



The First Baptist Church of Dover

301 Walker Rd., Dover, DE 19904

April 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

Beloved Brothers and Sisters,

The changing seasons, from winter's quiet to spring's vibrant rebirth, mirror our spiritual journey from Lent's reflection to Easter's joyous celebration. We thank God for guiding us through these transitions, particularly for the powerful experience of walking together through the scriptures surrounding Christ's journey to the cross. This shared journey has deepened our understanding of His sacrifice and strengthened the bonds of unity within our church family. Easter reminds us that we are not solitary travelers, but a community bound together by faith and love.



Now, as we emerge from the solemnity of Lent and embrace the hope of Easter, let us carry the spirit of unity forward in all that we do. Our call is to continue in the good works of ministry, not as isolated individuals, but as a unified force for good. We are called to support and encourage one another, to lift each other up in prayer, and to extend the love of Christ within our congregation, out to our community, and beyond. When we walk together, shoulder to shoulder, we are better equipped to face any challenge and to amplify the impact of our service.



Let us actively seek opportunities to connect with one another, to build bridges of understanding, and to celebrate the diversity of gifts and perspectives within our church. Each member brings unique talents and experiences to our shared mission, enriching our collective journey of faith. Our strength lies in our unity, in our willingness to walk hand in hand, guided by the light of Christ and strengthened by the bonds of fellowship.

May this Easter season inspire us to embrace the power of unity and to serve together in love. Let us remember that our journey of faith is a collective pursuit of God's purpose for our lives. Let us continue to walk together, encouraging one another, and striving to reflect the love of Christ in all that we do. God bless you all.

Yours in service,

Pastor Brian C. Cunningham



Easter Week Celebration

April 13, - Palm Sunday - 11:00 AM - Palm Sunday Service



April 16, Wednesday, 6:00 PM - Lenten "Soup and Fellowship"

sponsored by the Board of Christian Education



April 17, Thursday, 7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service of Communion and Tenebrae



April 18, Friday, 7:00 PM - Good Friday Service at Faith Community Church



April 20, Sunday, 8:00 AM - Sunrise Service



8:45 AM - Continental Breakfast

9:30 AM - Sunday School



11:00 AM - Easter Worship Service





“The Season of Lent to Easter”

With the spring comes new life. And with the coming of Easter, we await new life. But prior to Easter, we go through the season of Lent, a period of penitential preparation for Easter. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, six and a half weeks before Easter, and provides a 40-day period for fasting and abstinence (Sundays are excluded), an imitation of Jesus Christ’s fasting in the wilderness before he began his public ministry. Christians often choose to give up specific pleasures, such as sweets or social media, during Lent as a way to foster simplicity and self-control and as a reminder to pray and to refocus on spiritual matters.

Holy Week marks the last week of the Christian season of Lent. The events of Holy Week begin with Palm Sunday and mark the events of that week as they relate to Jesus Christ’s suffering, death and burial. We celebrate Palm Sunday with much joy as it celebrates Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem where we are told in the Gospels that he was greeted with crowds waving palm branches and crying “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!” We will receive palm branches when we attend church that Sunday as a tangible sign of Jesus’ ‘triumphal entry’ into Jerusalem.

The next event we will observe is Maundy Thursday. This marks the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples, his praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, his betrayal by his disciple Judas Iscariot, and his arrest in that garden. Maundy Thursday reminds us of the ‘new commandment’ Jesus gave his disciples to love one

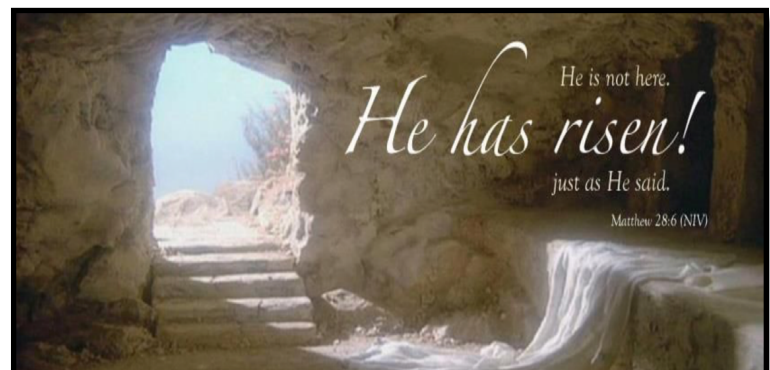
another as he has loved them (John 15:12). This love will be seen in that Jesus was willing to give up his life on the cross on Good Friday. The Maundy Thursday service is a somber one that will lead you into introspection. We will share communion together, as well.

Good Friday is the next observance. This commemorates Jesus’ trials before the religious leaders, then Pontius Pilate, his sentence of death, his torture, and his crucifixion and burial. Ironically, some of the same voices that greeted Jesus as Messiah and King on Palm Sunday would be shouting ‘Crucify him’ just a few short days later on Good Friday. This is an emotional week for Christians.

