



THE  
**First Baptist Church**  
OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON D.C.

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In the Sanctuary following the Worship Service  
Sunday, September 25, 12:30pm



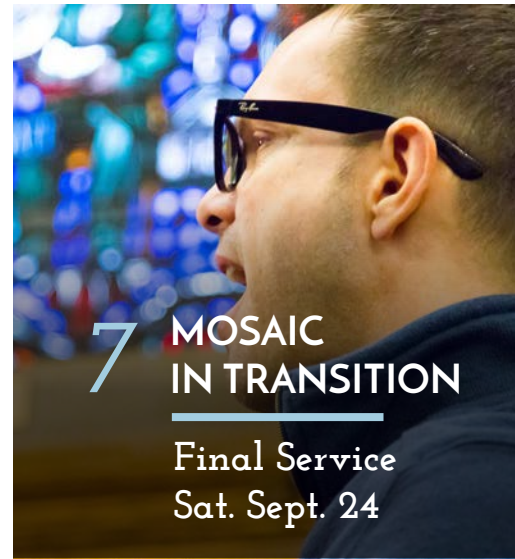
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# FBC LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

# Quarterly Congregational Meeting September 25 Following Worship

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 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 on our website: <http://bit.ly/LucysLetter>.)

## Meet Our Two Ministerial Candidates

With great excitement and anticipation, we announce to you our Search Committee's candidates for Associate Pastor for Young Adult and Youth Ministries and Executive Pastor – Alyssa Aldape and Charlie Fuller. Below is biographical information about each candidate. For a description of the newly created Executive Pastor position, download a PDF of the description at <http://bit.ly/FBC-Exec>.

This announcement represents seven months of prayer, strategic planning and belief that God is leading us to take bold steps of faith at this moment in FBC's life.



### Rev. Alyssa Aldape

*Candidate for Associate Pastor for Young Adult and Youth Ministries*

#### Biography

Alyssa is a child of Baptist missionaries and grew up in San Antonio, Texas and Pune, India. While she lived in India, Alyssa had great opportunities to experience the country's rich cultural diversity through her parents' work with the Banjara people, a nomadic tribe.

#### Faith

"Hospitality has been a major theme in my faith story. As a child I would see my parents open our home to strangers, I would see them share our table with someone who needed a meal, and countless other subtle actions that made a huge impact on my life. When we moved to India, we were the strangers! And it was our turn to rely on the hospitality of others to welcome us into their community and lives. My years in India showed me the importance of mutual hospitality when it comes to sharing our Christian witness. When we find ourselves in the position of losing some of our power or control, it often makes us open ourselves to something bigger in God's world."

#### Alyssa on the Church

"What I love about serving the local church is the tapestry of people around me who come together to worship a loving God. In the midst of a highly polarized

world that tells us that if don't agree we are enemies, church is where we practice finding God together and in that quest, peace. What I love about the church is that there isn't one, single model for doing this, and so together we get to think creatively about what God is up to in our community and dream about the unique ways we can join God in the work."



**Rev. Dr. Charles L. Fuller**  
*Candidate for Executive Pastor*

**Biography**  
Charlie hails from Little Rock, Arkansas. A life-long Baptist, he grew up as a part of the Park Hill Baptist Church in North Little Rock.

Charlie spent all his growing up years in

North Little Rock where his 95-year-old mom still lives. He and Cindy met during their college days at Baylor and have been partners in ministry ever since. They have two adult daughters who live in Seattle, WA and Plano, TX. They also have three grandchildren who are all 3 years of age and under who give them incredible joy.

### Faith Story

Charlie's faith story starts with the nurture of a deeply loving church that raised him in faith. As an adolescent he claimed that faith and began a journey with Jesus that has both informed and empowered a life of ministry. He is deeply curious and constantly open to new ways of experiencing and expressing his faith. He has tried to live out a call to ministry since he was young, but is now living out his calling as a "2nd career" minister, a calling that is expressed in his deep love for people and a desire to walk beside them on their own journeys.

### Charlie on the Church

"I love God's church. I've served the church in various capacities since I was 19 years old. The church isn't a building or an institution. It's a movement, the very presence of God moving among God's creation."

Alyssa's and Charles' education and experience can be read online at <http://bit.ly/FBCDC-candidates>.

# Call Weekend Itinerary

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

### • 11am - 3pm

Charlie and Alyssa join us for the annual Church Picnic at Rock Creek Park. (Youth: this is a great chance to hang out with Alyssa!)

### • 5pm

Alyssa and Charlie attend Mosaic.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

### • 9:30-10:30am

Congregational Q & A with Charlie and Alyssa in Fellowship Hall.

