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

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# AUGUST FORUM



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FELLOWSHIP HALL

9am Continental Breakfast Each Week; Pancakes & Bacon on August 26!

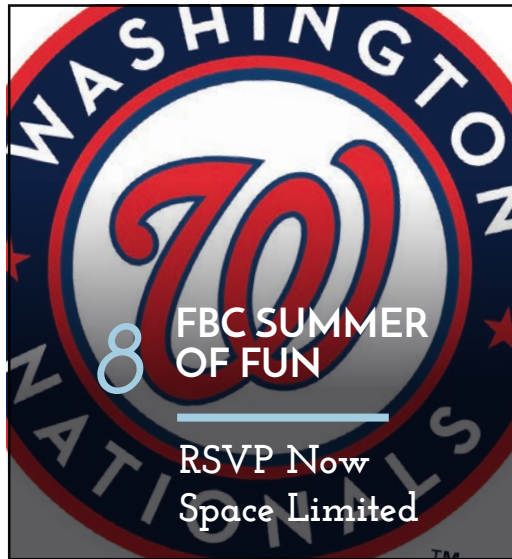


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Sun, Jul 1

# WELCOMING THE STRANGER

*"The Lord your God is the God of all gods and Lord of all lords, the great, mighty, and awesome God who doesn't play favorites and doesn't take bribes. He enacts justice for orphans and widows, and he loves immigrants, giving them food and clothing. That means you must also love immigrants because you were immigrants in Egypt." ~Deuteronomy 10:17-19*

*I was a stranger and you welcomed me.  
~ Matthew 25:35*

When the Administration announced in April a "zero tolerance" policy at the U.S.-Mexico border, leading to the separation of children from parents, the response of the global religious community was immediate and emphatic. Interfaith groups from all points along the theological spectrum, including Orthodox Jews, the Islamic Society of North America, The U. S. Conference of



*"Refugees: La Sagrada Familia" by Kelly Latimore*

Catholic Bishops and the Southern Baptist Convention (among many Baptist groups) condemned the practice, and faith leaders from Pope Francis to Franklin Graham repudiated attempts to justify such actions from Scripture.

Anyone who thinks the immigration issue is simple isn't paying attention. This is a complex, difficult challenge for which there are no easy answers. Immigration has always been complicated. The Israelites were "illegal aliens" when they arrived in the Promised Land. The pilgrims who came to America in 1620 didn't have "documentation". As someone has said, we are all immigrants—some of us just got here sooner.

Our country is marvelously creative and compassionate, and yet we are in danger of losing our capacity for love and empathy. Even Christians, who at the moment are rightly denouncing the separation of immigrant families at the border, offer a surprisingly tepid response to welcoming the world's most vulnerable ones—refugees fleeing danger and persecution who are seeking asylum within our borders. The Pew Research Center indicates that 51% of Americans agree we have a responsibility to accept refugees. The group least supportive of welcoming refugees is white evangelical Christians (only 25% affirm) and just 43% percent of white mainline Protestants and 50% of Catholics agree the U.S.

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# FROM THE PASTOR

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should support refugees. At 63%, black Protestants are the most welcoming of all Christian groups.

I found this to be the most cringeworthy statistic in the Pew report: the religiously unaffiliated outpace Christians of every category in their affirmation of America's responsibility to welcome those seeking safety within our borders (65%). (Pew Research Center, May 24, 2018)

How we treat the foreigner and the stranger says a lot about our understanding of God. The Bible has a lot to say about immigrants and immigration. The Hebrew word *ger*, the closest word to our concept of an immigrant, appears 92 times in the Old Testament

alone. Jesus tells us in Matthew 25: "Every stranger you see, especially the least of these, is really me." He promised that one day we'd hear him say these words: "Whenever you welcomed the stranger you were welcoming me. Whenever you turned away from a stranger you were turning away from me."

