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PASTOR JULIE
PENNINGTON-RUSSELL

Pastor Julie blogs monthly for Baptist News Global. You can read her latest post [here](#).



Pastor Julie Pennington-Russell

My own experience through the years of the movement of God is that it rarely (if ever) comes with trumpets, bright lights or messages written in the sky. The way forward almost always dawns on me by inches and hunches and best-guesses, and often feels less like barreling down a wide, well-lighted freeway, and more like making my way down a hallway in the middle of the night, feeling the walls for a light switch.

Over the past seven months the Associate Pastor search process has felt very much to me like walking a labyrinth. One step has led to another, then another, then another—and now the search committee is asking our church to take a courageous step of faith by bringing onboard two new staff members instead of one.

Along the way in the search process a question began to form: “What if we were to staff our church for mission and not just for maintenance?” As all of us who attended the Willow Creek leadership conference two weeks ago were reminded: Casting a vision is not difficult. Executing a vision is extremely difficult and often never happens in many churches. This is because the necessary machinery of day-to-day church operations has a way of ripping the vision right off the wall. As Lucy Plovnick wrote in her [letter \(click here\)](#) to the congregation last week, the prevailing mission of an executive pastor is to help the church execute its vision in collaboration with the pastor, staff and laity.

I believe that God is opening a door at this moment in FBC’s history for the expansion of our gospel witness, and for making the kingdom of God more and more evident in our community, city and world.

Over the next several weeks, as we prepare to vote on the recommendations by the Search Committee and Church Council in our quarterly Congregational Meeting on September 25th, you will receive more information about the candidates themselves, as well as the proposed spending plan (budget) for 2016-17. In the meantime, will you pray for our church, and will you consider what part you are going to play in helping us to move forward for the gospel’s sake?

I’m so glad to be on this road with all of you.

Peace & Grace,

P.S. Copies of the position descriptions for the Executive Pastor and Associate Pastor for Youth & Young Adults will be available in the church office early next week.





AUGUST 28TH

LAST CALL FOR BREAKFAST

Fellowship Hall

Email D'O Dillard [.ddillard@firstbaptistdc.org](mailto:ddillard@firstbaptistdc.org) by 5pm today (Thursday) to sign up for chef Laval's pancake & bacon

breakfast this Sunday, Aug. 28, at the final August Forum session. Alex McKeithen and Chelsea Clarke will share their faith stories.



SEPTEMBER 18TH

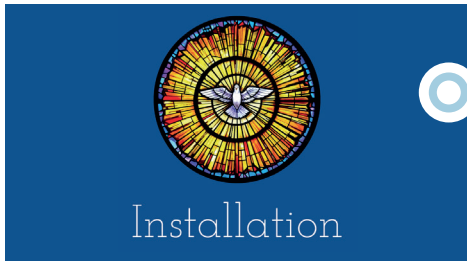
BLACK GOSPEL & FREEDOM SONGS STILL MATTER

Sanctuary 9:30am

On September 18th, Baylor University professor Bob Darden will present the topic of "why black music, specifically

freedom songs and gospel music, still matter." Bob has been interviewed many times by NPR and other news outlets.

[Read more here.](#)



SEPTEMBER 18TH

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR JULIE

Sanctuary 4pm

Reception immediately following in Fellowship Hall. Childcare for infants and preschoolers. Valet Parking Provided



SEPTEMBER 25TH

QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sanctuary/ Fellowship Hall

At the September quarterly business meeting, members will be asked to vote (1) to approve the new position of Executive Pastor, (2) to call candidates for Executive Pastor and Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults, based on the recommendation and motion of the Pastor Search Committee, and (3) to approve the FY 2016-2017 church budget. The meeting

will start in the Sanctuary immediately following the Worship Service. Voting on the pastoral candidates will be by ballot. While those ballots are counted, the meeting will break and reconvene in the Fellowship Hall, where a light lunch will be provided, while Wil McBeath presents plans for possible facilities upgrades. Please plan to be present for these important votes and presentation. ([See Moderator Lucy Plovnic's letter of 8/17 for more information.](#))

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FALL SERMON SERIES

Sept 11 **GOD'S NOT AFTER YOUR MONEY**
Matthew 6:19-21, 24-34

18 **A BETTER ENDGAME**
1 Chronicles 29:10-16

25 **DEALING WITH DISCONTENTMENT**
1 Timothy 6:2b-19

Oct 2 **WHAT ABOUT THE EXTRA? (PART 1)**
Luke 12:13-21

16 **WHAT ABOUT THE EXTRA? (PART 2)**
Luke 12: 22-28

23 **CHOOSING GENEROSITY**
Malachi 3:7-12

FBC LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP SHOP

FBC Child Development Center Celebrating 34 Yrs



On September 7, 1982 the CDC first opened its doors to children needing care while parents were at work. Thirty-four years and many sweet children and families later, we are celebrating the loving environment we have created for staff and families.

