



First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

October 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

Dear Church Family,

As we step into the month of October, the changing season reminds us of the words of Jesus in Luke 10:2: “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” This verse is a powerful reminder that God’s work is abundant and ongoing, and He is calling each of us to take part in it.

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



Here at FBC Dover, we are entering a season of harvest—not just in nature, but in ministry. God has blessed us with opportunities to serve, to grow, and to reach others with His love. But just as Jesus told His disciples, the work requires workers. Each of us has been gifted by God and called to serve in ways that build up the body of Christ. Whether we are young or “young at heart,” new to church or seasoned in ministry, God has a place and an assignment for us in His vineyard.



This month, we are especially excited about our upcoming Ministry Fair, which will take place right after worship on Sunday, October 26th. The fair will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the various boards and committees of our church and to prayerfully consider where God may be leading you to serve. It is my prayer that each of us will seek the Lord’s wisdom as we reflect on how we can use our gifts, time, and talents for His glory.



Let us remember, the harvest is indeed plentiful—and the Lord is still sending out workers. May we be willing, ready, and eager to respond to His call, so that together, we might see lives transformed and God’s Kingdom advanced through the ministry of our church.

Blessings,

Pastor Brian C. Cunningham





“Communications”

Fall is a great time of year to get outside and enjoy the colors of the trees and the fall items such as the Fall Festivals in many of our different towns or areas. To see and taste items of fall is very good. Spiced items, apples, apple pies, pumpkin spice and many other tastes of fall. When we see and know of a happening that someone might enjoy, it is good to share the information with them.

Paul writes in **Ephesians 4:29**; ***Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.***

As we talk with each other, I am asking for you to be praying for each other also. Sometimes, people don't always express their need for prayer, and we need to dig a little deeper to find their real need for prayer. This is a two-way street, in being in need of prayer and asking for prayer. It's always good to communicate with another and express the real need on your heart even if it is for another person.

In this matter, your Deacon maybe in contact with you asking about your needs or your family needs. We have most of our congregants on our Deacon Shepherding lists. Some of which are shut-ins and can't make it to church, some of whom have not come back to church since Covid started. They are still on our hearts and minds, even though we do not physically see them each week.

Your Deacon maybe making phone calls to check up on you. If not please let me know, as I can tell you and/or the Deacon covering you to reach out and make you feel part of our congregation. If needed, we can make a personal visit with or without Pastor Cunningham at your convenience.

Also, in the same as this message is named- Communications- if you have a need, please contact your Deacon. Please realize your Deacon cannot know your needs unless you tell them. Your Deacon can let Pastor Cunningham know, if you want or not.

As we get back into doing 'church' as well as some new things, let's not fall into some ministry items that had been sidetracked. It is time we get back to new communications with each other. This is a basic ministry item, and we are refocusing to communicate with each other.

If you do not know who your Deacon is, please contact me and I will let you know.

Mike Metzger



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Birthdays

Gerri Lee	10/2
Beryl Gerhard	10/9
Dan Taylor	10/10
Dorothy Kerr	10/12
Youjay McIntosh	10/13
Debbie Geiser	10/29

Anniversaries

Cliff & Violet Cannon	70 yrs	10/22
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Sanctuary Choir Practice Thursday, at 7:15 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 October 20th 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.

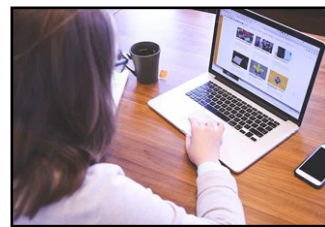
Men's Shelter Meals October 8th, 2025



Men's Shelter Meal-October 8th . Thanks for everyone's help with meals at the Dover Interfaith Men's Shelter on September 10, 2025!

Our next scheduled meal contribution is Wednesday, October 8, 2025. The meal contribution sign-up sheet is located at the Welcome Center. October's menu includes: fried chicken, collard greens, baked beans, dinner rolls, brownies, and bottled water.

