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FBC LEADERSHIP WORK SHOP



Vision & Values

Sat, Oct 15 10am - 3pm

The day is finally here! More than 30 people have signed up. On Saturday we'll worship, pray, share a meal and consider what this moment means for us as a church. With the help of facilitators Geoff Abbott and Mark Nishan, we'll talk about the values that shape who we are as a congregation; a shared vision for First Baptist; and some meaningful steps we'll take in order to fulfill God's mission for us during the next several years.

If you're not able to join us this time, another gathering is in the works for January or February. Stay tuned! And please pray for this Saturday's conversation.

BWA Calls for Prayer and Support for the People of Haiti

More than a thousand people have died in Haiti as a result of Hurricane Matthew. Property damage is estimated at over

\$1 billion. There are concerns that the cholera disease, which had affected the country before the hurricane, will become more



widespread and severe. The Baptist World Alliance is organized to offer aid and is calling on the international Baptist community to pray and give. Donations may be made online at www.bwanet.org/give or sent to: Baptist World Aid, c/o Baptist World Alliance, 405 North Washington Street, Falls Church, VA 22046 USA.

Commitment Sunday October 30, 2016

Next week members and friends of FBC will receive an invitation to pray about your financial participation in God's work through First Baptist Church during the coming year. And as an expression of our intention, every person who calls FBC home is asked to complete a commitment card for 2016-17. Your pledge will remain confidential—whether you make it online or use a paper commitment card. On Sunday, October, 30, we will celebrate an "offering of commitments" in worship as we bring our commitment cards to the chancel. (If you pledge online or turn in a commitment card early, you'll still receive a pledge card in your order of worship on October 30 that you may use as a symbol of your pledge during this special moment in the service.)



Wednesday October 19 - Martha's Table Sandwich Making + Soup and Sandwich Dinner

All are welcome to help prepare 400 sandwiches for Martha's Table next Wednesday, October 19 at 5pm in Fellowship Hall. Afterwards we'll enjoy a dinner of soup and sandwiches prepared by Chef Laval. RSVP for dinner by e-mailing ddillard@firstbaptistdc.org (D'O Dillard) by noon Tuesday, October 18.

Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty: Two FBC Members Making News!



Amanda Tyler Named Executive Director

On September 26 the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty named Amanda Tyler as the sixth executive director in the organization's 80-year history. Amanda succeeds Brent Walker, who is retiring at the end of 2016 after 27 years at the BJC. Amanda is one of our newest members at First Baptist. She lives in DC with her husband, Robert Behrendt, and their son, Phelps. Congratulations and blessings, Amanda!

(more: <http://bjconline.org/baptist-joint-committee-names-amanda-tyler-next-executive-director/>)

Stan Hastey receives J.M. Dawson Religious Liberty Award

On Sept. 26, the BJC presented Stan Hastey with the J.M. Dawson Religious Liberty Award, in recognition of his stalwart defense of religious liberty throughout his life. A longtime BJC staff member,



Stan was the first executive director of the Alliance of Baptists and is the author of a history of the BJC.

Named for the BJC's first executive director, the J.M. Dawson Religious Liberty Award is the BJC's highest honor. Former recipients include Bill Moyers, President Jimmy Carter, Tony Campolo, Gardner C. Taylor, FBC member James Dunn, and Melissa Rogers.



Thomas Pandolfi, virtuoso pianist, returns to FBC this Sunday, October 16, 2016 at 4pm. He will romance us with pieces by Russian composers like Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninov, and many others. The finale will be a tribute to Marvin Hamlisch. The Washington Post said Thomas is a "Master of both the grand gesture and the sensual line... exquisite... exceptionally articulate."

This free concert is a gift to the Washington community.

A reception follows the performance. Valet parking provided. Bring your friends and neighbors.



Young Adults Studying Revelation— 9:30 Sunday Mornings @ FBC

If you enjoy following curiosity and mystery, we have a class for you. Many consider Revelation to be one of the most difficult Bible Books to understand. And yet, as Eugene Peterson puts it, "...if we persist through the initial confusion and read on, we begin to pick up the rhythms, realize the connections, and find ourselves enlisted as participants in a multidimensional act of Christian worship."

The FBC Young Adult Bible Fellowship invites you to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 as we delve into Revelation together. Again from Eugene Peterson: "John's Revelation is not easy reading...But the demands he makes on our intelligence and imagination are well rewarded, for in keeping company with John, our worship of God will almost certainly deepen in urgency and joy." Together we hope to unravel some of the mystery and apply our understandings to the lives we're living 24/7.

Join us Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Dawson Room (just through the doors at the O Street entrance, off the hallway to your right). We'll be looking for you!

generous
FALL SERMON SERIES

- Sept 11 **GOD'S NOT AFTER YOUR MONEY**
Matthew 23:23-26
- 18 **A BETTER ENDGAME**
1 Chronicles 29:1-9
- 25 **DEALING WITH DISCONTENTMENT**
1 Timothy 6:8-19
- Oct 2 **WHAT ABOUT THE EXTRA? (PART 1)**
Luke 12:10-21
- 16 **WHAT ABOUT THE EXTRA? (PART 2)**
Luke 12:22-34
- 23 **CHOOSING GENEROSITY**
Malachi 3:1-12

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 through 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 sermons:
<http://www.firstbaptistdc.org/listen-to-sermons/>

Children's Christmas Boxes Due November 6



There's still time to pick up your red and green OCC shoebox at strategic locations around FBC. Boxes may be filled and returned until November 6. Last year we sent 50 boxes to needy children around the world. Read more about this annual drive on our website in the August 11 Newsletter: <https://goo.gl/xrt6Zd>.



