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**SANDWICH
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Wed, Aug 17th 5:30pm

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR TO SPEAK AT FBCDC ON BLACK SACRED MUSIC AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Sunday, Sept. 18
@ 9:30am
Fellowship Hall



ROBERT F. DARDEN
PROFESSOR OF JOURNALISM AT
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

"Nothing But Love in God's Water," the two-volume work by Robert F. Darden, follows the rise of black sacred music as protest, from the African-American spirituals through the civil rights movement through the recent surge of democratically inspired protest movements and the #blacklivesmatter campaign. Using previously lost and unavailable music and images, "Nothing But Love in God's Water" graphically shows how a music born in faith and blood not only endured but continually grew in power and impact—from the antebellum

American South into an international phenomenon today. Spirituals, gospel songs and freedom songs not only change lives, they transform nations.

Robert F. Darden is professor of journalism, public relations, and new media at Baylor University. He is the director of Baylor's Black Gospel Music Restoration Project, which is the world's largest initiative to identify, acquire, digitize, catalogue, and make accessible the fast-vanishing vinyl of gospel music's golden age. He is the former gospel music editor for Billboard Magazine and author of "People Get Ready: A New History of Black Gospel Music" and "Nothing but Love in God's Water: Black Sacred Music from the Civil War to the Civil Rights Movement, Volume I." He also is also a frequent contributor

to Huffington Post on the topics of Black sacred music and the civil rights movement.

Darden's expertise also includes 20 years as Senior Editor of The Wittenburg Door (the world's

oldest, largest, and probably only religious humor and satire magazine). He is the author of more than two dozen books and hundreds of magazine articles. His articles and short stories have appeared in The New York Times, The Oxford American, Southern Arts, Amazing Journeys,

The Library of Congress/National Registry of Historic Recordings, and others.

Darden has been interviewed and featured on National Public Radio's All Things Considered, Tapestry (Canadian Broadcasting Corp.), C-SPAN and Fresh Air.

Darden will be in Washington the weekend of the 18th to participate in some pre-opening events for the Smithsonian's new National Museum of African American History & Culture, opening on September 24th.

ROBERT DARDEN



Nothing but Love in God's Water

Black Sacred Music from
Sit-ins to Resurrection City

AUGUST FORUM



On Sundays during the month of August we gather as a community from 9:15am - 10:30am for a light breakfast and special opportunities to know each other better and to be spiritually refreshed.

August 14, 21 & 28: Faith Stories (Fellowship Hall)

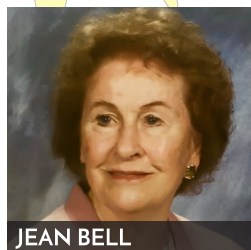
Every life uniquely reflects something of the character and kingdom of God that no other story can. Our relationships with Jesus and with the people around us deepen when we share our personal stories with one another. Each Sunday we'll hear the faith stories of two different individuals who call First Baptist their church home. Join us as we go deeper with God and each other. (Breakfast begins at 9:15am in Fellowship Hall; faith stories begin at 9:45am.)

UPDATE FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The search committee has continued working through the summer, with interesting developments along the way. We've seen progress along with some minor setbacks, but it has been a positive experience as we further explore the future direction of First Baptist DC. Currently we are considering exciting, out-of-the-box opportunities for the position, and we look forward to sharing more details with you soon. Please keep us all in your prayers as we continue this important work, so that we can keep working diligently and with discernment.

In Christ,
Erik Smith
Chair, Pastor Search Committee

AUG 14
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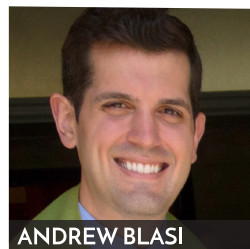
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ANDREW BLASI



ALEX McKEITHEN



CHELSEA CLARKE

8/28
FORUM
BREAKFAST

On August 28th, for the last Forum, our chef Laval Sanks is preparing a hot pancake and bacon breakfast. However, we need to know if you will be eating. Reserve your spot by sending a request to D'O at ddillard@firstbaptistdc.org. Invite your friends!