Please deliver your contributed food item to the shelter's **temporary** location at: 21 Salisbury Road, Dover (beside the Subway restaurant), between 4:00pm and 5:00pm on Wednesday, October 8, 2025. Everyone's help for this needed service is greatly appreciated!



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Services
Online**

YouTube.com at
First Baptist Church of Dover DE



O c t o b e r

All three Circles have met this month for the first time. All three enjoyed a program about Deborah presented by Deb Metzger. We are anxiously waiting for our missionary speaker on September 21st. She is arriving on Friday. Lois Glading has graciously opened her home to Faye Yarbrough for her stay in Dover. We'll enjoy fellowshiping with her Saturday morning followed by lunch and a tour of Dover. She'll be speaking then to the children during Kid's Korner and to all as she presents her message later in the service.

In October the Circles will meet again: The Bonar/Yarbrough will meet at 10:00, Tuesday, Oct. 7th at the church; the Clemmer will meet at the church on Thursday, Oct. 2nd; and the Reed will meet at the church on Oct. 4th.

Don't forget the Retreat on October 10th entitled "Serving God On Purpose." In talking to Adelle Alois about it, it sounds very interesting.

On Sunday, Nov. 2nd, please pick up your Bible Study envelope for World Day of Prayer on November 3rd. Margaret will present the program on it for the Circle meetings that week.

PLEASE ENJOY GOD'S GOODNESS THIS FALL!



Sue Moore



Mary Bonar Circle

Faye Yarbrough is a missionary to South Africa

Leader: Beryl Gerhard

October 7, 10:00

Fellowship Hall



Joyce Reed Circle

Joyce is a missionary for Global Coordinator of Spiritual Care

Leader: Margaret Steinhoff

October 4, 10:00

Fellowship Hall

Ann Clemmer Circle

Ann is a missionary to Eastern Congo - Goma

Leader: Lois Glading

October 2, 1:00

Cox Parlor



STEWARDSHIP NEWS

We hope you are enjoying the Stewardship devotions our secretary, Vicky, is emailing you. We want everyone to know what Stewardship is all about and how you can help during our campaign. The title of this year's campaign is "International Flavors, Thriving Hearts: A Potluck Stewardship Gathering". We will be featuring covered dishes from our ladies. Instead of charging for the meal this year, we will be asking each family to prepare a dish from their native country that will serve 8 to 10 people. The signup sheet will be available in October.



Remember, this is a whole church participation event!



On behalf of the Board of Missions we would like to thank everyone who generously gave to the Back to School Supply drive . There were seventeen backpacks given, the most ever. A complete list will be posted on the Mission's bulletin board.

We are excited to invite all women to spend a day with others learning about purposefully serving God and exploring ways to grow in our commitment to do so.

Perfect 10 Ladies Retreat

Theme: Serving God On Purpose

(Deliberately and purposefully living a life that honors and glorifies Him)

Date: October 10, 2025 ~ 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Place: Davis Fellowship Hall-First Baptist Church
301 Walker Road, Dover DE**

PLEASE RSVP: Adelle (Welzel) Aloï ~ 302-242-9605



Ecclesiastes 12:13 ~ Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. (KJV)



WHAT IS THE WORLD MISSION OFFERING (WMO)?

Each October through International Ministries World Mission Offering, thousands of churches and individuals come together to promote and support ministries that God is using to transform the world. We want you to join in, too! 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."

The Lord says in Isaiah 43:19, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" We will learn how IM Global Consultant Kristy Engel has helped Ukraine develop sustainable medical systems. In Thailand IM Global Consultant Mike Mann has helped hill tribe communities to grow coffee, instead of opium, for a sustainable life. And then there are IM Global Servants Eric and Yuree Lembke who have been in western Thailand for less than a year! They are developing new ministry opportunities or classes at the Thoo Mweh Khee Learning Center to help Karen people create new lives. God is doing a new thing in the lives of these IM global servants and in the lives of those they serve.

