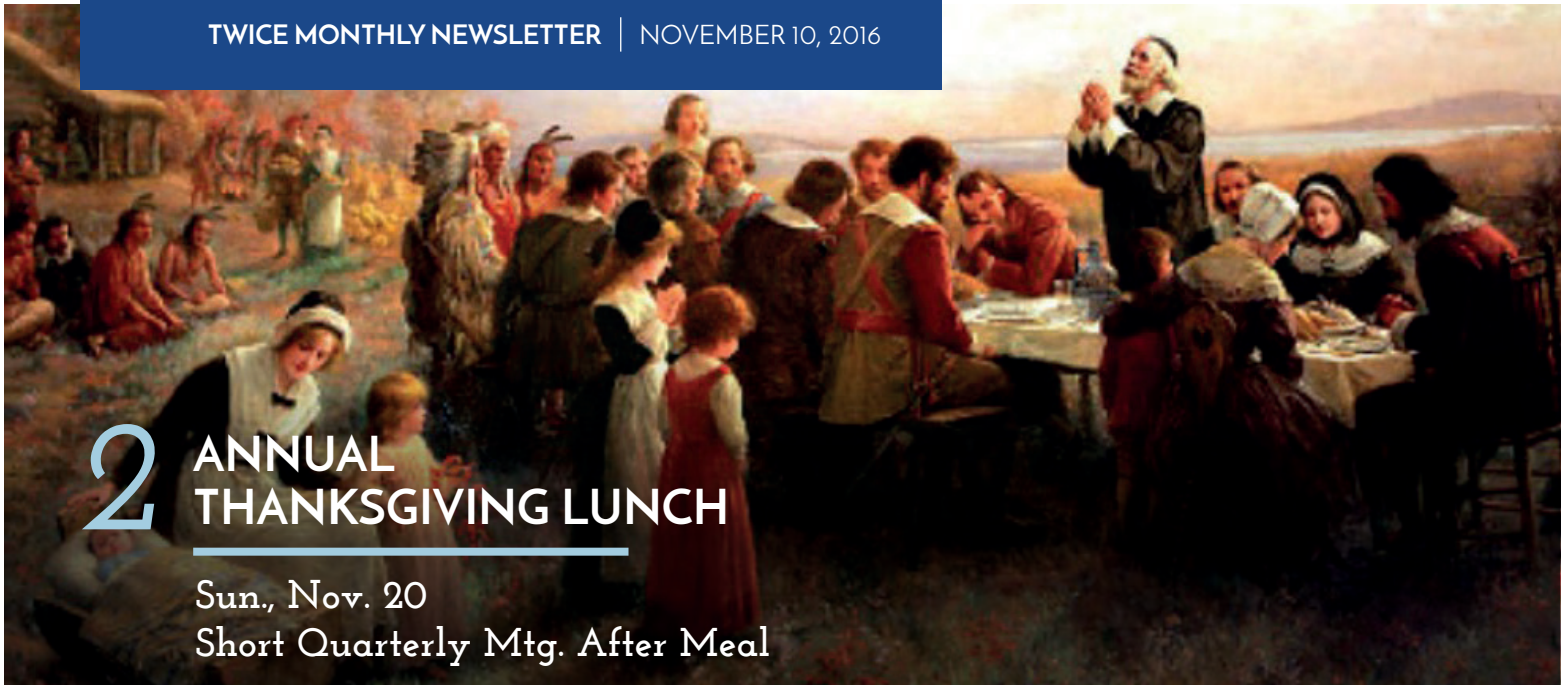




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HONORING PASTOR DEBORAH: JANUARY 8



Plans are underway for a church-wide celebration of Rev. Deborah Cochran's 19-year ministry at FBC. The event will take place after worship on Sunday, January 8, 2017. Because the first Sunday of the month falls on New Year's Day, communion and potluck are being shifted to the 8th. Deborah stepped into her role as Associate Pastor for Children and Families on February 17, 1998. Under her guidance and care, an entire generation of children has been nurtured, inspired, challenged and loved. Mark your calendars and plan to be here to honor Deborah.

(Deborah announced her retirement on November 2, 2016. You can read it here:

<https://goo.gl/ccY5HM>)



ANNUAL THANKSGIVING LUNCH NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Purchase
Tickets Online

Brief Quarterly Congregational Meeting after the meal.

Deadline for reservations is Thursday, November 17. You may RSVP in one of three ways: 1) Sign up today before or after worship in your Church School group or in the narthex. 2) RSVP and pay for your tickets on our [website](#). Or 3) email Church Administrator D'O Dillard at ddillard@firstbaptistdc.org and pay at the door. Cost is \$10/adults; \$7/children under 12. Please consider chipping in the cost of an extra meal, so that we can extend an invitation to all who worship with us that morning. We'll hold a brief quarterly congregational meeting at the end of the meal.

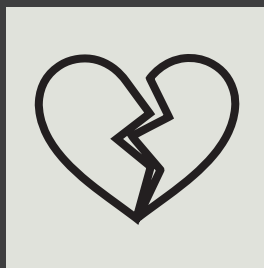
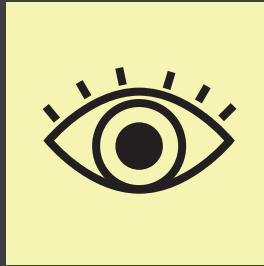
THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE NOVEMBER 23, 6:30PM

*Dessert Social
in the Parlor
following worship*

Join us in the Sanctuary the evening before Thanksgiving for a simple service of gratitude and praise. We'll offer prayers and

sing songs of thanksgiving. Pastor Julie will bring a Thanksgiving devotional message. Please bring a dessert to share.





