



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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November 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 enter the month of November, my heart is filled with gratitude for all that God is doing among us here at FBC Dover. Over these past eight months, it has been a joy and honor to serve as your pastor and to witness firsthand the faith, love, and dedication that make this congregation so special. Truly, we have so much to thank God for!

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



This month, I invite you to join us for our new sermon series, **Salvation Encounters: From Jericho to Calvary**, as we journey through Luke chapters 20–23. Each week, we will walk alongside Jesus from His ministry in Jericho to His ultimate act of love on Calvary, reflecting on how each encounter reveals the depth of God's grace and the power of His salvation. This is a wonderful reminder that just as Jesus had encounters with even Zaccheus, a chief tax collector, Jesus still has encounters with us today!



I also invite you to join us on **Wednesdays at 12 noon or 6:45 p.m.** as we continue our study through the Book of Acts. Together, we're discovering the foundations of the early church and learning how those same principles can strengthen our ministry today. Our weekly Bible Study is not just another time to hear from the Pastor, but instead, it is a time where we gather around and dialogue about how the Word of God shapes and molds not just our congregation, but our homes, our families, and our hearts towards Him. God has a vision and a plan for His church, and it is just as radical and relevant now as it was over 2000 years ago. It is up to us to rediscover it, and put it into action!



As we approach the end of the year, please keep our church leaders and members in prayer as we begin planning and strategizing for the year ahead. Every person in our congregation has a place here at FBC Dover, and something valuable to contribute to the work God is calling us to do. Let us continue to seek His wisdom as we prepare for the next season of ministry.

Finally, as we enter this Thanksgiving season, let us take time to reflect on how good God has been to each of us. Let our gratitude move beyond words and become visible through our actions, so that, as Jesus said, others may “see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

With a thankful heart,

Pastor Brian C. Cunningham





Giving Thanks to God for Everything

Giving thanks to God for everything is a practice rooted in faith, emphasizing gratitude for both blessings and trials. According to the Bible, it is God's will to "give thanks in all circumstances" because God is always with you, can bring good out of difficult situations, and offers eternal hope through faith. This can be expressed through prayer, focusing on God's grace, love, and promises even when life is hard.

Biblical basis for giving thanks

- **1 Thessalonians 5:18:** give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

This verse is often cited as the basis for giving thanks in all circumstances, viewing it as God's will for believers.

- **Ephesians 5:20:** giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This verse speaks of giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ.

Why to give thanks in all circumstances?

God's presence:

You are never alone, as God promises to be with you through His Holy Spirit and will never leave you.

God's goodness:

Even in hardship, you can be thankful for God's ability to bring hope and for His "gritty gratitude," a choice to see His goodness even when life is hard.

God's grace and love:

Nothing can separate you from God's love.

God's eternal hope:

Through faith, there is hope for an eternity with God, regardless of life's challenges.

Personal growth:

Trials can be used by God for your eternal benefit and to conform you to the image of Christ.

How to express thanks

- **Prayer:**

Communicate your gratitude directly to God through prayer. This can be done in moments of urgency or simply at the start of each day.

- **Acknowledge blessings:**

Thank God for the specific gifts in your life, such as life itself, family, friends, and provisions.

- **Trust in difficult times:**

Focus on God's promises and His presence during trials, rather than on the hardship itself.

- **Live thankfully:**

Let thankfulness be a habit and an intentional choice, not just a reaction when things are good.

- **Perform acts of kindness:**

Demonstrate your gratitude through actions, showing kindness to others as a way of returning the blessings you have received.

Lord, I bless your holy name. You are matchless and deserve all the glory and honor due your name. I praise you, Lord, with thanksgiving for who you are, my God, and for all your wonderful attributes. Lord, I am thankful for your wonderful works in my life. Help me exalt your name and share my testimony of salvation and Jesus to everyone who knows me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Margaret Steinhoff

(Taken from sites on the internet on Thankfulness)



Imagine the whole world praying at the same time! Wouldn't that be wonderful? On November 3rd, it is Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer. Women all around the world will be praying for each other on that Monday. Using the packet you are given on November 2nd after church, join all Baptist Women world-wide in praying for the needs of these women and their families. During your devotional time that day, enjoy a cup of tea as you read the Bible Study the packet contains. During Circle Margaret Steinhoff will present a program about the importance of this day.

November 25---All circles gather to decorate the church for the holidays 10:00am



Mary Bonar Circle
Faye Yarbrough is a missionary
to South Africa
Leader: Beryl Gerhard
November 4, 10:00
Fellowship Hall

Ann Clemmer Circle

Ann is a missionary to Eastern
Congo - Goma
Leader: Lois Glading
November 6, 1:00
Cox Parlor



Joyce Reed Circle
Joyce is Global Coordinator of
Spiritual Care
Leader: Margaret Steinhoff
November 1, 10:00
Fellowship Hall



Men's Shelter Meal Wednesday, November 12, 2025



Men's Shelter Meal-November 12th. Thanks for everyone's help with meals at the Dover Interfaith Men's Shelter in October 8, 2025! Our next scheduled meal contribution is Wednesday, November 12, 2025. The meal contribution sign-up sheet is located at the Welcome Center. November's menu includes: American Goulash, steamed broccoli, dinner rolls, and assorted sheet cakes. Restoration of the Men's Shelter at Bagley Hall is still underway! The men's current location will be announced closer to the November 12, 2025 date. Everyone's help for this needed service is greatly appreciated!



