



The First Baptist Church of Dover

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February 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



“Embracing New Beginnings: A Journey of Faith”

Life is filled with seasons of change and opportunities for new beginnings. As believers, we are called to embrace these transitions with faith, trusting that God has a purpose for each chapter in our lives. The Bible is filled with encouragement to step into the new things God has prepared for us. In Isaiah 43:19, God declares, “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” This verse reminds us that God is always at work, orchestrating His plans, often in ways we cannot see. The wilderness represents the challenges and uncertainties we face, but God promises to provide a path forward, transforming our barren landscapes into places of abundance.

Consider the example of Moses, who was called to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. Despite his initial reluctance and insecurities, Moses obeyed God’s command, resulting in the liberation of an entire nation (Exodus 3-4). His story exemplifies how God often equips us for new ventures, even when we feel inadequate. When we step out in faith, we can experience God’s miraculous provision and guidance.

When the call for a new thing arises, having been faithful and prayerful, we should rest assured that it has come in God’s timing. We are truly excited about the new Pastoral leadership of Reverend Brian Cunningham and his wife Dr. Cecilia Cunningham beginning in March. An awesome blessing that comes after a long and difficult search. I believe this challenging pastoral search experience has brought a certain wisdom to First Baptist Church and its leaders. During this time, waiting patiently on God, there has been much introspection and reflection on many things to include who God has called us to be. Embracing new opportunities allows us to grow

spiritually, moving away from past limitations and stepping into the fullness of God’s purpose.

We also reflect on the truly magnificent way the Lord has used Reverend Guy during this time, providing another perspective and avenue of growth for FBC. We thank him and Tramaine for their hard work and dedication these past 20 months and pray for them as they too move on to a *new thing*.

In conclusion, as we navigate the uncertainties of life, let us hold fast to the promises of God. He is continually doing a new thing in our lives, inviting us to trust Him and step into the unknown with courage. Embrace the new beginnings with an open heart, for they are opportunities to witness God’s faithfulness and goodness in ways we’ve never imagined.

Blessings,

Deacon Jerome Rogers

FBC: Loving God, Loving People, Making Disciples



The Board of Christian Education is announcing the Spring Teacher’s Breakfast Training Session that will take place on Saturday, February 8th from 10 AM to 11:30 AM at the Fellowship Hall.





Giving Box



(January 12 – February 16, 2025)

If you are available during the day, XYZ will be meeting on Wednesday, **February 12th** at 11:30am at the Longhorn Steakhouse. 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!

Update for Code Purple: items needed for Giving Box. Hand warmers, sleeping bags, blankets, thermal sets, boots, coats, sweaters, sweatpants and tops, socks, warm knit hats, gloves, scarves. Can be new or gently used in women's, men's and children's sizes. Collecting now till February 12th. **Thank you in advance from Board of Missions.**



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

Ann Clemmer Circle
Ann is a missionary to Eastern Congo - Goma
Leader: Lois Glading
February 6, 1:00
Fellowship Hall



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



There are a lot of open dates in 2025 for Sanctuary Flowers. The cost for the two vases is \$50.00. If you are interested in placing flowers in the church for morning Worship, please look at your calendars and fill out a form. The forms are available at the Welcome Center. There is also a box to place your completed forms. You will be contacted if the date you request is already taken. Every effort will be made to give you the date requested. Please complete a separate sheet for each date requested. Also, please print clearly and fill out you form(s) completely. If you have any questions, contact Margaret Steinhoff at 302-228-9301. If she doesn't answer, please leave a message and she will return your call. FYI: Some flowers are more expensive (i.e. roses). When paying for your flowers, make your check out to First Baptist Church and write "flowers" and the date ordered for in the memo section of the check. Your gift of flowers is a contribution to the church and is greatly needed and appreciated.



Sanctuary Flowers



**ABWM Presents
A MOVIE AND
LUNCH**



February 22, 2025

9:00 to 1:00 Starting in Fellowship Hall

**We'll start off with a continental breakfast at 9:00,
Followed by a time of devotions and prayer.**

**We'll revisit Christmas with a movie entitled
"I Heard the Bells."**

**After the movie, we'll carpool up to the Smyrna Diner
for lunch. Everyone will pay for their own meal.**



**While we're waiting for our lunch,
we'll discuss the movie together.**

ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH ARE INVITED!