Since opening the doors, we continue to welcome, nurture and teach numerous children in our care. The Center is comprised of 9 classrooms and 22 teachers. Our teachers will be introduced on September 27th at our annual "Hurried Family" Dinner (more info about the dinner coming soon).

~ Carolyn B-Roebuck, CDC Director

FBC Providing a Labor Day Meal at Christ House

Looking for a meaningful way to spend two hours on Labor Day (Sept. 5th)? First Baptist is providing a picnic-style barbecue lunch for [Christ House](#), a nonprofit organization connected with Church of the Savior that provides medical and shelter services to unhoused people in DC. We'll barbecue and prepare food in the back parking lot of Christ House starting at 10:50 a.m., wrapping up by 1:00 p.m. If you can serve, please contact Dinh Tran (dinaford@gmail.com, 917-705-9656) as soon as possible. Christ House is located in the Adams Morgan area of DC at [1717 Columbia Road NW, Washington, D.C. 20009](#).

FBC BUILDING CLOSED LABOR DAY

**Saturday
October 15
10am-3pm
Fellowship Hall**

All who call First Baptist "home" are invited to join us on October 15th for this inspiring, informative, empowering event—the first in a series of leadership workshops slated to take place over the next couple of years at FBC. Dr. Geoff Abbott and Mr. Mark Nishan will offer a faith-based version of their successful Intact Team Workshops.

Content

Together we'll focus on exploring:

- The values that shape who we are as a congregation
- A shared vision for First Baptist
- Some meaningful steps we will take in order to fulfill God's mission for us during the next several years.

Workshop Leaders

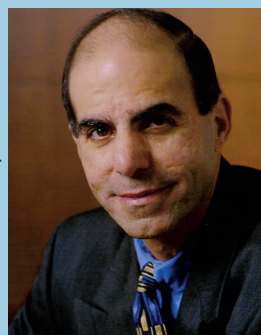
Geoff Abbott and his family have been members of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Woodbridge, VA for more than 18 years. Geoff has been a past



Geoff Abbott

chair of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee and member of United Methodist Men. Mark Nishan and his family have been members of St John Neumann Catholic parish in Gaithersburg for more than 19 years. Mark has been lector for all 19 years and does regular readings from the Bible at a number of church services. He and his wife, Mary are lead members of the church's Capital Campaign Committee, which recently raised \$2.5 million for church improvements and buildings. Mark and Mary also head the parish welcoming committee for new parishioners joining the church.

Light refreshments and lunch will be served. The event is free and registration will begin soon so that we can prepare enough food for all.



Mark Nishan

EVENTS

Sunday, August 28

9:30am: Breakfast/August Forum

10am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rm 312)

11am: Worship followed by Coffee in Parlor

12:30pm: FBC at the Ballpark

2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)

Wednesday, August 31

11am: Staff Meeting/Lunch

Saturday, September 3

(Building open 11am - 6pm)

5pm: Mosaic (Sanctuary Side Chapel)

DEACONS ON-CALL WEEK OF AUGUST 21:



Steve Netcott

WEEK OF AUGUST 28:



Mel Doxie

FBC PRAYER & CARE

Sympathy To

Bonnie Jorgensen in the sudden death of her cousin, Christina Wright, on July 24th in Silver Spring.

Answered Prayer & Thanks

Linda Wharton Boyd and the Wharton & Kirby Families:

"Dear First Baptist, your thoughts, prayers and acts of kindness were deeply appreciated during a very difficult time for me and my family. This tragedy has been very challenging and many in our family are still grappling with and coping from the loss of three generations. But one thing we know, our faith and trust in God is sustaining us, along with the love and support of our family members, friends, colleagues, and church families. We take solace in the heartfelt expressions from each of you. Thank you so very much Pastor Julie and the First Baptist Church family. Continue to keep us in your prayers. Will see you soon. Blessings."

Violet Bakare:

"Thank you to the choir and Lon Schreiber for the calls, prayers, cards, visits, and rides to physical therapy. And thanks to the congregation for cards, calls, visits, and sharing dinner and fellowship."

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