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# Installation

The Honor of Your Presence is Graciously Requested  
at the installation of

## The Rev. Julie Pennington-Russell

as 19<sup>th</sup> Senior Pastor of

**THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 18, 2016**  
Installation Service 4:00 p.m.  
Public Reception 5:30 p.m.



## The Installation of Julie Pennington-Russell: Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm

All are invited to this celebration service and “launching” moment for FBCDC. Guest preachers are William H. Smith, a former colleague of Julie and a long-time friend of both Julie and Tim (Bill presided at Julie’s ordination in 1986 and performed their wedding in 1988); and Paul Nixon, a longtime friend of Julie, and a United Methodist pastor and president of the Epicenter Group, a DC based organization that coaches faith communities and leaders in America and Europe. Also at the service, former FBC pastors Everett Goodwin (1981-1993) and Jim Somerville (2000-2008) will bring words of blessing to the congregation.



*Paul Nixon (Installation Speaker)*

## Brief Update from the Associate Pastor Search Committee

Dear FBC family: We continue to look forward to the end of the month, as we are preparing to **present our two candidates for the new pastor positions after our Sunday worship service on September 25<sup>th</sup>**. Be on the lookout next week, as we reveal the names of our candidates for the Executive Pastor and the Pastor for Youth and Young Adults positions. A special email and letter update will have the details, plus we will have the position description of the Executive Pastor position available around the same time. Please continue to keep us in your prayers, and join us in our excitement as we look forward to our exciting developments.

**Erik Smith**

Chair,  
Associate Pastor  
Search Committee





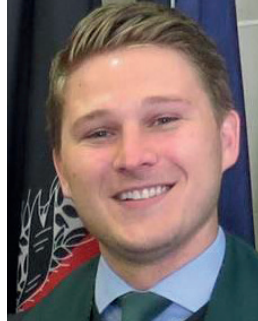
# mosaic

...in transition

BY SAM HILL, MOSAIC COORDINATOR

Week in and week out: doors opened, people welcomed, songs sung, joys celebrated, struggles grieved, prayers offered, sermons preached, questions discussed, meals shared.

For more than three years Mosaic has gathered on Saturday evenings to offer spiritual reprieve from busyness of life. We've sought to be both welcoming of newcomers while inwardly aware of God's work within us. We've sought a worship experience that engages folks both emotionally and intellectually. We've sought to embrace the goodness found in our traditions while discovering new goodness in life today.



In all of this, Mosaic has offered us a grace-filled glimpse into what it means for Jesus-followers to share life together in a challenging place and time.

But even the most authentic band of disciples is tempted by the structures and strictures that come with "organizational health" and "strategic models"—it's only natural. It's easy to forget that worship, beneath the surface, is a simple act of inward listening—the tuning of our senses to the rhythms of God's grace. It is good, of course, to gather each week to sing, read, pray, discuss, and eat together. But occasionally it is good to step back from the meaningful custom—and just listen.

That's our plan at Mosaic.

**On Saturday, September 24, we will hold our final Mosaic worship service and enter into a new season of reflection and community**—asking ourselves, *How can First Baptist Church best serve young people in the community?* We will continue to pray, share meals, and talk about the challenges and opportunities that come with urban ministry. Soon our congregation will welcome an Associate Pastor of Youth & Young Adults to offer fresh insight and creativity.

As we embark on this next leg of the journey, I offer my deepest gratitude to the First Baptist family for its never-ending encouragement of young people and its support for Mosaic. My challenge to us all, especially now, is summed up by Frederick Buechner: *"Listen to your life. See it for the fathomless mystery it is. In the boredom and pain of it, no less than in the excitement and gladness: touch, taste, smell your way to the holy and hidden heart of it, because in the last analysis all moments are key moments, and life itself is grace."*



## Promotion Sunday—Blessing Our Youngest

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 @ 10AM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

At First Baptist we celebrate God's presence in every child and teenager. It is our joy to walk beside these young ones, and to encourage each one in his or her relationship with Christ. On Sunday, September 11, there will be a brief program at 10am in Fellowship Hall so that the FBC family may surround our children and youth with our encouragement and care as several are promoted to older groups. Everyone at FBC, and especially all of our adult Church School groups, are encouraged to join us as we recognize and celebrate their growth, and as we honor the teachers who continue to teach and inspire them. Join us!



