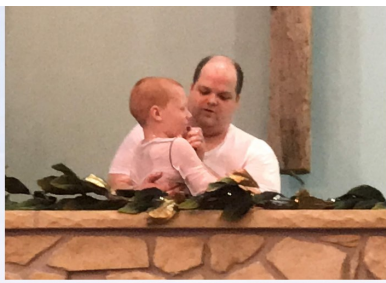


Christian Caller

Quarterly Praise Summer Caller 2019

A Publication of Dover First Christian Church

“The Dover First Christian Church exists to glorify God by teaching His word in love and truth to all people, binding us together as one family in Christ.”
(all verses printed are taken from Holman Christian Standard Version)



 *Dover First Christian Church*
MAY 2019



My family and I have been overwhelmed by your generosity these past few months. We were blessed by your kindness at Easter. We were stunned by your generosity as we welcomed two new kids into our family. And I am humbled by your compassion, service, and love as we have adjusted to being a family of five. We know that we are loved, and I want you to know that we appreciate everything you have done for us over the past few months.

As we continue our 'mission' discussions during our quarterly meeting, I have been struck by this recurring question: Could our church learn to love our community as deeply, passionately, and actively as they have loved my family over these past few months? One of our core values here at Dover First Christian church is to "Be Light." This means that we want to take the love and grace of Jesus into our dark world. We have that core value because Jesus repeatedly calls us to love each other, to love our neighbor, and even to love our enemies.

It's easy for us to get so busy with our lives that we forget there are a lot of kids in our community dealing with abuse and neglect. There are a lot of widows grieving the loss of their spouse. There are a lot of people living in poverty and struggling to make ends meet. I know that we cannot do everything, but we must begin to have the conversation about how we, as a church, can share Christ's love with our city and our county.

Last quarter we talked about ways to connect with our community through outreach events and inviting friends, but this quarter we'd like to focus on how we, like Jesus, can minister to the hurting around us.

Here are some questions we will be discussing during the meeting:

1. What areas of need do you know about in our community? How could we best meet those needs?
2. Are there organizations we could partner with to better help serve those in need?
3. What does it mean for us, as a church, to "love our neighbors?" How are we doing this? Can we do it any better?

Please be in prayer over the next several days as we prepare for this discussion. If you plan to attend, please come prepared to have a meaningful conversation, seasoned with grace, as we seek to honor God together.



Hospitality Ministry

Do not lack diligence; be fervent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; be persistent in prayer. Share with the saints in their needs; pursue hospitality. Romans 12:11-13

Thank You!

Dover Church Family,
Thank you for the cheery balloons, cards, visits, kind words and prayers in my recent recuperation from my injury. Everything was greatly appreciated. Especially the prayers. I's so glad to be back worshipping with you again.
In Christian love,
Gwen Eichel

To Josh and the Dover First Christian family,
It is never easy to travel the rough spots in the road of life. The journey is made more comforting when you have brothers and sisters in Christ lifting you up in prayer. I thank you for everything you have done to support mom and me during this time. Thank you for the flowers and for being there.
Ellen Christy

Thanks to all my church family for all the prayers, visits, and balloon while I was in the hospital for surgery. It's great to know you have an extended family who is there for you and lift you up in prayer.
In Christian Love
Brenda Halchuck

Dover First Christian Church,
Thank you so much for the very nice gifts you gave me on Mother's Day.

Sincerely
Gail McCreery

Ladies
LUNCHEON

June 19th – El Pueblito
July 17th – Walnut Creek
Cheese House
August 21st – Amish Door

RSVP: Carlene 330-343-0954
or Bev 330-878-5903



Thank you to everyone who made the flowering cross possible and a special thanks to Diane and Kelli for organizing this for our church!





Missions Ministry

This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:3-4

Missions

Carry Over Balance:	\$ 1,653.50
Amount Rec'd For Missions	\$ 3,335.00
Designated Funds:	\$ 455.00
Special Gift to Checking:	\$ 5000.00
Amount Available:	\$ 10,443.50
Amount Disbursed: Missions	\$ 4,610.00
Balance	\$ 5,833.50
Short Term:	
Short Term Travel Fund	\$ 5,813.46
Mission Trip Fund	\$ 6,446.52

Special Gift Given To Missions \$22,500.00

\$15,000.00 put into a CD
\$5,00.00 into checking account
\$2,500.00 into Travel Fund

Thank You



Thank you to those that helped with our flower sale, it was a big success. We raised \$980.00 for our mission trip to Noblesville, IN on August 5th-8th. We will work with Ides and FAME. Please pray for the team that is going.