### • 11am

Alyssa and Charlie serve as leaders in worship

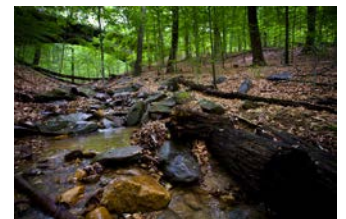
### • After worship

Church votes on new candidates (as well as the Executive Pastor position and 2016-17 budget) in our quarterly congregational meeting. Lunch will be served.


## 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>)



**RSVP & More Info:** For more information and to RSVP go to: <http://bit.ly/fbcdcpicnic2016> or call the church office at (202) 387-2206.

# Installation

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## The Rev. Julie Pe...

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

**THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**  
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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

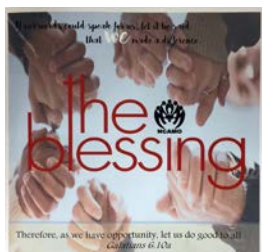
Oct 2 **WHAT ABOUT THE EXTRA? (PART 1)**  
Luke 12:13-21

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

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

**Fall Generosity Campaign** - 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.

Listen to all past sermons: <http://www.firstbaptistdc.org/listen-to-sermons/>



## Final Week: DCBC Missions Offering

"The Blessing" is this year's special missions offering by the DC Baptist Convention to help spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. 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 this last Sunday of the campaign.

Learn more at <http://dcbaptist.org/the-blessing-ncamo>.



## Pastor Debbie Returning in October

Our Associate Pastor for Children and Families, Deborah Cochran, will return to the office on Tuesday, October 11, after a six-month sabbatical. Her first Sunday will be October 16th. Deborah joined the First Baptist staff in 1998. Through the years, while focusing primarily on children and families, she also has served as Acting Pastor during several interim periods. Debbie will shift from full-time to part-time hours upon her return (approximately 20-25 hours per week) and will continue to focus on ministry to children and families, including support of our Child Development Center. Let's prepare to give Debbie a warm welcome back!

## Introduction to Centering Prayer

"Centering Prayer is a receptive method of silent prayer in which we experience God's presence within



us and is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship."

(Thomas Keating) The Contemplative Outreach of Maryland and Washington is offering The Centering Prayer Introductory Program this fall beginning this Saturday, September 24 from 9:00 - 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/>

# FBC LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

## FBC Leadership Workshop Sat. Oct. 15

10a - 3p in Fellowship Hall

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. Register by Oct. 11 at

<http://bit.ly/2016LeaderWorkshop>.



## Mosaic in Transition

For more than three years a group of young and not-so-young adults at First Baptist has gathered on Saturday evenings to sing, pray, listen to a message, engage in conversation and share a meal together.

Led by several people over the years, Mosaic has, in the words of Sam Hill, our most recent Mosaic leader, "offered us a grace-filled

glimpse into what it means for Jesus-followers to share life together in a challenging place and time."



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This Saturday, September 24, we will hold our final Mosaic worship service in its present form. The FBC young adults—including Mosaic regulars and those who worship with us mostly on Sundays—will have opportunities during the months ahead to ask together this question: How can First Baptist Church best connect with and serve young people in our community? Our new Associate Pastor for Young Adult and Youth Ministries, Alyssa Aldape (who'll be voted on this Sunday in our congregational meeting) also will play a role in these conversations.

In the words of Sam Hill, "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."

Please pray for our young adults as they pause and listen for God's leading. And please take



a moment to thank Sam and music leader Matt Henderson (a member of 3 Strands Church), for their faithful, creative leadership.

Read Sam Hill's article about this transition in the last issue of the newsletter or on our website at <http://bit.ly/Mosaic-Transition>.

## 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.



## Stan Hastey Preaching October 9th

FBC member Stan Hastey will bring the message in worship on October 9th while Pastor Julie takes a weekend away to perform a wedding in Arizona. Stan's sermon, Dealing Generously with the "Other", is based on Luke 17:11-19. Stan and Bettie are preparing to move to West Palm Beach, FL, later this fall, where their children, Lisa and Stephen, recently relocated. The Hasteyes have given a multitude of gifts to First Baptist during the past 34 years.



## EVENTS

### Sunday, September 25

9:30am: Congregational Q & A with Charlie and Alyssa (Fellowship Hall)

10am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rm 312)

11am: Worship followed by Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary) and then the Quarterly Business Meeting and a light lunch (Fellowship Hall).

2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)

### Wednesday, September 28

11am: Staff Meeting

## DEACONS ON-CALL WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25:



Erik Smith

## WEEK OF OCTOBER 2:



Rose Smith

## WEEK OF OCTOBER 9:



Kate Campbell

## FBC PRAYER & CARE

### Pray For:

Bonnie Jorgensen; Paul Hughes; Theodore Pinckney; Violet Bakare; Linda Wharton Boyd and family; Christi Harlan; Theresa Smith; Jerry Jeffries and Gordon and Kathie Richmond.



### 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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