CARE FOR KIDS NEAR AND FAR



- NCCF School Supply Drive
- Operation Christmas Child



Donating back-to-school supplies to NCCF

Our annual collection of school supplies for the National Center for Children and Families (NCCF) has begun; look for the box in the O Street lobby. Your generosity will help to provide items that enable children and youth to have a successful school year. Please make donations from the following list: No. 2 pencils,



pens, colored pencils, crayons, markers, glue sticks, highlighters, pencil boxes and bags, calculators, rulers, protractors, compasses, left and right handed scissors, notebook paper, spiral notebooks, black and white composition books, loose-leaf notebooks, folders, binders, dictionaries, thesauruses, and backpacks. If you prefer to make a monetary gift, please contact our NCCF Board representative, Bonnie Jorgensen, at bjorgensen@gmail.com. Thank you for caring about the children and youth served by the NCCF.



Operation Christmas Child

Where has the summer gone! In a few weeks (if not already) children will gather their school supplies and choose clothes for the new school year. What a perfect time to do some shopping for your Operation Christmas Child shoebox. Yes, those red and green boxes are ready to be picked up at strategic locations around FBC.

For those of you who are new to the project, it is sponsored each year by FBC's Woman's Society. Last year with the help of FBC, we delivered 50 boxes to the drop off location. The boxes, which are delivered to more than 100 countries, are filled with items for boys and girls ages 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14. They can include new toys, school supplies, clothes and hygienic items and especially your love and prayers. (No guns, knives, war-related toys, liquids or medications.) Each box contains an instruction flyer and you can go online to www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child for additional information. Boxes can be returned to Jean or gini or left at the security desk in the O Street lobby anytime through mid-October (sooner rather than later). Questions? Contact gini Nelson (giniandpaul@aol.com) or Jean Bell (bjbell1@verizon.net).



SAVE THESE DATES

August 14th (Sun)
CHURCH COUNCIL

August 21st (Sun)
DEACONS MEETING

September 11th (Sun)
PROMOTION SUNDAY

September 18th (Sun During Church School)
BOB DARDEN: WHY BLACK GOSPEL MATTERS

September 18th (Sun)
JULIE'S INSTALLATION SERVICE

September 24th (Sat)
CHURCH PICNIC AT ROCK CREEK PARK

September 25th (Sun)
CONGREGATIONAL MTG.: BUDGET

October 15th (Sat)
FBC LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

October 16th (Sun)
THOMAS PANDOLFI PIANO RECITAL



DEADLY

CONSERVATISM LIBERALISM ME-ISM

In Jerusalem in C.E. 30, three particular cultural and religious forces contributed to the crucifixion of Jesus. They're still around today.

SERMON SERIES - AUGUST 14, 21, 28

EVENTS

Sunday, August 14

9:15am: Breakfast/August Forum
10am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rm 312)
11am: Worship followed by Coffee in Parlor
12:30pm: Church Council (Fellowship Hall)
2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)

Wednesday, August 17

11am: Staff Meeting
5pm: Sandwich Making
6pm: Cookout

Saturday, August 20

(Building open 11am - 6pm)
5pm: Mosaic (Sanctuary Side Chapel)

DEACONS ON-CALL: THIS WEEK



Zena Aldridge

NEXT WEEK



Mike Henson

FBC PRAYER & CARE

Sympathy To

Linda Wharton Boyd and extended family in the death of three family members in a house fire in Richmond

Answered Prayer & Thanks

Kathy and Jac Whatley: "We would like to thank members for their prayers and concern over the death of Kathy's father, Albert Meiburg. We had a quiet graveside service for him and are doing well. Thank you."

WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS!

Francis (Dad)
Fonanti
Karblee-Neor
Jatoe (Mom)
Gbo-Yato



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