But then there is Easter! This is the principal festival of the Christian church, which celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his Crucifixion. All Christian traditions have their own special emphasis for Easter. The Easter sunrise service, for example, is one seen mainly in Protestant churches in North America. We have our own Son-rise Service early Easter morning and then a service of praises during our Morning Worship. We will raise our ‘Alleluias’ when they are sung with great joy to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Be sure to mark your calendars and attend all the services of Holy Week. You will be blessed.

Margaret E. Steinhoff



Hi Ladies:

We are currently engaged in our Easter Egg fundraiser. We began making the tasty morsels on March 19th. They will be completed and ready for pickup on April 13th in the Narthex. Next, we will begin to plan on April 29th for our end of the year Installation of Officers in May. We continue to keep the Clemmers in our prayers as the conflicts in their area in Africa continue.

Sue Moore

Come join the fun and fellowship as we make Easter eggs.

April 2 - 10:00 AM

April 4 - 10:00 AM

April 8 - 10:00 AM

April 11 - 10:00 AM

April 12 - 10:00 AM - Packing the Eggs



Mary Bonar Circle

Faye Yarbrough is a missionary to the South Africa

Leader: Beryl Gerhard

April 1, 10:00 ~ Jo Rolison's Home



Joyce Reed Circle

Joyce is Global Coordinator of Spiritual Care

Leader: Margaret Steinhoff

April 5, 10:00 ~ Fellowship Hall

Ann Clemmer Circle

Ann is a missionary to Eastern Congo - Goma

Leader: Lois Glading

April 3, 1:00 ~ Cox Parlor





DOVER INTERFAITH

MISSION FOR HOUSING



Women & Children's Shelter

Interfaith Pathway, the shelter for homeless women and their children, located at 1156 Walker Road opened on February 3 with a housing census of 10-12 persons. They hope to be fully opened and operating within the next month or so.

An Amazon Wish List was created for the Shelter. It includes such things as: quick drying shower slippers (men/women), shower caddies, rechargeable book lights, wastebaskets, lotion, dish detergent, soap, paper towels, napkins, Lysol, Windex, Swiffer, toothbrushes (adult/child), toothpaste, towels, etc. To see the complete Wish List, go to www.doverinterfaith.org At the top of the page, click on "Goods and Items"; then click on "Amazon Wish List". The list gives the price of each item, the quantity needed, and the number they have.

Please look over the list and see if there is something you could purchase for the Shelter and deliver to them. They will be most appreciative!

Lois Glading for the Board of Missions



THANK YOU for your gifts to the America for Christ offering, which enables ministry among our churches and community partners in the United States and Puerto Rico. We continue to receive the America for Christ offering throughout the month of March. As of March 23, we have received **\$2,082.00**. This offering benefits American Baptist mission projects in the US and Puerto Rico. Thank you for your generous gifts to AFC!

Board of Missions

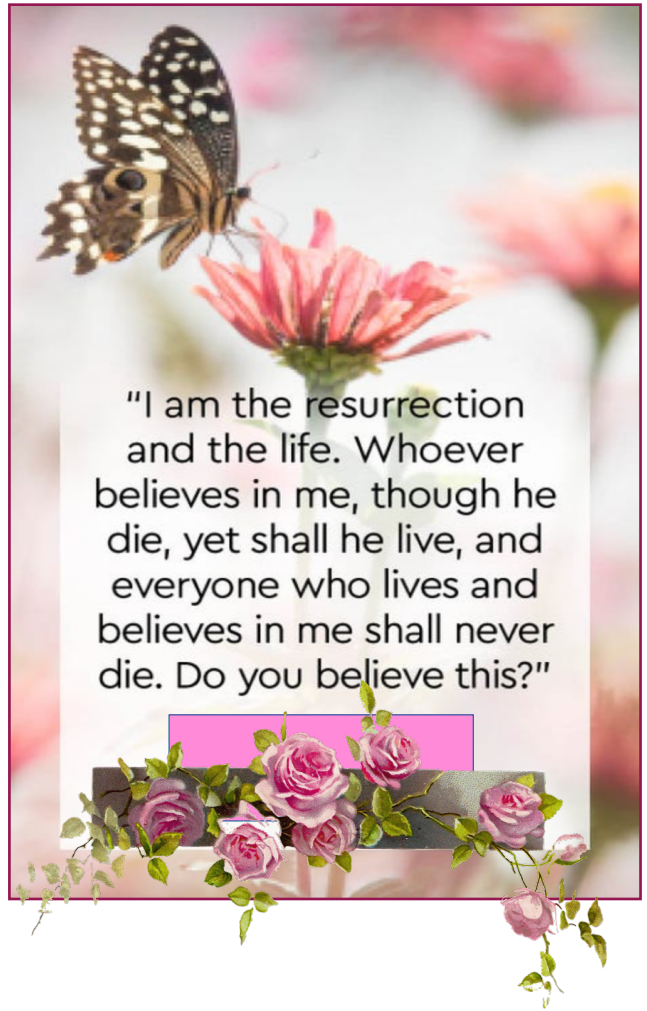


Birthdays

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
Bill Fausey	4/21
Steve Gedney	4/22
Nancy Culver	4/23
Doris Parks	4/23
Veronica Manno	4/26
Patricia Ward	4/27
Margaret Steinhoff	4/28

