

Happy
New Year

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Connections

January 2019

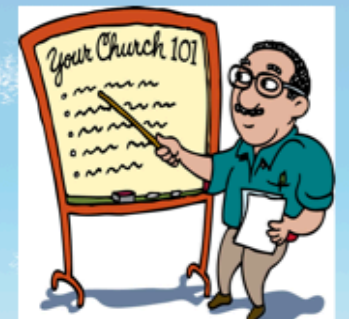
Welcome
to the
New Year!

Annual Meeting
January 16, 2019

The Annual Meeting of the Church is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. All members need to be present to vote on the budget and the new financial officers.

Beginnings Class Planned for January 20

On Sunday, January 20 at 12:30 p.m., the Deacons will host a Beginnings/New Member Orientation in the Fellowship Hall. If you want to become a member or be baptized, this class is a must; or if you just want to know more about our church, this is for you. Please sign up in the Communications Room, as luck will be served to those who attend.



MemBERSHIP Class

The monthly newsletter of Christ Memorial Baptist Church of Dover, Delaware

Mission Ministry



A special note
from an Operation Christmas Child volunteer

We are grateful for your generosity
and kindness for your donations for
Operation Christmas Child.
May you be blessed abundantly
for blessing the children who will
receive your boxes

OCC Team

It’s hard to believe that we are beginning a new year. Our prayer as a ministry team is to be faithful in our calling to do missions.

We begin our year with the **Retired Minister and Missionaries** offering. This offering honors those retired individuals or their spouses who have served faithfully through the years, and continue to serve in various ways in local churches. Our theme is “Together We Are Stronger” and our goal is \$1,000. We ask that you pray about how you can help us reach our goal and give as you feel led.

Mission trip opportunity! ABCOPAD is sponsoring a trip to Tarboro, North Carolina from March 31-April 6, to assist in reconstruction from Hurricane Florence. Accommodations: bunks in former DSS building, trailer showers, full kitchen. We will need to do our own cooking, so cooks as well as laborers needed! Cost is \$225, and covers all expenses aside from travel. Group size limited to 15. Contact Melanie Daul at mdaul@aol.com or (302) 373-0502.

We are going to be adding a new member to our Operation Christmas Child family. Keep a lookout for him during January. He will let you know what item we are collecting each month. We haven’t named him yet, so maybe you can help us out. Let Jan or Amy know your suggestions.

Did you remember to send a Christmas greeting to our sister Church? If you didn’t, that’s okay. Think about sending them some encouragement to begin the New Year.

JANUARY

Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED	2 5:30 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Praise Team	3 Israel Adenike	4 9:45 am Ensemble 6:30 pm Teen LIFE	5
6 Communion 8:30 & 11am Worship 9:45am Sunday School	7 6:30pm Night Owls Maurice Patterson	8 11am Worship Min. 6pm Property & Grounds Min. 7:30pm Deacons Min.	9 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm Praise Team Bob Wilco Sr.	10 7pm Fellowship Min.	11 9:45am Ensemble 6:30pm Teen LIFE	12 9am White Cross Work Day
13 8:30 & 11am Worship 9:45am Sunday School	14 6:30pm Mission Min. 7pm Gathering of Friends	15 6:30pm Church Board Joyce Banschbach	16 5:30pm Dinner 6:15pm Annual Meeting of the Church	17	18 9:45am Ensemble 6:30pm Teen LIFE Jim Gormley	19 Helen Ruiz Dan Kearns
20 8:30 & 11am Worship 9:45am Sunday School	21 Jacob Dorman	22 6:30pm CE Min.	23 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm Praise Team	24	25 9:45am Ensemble 6:30pm Teen LIFE	26
27 8:30 & 11am Worship 9:45am Sunday School	28 10am Gathering of Friends Dennis Wilcutts	29	30 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm Praise Team	31	1	2

THANK YOU

I just finished reading the book BE A CIRCLE MAKER. It was probably meant for me to read, and just the right size in terms of length. I needed the challenge and I appreciate your generosity. Dee Lynch

Thanks from the Collins Family

The Pastor and his family would like to thank everyone for the generous Christmas gift and the many expressions of love and encouragement in the Christmas season. May the Lord bless our ministry and outreach together in the coming year!

