



# The First Baptist Church of Dover

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April 2026 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

*"He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said." – Matthew 28:6*

As we step into the month of April, our hearts are lifted with the good news that stands at the very center of our faith: Jesus is alive! On Easter Sunday, April 5th, we gather to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. The empty tomb is not just a moment in history, it is the foundation of our hope, the assurance of our salvation, and the power that still transforms lives today. Because He lives, we live. Because He rose, we rise. I invite you to come with joy, bring a friend, and celebrate the victory of Christ together!



This season also presents a wonderful opportunity for renewal within our church home. From April 7th through April 17th, we will be engaging in Spring Cleaning around the church. This is more than just tidying up, it is a chance to steward what God has entrusted to us, reorganize our spaces, and make room for what God desires to do next. Whether it's clearing out storage areas, refreshing ministry spaces, or lending a helping hand wherever needed, your participation will make a meaningful difference. More details to come on how you can be a part!



In addition, we are excited to continue strengthening our fellowship as a church family. Beginning Wednesday, April 8th at 6:00 PM, we will host our Monthly Fellowship Potluck & Dinner, taking place on the Wednesday following Communion Sunday each month. These gatherings are a beautiful way to connect, share a meal, and grow together in community. We encourage you to bring a dish and come ready for a time of fellowship, discipleship around the Word of God, and prayer!



## Fellowship Meal

Finally, it is a blessing to see the momentum building among our young people. Our Youth Night on April 18th at 6:00 PM is shaping up to be another powerful time of connection, growth, and spiritual encouragement. Let's continue to support, pray for, and invest in the next generation as they grow in their faith and identity in Christ.



April is a month filled with life, renewal, and resurrection power. As the flowers bloom and the days grow brighter, may we be reminded that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in us (Romans 8:11). Let us walk in that newness of life together.

Grace and peace,

*Pastor Brian C. Cunningham*



# Easter Week Celebration

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**March 29,** - Palm Sunday - 11:00 AM - Palm Sunday Service



**April 2,** Thursday, 6:00 PM - Foot Washing Service

Thursday, 7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service of Communion and



**April 3,** Friday, 7:00 PM - Good Friday Service at Faith Community Church

**April 5,** Sunday, 8:00 AM - Sunrise Service



8:45 AM - Continental Breakfast

9:30 AM - Sunday School



11:00 AM - Easter Worship Service





## *"Spring is in the Air"*

Spring is in the air. The days are getting longer and the air warmer. Soon summer will be here, and we'll be complaining how hot it is. It seems we always can complain about the weather and very few arguments arise. It's the one thing we can agree on, mostly.



However, are there other things we can agree on? How about the love of our God? We know that



God loves us and takes care of us because we are His children. It's good to know that He is always helping and guiding our paths for Him to be glorified.

So as the weather gets warmer, as nature springs up all around us, let us be ever mindful of what God is doing to keep our lives in order and on the right path. He is a Good, Good God!



Keeping it short this month to you can get in the yard and plant those new flowers or in the garden and plant those vegetables. Let's proceed in what

God wants the earth to be – green and plentiful!

*Mike Metzger*

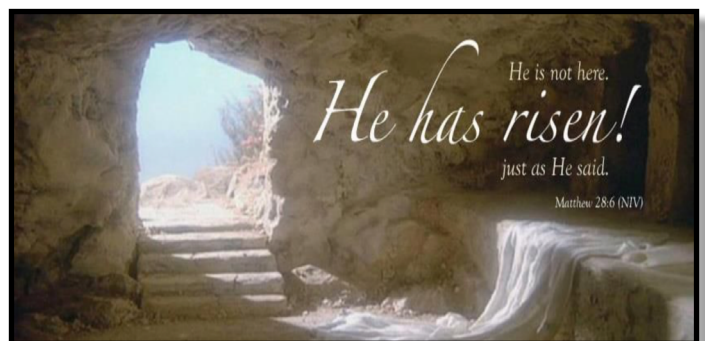


On behalf of the Board of Missions we want to thank the congregation for their generous donations to Code purple which were greatly needed and appreciated. See list of what was donated.

Blessings Terry Lentz and June Katz

### **Donations as of February 28, 2026**

- Coats - 10 adult coats and 1 child's coat
- Sweaters – 14
- Hoodies- 3
- Pants - 9 pair
- Jackets - 3
- Winter vests – 2
- Socks - 30 pair
- Gloves – 8 pair
- Shirts – 10
- Scarves – 8
- Hats – 4
- Sweatshirts /heavy tops– 8
- Sweatshirt and pants – 1
- Blankets – 2
- Large fleece throw – 1
- Pair Flannel pajamas - 1
- T Shirts – 5
- Shoes – 2 pair
- Fur Lined Boots – 2 pair
- Shorts – 5 pair
- Jogging Suit with Fleece Hoodie - 1





Hi Ladies:

Our ladies have been busy making about 500 candy Easter Eggs. All proceeds will be divided between the following two projects: The first project is to assist AMOS Health and Hope to install water filters in five communities in Nicaragua. The second project is to help students in Myanmar get their GED online. If you'd like

to help with these projects but don't want to buy eggs, donations, payable to ABWM of FBC, will be accepted until April 29th.

