly appreciated.

June 22	June 29	Sept. 14	Oct. 5	Oct. 19
Oct. 25	Nov. 2	Nov. 9		



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.



Ladies in the Prayer Shawl Ministry – With the weather getting warmer, it becomes almost too much to have the warm yarn on us. So, we will be on a break from June-August. Enjoy the next few months off and we will begin meeting again in September. Thank you for your faithfulness in making Prayer Shawls this past year. They are a blessing to all who receive them.

Here's what's happening in June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	2	3	4 12:00 Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Meal 6:45 Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	5 6:00 Praise Team (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	6	7
8 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	9	10	11 11:30 XYZ (Boondock;s Restaurant) 12:00 Bible Study 4:00 DIMH Shelter Meal 6:00 Fellowship Meal 6:45 Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	12 3:00 Christian Ed (Library) 6:00 Praise Team (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	13	14 10:00 Missions
15 Father's Day  9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	16 July Newslette Articles Due 	17 10:00 ABWM Board Mtg. (Conference Room)	18 12:00 Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Meal & Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	19 4:30 Deacon's (Library) 6:00 Praise Team (Fellowship Hall)	20	21 9:00 Coordinating Committee
22 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	23	24	25 12:00 Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Meal & Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	26 6:00 Praise Team (Fellowship Hall)	27	28 3:00 Milford Community Band Concert 
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.