



THE  
**First Baptist Church**  
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# Turning Points

## SUNDAYS



### 3 TURNING POINTS LENTEN SERMON SERIES

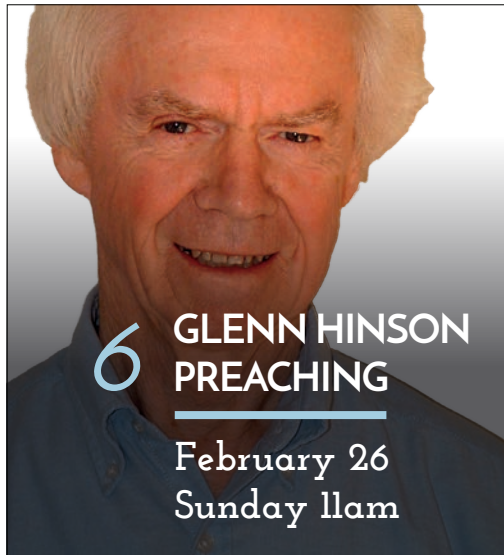
March 5 - April 9 Sundays 11am

### Wilderness Walk 2017

WEDNESDAYS

### 4 WILDERNESS WALK 2017

Wednesdays 7pm  
Lenten Exercises



### 6 GLENN HINSON PREACHING

February 26  
Sunday 11am



### 5 REFLECTIONS ON CUBA

Ellen  
Parkhurst



### 6 CONGREGATIONAL PHOTO

March 5



### 2 ASH WEDNESDAY

March 1 @7pm

# Ash Wednesday



MARCH 1, 2017 7PM

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, DC

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## **March 5 • The Balcony**

Proverbs 31:8-9

Holy Communion

Furman Singers in Worship

## **March 12 • The Night Visitor**

John 3:1-16

## **March 19 • The Thirsty Woman**

John 4:5-42

## **March 26 • The Last One You'd Expect**

1 Samuel 16:1-13

## **April 2 • The Graveside Story**

John 11:1-6, 17-44

Holy Communion

## **April 9 • PALM SUNDAY**

### **The Cheering Stones**

Luke 19:28-40

At the conclusion of worship:  
Procession with palms  
through our neighborhood.



# SUNDAYS

IN LENT • SANCTUARY • 11AM

# Wilderness Walk 2017

## March 1 • ASH WEDNESDAY The Beautiful Word

Julie Pennington-Russell

## March 8 Wilderness Walk: In the Valley

Charlie Fuller

## March 15 Wilderness Walk: Songs for the Journey Hymns and Faith Stories

## March 22 Wilderness Walk: Who You Meet on the Journey

Alyssa Aldape

## March 29 Wilderness Walk: Trashing the Trail

Julie Pennington-Russell

## April 5 Wilderness Walk: Are We There Yet?

Alyssa Aldape

**WEDNESDAYS  
IN LENT  
7PM • SANCTUARY**

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## Ash Wednesday Worship Service

March 1, 7pm, FBC Sanctuary  
"Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Gen. 3:19) For nearly a thousand years, these words have been spoken to young and old alike as the sign of the cross is traced on their foreheads with ashes—the Imposition of Ashes, as it has come to be known—as a sign of our mortality and as a sign of our repentance. Join us this Wednesday evening at 7pm for the annual Ash Wednesday service. Pastor Julie brings the Ash Wednesday meditation, *A Beautiful Word*.

## RSVP for Church Family Suppers During Lent

During Lent, before the worship service, we gather each Wednesday evening at 6:00 in Fellowship Hall for a delicious meal prepared by Chef Laval. Please email or call Church Administrator D'O Dillard by **5pm on the preceding Monday** (ddillard@firstbaptistdc.org; 202-387-2206 x245). Cost: \$8 per adult; \$5 per child. All are welcome!

## Imposition of Ashes this Wednesday Morning

Can't make it to the Ash Wednesday service this Wednesday evening?



Associate Pastor Alyssa Aldape will offer the Imposition of Ashes on

the front steps of the church (16th Street) from 8am until 10am this Wednesday morning (March 1).

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## BY ELLEN PARKHURST



Ellen Parkhurst

# REFLECTIONS ON CUBA

Before going to Cuba, when I thought about the country, I envisioned old American cars, warm weather during a cold winter, and a flagging economy. Now, I think about the people, especially the congregation of William Carey Baptist Church.



Usually when you go on a mission trip you perform some project and return home with a genuine affection for those you interacted with and came to know. So I was totally unprepared for the hospitality and love extended to us during our stay. In our visits to members' homes and through worship one could feel the spirit working among us. I received far more than I was able to give and returned refreshed and renewed in my faith journey.



## Glenn Hinson Preaching This Weekend

**SUNDAY: 9:30am-10:30am**

**Combined Youth & Adult Gathering (Dawson Room)**

(1st floor, near O Street entrance):

The Top Ten Things My Life Has Taught Me



**SUNDAY: 11:00am**

**Worship in sanctuary**, Glenn Hinson preaching (Sorry—Registration for this Saturday's retreat, *Spiritual Preparation for Lent*, is now closed.)

