



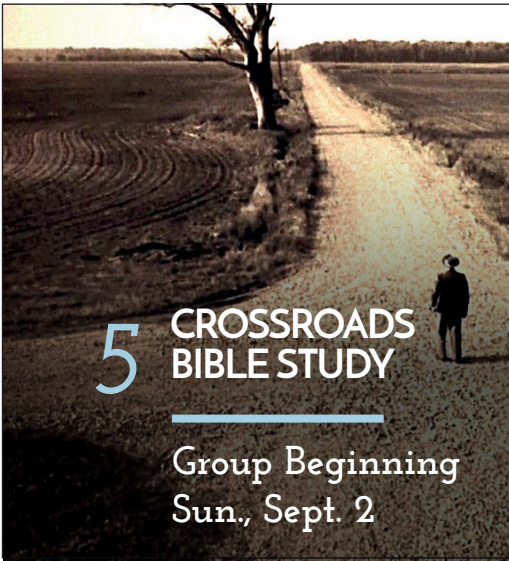
THE  
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NEW BAPTIST COVENANT

2018 SUMMIT CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF NBC

**JOURNEY TO JUSTICE**

OCTOBER 15-17, 2018  
SHERATON DOWNTOWN  
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The Why and Who of the NBC

## BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY: BREAKFAST & CONVERSATION WITH NINETEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

Saturday, September 15, 9 - 11am, at NSBC  
Led by Pastors Julie Pennington-Russell and Darryl Roberts

### A Shared History

Thomas Jefferson was President when, in March of 1802, six laypersons and four ministers established the First Baptist Church of Washington City. From its earliest days, First Baptist Church included African American members both slave and free. By 1810, black members comprised twenty-nine percent of the congregation and by 1822, forty percent. In 1839 First Baptist Church decided to leave their location at the corner of Nineteenth and Eye Streets, NW, and move closer to the city's center, subsequently purchasing property north of E Street along Tenth Street. First Baptist continued to meet for a while in its two locations while preparing to transfer the property to the mostly black congregation remaining at Nineteenth Street.



Relationships between the two congregations became strained, in part because of arguments over the transfer of the property (which took more than 30 years) but also likely because of the painful realities of racial injustice. Even so, our two congregations worked together during and after the Civil War, with support from the Freedman's Bureau, to offer health care, shelter and education to the more than ten thousand freed and fugitive slaves living in camps throughout Washington City.

Nearly 80 years later, in the early 1940s, Dr. Walter H. Brooks, esteemed pastor of Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, preached in worship at First Baptist Church at the invitation of First Baptist's pastor, Dr. Edward Pruden.

It has been more than 200 years since our shared history began. Today, in a season in our nation's life when racial tensions are once again flaring, the pastors of FBC and NSBC, Pastor Julie and Rev. Dr. Darryl Roberts, along with Hannah McMahan from the New Baptist Covenant, have begun meeting for the purpose of knowing each other and talking about how our congregations might shine a light together in Washington. These conversations led to our churches meeting on August 12 at the MLK Memorial for a prayer walk and communion.

### A New Chapter

If you sense God's Spirit leading you to help plant fresh seeds of understanding, love and shared mission between our two churches, join us on Saturday, September 15, from 9-11a.m. for a light breakfast and conversation at Nineteenth Street Baptist Church (located at 4606 16th Street, NW,) led by Pastor Julie and Pastor Darryl. **Please RSVP by September 12 to Zena Aldridge at [zaldridge@firstbaptistdc.org](mailto:zaldridge@firstbaptistdc.org).**

# GOOD NEWS FOR **REAL PEOPLE**

september 2018 sermon series • sundays 11am sanctuary



September 2

## GOSPEL FOR THE OVERWORKED

*(Ephesians 2:1-10)*



September 9

## GOSPEL FOR THE LONELY

*(Mark 1:32-39)*



September 16

## GOSPEL FOR THE TRAPPED

*(Jeremiah 29:4-14)*



September 23

## GOSPEL FOR THE UNSURE

*(John 4:46-54)*



September 30

## GOSPEL FOR THE DISCOURAGED

*(Hebrews 12:1-3, 11-13)*



# CONNECT

## ABOUT THE NEW BAPTIST COVENANT

Saddened by the persistent racial and theological divisions between Baptist communities in the United States, President Jimmy Carter (formerly a member of First Baptist Church Washington, D.C.) determined to do what he could to heal the divides. In 2007, President Carter brought together prominent leaders from across the Baptist family. These leaders represented more than 30 Baptist organizations and over 20 million people. He challenged them to explore new opportunities for fellowship and cooperation. From this effort, a



ministry of action named the New Baptist Covenant was born, uniting Baptists and renewing our pursuit of unity and justice on the local and national scale. The Inaugural meeting of the New Baptist Covenant in 2008 in Atlanta drew more than 15,000 participants. Pastor Julie was one of the preachers at that gathering.