Pointsettias for the Sanctuary



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!



Each Year a Christmas Card is designed and is sent out to everyone in the church. This year the card has been drawn by one of our own Special Interest Missionaries, David Reed. If you would like your name to appear on the card, it is suggested that you take the money you would use to send cards to those in the church (cards & postage) and donate it to this project. A check can be made out to First Baptist Church, indicating in the memo "Christmas Card Project" and your envelope # and place it in the offering. The money received is sent as a Love Gift to our 5 Special Interest Missionaries, whose names will appear on the card, as well. There will also be envelopes for this project available at the Welcome Center starting Nov. 16th. Please be sure to indicate how you would like your name to appear on the card when making your donation. The deadline for participating in this project is on December 1st.



It is already time to be thinking of the upcoming Advent Season and ordering Poinsettias to help decorate the Sanctuary for the holidays. Order forms will be available at the Welcome Center starting November 16th and one will also be in the bulletin that Sunday. The last day to place an order for a Poinsettia will be Dec. 14th. The cost this year is \$16.00 per plant. Directions are on the order form. A form is also in this newsletter. The Poinsettias will be decorating the front of the Sanctuary starting the Sunday before Christmas and can be picked up following the Christmas Eve service. Consider placing a Poinsettia by helping to decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas. You will be blessed!! A form is in this newsletter, page 5.



Poinsettias



Persons wishing to place poinsettias in the church as part of our Christmas display will need to complete this form and place it in the designated box at the Welcome Center. The cost is **\$16.00 for each plant ordered**. Checks may be made out to First Baptist Church, noting on the check "*for poinsettia*", and placed in the offering plate. Please make payment no later than December 25th.

Orders must be received by Sunday, December 14th. No orders will be taken after this date.

You may contact Margaret Steinhoff with any questions at 228-9301.

No. of Plants: _____

My plant is in honor of:



My plant is in memory of:

_____ **Plant(s) may be taken to a shut-in after the Christmas Eve service.**

_____ **I prefer to pick up plant(s) after the Christmas Eve Service.**

Plant(s) given by:

Name:

Phone:



Birthdays

Sarah Prescott	11/7
Ramona Scott.	11/9
Ken Kemp	11/10
Tyler Myers	11/12
Gene Moore, Jr.	11/15
Angela Allen	11/17
Michael Caban	11/17
Larry Buckley	11/19
Sarah Smart	11/20
Matthew Yanez	11/29
Romeo Limson	11/30



Anniversaries

Chad and Morgan Stiegler	11/6	5 years
Michael and Iris Caban	11/12	21 years
Cody and Lorraine Leavel	11/14	5 years
Willis and Glenda Case	11/1	64 years
Phil and Margaret Steinhoff	11/30	51 years

Annual Fall Food Drive 2025



The Annual Fall Food Drive will take place November 21st and 22nd. First Baptist Church will be responsible for collecting, picking up and sorting donated food and money at Greentree Redner's. Look for a sign up sheet in the Narthex the first week of November. Monetary donations are welcome. Checks should be written to First Baptist Church Food Pantry. Your support and help is greatly appreciated! Romeo and Milda Limson, Food Pantry Coordinators



Food Pantry Wish List:

It's time to start thinking about the 25 Thanksgiving food baskets for the Division of Family Services' families this year. We will need the following food items to fill the baskets:

Frozen 14-16 Pound Turkeys
Boxes of Stuffing
Cranbury Sauces
Boxes of Instant Mashed Potatoes
Packages of Gravy
Cans of Green Beans
Cans of Corn

Please make sure to check the expiration dates on the products so that the items are good through at least January 2026. Thank you.
 Romeo and Milda Limson, Food Pantry Coordinators



We hope you have been enjoying the articles Vicky has been sending you weekly for us on Stewardship. We all need to participate in this event to show God how much we appreciate all that he has given us. We share that responsibility. We give monetarily what we can, then rely on our spiritual gifts to fill in the gaps. Without both, our church could not take care of our church and community as we'd like nor draw the unsaved into our fold to benefit from God's salvation.

Our big celebration is coming up on November 2nd at 12:30. Each family coming to that dinner needs to sign up at the Welcome Center. Please put your family's name, how many are coming and what dish you are contributing to the luncheon, or you can volunteer to clean up afterwards. By contributing a covered dish from your native country or volunteering to clean-up afterwards, each family will be a good steward for God at FBC. There will be a program during and following the luncheon. It is a TALENT SHOW. We will use our talents that God has given us. No limit on age. Anyone may participate. Please sign up for that event at the Welcome Center as well. Let's make this a Stewardship Luncheon to remember with lots of fun for everyone!