Our Winter Forum leader and preacher this Sunday is Dr. E. Glenn Hinson, a world-renowned church historian and respected and sought-after leader in Christian Spirituality, who sees himself as very much a Baptist while also describing himself as a "Bapto-Quakero-Methedo-Presbyterio-Lutherano-Episcopo-Catholic."

For most of his elementary education, Glenn attended a one-room country school with about a dozen fellow students in the Ozarks of Missouri. His world expanded after high school, however, as he attended Washington University in St. Louis (B.A.), the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (B.D., Th.D.), and Oxford University (D.Phil.). During his academic career he taught on the faculties of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville (1962-1992) and Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond (1994-2000). In his "retirement" he has taught at Candler School of Theology, Emory University; Louisville Presbyterian Seminary; Lexington Theological Seminary; and the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky.

During the 1960s, Glenn's friendship with Trappist monk and spiritual writer Thomas Merton led him to become involved in the ecumenical movement of spiritual renewal—connecting the revivalist spirituality of many Baptists to ancient and medieval spiritual practices. He maintains a deep commitment to Christian nonviolence and the work of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America, serving as the original editor of *The Baptist Peacemaker*.

Glenn is the author of more than 30 books, including his most recent publications, *A Miracle of Grace* (Mercer

University Press) and *Baptist Spirituality: A Call for Renewed Attentiveness to God* (Nurturing Faith, Inc.) He is married to Martha Burks. They have two adult children, Christopher and Elizabeth.



## Congregational Photo—Sun., Mar. 5

In honor of FBC's 215th Anniversary on March 7th, we're taking a congregational photo in the sanctuary at the end of worship on Sunday, March 5th. Practice your best smile and prepare to say Cheese!



## Easter Cascarones? by Alyssa

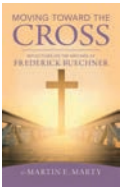
What is a cascarone you ask? I'm glad you asked! A cascarone is a hollowed out chicken egg decorated, filled with confetti, and topped with a piece of tissue paper. On Easter Sunday, one -with the best intentions of course- cracks a cascarone on a friend's head, signifying colourful showers of God's grace and blessings. Cascarones are a Mexican Easter tradition dating back to the mid-1800s and used mostly in towns on the Mexico/Texas border.

During the 40 days of Lent, I'd like to invite you to save your washed eggshells and drop them off with me, Alyssa Aldape. The week before Easter, the youth will gather to put together cascarones to share with our church family on Easter Sunday!



## Special Guests at First Sunday Potluck Mar. 5: Furman Singers

Please try to bring an extra dish next Sunday, Mar. 5, as we host the 65-voice Furman Singers for First Sunday Potluck. For the potluck: please bring...A-J: salad and vegetables; K-R: dessert and fruit; S-Z: meats.



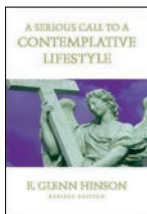
## Lenten Devotional Booklets

The season of Lent begins March 1st (Ash Wednesday). All are invited to pick up this year's free Lenten devotional guide, *Moving Toward the Cross: Reflections on the Writings of Frederick Buechner*, by Martin Marty, in the narthex, office welcome area, or Fellowship Hall.

## Annual Benefit for National Center for Children and Families

Sunday, May 7, 2017

Please help to support the National Center for Children and Families while enjoying a wonderful dinner and performance of *Beauty and the Beast* on Sunday, May 7, at Toby's Dinner Theatre of Columbia, MD. Tickets, including dinner, show, and gratuity are \$56 per person (\$10.00 tax deductible). The NCCF (formerly Baptist Home for Children) is a private, non-profit agency serving the national capital area. The residential programs serve homeless families, victims of domestic violence and vulnerable adolescents. If you cannot attend, please consider making a contribution so that youth from the Greentree Adolescent Program may attend as our guests. Checks should be made payable to the "Board of Church Representatives, NCCF". Please make your reservation or make a contribution by March 19. Questions? Contact FBC member Bonnie Jorgensen, who serves on the Board of Church Representatives for NCCF (bonnie.jorgensen@gmail.com, (240-418-2788). <https://goo.gl/iDZZe9> For More Info



## Young Adult Bible Fellowship Group—Sunday Book Study

The Young Adult Bible Fellowship Group is discussing Glenn Hinson's book, *A Serious Call To A Contemplative Lifestyle*, in preparation for his joining us this year for Winter Forum (Feb. 25-26). Our study from Hinson's book continues for three weeks starting March 5.



## Preschool & Children's Ministry Update

Following the retirement of Associate Pastor Deborah Cochran at the end of 2016, our Sunday morning ministry to preschoolers and children has continued through the leadership of our wonderful lay team of teachers and caregivers. As we consider our future ministry to children and their families, two developments are underway:

**Monday, February 27:** A parent survey will be emailed to parents of infants, preschoolers and children at FBC, with a variety of questions about their experiences, hopes and preferences. Parental input is crucial as we move forward.