When considering the issue of immigration, Christians must begin by asking what our faith teaches us. What happens in our minds and hearts when we consider the issue in the spirit of Jesus? How does our perspective shift when we see the immigrants and refugees not as statistics but as children of God?

What is the Spirit saying to you?

Peace and grace,



(Art: Refugees La Sagrada Familia by Kelly Latimore. Used by permission.)

## FBC MEMBERS ADVOCATE FOR IMMIGRANT FAMILIES

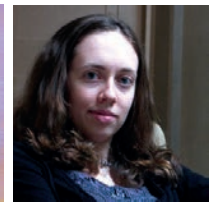
On June 19, Brenda Clark, Zena Aldridge, Pastor Alyssa and Pastor Julie joined 200 women of faith at the office of U. S. Customs and Border Protection to call on our government to stop separating children from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border. Brenda Clark reflected afterwards: "Only one gathering, yet many voices! Saving our children instills an amazing grace for all of humanity, one child, hundreds of children at a time."



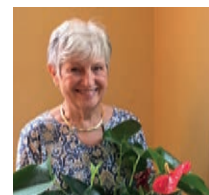


**AUGUST FORUM**

**5** **Painting the Sacred**  
with Amy Ordoveza  
*Fine Artist & Art Educator*



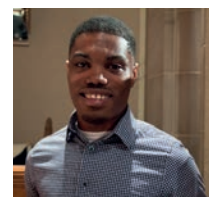
**12** **Meeting God Through Flowers**  
with Shirley McBeath  
*Floral Designer & FBC Flower Guild Chair*



**19** **Liturgical Fabric Art**  
with Jac & Kathy Whatley  
*FBC Liturgical Design Team*



**26** **Making Music**  
with Lon Schreiber & Kevin Biggins  
*Musicians & Worship Leaders*



**August Sundays 9:30-10:30am in Fellowship Hall**  
9am Continental breakfast each week; pancakes & bacon on August 26!

# GROW

## AUGUST FORUM: FAITH & ART

During the dog days of summer, we combine Sunday School classes as a way to slow down and reconnect. All are invited to participate in this year's August Forum as we explore our artistic side. See poster on previous page for more info. 9:30-10:30am in Fellowship Hall. 9am--Continental breakfast each week; pancakes & bacon on August 26!

## FBC TO PARTNER WITH KELLY DUNLAP @ DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL

After a season of discernment, our friend and FBC family member Kelly Dunlap is responding to God's call by pursuing a **Master of Divinity degree at Duke Divinity School** starting this fall. Kelly will leave Washington for Durham, NC, at the end of July. As Kelly's home church we will partner with her during the next several years through a scholarship program at Duke for MDiv students called "Celebrating God's Call". In addition to a financial scholarship of \$1,000, which Duke will match, we will have the opportunity to pray for and encourage Kelly in various ways. (The Faith Formation Team approved the scholarship as part of their oversight of the FBC Scholarship Fund.)



Kelly officially joined First Baptist Church last September and has been an active part of our congregation for two years, serving on our Sunday sound crew, hosting small group gatherings in her home and taking part in a year-long contemplative listening group led by Pastor Julie. Kelly has worked at Christ House since 2014, currently serving as Development and Communications Associate. **On Sunday, July 22, we will offer our blessing to Kelly during worship as she prepares to begin this new life chapter.**

 **THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**  
August 9-10, 2018 | [willowcreek.com/summit](http://willowcreek.com/summit)

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## 10 SPOTS LEFT FOR WILLOW CREEK GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

**August 9-10, 2018, Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church** - In 2016, fourteen people from FBCDC attended the Willow Creek Global Leadership Summit, hosted by Columbia Baptist in Falls Church, VA. The Summit is a two-day annual event, telecast live from Willow's campus near Chicago every August to hundreds of locations in North America.