GIFTS FOR EVERYBODY

November 27 ***A Gift in the Flames***
Malachi 3:1-5

December 4 ***A Gift from a Wild-Eyed Street Preacher***
Matthew 3:1-12

December 11 ***A Gift for the Ignored***
Luke 1:46-55

December 18 ***A Gift for the Wrecked***
Matthew 1:18-25

Christmas Eve ***A Gift in Flesh and Blood***
4:00 pm *Luke 2:1-20*

Christmas Day ***A Gift that Looks Like God***
11:00 am *Titus 3:3-7*





THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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59th Annual Christmas Candlelight Carols

Sunday, December 11, 2016

Instrumental Prelude—4:00 p.m.

(Brass, Organ, Timpani)

The Runnymede Singers

Erica Haman, Director

Steven Schwarz, Accompanist

The First Baptist Church Chancel Choir

Lawrence P. Schreiber, Organist-Choirmaster

Neil Holliker, Assisting Conductor

The Holy Family Tableau

Julie Pennington-Russell, Pastor

Deborah Cochran, Associate Pastor for Children and Families

Free and open to the public.

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Valet parking provided.

1328 Sixteenth Street (at "O"), NW

Washington, D. C. 20036



BLUE CHRISTMAS

A SERVICE OF HOPE AND COMFORT

*Are you struggling this Christmas because of loneliness, stress or grief?
This hour of hope and comfort may be the best gift you receive this year.*

You are warmly invited

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2016 • 7PM

The service will be held in the Sanctuary. Casual dress. Childcare provided.



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ADVENT



THE PAUSE THAT HEALS US

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN DECEMBER

Worship @ 7:00 on Nov. 30, Dec. 7 & 14

November 30: Pausing for Love

December 7: Pausing for Peace

December 14: Pausing for Hope

(“Blue Christmas” service for those who grieve, see page 5)

December 21: Carol Sing with Lon

(After supper in Fellowship Hall)

Church Family Supper:

6 pm, every Wednesday night during Advent

(November 30, December 7, 14, 21)

Prepared by Chef Laval. Cost of the meal is \$8.00

WONDERFUL RESPONSE TO 2017 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

Only 10 more pledges needed to meet our goal of 50

Already we've exceeded the number of pledges from last year and are well on our way toward our goal of increasing our overall giving by 12% next year. There is still time to make a financial commitment for 2017. You may pledge online through our website, drop by the church office for a pledge card, or use the pledge card in this Sunday's worship guide. Pledge season concludes on November 20.



POINSETTIAS & GREENERY FOR ADVENT

The order form and information for ordering poinsettias and greenery to beautify our sanctuary during the Advent season can be found on our [website](#). Please submit your order and payment by Wednesday, November 23. The poinsettias will be displayed starting the second Sunday of Advent (December 11) and available to be taken home after the Christmas Day service.



Charlie Fuller to be Ordained November 13

Our new Executive Pastor, Dr. Charles L. Fuller, will be ordained this Sunday evening, November 13th, by the Second Baptist Church of Little Rock. Please pray for Charlie and Cindy on this sacred day. Pastor Julie will represent the FBCDC family at the service. Charlie's ministry at FBC begins New Year's Day, when he will bring the message in worship that Sunday.



Advent Devotional Booklet

This year's devotional booklet, *From Heaven Above* by Michael Hoy, will be available starting Sunday, November 20 at the Thanksgiving Lunch.



FAMILY LIFE CHRISTMAS - LIVE NATIVITY DURING 12/4 POTLUCK LUNCH

The FBC Children and Youth will present the annual live Nativity of Christ on the first Sunday of December after all have been served luncheon..

The children will eat first and then come backstage to dress in their Biblical-times clothing to be angels, shepherds, wise men or part of the holy family.

Any children visiting are also welcome to dress and join us on stage, though they will not have to speak.

When the children take their places on stage and all is ready we will ask for the attention of those finishing their luncheon to hear the story of the birth of Christ proclaimed by our children. This is a special time for our children to share the 'good news of great joy for all people'. Our words are taken from "The Bright Star of Bethlehem" by David Mead. To close, the Christmas story will be read from Luke 2:1-20. ~ Deborah Cochran



Alyssa Aldape Is Here!

Rev. Alyssa Aldape, our new Associate Pastor for Young Adult and Youth Ministries, begins her ministry with us this Sunday, November 13. Be sure to give Alyssa your warmest FBC welcome.



EVENTS

Sunday, November 13

9:30am: Church School for All Ages

10am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rm 312)

11am: Worship (Sanctuary)

12:30pm: Deacons Meeting (Conference Rm)

2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)

Wednesday, November 16

11:00am: Church Staff Meeting

Sunday, November 20

9:30am: Church School for All Ages

10am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rm 312)

11am: Worship - Communion (Sanctuary)

12pm: Thanksgiving Lunch and
Congregational Mtg. (Fellowship Hall)

2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)

DEACONS ON-CALL WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13:



Zena Aldridge

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20:



Janice Osborn

The on-call deacon is your lay contact for prayer concerns during their week of service.

FBC PRAYER & CARE

Congratulations and blessings to:

- CDC teacher Dantrell Cox in the birth of her son, Darrion Bullock, on November 7. "Miss Dantrell" also cares for preschoolers in our Church School.

Dedication of "Christmas Child" Shoebboxes

After a three-month collection period, this Sunday we will dedicate the shoeboxes collected for Operation Christmas Child.

These boxes will be sent, along with many others, to children around the world as an expression of God's love in Christ.



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