## Black Gospel & Freedom Songs Still Matter

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH AT 9:30AM IN THE SANCTUARY

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 at <http://goo.gl/CxFLrV>.

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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

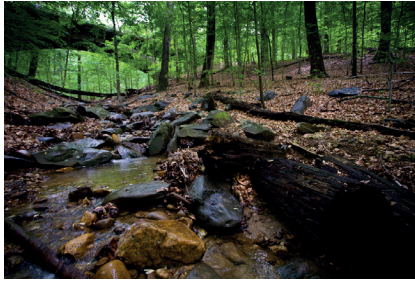
25 **DEALING WITH DISCONTENTMENT**  
1 Timothy 6:2b-19

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

**Fall Generosity Campaign Begins September 11** - Did you know there are approximately 500 verses in the Bible about prayer, fewer than 500 verses about faith, and more than 2,350 verses about money? What's more, besides the Kingdom of God, Jesus said more words about money than about any other single subject. Join us in September and October at First Baptist as we talk about what it means to be generous with our money, our stuff and our lives.



## Annual Fall Fellowship Picnic @ Rock Creek Park

**When:** Saturday, September 24, 11am to 3pm

**Where:** Rock Creek Park, Washington, DC, picnic site #24 (GOOGLE MAP: <http://bit.ly/maptofbcdcpicnic2016>)

**What:** Food, fun and friendship! FBC will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, veggie burgers and all the fixings, along with water and snacks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. The picnic site has convenient parking, covered seating, restrooms and playground equipment.

**RSVP:** We want to make sure there's enough food so please RSVP at <http://bit.ly/fbcdcpicnic2016> or by calling the church office at (202) 387-2206 by Wednesday, September 21. If you need transportation from the church to the park, note it on the online form or when you call.

**Directions:** From 16th Street NW, turn in to Rock Creek Park on Morrow Drive NW. Bear to the left for about 100 yards, toward the William H. G. FitzGerald Tennis Center (stadium with blue seats). Picnic site #24 is the first site on the right, across from the Tennis Center. Please park in the adjacent lot. MetroBus Lines S2 and S4 stop at 16th Street NW and Morrow Drive NW. (GOOGLE MAP: <http://bit.ly/maptofbcdcpicnic2016>)



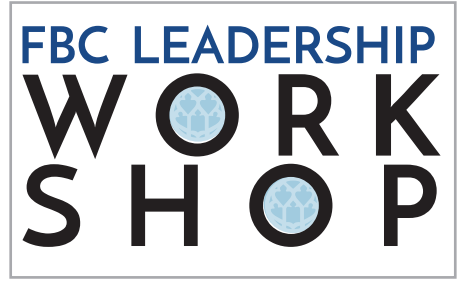
## Quarterly Congregational Meeting—Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>

*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. (On Wednesday, August 17th, our Church Moderator, Lucy Plovnick, sent a letter to the congregation with news of exciting developments at First Baptist Church. If you have not yet read the letter you may find it at <http://goo.gl/AcNTcY>.)



## FBC Leadership Workshop—Sat. Oct. 15

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.

Led by Intact Team Workshop founders Geoff Abbott and Mark Nishan. 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. Leadership Bios: <http://goo.gl/Pnix6z>

## Introduction to Centering Prayer Begins Sept. 24

The Contemplative Outreach of Maryland and Washington is offering The Centering Prayer Introductory Program this fall beginning Saturday, September 24 from 9-3:30 at Annunciation Catholic Church (3810 Massachusetts Ave, WDC), with four Thursday evening follow-up sessions hosted here at First Baptist Church. Learn more at <http://comwcp.org/events/>.