Comfort Shawl Ministry



Because the Prayer Shawl group has dropped to only 5 ladies, we have decided to meet quarterly instead of every month. If our numbers increase with new members, we'll go back to monthly meetings. If you can sew, knit, or crochet, we could use your talents in this ministry. We make shawls to give to the hospital for those people who are having cancer treatments. It helps them know they are not alone at this time. People are praying for them. Our inventory is low. We need helpers to make these shawls. Please consider joining us in this worthwhile endeavor. Our meeting dates will be as follows: October 20th, January 19th, April 20th, and July 20th. All meetings begin at 1:00pm and last until 3:00pm. We'd love to have you stop by.



THANK YOU for your donations to the World Mission Offering. As of October 26, we have received \$2,436.00.



Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will be dedicated during worship on November 16. Thank you to each person who filled a shoebox and to Abby Eaton and Donna Hutchins for their leadership on this project!



First Baptist “Back to School” Supplies Donated to the Dover Boys and Girls Club, Fall 2025

Back Packs: 19
Box Tissues: 10
Ring Binders: 14
Pencil Boxes: 11
Pencil Case: 1
Calculators: 4
Dividers: 1
Colored Pencils: 10
Composition Books: 29
Rulers: 8
Alcohol Sanitizers: 2 large, 3 small
Pencil Sharpeners: 7
Pencil Packs: Pack of 24: 17; Pack of 12: 11; Pack of 2: 12;
Pack of 10: 1; Pack of 8: 2; 150 pre-sharpened pencils; 4 single Pencils
Crayons: 24 pack: 29; 16 pack: 7; 8 pack: 4
Pink Erasers: 2 pack: 17; 6 pack: 2
Pencil Cap Erasers: 25 pack: 2; 40 pack: 4
Blue Pens: 60 pack: 1; 50 pack: 1; 10 pack: 3; 8 pack: 1; 1 single
Black Pens: 50 pack: 1; 10 pack: 7; 2 single
Glue Sticks: 12 pack: 2; 6 pack: 3; 3 pack: 1; 2 pack: 13; 1 pack: 4
Bottles of Glue: 7
Spiral Notebooks: 44
Washable Markers: 10 pack: 12
Highlighters: 4 pack: 6
Sharpies, Black: 5
Regular Markers: 14 pack: 5
Scissors: Large: 4; Kids: 13
Pocket Folders: 28
Binder Pockets: 4
Index Cards, 3 x 5: 9
Loose Leaf Paper: 19
Post-Its: 4 pack: 2
Lunch Box, Collapsible: 1
Wet Ones: 12 little packs

**Thank you!!!
Board of Missions**

**Large Drinking Cup: 1
\$20.00 cash**

*Here's What's
Happening at
our Church!*



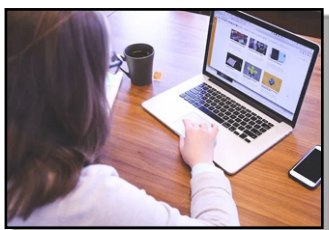
**About the church or one of our
programs? Stop by the Welcome
Center, Sunday AM for the answers.**

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



***Join our Church
Services
Online***

**YouTube.com at
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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!



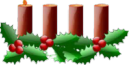
Sermons are now available on the church's website, fbcdover.org under the title "Sermons". Or, if you prefer, you may request a CD copy of a Sunday's sermon by contacting the church office.



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 November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Fellowship Hall)
2 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 12:30 Stewardship Dinner Fellowship Hall	3 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer	4 10:00 Bonar Circle (Fellowship Hall)	5 12:00 Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Meal 6:45 Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	6 1:00 Clemmer Circle (Cox Parlor) 6:00 Praise Team 7:15 Sanctuary Choir	7 5:30 House of Hope	8 10:00 Missions (Conference Rm)
9 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection Operation Christmas Boxes need to be returned	10	11 Church Office Closed  1:30 Staff Relations	12 11:30 XYZ Franko's 12:00 Bible Study 4:00 Dinner at DIMH Shelter 5:30 Christian Ed 6:00 Fellowship Meal 6:45 Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	13 5:00 Worship Committee Zoom Mtg. 6:00 Praise Team 7:15 Sanctuary Choir	14  December Newsletter Articles Due 5:00 Children's Baptism Class	15 9:00 Coordinating Committee (Library)
16 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Dedication	17	18	19 12:00 Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Meal 6:45 Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	20 4:30 Deacon's (Library) 6:00 Praise Team 7:15 Sanctuary Choir	21 Food Drive at Redner's 5:00 Children's Baptism Class	22 Food Drive at Redner's
23 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection Stewardship Commitment Sunday	24	25 10:00 Decorate Chrismon Trees & Sanctuary	26 12:00 Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Meal 6:45 Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	27 Thanksgiving Holiday Church Office Closed 	28	29
30 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 1st Sunday of Advent 	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.					