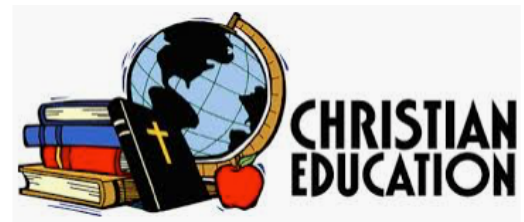
Anniversary

Fred and Kathy Corazza	45 yrs	4/26
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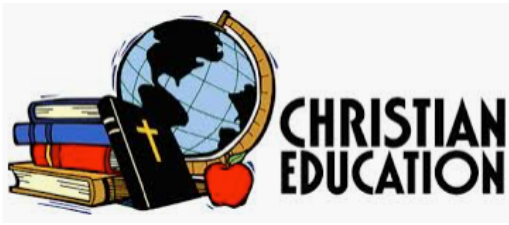


Join our Church Services Online

YouTube.com at
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Board of Christian Education Meeting
April 10, 3:00 PM



SEARCH COMMITTEE News



Easter Hunt - This event will take place on Saturday, April 12th from 2 PM to 4 PM at the Fellowship Hall. Come join us for a fun time learning about Jesus love. There will be crafts, games, music, and light refreshments. There's a sign-up sheet asking for volunteers. A box for candy donations has been placed by the Welcome Center.

We hope everyone is enjoying Pastor Brian Cunningham. He has lots of new ideas which will combine some of our former traditions to make new traditions. His installation on March 29 was followed by a lovely reception in Fellowship Hall. With the installation completed, our committee will have finished its last duty and will be disbanded. We thank everyone for their help through this lengthy process. We appreciated all the prayers and support!



Lenten Soup Dinner and Bible Study - All are invited to join us for a Lenten Soup Dinner and Bible study on Wednesday, April 16th from 6 PM to 8 PM, at the fellowship Hall. Our specialguest speaker for this event will be Cece Cunningham. Take this opportunity to unwind, enjoy good food, fellowship, and God's Word!

Men's Shelter Meal Wednesday, April 9, 2025



Thanks for everyone's help with meals at the Dover Interfaith Men's Shelter on March 12, 2025! Our next scheduled meal contribution is Wednesday, April 9, 2025. The meal contribution sign-up sheet is located at the Welcome Center. April's menu includes: American Goulash, steamed broccoli, dinner rolls, and sheet cake. Please deliver your contributed food item directly to the shelter at 1155 Walker Road, between 4:00pm and 5:00pm on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. Everyone's help for this needed service is greatly appreciated!



~2025~

Sanctuary Easter Flowers



If you would like to place flowers in the church for Easter Sunday, please complete the information below and place the form in the designated box at the Welcome Center or mail to the church office. **The last day to order is Sunday, April 13th.**

Cost: \$15.00 for each plant. *Make checks payable to "First Baptist Church", noting on the check "for Easter Flowers".*

For further information, please contact Margaret Steinhoff at 302-228-9301 or the church office at 302-674-1980.

Total No. of Plants: _____ **Lilies:** _____
Tulips: _____ [5 bulbs]

Given in memory/honor of _____

Plant(s) are to be picked up by the donor after the 11:00 service on Easter Sunday, April 20th.

Given by: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

*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



*Don't forget to pick up your
Chocolate Easter Eggs!!*



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.



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 April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 Bonar Circle (Jo Rolison's House)	2 10:00 Egg Making 7:15 Prayer Call	3 1:00 Clemmer Circle (Cox Parlor) 4:30 Deacon's (Library) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	4 10:00 Egg Making	5 10:00 Reed Circle (Fellowship Hall)
6 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	7	8 10:00 Egg Making	9 11:30 XYZ Cheddar's 4:00 DIMH Shelter Meal 7:15 Prayer Call	10 3:00 Christian Ed (Library) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	11 10:00 Egg Making	12 10:00 Egg Packing 10:00 Missions (Conference Room) 2:00 - 4:00 Easter Egg Hunt/Event (Fellowship Hall)  Passover
13  Palm Sunday 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection	14	15 May Newsletter Articles Due 	16 6:00 Lenten Soup & Fellowship 7:15 Prayer Call	17 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	18 Church Office Closed 	19
20  Easter 8:00 Sunrise Service 8:45 Continental Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Easter Worship Service	21	22	23 7:15 Prayer Call	24	25	26
27 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Kids Konnection 12:30 Quarterly Business Meeting	28	29 9:30 ABWM Board Meeting	30 7:15 Prayer Call			

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.

Sunday, April 13, Pick up Easter Eggs