Please sign up at the Welcome center!



Birthdays

Jeff Twilley	2/5
Jo Rolison	2/7
Rebecca Taylor	2/7
Thelma Schaller	2/9
Willis Case	2/9
Kathy Corazza	2/9
Xerez Navarro	2/14
Ray Murphy	2/16
Victoria Macklin	2/18
Edward Gilman	2/27
Geoff Eaton	2/28



Anniversaries

Robert & Maria Peterson	2/5	52 yrs.
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**Men's Shelter
Meal
February 12th, 2025**



Thanks for everyone's help with meals at the Dover Interfaith Men's Shelter in January 8, 2025! Our next scheduled meal contribution is Wednesday, February 12, 2025. The meal contribution sign-up sheet is located at the Welcome Center. February's menu includes: Spaghetti with meat sauce, Steamed Broccoli, Texas Toast and Assorted Cupcakes. Please deliver your contributed food item directly to the shelter at 1155 Walker Road, between 4:00pm and 5:00pm on Wednesday, February 12, 2025. Everyone's help for this needed service is greatly appreciated!

Comfort Shawl Ministry



The next meeting will be February 17th 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**

Information on the new Boards/Committees - 2025

Christian Education

Chairman – Iris Caban

Secretary – Michelle Rogers

Rep. to Coordinating Committee – Iris Caban

Rep. to Staff Relations – Fred Corazza

Meeting day/time – Second Thursday of the month @ 3:00pm (Library)

Deacons

Chairman – Mike Metzger

Secretary – Deb Metzger

Rep. to Coordinating Committee – Mike Metzger and Margaret Steinhoff

Rep. to Staff Relations – Margaret Steinhoff

Meeting day/time – Third Wednesday of the month @ 4:30pm (Library)

Missions

Chairman – Lois Glading

Secretary – June Katz

Rep. to Coordinating Committee – Lois Glading

Meeting day/time – Second Saturday of the month @ 10:00am (Conference Room)

Trustees

Chairman – Harry Anthony

Vice Chairman – Mark Moore

Secretary – TBD

Rep. to Coordinating Committee – Harry Anthony

Rep. to Staff Relations – Sal Manno

Meeting day/time – TBD

Finance Committee

Chairman – Harry Anthony

Secretary – Romeo Limson

Rep. to Coordinating Committee – Harry Anthony

Meeting day/time – As needed

Nominating Committee

Chairman – Joyce Buckley

Secretary – Milda Limson

Rep. to Coordinating Committee – TBD

Meeting Day/time – TBD

Staff Relations

Chairman – Beryl Gearhard

Secretary – Margaret Steinhoff

Rep. to the Coordinating Committee – Anges Robinson/Margaret Steinhoff

Meeting Day/time – TBD

Information not available for Constitution Committee or Stewardship Committee

*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@fbcdoover.org

*He who dwells in the
shelter of the Most
High will rest in the
shadow of the
Almighty. I will say of
the LORD,*

*"He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God,*

in whom I trust."

Psal'm 91:1-2



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, fbcdoover.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

*Thank you to each one
who serves
our church and our community.*



Here's what's happening in February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00 Joyce Reed Circle (Fellowship Hall)
2 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship Time 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	3	4 10:00 Bonar Circle (Fellowship Hall)	5 4:00 DIMH Dinner 7:15 Prayer Call	6 1:00 Ann Clemmer Circle (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	7	8 10:00 Missions (Conference Room) 10:00 Treacher's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
9 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship Time 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	10	11	12 11:30 XYZ (Longhorn Steakhouse) 7:15 Prayer Call	13 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	14 March Newsletter Articles Due 	15
16 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship Time 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	17 Church Office Closed 1:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry (Conference Room)	18	19 4:30 Deacons (Library) 7:15 Prayer Call	20 8:00-4:30 Children's Choice Fellowship 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	21	22 9:00 ABWM Retreat (Fellowship Hall)
23 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship Time 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	24	25	26 7:15 Prayer Call	27 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	28	

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.