All three circles met in March to hear about our missionaries in the hill country of Thailand. The Mann's are doing a wonderful job there to have the people become legal citizens and improve living conditions that promote revitalizing the natural resources of the area. If you drink coffee at Starbucks, you have a good chance of tasting Thailand's largest cash crop. They are one of the top producers of the world's coffee.

## *Sue Moore*



### **Mary Bonar Circle**

Faye Yarbrough is a missionary to South Africa

Leader: Beryl Gerhard

April 7, 10:00 ~ Jo Rolison's Home



### **Joyce Reed Circle**

Joyce is Global Coordinator of Spiritual Care

Leader: Margaret Steinhoff

April 4, 10:00 ~ Fellowship Hall

### **Ann Clemmer Circle**

Ann is a missionary to Eastern Congo - Goma

Leader: Lois Glading

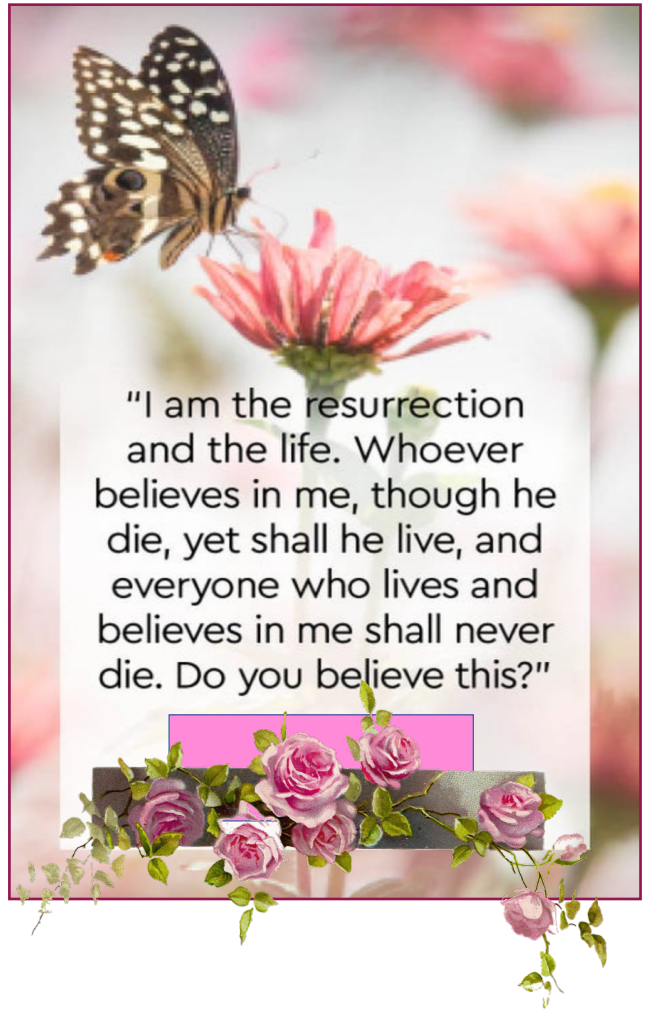
April 2, 1:00 ~ Cox Parlor





# Birthdays

Ruby Alaan	4/2
Violet Cannon	4/5
Robert Peterson	4/5
Donna Hutchins	4/8
James Brown	4/10
Maria Peterson	4/13
Iris Caban	4/20
Nancy Culver	4/23
Doris Parks	4/23
Veronica Manno	4/26
Margaret Steinhoff	4/28



# Anniversary

Fred and Kathy Corazza	46 yrs	4/26
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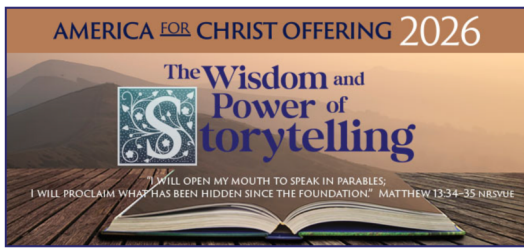
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Services  
Online*

YouTube.com at  
First Baptist Church of Dover DE



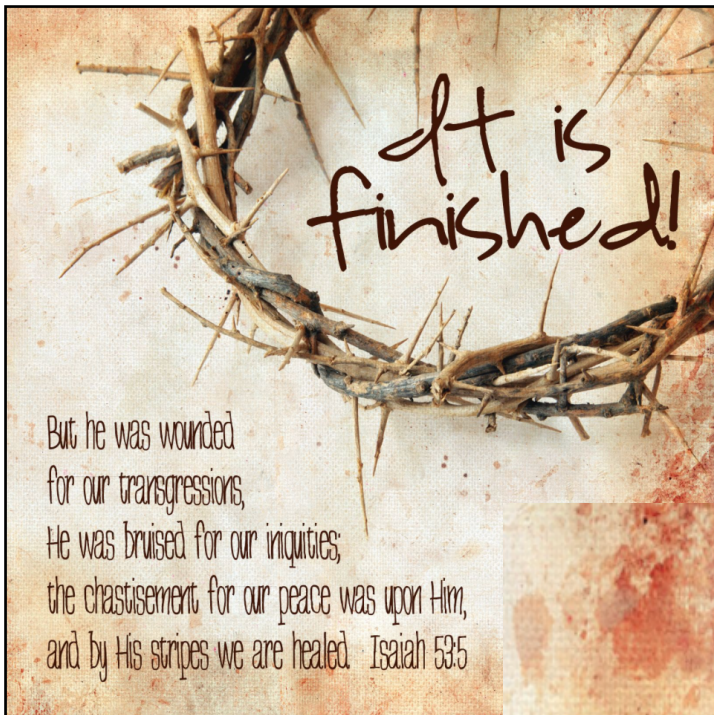
Wednesday, 7:15pm  
Telephone Prayer  
Meeting - To join