Our church is committed to encouraging and equipping leaders. Here's our amazing offer: The registration fee per person for the Summit is \$139. FBC purchased tickets for fifteen people. Five people have already signed up. **Sign up through our church by July 23 and First Baptist will pay \$119 of the \$139 registration fee. You'll pay only \$20.** GLS faculty (<http://www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership/#faculty>) this year includes leaders from faith, business and academic sectors. Join us for this inspiring, transformational two days. Check it out here: (<http://www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership/>) Contact Pastor Julie if you want to attend. [jpr@firstbaptistdc.org](mailto:jpr@firstbaptistdc.org).

# EVENTS

## SUNDAY, JULY 1

9:30am: Sunday Morning Bible Study for All Ages

10am: Chancel Choir rehearsal (Rm 312)

11am: Worship (Sanctuary)

*Communion*

*Preston Clegg, guest preacher*

12 noon: Pot Luck Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

*FBC Congregational Vote - CDC budget*

2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)



## WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

FBC and CDC closed in observance of Independence Day



## THURSDAY, JULY 5

6pm: Ordinary Time (contact **Pastor Alyssa** for location)



## SUNDAY, JULY 8

9:30am: Sunday Morning Bible Study for All Ages

10am: Chancel Choir rehearsal (Rm 312)

11am: Worship (Sanctuary)

12:30pm: Deacons' Meeting (Rm 315)

12:30pm: Education for Ministry info meeting (Library)

2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)



## THURSDAY, JULY 12

6pm: Ordinary Time (contact **Pastor Alyssa** for location)



## FRIDAY, JULY 13

6-9pm: **Summer of Fun: Capitol Steps**  
(more here: <https://goo.gl/fE1jwP>)

# EVENTS

## SATURDAY, JULY 14

5-7pm: **Summer of Fun: Wine & Cheese at The Chaselton**  
(more here: <https://goo.gl/fEIJwP>)

## SUNDAY, JULY 15

9:30am: Sunday Morning Bible Study for All Ages  
10am: Chancel Choir rehearsal (Rm 312)  
11am: Worship (Sanctuary)  
2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

5pm: Sandwich making for Martha's Table (Fellowship Hall)  
6pm: Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

## SUNDAY, JULY 22

9:30am: Sunday Morning Bible Study for All Ages  
10am: Chancel Choir rehearsal (Rm 312)  
11am: Worship (Sanctuary)  
2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)

## THURSDAY, JULY 26

6pm: Ordinary Time (contact **Pastor Alyssa** for location)

## SATURDAY, JULY 28

2pm: Memorial service for Dr. Jim Langley (Sanctuary):  
Reception following in Fellowship Hall

## SUNDAY, JULY 29

9:30am: Sunday Morning Bible Study for All Ages  
10am: Chancel Choir rehearsal (Rm 312)  
11am: Worship (Sanctuary)  
2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)



# 2018 SUMMER of FUN

First Baptist Church



**Friday, July 13 | 6-9pm**

***The Capitol Steps (Comedy Troupe)***

@ Ronald Reagan Building. Dinner at the Food Court @ 6pm; Show at 7:30pm,  
Hosted by Lucy Plovnick ⚠️ **RSVP by Mon. July 9**



**Saturday, July 14 | 5-7pm**

***Wine & Cheese at The Chastleton***

@ 1701 16th St NW, Hosted by Rochelle Howard



**Friday, August 3 | 5-7pm**

***Nats Baseball Game (vs Cincinnati Reds)***

@ Nationals Park, Hosted by Charlie Fuller ⚠️ **RSVP by Fri. July 20**



**Saturday, August 11 | 1pm**

***Lunch at a Maryland Crab House***

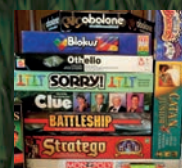
@ Captain John's Crab House, Hosted by Ron & Zena Aldridge



**Sunday, August 19 | 1-4pm**

***Board Games & Lunch (Come & Go)***

@ 3528 6th St., South, Arlington, VA.,  
Hosted by Kelly Magee-Prichard and Charlotte Straight



**RSVP & DETAILS ONLINE @ [WWW.FIRSTBAPTISTDC.ORG](http://WWW.FIRSTBAPTISTDC.ORG)**



# SERVE/CONNECT

## SUMMER OF FUN 2018

Two Summer of Fun events are planned for in July with three more coming in August. Some of the events are free; others require purchase of a ticket (payable online). **RSVP Deadlines are approaching for The Capitol Steps (RSVP by July 9) and Nats baseball game (RSVP by July 20)!** Sign up and pay on our website. If navigating a website isn't your thing, just call our office and Zena Aldridge will be happy to assist you.