Thanks from Outreach

Thank you to everyone that helped to ring the bell for the Salvation Army Kettle drive. All the time slots were filled and I'm sure God blessed everyone's efforts. Thanks again.
Florene LeCompte, Director

Congratulations to Flor Figueroa!

Flor has completed a course on preaching with the region's ACTS program (Academy of Christian Training and Service) which is designed for equipping leaders for ministry. ACTS offers a two-year Certified Lay Ministry training program through online learning. Good job Flor!

Delaware Family Policy Council Member Lunches

DFPC Lunches at Grotto Pizza in Dover help members understand current hot issues and how to address them as Christians. They start on Thursdays at 12:30pm in the meeting room at the back, on the following dates: Jan.17th, Feb.14th, April 18th, and May 9th. Find out more about DFPC at delawarefamilies.org.

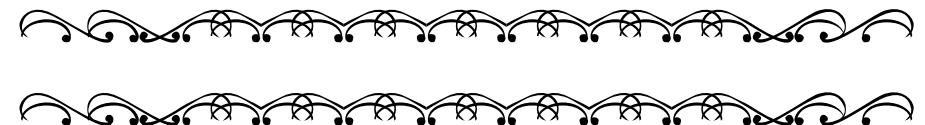


From the Pastor's Computer

Phub-a-Dub-Dub

In her book, *Reclaiming Conversation: The Power of Talk in a Digital Age*, Sherry Turkle writes: *We say we turn to our phones when we're bored. And we often find ourselves bored because we have become accustomed to a constant feed of connection, information, and entertainment. We are forever elsewhere. At class or at church or business meetings, we pay attention to what interests us and then when it doesn't, we look to our devices to find something that does. There is now a word in the dictionary called 'phubbing.' It means maintaining eye contact while texting.* In other words, we give the appearance of paying attention or listening to another person, but our true attention is streaming through our fingers in a text conversation. We are in one place, but our thoughts are elsewhere. We are with people, but we are really somewhere else. We have lost the ability to live in the moment. We have lost the art of engaging in personal, face-to-face conversations and entering into the kinds of relationships that can only be formed through human contact. Instead, we present ourselves as we would like to be through a screen and we only encounter the 'cleaned up' version of others.

As we enter into a new year, I challenge you to set specific times when you will lose the technology and spend time with the people you care about. Make sure that meal times are spent engaging in real conversations, with all phones and devices out of sight and beyond hearing. Take a walk with your phone turned off and experience the world around you, while talking with whoever you walk with. Go on a date with no phone. Put your phone into airplane mode before you enter into worship or when you pray. Live in the moment. Experience the real world. Slow down enough to hear God speaking to you. Consider what the Psalmist meant when he declared: I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope (Ps.130:5).



Wednesday Night Dinners

TODAY'S SPECIAL

January 2nd – Chili and Corn Bread

January 9th – Pulled Pork on a Bun, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw

January 16th – Tater Tot Casserole, Carrots, Applesauce

January 23rd – Chinese Stir Fry and Rice

January 30th - Quiche: Ham and Cheese, Sausage and Apple, Jell-O Fruit Salad



WEDNESDAY DINNER & A FILM

On Wednesday Evenings in January, plan to stay after dinner for an inspiring film. The films will run about an hour or be split up and shown on two consecutive weeks. The current plan is to show the following films:

- Jan.2 – “An Extraordinary Life” – the remarkable story of how God used Billy Graham to reach millions of people with the Gospel. 1hr 13min.
- Jan.9 – Film Clip from: “Apostles of Comedy” 20 min; then J John, Speaker, National Outreach Convention, 45 min.
- Jan.16 – Church Business Meeting, NO FILM
- Jan.23 – Film Clip from: Apostles of Comedy 12min; then “Hudson Taylor,” Missionary Biography, Part 1 OR “Beyond Gates of Splendor” the aftermath of the Five Missionaries who died in Ecuador and how God used that to reach an unreached people (Wed. Crowd will choose)
- Jan.30 – Part 2 (of the chosen film from last week)



Moving Forward with Property & Grounds



The Property & Grounds Ministry would like to wish everyone at CMBC a very Happy and Healthy New Year. We also would like to say thank you to everyone who helped and supported us through out the 2018 year. See you next year!