The Missions' Ministry will have their annual yard sale fundraiser again in June. The date has not yet been determined but please start saving items to donate for the yard sale. This fundraiser is for our 2020 international trip. We are still in the process of deciding where we will go and who would like to head-up the trip, Please contact Shirley Beal if you have any suggestions.

Mission Emphasis

Every month we focus on a specific mission. We ask that you join us in praying each month for these missions. We also now have a bulletin board in the hallway. That will have each mission we are highlighting for the month. Thanks to Bonnie Smith for making this happen.

June



July



August



Mission Meeting Dates

June 25th
July 23rd
August 27th





Shepherd's Notes

Other Information
 Average Attendance
 March - 116
 April - 116
 May - 110
 Sermon Series
 The Writings (Mar-April 2019)
 Greater Love (Easter 2019)
 New Testament (Summer 2019)

God continues to watch over us and bless us, and this past spring was no exception. We had great events and activities, good attendance, and incredible acts of generosity. Thank you for another great quarter here at Dover First Christian Church.

Easter was a busy, but blessed, season. We had more than 75 people attend our Good Friday Service, close to 30 kids at our Easter Egg Hunt, and a great Easter morning with Sunrise Service, Breakfast, and Morning Worship. Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the blooming cross, coordinate the Easter Egg Hunt, cook breakfast, and decorate the church.

The spring featured some other great non-Easter events as well. Thank you to all of the people who showed up on our work day to help get the grounds in order for the summer, and thank you for

all the support you showed our Missions team during their spring flower sale.

Our youth ministry team also did an awesome job this spring as they finished up AWANA, hosted a banquet and planned an Ice Skating Trip. If you haven't already heard, Andrew is planning two special "youth groups" for the summer. Our older kids (grades 5-12) will be meeting on Sunday nights from 5:00-6:30pm over the summer, and our younger kids (age 3-4th grade) will have four weeks of classes (leading up to VBS) on Wednesday nights during soul food. See the Youth Page for more details!

We have continued our study through the Books of the Bible this Spring as we finished *The Writings* and are now working on *The New Testament*. It is our prayer that this journey through the scriptures has helped enhance

your understanding of God's story, and our place in it. We continue to look for new ways to better educate and disciple our congregation; we hope to have some new opportunities ready to share with you soon.

We do ask for some grace and patience with us and with Josh this summer. Several of our plans have been postponed as Josh has taken some much needed extra time off to be with his family. We are excited to add Draven and Talea to our church family, and we want to support the Robinson family in every way possible. It does mean, however, that some of our plans and dreams are moving a little slower than we would like, but we are still excited about the direction God is leading us.

We want you to be involved in all of the ministry that is happening here at Dover First Christian. There are a lot of ways to get involved this summer. We have special events that need workers, kids programs that need teachers and aides, a nursery that needs staffed, building projects that need done, and a lot more. Would you prayerfully consider connecting with one of our ministries this summer and helping us continue to move forward? We look forward to serving with you,



Ice Skating Trip



Easter Sunday

The Shepherds



Youth Ministry

Teach a youth about the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

July 14-19th 6-8:30pm

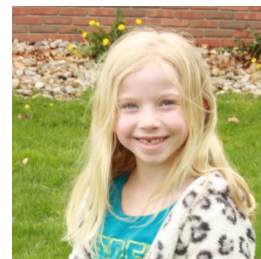


<https://doverfcc.myanswers.com/race>

Please check the youth board for craft and decoration donation sign-ups. We also need people to help decorate on July 11-13.

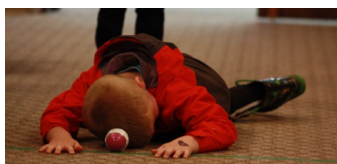
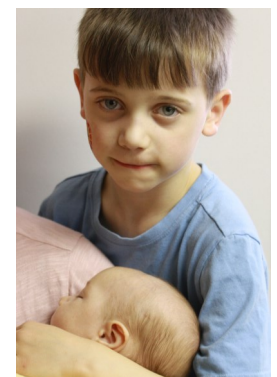
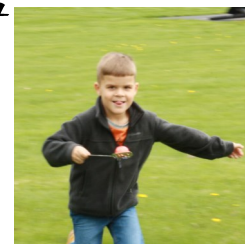
The carnival will be on Friday July 19th. We would like someone to take charge of organizing the carnival. This would include coordinating people to set up and tear down and organize workers for games.

Finally, we are going to try to have a light meal for all VBS kids each evening. We are asking for monetary donations to help with the additional cost



Easter Egg Hunt

Thanks to the congregation for all candy donations. It was a successful event!



Awana CLUBS closing Celebration



Thanks to all who made Awana an amazing year again! it couldn't happen without many hands in the church, as well as parents, techers, helpers and students. We are very grateful for the desire of so many to be used by God in such a great way! We will be ready for a new Awana year starting on September 25th.