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## Sandwich Making, Cookout/Summer Story Sharing

We'll prepare 400 sandwiches for Martha's Table on **Wednesday, September 21, at 5 pm in Fellowship Hall.** After the sandwich-making we'll enjoy a cookout in the Courtyard and a chance to share our "What I Did On My Summer Vacation" stories. If you plan to attend, please e-mail D'O Dillard at [ddillard@firstbaptistdc.org](mailto:ddillard@firstbaptistdc.org) by noon Tuesday, Sept 20, and please bring a good story and dessert or fruit to share. If it rains, we'll eat in the Meadows Room or Fellowship Hall.



## Diane Willimack to Receive Award

On September 14 2016, Diane K. Willimack (spouse of Steve Netcott), Supervisory Survey Statistician, U.S. Census Bureau, will receive the Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award. The annual award, sponsored by the Washington Statistical Society, encourages the mentoring of junior staff in the statistical community in the Federal, State or Local Government. Diane was nominated by members and interns on her staff for supporting their work and developing their careers. Additional information about the award can be found <http://atamstat.org/sections/sgovt>.



## National Capital Area Missions Offering During September

"The Blessing" is this year's special missions offering by the DC Baptist Convention to help spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. DCBC ministries cover a broad spectrum. The Convention works to coordinate resources, programs, and training events to equip churches with the tools they need to meet the ever-evolving needs of churches, young adults, mature Christians, and those whose needs are overwhelming. Your gifts help support training, spiritual development and skill-building workshops for clergy, deacons, trustees, Sunday school teachers, and lay leaders, as well as youth missions projects, older adult ministries (i.e., volunteers for home restoration), a van ministry (day outings, ministry on the Mall, faith-sharing activities), and an immigration service center.

DCBC's Goal: \$40,000. FBC's goal in order to help them reach that amount: \$3,000. Look for special offering envelopes and informational material on Sundays during the month of September.



## Pastor Preaching at National Baptist Memorial Church

**Wednesday Night, October 5 @ 7pm**

Come and help our friends at NBMC celebrate their 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This year's theme: "Stand Firm & Bear Witness" (from Philippians 1:27). Pastor Julie brings the message on Wednesday night: "Paul, Barnabas and That Crazy Radio Station". Alex McKeithen will sing, accompanied by Lon Schreiber. National Baptist Memorial Church is located at 1501 Columbia Rd NW, Washington, DC 20009. Parking available.

## Serve Breakfast at Christ House-9/11

On the second Sunday of each month, a group of FBC folks get up early and prepare and serve breakfast to our friends at Christ House, a nonprofit organization in Washington DC that provides around-the-clock holistic care to individuals experiencing homelessness with acute medical needs. To join them in this opportunity, please contact Dinh Tran ([dinaford@gmail.com](mailto:dinaford@gmail.com), (917) 705-9656) prior to Sunday, September 11. Christ House is located at 1717 Columbia Road NW, Washington, D.C. 20009.

## EVENTS

### Sunday, September 11

10am: Church School Promotion  
(Fellowship Hall)

10am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rm 312)

11am: Worship followed by Coffee in Parlor

12:30pm: Deacons Meeting (Conf. Room)

2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)

### Wednesday, September 14

11am: Staff Meeting/Lunch

### Saturday, September 17

(Building open 11am - 6pm)

5pm: Mosaic (Sanctuary Side Chapel)

## DEACONS ON-CALL WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11:



Ellen Parkhurst

## WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18:



Adrian Harward

## FBC PRAYER & CARE

### Answered Prayer & Thanks

**Gordon Richmond** was well enough to be in worship on Sunday, and baby **Ezra Ordoveza** made his first appearance at FBC (along with parents Amy and Paulo)!



### Baby Shower To Welcome Ezra Ordoveza

On October 2, 2016, please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the monthly potluck luncheon for a baby shower to welcome Ezra Koslowski Ordoveza, born on June 9, 2016 to Amy and Paulo Ordoveza. For anyone interested, you can follow this link to see Amy and Paulo's baby registry on Amazon.com: <http://amzn.to/2c51p2K>. Hope to see you there!

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