**Sunday, March 26** (after worship): Parents' gathering with Pastor Julie, Moderator Lucy Plovnick and other staff and church leaders. We want to hear from you as we develop plans for future ministry to infants, preschoolers and children at FBC. Please join us!

## Church Council Meets This Sunday, February 26

The next meeting of the Church Council is scheduled for Sunday, February 26, in the Meadows Room at 12:30 pm. Adjenda items include a report from Treasurer Mike Henson, and an update from the Personnel Committee and the Diaconate on the roll out of the new FBC Performance Management Policy.

## Advocacy in Action: March 6-9, 2017

*Justice. Freedom. God's Mission.*

There's still time to register (**at a low "local residents" cost of \$75**) for Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's annual Advocacy in Action conference here in Washington. Explore advocacy as a faithful expression of Christian mission. Develop a biblical basis for advocacy. Meet CBF partners who are actively involved in advocacy, including Bread for the World and the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty. Learn how to be an effective advocate—locally, nationally and globally. (FBC DC is hosting one of the conference gatherings on Tuesday morning, March 7th, in Fellowship Hall.) More information at <http://www.cbf.net/advocacy-in-action/>.

## Deacon Nominations to Start Soon

Soon it will be time to nominate and elect new deacons who will begin serving in May. Please begin praying now for this important process, asking the Holy Spirit to bring to your mind men and women in our congregation who demonstrate

the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23), and who embody characteristics of servant leadership.

# DEACONS







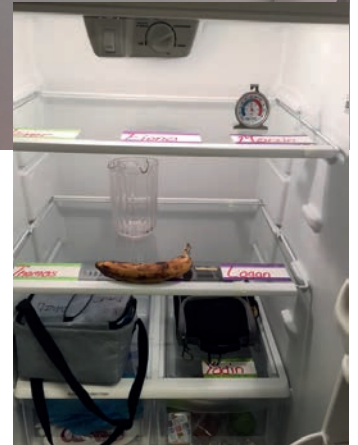
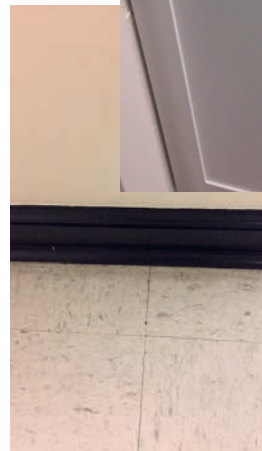
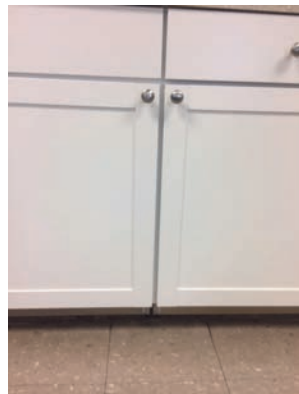
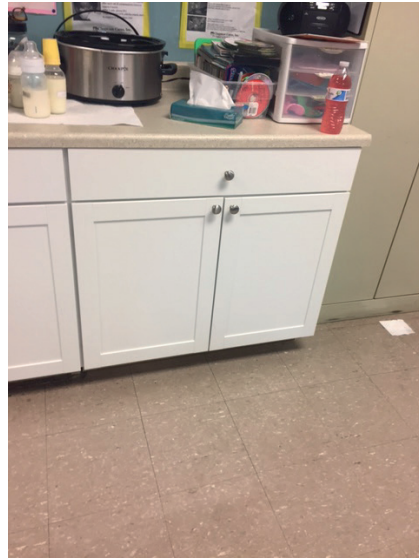
## Child Development Center Upgrades

Our Child Development Center has been undergoing some long-needed upgrades. Paint, refrigerators, new heating and cooling, and some serious cleaning have really changed the look and the efficiency of our ministry to these children. Thanks be to God for these wonderful improvements!

### BEFORE



### AFTER



## EVENTS

### Saturday, February 25

9:30am-3:30pm: Winter Forum Mini-Retreat

### Sunday, February 26

9:30am: Church School with Glenn Hinson  
(Dawson Room)

10am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rm 312)

11am: Worship with Glenn Hinson Speaking  
(Sanctuary)

12:30pm: Church Council (Meadows Room)

2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)

## DEACONS ON-CALL WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26:



Kate Campbell

## WEEK OF MARCH 5:



Mike Henson

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

## FBC PRAYER & CARE

### Sympathy:

...to Wilbur Wright and D'O Dillard in the death of Wilbur's brother, Linwood C. Wright, Sr. on February 6 in Elkins Park, PA.

### New Baby:

...Jasmine Modupe Ogunnaike was born February 15, 2017 to Tayo and Zahra Ogunnaike. Proud grandparents are Kessington and Modupe Ogunnaike.

## THANK YOU FROM JULIE PASCU

Dear Friends at FBC,

My family would like to thank each of you for your kind words, cards, and calls of support and encouragement after the death in December of my mother, Mary Frances Bevis Stephens. The flowers that the church sent for her funeral were lovely and helped to make us feel surrounded by your love at this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Julie Pascu

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