Youth Group

Sunday Evenings • 5-6:30pm • Grades 5th-12th

First Towne Days Parade

★ ★ ★ *July 5th* ★ ★ ★

We are going to be in the First Towne Days Parade again this year. If you are interested in participating, please let Trista know. We will meet at 5:30pm that day and the parade starts at 6:30pm. We are in need of candy to pass out during the parade. If you are able to donate candy, please bring candy by June 30th. This is a great way for us to let people know about VBS the week of July 14th.



There is still time to register for camp. We have camp booklets in the foyer. Please see Andrew or Alison in the office to receive your 50% discount code for your child and a friend.



Special Events

Now may the God who gives endurance and encouragement allow you to live in harmony with one another, according to the command of Christ Jesus, so that you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ with a united mind and voice.

Romans 15:5-6 HCSB

Congratulations
CLASS OF 2019
HONORING OF THE GRADUATES
JUNE 2 10:30AM

If you have a graduate you would like honored, please contact the office.

☀️ SUMMER PICNICS ☀️

☀️ June 2nd ☀️

5PM FAMILY PICNIC AT
TUSCORA PARK BEAR CAGE
PAVILLION

☀️ August 4th ☀️

5PM FAMILY PICNIC AT THE
CHURCH AND DINNER PARTY:
6:30-8:30PM

Join us for family fun in the sun!

At both picnics the church will
provide meat, drinks and table service.



Business & Finance

Each one must give as he had decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7 HCSB

Income & Expense

Offerings	\$ 40,696.63
Expenses	\$ 33,899.07
Net Income	\$ 6,797.56

Weekly Goal: \$ 3,100.00

Weekly Average: \$ 4,283.86

Dover First Christian Church has been blessed both spiritually and financially in 2019.

We remain consistent in maintaining tithes to meet our financial need. Monthly payables and expenses have been paid and are current.

If you have any questions regarding expenses, please see the committee servant leader who will answer any question regarding the spending for their committee.

The current financial statement is available on the bulletin board in the hallway.

*Praise God From Whom
All Blessings Flow*

But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into Him who is the head—Christ. From Him the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building up itself in love by the proper working of each individual part. Ephesians 4:15-16



Building & Grounds

Building & Grounds Servant Leader

Congratulations to Aaron Bitikofer. He has been approved as the servant leader.

Thank you, Aaron for taking on this ministry position.

Church Cleaning

We will need help cleaning the inside of the church the end of August. We will post a sign up sheet with a check list of cleaning areas later this summer.





Worship Ministry

Let the message about the Messiah dwell richly among you, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, and singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. .

Colossians 3:16-17

	Date	Shepherd On Call	Greeters	Scripture	Communion Meditation	Shut In	Junior Church Teacher/Helper	Nursery
June	2nd	Ray Beal	Ray & Jade Ulrich	Shirley Beal	Jon Baker	Bob Anders	Trista Bitikofer	Rita Stephens
	9th	Bob Anders	Eric & Kelli Tomblin	Jon Baker	JoAnne McKinney	Hubert Granger	Luann Malone	Alice Butcher
	16th	Rich Halchuck	Steve & Carole Brown	Ray Beal	Luann Malone	Jon Baker	Karen Granger	Shirley Beal
	23rd	Jon Baker	Don & Gail McCreery	Tracy Hill	Cathy Schwarm	Rich Halchuck	Tricia Long	Alice Butcher
	30th	Ray Beal	Youth	Youth	Hubert Granger	Ray Beal	Linda Oszust	Allie Sugalski
	July	7th	Bob Anders	Ouna Goins Denny Welling	Robin Hill	Ray Ulrich	Bob Anders	Erika Lunau
14th		Rich Halchuck	Randy & Bonnie Smith	Carole Brown	Tracy Hill	Hubert Granger	Luann Malone	Candice Robinson
21st		Jon Baker	Youth	Youth	Youth	Jon Baker	Youth/VBS	Robin Hill
28th		Ray Beal	Bob & Susan Haas	Judy Thomas	Wayne Thomas	Rich Halchuck	Linda Oszust	Allie Sugalski
August	4th	Bob Anders	Earl & Grace Lahmers	Allie Sugalski	Ray McClelland	Ray Beal	Karen Granger	Kelli Tomblin
	11th	Rich Halchuck	Bob & Judy Anders	Rita Stephens	Andrew George	Bob Anders	Erika Lunau	Judy Meanor
	18th	Jon Baker	Bev Deyo Marilyn Graybill	Ouna Goins	Hubert Granger	Hubert Granger	Luann Malone	Shirley Beal
	25th	Ray Beal	Alice Butcher Judy Meanor	Ray Ulrich	Carole Brown	Jon Baker	Trista Bitikofer	Rita Stephens
September	1st	Bob Anders	Dee Ray Rita Stephens	Aaron Bitikofer	Cathy Schwarm	Rich Halchuck	Linda Oszust	Alice Butcher
	8th	Rich Halchuck	Chris Snyder Kathy Weaver	JoAnne McKinney	Allie Sugalski	Ray Beal	Karen Granger	Candice Robinson
	15th	Jon Baker	Barry & Vicki Walker	Andrew George	Tracy Hill	Bob Anders	Erika Lunau	Linda Oszust
	22nd	Ray Beal	S. Kay Tomblin Eric D. Tomblin	Judy Thomas	Wayne Thomas	Hubert Granger	Luann Malone	Robin Hill
	29th	Bob Anders	Youth	Youth	Youth	Jon Baker	Youth Sunday	Allie Sugalski