Happy New Year to all!

Fellowship Ministry

Our Annual Valentine's Luncheon will take place on Sunday, February 10, 2019 immediately following the second service. The Menu and other details will be posted in the February Connections.

Anne Kearns
For The
Fellowship Ministry Team



Christian Life Development Center

Christian Life Development Center's winter session begins on February 6th! Watch in the coming weeks for the exciting Bible studies we have planned! Pastor Jeff will be bringing us an Old Testament study and we will have a selection in Practical Christian Living to remind us of our basic faith roots. After the hustle and bustle of the holidays are over and you've taken a few weeks to catch your breath, think about starting the new year drawing closer to the God who loves you and wants to bring you closer!

Renew your commitment and dedication to the One who creates every season of our lives ... Fall in love with your first love all over again!

COMING IN FEB.2019:

Pastor's Masters Class

The Pastor will be leading a class on the Old Testament book of Ezekiel for the Christian Life Development Center in February. The class will meet in his office and together they will learn how to study the Bible, using the book of Ezekiel and other Old Testament books and resources. Participants will learn to use the tools that Pastors and scholars use to dig deep into a Scripture passage. The class will be limited to 9 people, with a minimum of 5 and will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm starting on Feb.20th.



TEEN LIFE



Teen Life youth group met on December 14th to celebrate together the birth of Jesus. We were joined by Pastor Jeff, who sang and prayed with us and gave the youth stocking stuffers from the youth ministry. Bob and Joan Brown served homemade cookies baked by Florene, Thelma, and Joan. We played games: gift-wrapping a team-mate, and saran wrap ball filled with sweets! All young people 5th - 9th grade are invited to join us on Friday nights 6:30pm - 8pm!





Women of the Church that enjoyed the fellowship at the Christmas Luncheon.
Peggy Curtis,
Photographer

Happy New Year from Women's Ministries!

Our emphasis in January is White Cross. Because of the holiday falling on the first Tuesday of the month, the Day Glow Circle will not have their regular afternoon meeting. The Night Owls have invited anyone interested to join them on Monday, January 7 at 6:30 pm at the church. Sally Gordy will hostess the activities of the evening. You are asked to bring your scissors and a ruler as we will be preparing old sheets for bandages. If you can't come on the evening of the 7th, you may join us on Saturday, January 12 at 9:00 am to roll bandages. We are asked to roll as many as possible for our mission hospitals in Congo. If you can't help in the two ways already mentioned, maybe you have some old cotton sheets you can donate to the cause. Every little bit helps. Hope to see you out at one of these events.

Start thinking ahead to our BIG event in March...the annual Auction. Be creative in what you can donate to the auction. All money raised goes to our mission.

The THRIVE conference is coming. Info on next page.

THRIVE 2019



Annual Conference Sponsored by the American Baptist Women's Ministries of Pennsylvania And Delaware



JUNE 28 - 29, 2019

BLAIR COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER, ALTOONA, PA

Adult Conference Fee \$95*

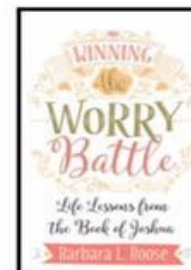
Girls Fee \$100 (includes housing)

*Hotel not included, Look for housing info with Registration Materials early February 2019.

*Some Early Bird Discounts will be available for those registering and paying for conference prior to May 1, 2019.



Barb Roose
KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Popular speaker and author, passionate about equipping women to win at life with Christ-empowered strength and dignity.



Marie Monville
TESTIMONIAL SPEAKER

"When all other lights go out, He still shines!"

On October 2, 2006, Marie's life was forever changed when her then husband made the decision to hold an Amish school hostage.



Abigail Medina Betancourt
MISSION SPEAKER

Abigail is the Puerto Rico Volunteer Coordinator at the American Baptist Home Mission Society in Cantano, Puerto Rico.

THRIVE 2019 updates, as they become available, can be found on the ABCOPAD Website, Notes and News Publications, on the ABWMOPAD Facebook Page or on the THRIVE Facebook Event Page. [FIND US ON FACEBOOK!](#) A REGISTRATION BOOKLET and forms will be mailed to each church in the region in early February. Please SHARE it when it arrives in your churches mailbox!