## THIRD SUNDAYS YOUTH LUNCH



All youth-age students are invited to join Alyssa for lunch after church every third Sunday. Meet in the narthex after the service and we'll pick a local spot.

## SERVE BREAKFAST AT CHRIST HOUSE JULY 8

We invite you to be the hands and feet of Christ on Sunday, July 8, at 7am by serving breakfast to the residents of Christ

House, a medical facility serving unhoused individuals in Adams Morgan. (First Baptist serves this community on the 2nd Sunday of every month.)

Christ House is located at 1717 Columbia Rd., NW, Washington DC 20009, and volunteers are finished in time to get to FBC for Sunday Morning Bible Study and Worship.

Sign up at <http://www.firstbaptistdc.org/christ-house-breakfast-signup/>. If you have questions, contact our Christ House coordinators Oliver Mueller and Molly Young ([muller.oliver@gmail.com](mailto:muller.oliver@gmail.com); [mollyvyoung@hotmail.com](mailto:mollyvyoung@hotmail.com)).



## EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY INFO MEETING

The lay theological education program Education for Ministry (EfM) will continue this fall at First Baptist. The EfM program is a four-year curriculum covering Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, and Theological Choices. Participants commit one year at a time to meet in a weekly seminar from September through May. The program utilizes academic study, theological reflection, and worship, which allow participants to grow theologically as well as learn what it means to be effective ministers in the world. An informational meeting will be held July 8, 2018 following worship in the Conference Room for anyone who is interested in participating in the program. If you have questions or want additional information, contact Ellen Parkhurst at 703-683-1273 or [elparkhurst@verizon.net](mailto:elparkhurst@verizon.net).

# SERVE/CONNECT

## FIRST SUNDAY POTLUCK & CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our monthly potluck lunch is Sunday, July 1. We'll pause over dessert to vote on the proposed spending plan for the Child Development Center for the new fiscal year (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019). Information was sent out in a church-wide email message on June 19. Copies will be available at the potluck. For what to bring: last name starting with A-J: meat/protein; K-R: salad/veggies; S-Z: dessert/fruit.

## WATER FUN FOR KIDS

Children are invited to join Pastor Kelly for water balloon fun in the courtyard after finishing lunch on July 1. While the adults talk in the Fellowship Hall, we will play water games. Wear clothes that can get wet. Also, please do not bring water guns from home. The Children's Ministry will have all we need for fun!

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: PLEASE DONATE BUTTON-FRONT SHIRTS

The Children's Ministry needs button-front shirts for the kid's version of Faith and Art. To protect a child's clothing, Pastor Kelly will put a shirt on a child backwards and button it up the back. Presto! No ruined clothing while creating amazing art. Thank you for considering a donation. Shirts will not be returned.

# WORSHIP

## JULY 1: 140 VOICE YOUTH CHOIR / GUEST PREACHER PRESTON CLEGG

YouthCue is a ministry that brings young people together from all across the country to experience the deep spirituality of singing great choral music in ministry settings. This week they have been here in D.C. rehearsing and performing and we are grateful to have them leading us in worship through their singing this Sunday.



The Rev. Dr. Preston Clegg will be our pulpit guest on Sunday morning, July 1. Preston is Senior Pastor of Second Baptist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. He was also the pastor and ministry colleague of our own Charlie and Cindy Fuller before they came to join us in 2017. He has pastored churches in Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma and holds the M.Div. and D.Min. degrees from George W. Truett Theological Seminary in Waco, Texas. He and his wife have two wonderful sons and they are all rabid Razorback fans. We welcome Preston as he leads us in worship through his gifted preaching!