Prayer Concerns

- The Family of Neva Neer
- The Family of Patty Creamer
- Kay McClelland
- Thurman Bailey
- Ken Watson
- Brenda Halchuck
- Marjory Spragg
- Annette Jones
- Roger Hale
- Alivia McClelland
- Shelley Hobart
- Diane Sugalski
- Deter Justice
- Darryl Huff
- Bob Welling
- Lori Abel
- Diane Aydt
- Miriam Troyer
- Dennis Hartman
- Faye Childs
- Walt Weaver
- Ray Burkhardt
- Kolsen Fleming
- Herb Neidig
- Kay McClelland
- Betty Leeper (Belle's House)
- David McKinney (Hennis – Bolivar)
- Chuck Snyder (Hennis — Bolivar)
- John Hawk (Inn at Northwood)

Date	Praise Team	Sound Board	Projector	Communion Preparation	Clothing Shed	Hall Monitor	New Dawn
2nd	Rich & Brenda Halchuck Kelli Tomblin	Wayne Thomas	Andrew George	Judy Anders	Brian Lunau	Tracy Hill	
9th	Barry & Vicki Walker Karleen James	Steve Brown	Eric D Tomblin	Judy Anders	Rich Halchuck	Brian Lunau	
16th	Bob & Judy Anders Linda Oszust	David Schwarm	Katie Long	Judy Anders	David Schwarm	Rita Stephens	
23rd	Carole Brown, Bev Deyo Robin Hill	Steve Brown	Rich Halchuck	Judy Anders	Bob Anders	Ray Ulrich	Ray Ulrich Cathy Schwarm
30th	Youth	Wayne Thomas	Katie Long	Judy Anders	Brian Lunau	Judy Anders	

7th	Candice Robinson, Kathy Weaver Carlene Swinderman	Steve Brown	Eric D Tomblin	Kathy Weaver	Rich Halchuck	Bob Haas	
14th	Ray Beal, Robin Hill Carole Brown	Wayne Thomas	Katey Long	Kathy Weaver	David Schwarm	Eric Tomblin	
21st	Youth	David Schwarm	Katey Long	Kathy Weaver	Bob Anders	Tracy Hill	
28th	Wayne & Judy Thomas Linda Oszust	Steve Brown	Rich Halchuck	Kathy Weaver	Brian Lunau	Rita Stephens	Hubert Granger

4th	Rich & Brenda Halchuck Kelli Tomblin	Wayne Thomas	Andrew George	Karen Granger	Rich Halchuck	David Schwarm	
11th	Barry & Vicki Walker Karleen James	David Schwarm	Eric D Tomblin	Karen Granger	David Schwarm	Brian Lunau	
18th	Bob & Judy Anders Chris Snyder	Steve Brown	Andrew George	Karen Granger	Bob Anders	Ray Ulrich	
25th	Carole Brown, Bev Deyo Trista Bitikofer	Wayne Thomas	Katey Long	Karen Granger	Brian Lunau	Aaron Bitikofer	Josh Robinson Cathy Schwarm

1st	Candice Robinson, Kathy Weaver Carlene Swinderman	David Schwarm	Eric D Tomblin	Judy Thomas	Rich Halchuck	Bob Haas	
8th	Ray Beal, David Schwarm Chris Snyder	Steve Brown	Katey Long	Judy Thomas	David Schwarm	Eric Tomblin	
15th	Rich & Brenda Halchuck Kelli Tomblin	Wayne Thomas	Eric D Tomblin	Judy Thomas	Bob Anders	Judy Anders	
22nd	Wayne & Judy Thomas Karleen James	Steve Brown	Rich Halchuck	Judy Thomas	Brian Lunau	David Schwarm	Josh Robinson Shirley Homan
29th	Youth	David Schwarm	Katey Long	Judy Thomas	Rich Halchuck	Tracy Hill	