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



The Board of Missions is extremely thankful for our "America For Christ" prayers and givings. Your money is serving many different ways as follows: Native American Ministries in Oklahoma is providing learning tools such as monitors, laptops, cameras and sound systems - Camp Verede in Arizona called "Rainbow Acres" where residents set personal goals, safe housing and life enriching programs to those on their way to independency. Chin American Refugee ministry connects Burmese, Chin and American communities through education and service for refugee children - Water for Life where American Baptist Home Missions have provided a grant to drill a well that produces 7.5 gallons of water per minute.

We are blessed to be able to continue through the month of March to our giving to this worthwhile cause.



## Comfort Shawl Ministry



We are now meeting every three months. The next meeting will be April 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. Also, many of them are taken to Cancer patients at Bayhealth Kent General. If you are free on April 20th at 1:00 please join us as we share fellowship and stitches for those who need a bit of comfort.



**Youth Night  
Saturday,  
April 18, 6PM**

## Men's Shelter Meal Wednesday, April 8, 2026



Shelter Meal-April 8<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for everyone's help with meals at the Dover Interfaith Shelters in March! Our next scheduled meal contribution is Wednesday, April 8, 2026. April's menu includes: Hot Dogs with Rolls, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, and Assorted Donuts.

The meal contribution sign-up sheet is located at the Welcome Center. Please notice whether you are contributing for the Men's or Women's/Children's Shelter. Deliver your contributed food item directly to the shelter between 4:00pm and 5:00pm on Wednesday, April 8, 2026. Everyone's help for this needed service is greatly appreciated!

All Women Invited

*Women's Annual Retreat*

Saturday, April 25th

9:00 am - Noon (lunch to follow)

Continental Breakfast

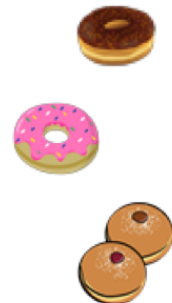
Devotion

Movie

*“Angels*

*Love*

*Donuts”*



Discussion followed by lunch at

*The Smyrna Diner*

*Please sign up at the Welcome Center*

*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  
unless posted  
otherwise on the  
calendar.*



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



There are still a lot of open dates for Sanctuary Flowers in 2026. The fresh, beautiful arrangements add to the worship service. If you place the flowers on a certain date, they are yours to take with you after the service. Placing flowers is a beautiful way to honor or remember a loved one or to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or special occasion. The cost for two vases is \$50 and can be paid when your flowers are placed. If you pay by check, it is made out to First Baptist Church, and you need to indicate in the memo section that it is for flowers and the date you are placing them. There are order forms available at the Welcome Center. Please complete

them fully. You will be notified if the date you have chosen is already taken. Certain flowers (roses, etc.) are more expensive. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Steinhoff. Your gift of flowers for our worship service is greatly appreciated.

# Here's what's happening in April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  <b>Passover</b> 12:00 Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Meal 6:45 Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	2 1:00 Clemmer Circle (Cox Parlor) 6:00 Foot Washing Service 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service Sanctuary Choir after the service	3 7:00 Community Good Friday Service at Faith Community Church	4 10:00 Reed Circle (Fellowship Hall)
5  <b>Easter</b> 8:00 Sunrise Service 8:45 Continental Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	6	7 10:00 Bonar Circle (Jo Rolison's Home)	8 12:00 Bible Study 4:00 DIMH Shelter Meal 6:00 Fellowship Meal 6:45 Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	9 3:00 Christian Ed (Library) 6:00 Praise Team	10 6:30 Deacons (Library)	11 10:00 Missions (Conference Room)
12 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	13 11:30 XYZ (Hollywood Diner)	14  May Newsletter Articles Due 4:30 Worship Committee (Zoom)	15 12:00 Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Meal 6:45 Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	16 6:00 Praise Team 7:15 Sanctuary Choir	17 1:30 Constitution Committee (Library)	18  6:00 Youth Night
19 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 12:30 Quarterly Business Meeting 1:30 Trustees (Library)	20 1:00 Prayer Shawl (Conference Room)	21 10:00 ABWM Board Meeting (Conference Room)	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 <b>9:00 Women's            Retreat - Day of            Renewal (Fellowship            Hall)</b>
26 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	27	28	29 12:00 Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Meal 6:45 Bible Study 7:15 Prayer Call	30 6:00 Praise Team 7:15 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.