## T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



*Get yours while supplies last! Shirts are still available for purchase online.*

**\$15 Adult Sizes:** Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large, 2X Large, 3X Large  
**\$10 Youth Sizes:** Small, Medium, Large  
(All unisex.)

### *How to Order:*

- Order/Pay for your shirt through our website **HERE** (<https://goo.gl/wkcbi9>)
- Contact Zena Aldridge for instructions on where to pick up your shirt.

# WORSHIP IN JULY



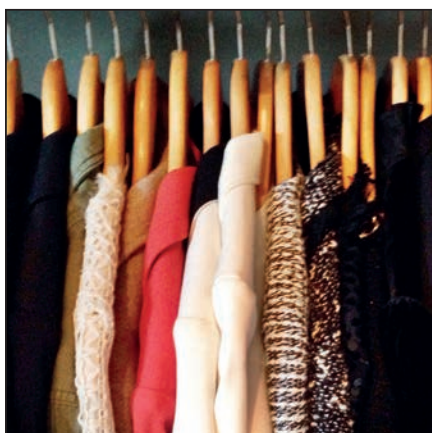
## July 8

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

**Message:** Trusting the Good Gift (Pastor Julie)

**Sermon Text:** Luke 12:22-34

**Supplemental Texts:** Jeremiah 1:4-10;  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Psalm 71:1-6



## July 15

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Message:** What to Wear?

**Sermon Text:** Matthew 22:1-14

**Supplemental Texts:** Isaiah 61:1-4, 10-11;  
Romans 13:8-14; Psalm 24



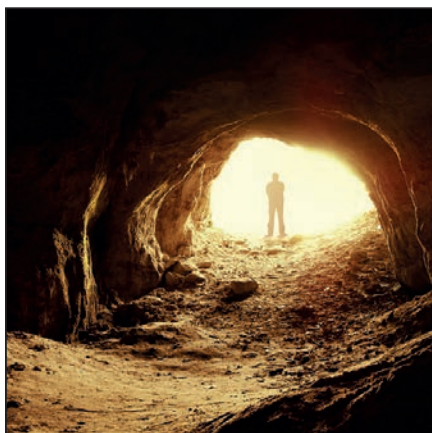
## July 22

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Message:** Losing Our Religion

**Sermon Text:** Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

**Supplemental Texts:** Genesis 12:1-8;  
Mark 7:1-3, 5-8; Psalm 89:20-37



## July 29

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Message:** Church of the Living Dead

**Sermon Text:** Philippians 1:12-26

**Supplemental Texts:** Psalm 48:9-14;  
John 6:1-13; Isaiah 61:10-11

## DEACONS ON-CALL: WEEK OF JULY 1:



Phil Hawkins

## WEEK OF JULY 8:



Allen Norfleet

## WEEK OF JULY 15:



Steve Netcott

## WEEK OF JULY 22:



Erik Smith

## WEEK OF JULY 29:



Chelsea Clarke

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

## FBC PRAYER & CARE

### Sympathy to:

- **Adrian Harward** and family in the death of husband and father **Frank Harward** on June 25. Please pray also for Frank and Adrian's daughters, Mary, Vickie, Ruth and Ann, and their families.
- The family of **Jim Langley**, who died on June 7, including his children: Carol, Jim Jr., Janet and Marilyn. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 28 at 2pm in the FBC sanctuary, followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall.

### Recent Requests:

- **Teenagers and adults staying at FBC** this week and serving in a variety of locations around the District through Passport MissionBASE Camp. Pray also for the camp staff: David Luke, Beth Rooney, Grayson Hester and Mary Mullen.

### Continued Prayers:

- **Alyssa Aldape** will undergo brain surgery on August 6
- **Harry Haynesworth** - hospitalized last week

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