Join with us, as we work cross-culturally to invite people to become disciples of Jesus Christ and to proclaim, through both word and deed, God's reign of justice, peace, and abundant life for all creation.

We will receive your gifts for the World Mission Offering each Sunday in October. Please use one of the WMO envelopes found in the pew racks. Checks should be payable to First Baptist Church and marked "WMO" on the memo line. Please give generously!

THANK YOU from the Board of Missions!!

Lois Glading, Chairperson



News From the Board of Christian Education



The Board of Christian Education has identified the need to include children in a dedicated Bible study while the parents' attend Wednesday evenings. Therefore, the **Bible Verse Club** is a class intended for children ages 5 to 12, where they can learn and memorize Bible verses, and engage in Bible activities. This class will be starting on Wednesday, October 1st, from 6:45 PM to 8 PM. It has been developed to promote children's Bible literacy, which includes developing skills to interpret scripture, understand its narrative, and its relevance to personal faith and practice, fostering their spiritual growth. Also, it provides parents with peace of mind while they are attending Bible study on Wednesday evenings, knowing their children are well taken care of in a safe place.

Nursery Ministry opportunity - There are openings to serve in this ministry. It is a great opportunity to aid in teaching and caring for the little ones.



Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day – Sunday, October 19th, 2025.

Family Fall Harvest Celebration at Fifers’- This is a great opportunity for local family fun! The place offers plenty of parking and a wide variety of amenities for the family. The proposed date is Saturday, Nov. 8th, from 10am - 2pm. Note that this is the last day of Fifers Fall fest, which is running from September 20 to November 8. Therefore, we have an alternate date of Saturday, November 1st. This year, the admission ticket provides all-access to the fall fun activities on the farm. The Board of Christian Ed will provide the admission tickets only to the first 10 children to arrive at our meeting point at 10 am! Meeting Point to be announced.



Great joy – Great news!

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, founded by Franklin Graham. It runs September 7- November 9. This project is worldwide and sends gift filled shoeboxes to children given in Jesus' Name at Christmas. Each week Shoeboxes will be available in the Narthex starting Sept 7 with literature on how to pack the box and what you can put in your shoebox. Select if it's for a girl or boy and what age, label provide in shoebox. When you have filled your shoebox, return and place on the bench in the Narthex by November 9. Enclose or mail a \$10 donation to help with shipping and processing, an envelope is included. The dedication of the shoeboxes will take place November 16 in our church service and then be transported for collection November 17. Questions can be directed to Abby Eaton

732-404-7866.

(Smaritanpurse.org/cc)



*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
16th 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".



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 12:00 Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Meal 6:45 Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	2 1:00 Ann Clemmer (Cox Parlor) 6:00 Praise Team 7:15 Sanctuary Choir	3	4 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Fellowship Hall)
5 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship Time 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	6	7 10:00 Mary Bonar Circle (Fellowship Hall)	8 11:30 XYZ (The Palace Milford) 12:00 Bible Study 4:00 DIMH Shelter Meal 5:30 Christian Ed 6:00 Fellowship Meal 6:45 Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	9 5:00 Worship Committee - Zoom Call 6:00 Praise Team 7:15 Sanctuary Choir	10 10:00AM - 4:00PM Adelle Alois 10-10-10 Ladies Retreat (Fellowship Hall)	11 10:00 Missions (Conference Rm)
12 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship Time 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	13 Columbus Day Church Office Closed 	14	15 12:00 Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Meal 6:45 Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	16 November Newsletter Articles Due  4:30 Deacon's (Library) 6:00 Praise Team 7:15 Sanctuary Choir	17	18
19 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship Time 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 12:30 Quarterly Business Meeting	20 1:00 Prayer Shawl (Fellowship Hall)	21	22 12:00 Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Meal 6:45 Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	23 6:00 Praise Team 7:15 Sanctuary Choir	24	25
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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.