Today the New Baptist Covenant creates vibrant, inclusive Baptist communities, building bridges in places previously marked by division. Across the country, congregations from the same city – sometimes as close as down the street from one another – who frequently serve historically segregated communities come together to nurture their relationships and transform their community.

In October, Pastor Julie and Pastor Darryl Roberts from Nineteenth Street Baptist Church will serve as co-preachers at the 2018 New Baptist Covenant Summit in Atlanta.

<http://newbaptistcovenant.org/2018-summit/>



# EVENT

## OLIVIER LATRY ORGAN RECITAL THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18 @ 7:30PM

### SAVE THE DATE!

Renowned musician Olivier Latry, in recital Thursday, October 18, 7:30 pm. The latest offering in our Virtuoso Organist Series, Olivier is the principal organist at the Cathedral of Notre-Dame, Paris. Read his biography, reviews and listen to him perform here:

<https://goo.gl/Xrx4GR>. - Program TBA.

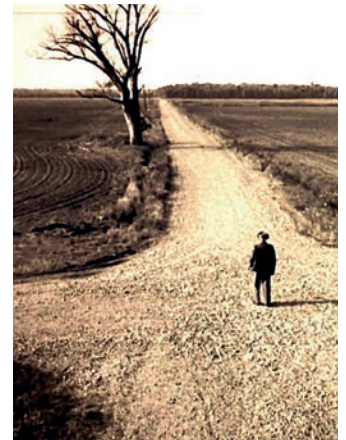
## ORGANIST AT CATHEDRAL OF NOTRE-DAME IN PARIS



# GROW

## CROSSROADS SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP BEGINNING

Beginning Sunday, September 2, a new Bible Study Group will meet in the Meadows Room (Basement Level). It is called the Crossroads group and anyone is welcome to be a part. The discussions will begin with Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, *Life Together*. Later studies will include Scripture and various other books and topics. Both in-reach and outreach will be priorities for the group. Exploring our relationships with people of differing faiths and learning about world religions will also be a focus of our discussions. Charlie Reynolds, who recently facilitated our discussions on Islam, will be our primary facilitator, assisted by Charlie Fuller and other members of the group. Again, everyone is welcome!



## NEW CONTEMPLATIVE SMALL GROUP



The last two spaces in the new contemplative listening group were reserved this week. Please pray for the eight participants--Jerusha Chacko, Russell Krumnow, Mike Henson, Kelly Magee-Prichard, Shirley McBeath, Wil McBeath and leaders, Leslie Alford and Pastor Julie--as they draw close to God and one another over the next 8 months, aided by the Holy Spirit and a variety of contemplative practices. Additional contemplative opportunities will be announced this year. Stay tuned!

## SPACE FOR GRACE: AMERICAN BAPTIST CONFERENCE NOV. 14-16

Early bird registration for American Baptist Home Mission Societies' "Space for Grace 2018: Thy Will Be Done" ends in two weeks! This year's conference is Nov. 14-16, 2018 in Philadelphia, PA.

Don't miss this opportunity to join with Christian leaders from across the United States and Puerto Rico considering mission engagement, discipleship and church transformation in the 21st century.



Several powerful, nationally known speakers will lead us in transformational worship experiences, along with an on-site chapel to provide space for reflection and spiritual refreshment, and inspirational Christian arts in the coffee-house atmosphere of Innovators Hall will fuel examination and renewal of your walk with the Lord.

Workshop leaders the Rev. Dr. Delois Brown-Daniels and the Rev. Dr. Russell Dalton—along with a dozen more—will offer opportunities to seek God's lead for bringing healing to a hurting world.

For more information or to register, go to <https://goo.gl/F5ZeDZ>

# SERVE

## TO PUERTO RICO WITH LOVE: SEAFOOD FEAST & SILENT AUCTION AT VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH IN BOWIE--SEPT. 29

By Bruce Salmon

Puerto Rico is hurting. Almost a year after Hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico is far from recovered. The 155-mph winds devastated the infrastructure and killed more than 2,900 U.S. citizens. According to The Washington Post, "basic modern-day services are still not fully operational across the island."