Pastor Deborah In Worship This Sunday

Our Associate Pastor for Children and Families, Deborah Cochran, returned to the office this week after a six-month sabbatical and will be leading in worship this Sunday. Welcome back, Debbie!

Pastor Teaching at Baptist University

Pastor Julie is teaching a senior seminar at Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City, TN (where daughter Lucy is a senior) during the week of October 24-28. Founded in 1851 as the Mossy



Creek Missionary Baptist Seminary, the university's enrollment today is just under 1,800. Throughout its history, CNU has pursued a mission of instilling in its students a deep commitment to service. Please pray for Julie while she's away.

Pastor Julie blogs monthly for Baptist News Global.



You can read her latest post here:
<https://baptistnews.com/article/calling-our-people-into-stillness-is-a-subversive-act/>



Proposed Metro Changes Will Affect Churches

A note From Pastor Julie

The DC Metro Board is asking the public to weigh in on four different proposals for revised Metro hours. Proposal #4 eliminates Metro service on Sunday mornings. This will have severe ramifications for

houses of worship throughout the DC Metro area. The DC business community is pressing for extended late-night hours, leaving weekend mornings as the likely time for track maintenance. **Faith communities need to speak up as well.** Next Thursday, October 20, Metro is holding a public hearing in which residents can weigh in on this important issue. Please let your voice be heard. Learn more about the hearing and take an online survey about the proposed service changes: <https://beta.wmata.com/initiatives/proposed-hours.cfm>

DCBC-140th Annual Gathering October 27-30

Representing First Baptist this year:
Jim Langley and Paul Clark.

Speakers Information: <http://dcbaptist.org/2016-annual-gathering/speakers>

Workshop Information: <http://dcbaptist.org/2016-annual-gathering/workshops>



Fourth Annual Halloween Concert on Friday, October 28

Since Halloween (October 31) falls on Monday this year, First Baptist is offering a rare musical treat on **Friday, October 28, at 7 p.m.** We have talented "Goblins" (of assorted kinds) who can't wait to perform brilliantly at the magnificent 5-manual Austin Organ of more than 6,000 pipes. The concert will last about an hour. No admission cost. Performers will wear costumes, and the audience is invited to be in costume as well. Bring a friend!

Dear FBC Church Family,
Cindy and I were thrilled with your warm welcome during our call weekend! From the picnic to the Q & A to worship to the church business session you were so warm and inviting and validating to us. We can't wait to get to know you better! It was wonderful to see God at work in your midst through your gifts of hospitality to us and your deliberations about how you can best be the presence of Christ to your (our!) community. Cindy and I worked hard while we were there looking for a place to live and have already identified some viable options. Please pray for us and our Second Baptist Church family as we work through our transition here. God has blessed us with a fantastic season of ministry here in Little Rock and we are praying for both good endings here and good beginnings there. January 1 can't come soon enough for us!

Blessings,
Charlie



Dear FBC family,
I am beyond grateful for the hospitality, the drawing (by Ernest Stone), the hugs, and affirmation you offered up last weekend. I left DC feeling encouraged about our time together as church as well as the future of the big "C" Church. I look forward to journeying together as we seek God's presence in the world. I covet your prayers as I make the transition from Dalton to DC. Your advice and pro tips on navigating the city will be much appreciated. I'll see y'all in November!

Grace and Peace,
Alyssa

Staff Anniversary: Lon Schreiber—16 years (Oct. 1)

Fun facts about Lon:

- Number of years in DC: 56
- Favorite composers: Bach, Rachmaninoff
- Favorite DC restaurant: Chez Francois (used to be in DC; now in Great Falls, VA)
- On what occasion(s) were you most nervous about playing the organ? The dedications of the National City Christian Church organ in 1976, and the FBCDC organ in 2013. (Lon: "Life is fraught with terror!")

Thank you, Lon...We love and appreciate you.



EVENTS

Sunday, October 16

- 9:30am: Church School for All Ages
- 10am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rm 312)
- 11am: Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:15pm: Church Council (Meadows Room)
- 1:30pm: Inclusion Group (Conference Room)
- 2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)
- 4pm: Thomas Pandolfi in Recital (Sanctuary)

Monday, October 17

- 6:30pm: Christian Ed Committee (Library)

Wednesday, October 19

- 11am: Staff Meeting
- 5pm: Sandwich Making (Fellowship Hall)
- 6pm: Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

DEACONS ON-CALL WEEK OF OCTOBER 16:



Rod Coates

WEEK OF OCTOBER 23:



Erik Smith

FBC PRAYER & CARE

We offer our sympathy to:

- Wayne and Betty Angell in the death of Wayne's brother, Royce Angell, on October 13 in Liberal, KS.
- The family of Elizabeth "Libby" Cain who died at home on September 30.
- Kevin Pinckney and family in the death of his father, Theodore Pinckney, on September 28.

Thank You!

We are so grateful to the members of First Baptist for your response during our collection of school supplies for the National Center for Children and Families. So many of you thoughtfully purchased wonderful items or made generous monetary contributions. Thank you for caring about the children and youth, and for helping them to begin the school year successfully.



Gratefully,

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