To compound the disaster, "philanthropies are failing Puerto Rico." Corporate and foundation support of Puerto Rico in 2017 was only \$62 million. Compare that with the \$341 million given after Hurricane Harvey, and the \$128 million given after Hurricane Irma. Thanks to those investments and a robust government response, Texas and Florida "were back on their feet in a matter of weeks." Puerto Ricans, however, continue to struggle to meet basic needs.



Not everyone has forgotten Puerto Rico. Following Hurricane Maria, American Baptists and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship began sending church mission groups. Iglesia Bautista de Metrópolis in Carolina became a base of operations. The church already was part of the CBF family, having joined CBF of Florida in 2007. Pastor Jesus Garcia has led his church to sponsor "Faith in Action" days, when church members and mission group volunteers repair surrounding communities while sharing the message of Jesus.

Randy Shepley, CBF Missions Council member (and friend of Pastor Julie), is pastor of First Baptist Church of Newport News, Virginia. A mission trip five years ago led to a strong bond between his church and Iglesia Bautista de Metrópolis. Now, my former church, Village Baptist in Bowie, Maryland, has joined the partnership, designating its summer mission project to help Iglesia Bautista de Metrópolis rebuild their church.

To raise funds Village is sponsoring a Seafood Feast & Silent Auction on Saturday, September 29, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., at Village Baptist Church in Bowie. This is where the people of First Baptist Church of Washington, D.C. can come in. Linda and I plan to attend the Village Seafood Feast, and we invite you to join us. The cost is \$40 per person, \$10 for ages 5-10, and free under age 5. The menu includes snow crabs, steamed crabs, steamed shrimp, fried chicken, corn on the cob, potato salad, slaw, soft drinks, lemonade, and iced tea, with hot dogs available for the kids.

Bowie is not that far away. Linda and I come from Bowie to FBC/DC almost every Sunday. Saturday, September 29, is not that far away. We would be thrilled to have some folks from our new church home join us at our old church home for this fun and worthwhile event. Because seating is limited, tickets are non-refundable and must be purchased in advance, with a deadline of September 21. Checks are payable to Village Baptist Church or purchased through the FBC website **HERE** (<https://goo.gl/SuqFgU>).

# EVENTS

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 2

9:30am: Sunday Morning Bible Study for All Ages  
10am: Chancel Choir rehearsal (Room 312)  
11am: Worship -- Communion  
12 noon: Pot Luck Lunch (Fellowship Hall)  
2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)

## MONDAY, SEPT. 3

Offices and CDC closed in observance of Labor Day

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 9

7am: Serve at Christ House register here:  
<https://goo.gl/qk5ZPh>  
9:30am: Sunday Morning Bible Study for All Ages  
10am: Chancel Choir rehearsal (Rm 312)  
11am: Worship (Sanctuary)  
12pm: Quarterly Business Meeting (Sanctuary)  
12:30pm: Deacons' Meeting (Room 315)  
2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 11

6:30pm: Education for Ministry (Conference Room)

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 15

9-11am: Breakfast & Conversation at Nineteenth Street Baptist Church

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 16

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

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 18

6:30pm: Education for Ministry (Conference Room)

## WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19

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

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 20

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

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 23

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

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 25

6:30pm: Education for Ministry (Conference Room)

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 27

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

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 30

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







# FBC PRAYER & CARE

## SYMPATHY TO:

- Ron, Zena, Kathryn and Suzanne Aldridge in the death of Ron's mother, Helen Aldridge, on Aug. 26 in Ohio. Helen was 91 years old; her funeral will be on August 31 in Ohio.
- The family of Don Brenke, long-time choir member and former deacon at FBCDC, who passed away on August 15 in Galveston, TX at the age of 93. A memorial service was held in Galveston on August 25. Cards of condolence may be sent to Connie Dibello, P.O. Box 303, League City, TX 77574

## CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS TO:

- - Choir members Kelly Curtin and Aurelio Dominguez who recently became engaged!

## RECENTLY ADDED:

- Rev. Lee Fox is scheduled for surgery in Knoxville, TN on Sept. 7 for kidney cancer
- **A burial service for Jim Sutton**, who passed away December 17th, 2017, will take place at Arlington National Cemetery on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. Those attending should plan to arrive at Arlington by 9:15 a.m. Jim and Mary Lou were married for 47 years and joined FBCDC in 1988.
- Ana Gooch: back at GW Hospital following surgery on Aug. 8
- Wanetta Smith, Christi Harlan's 101-yr.-old grandmother, who is in hospice care in Manhattan, KS
- Necola Washington (daughter of Helen Washington): recent surgery



*Jim and Mary Lou Sutton*

## CONTINUED PRAYERS:

- Alyssa Aldape: at home recovering from brain surgery on August 6
- Wayne Roebuck: Achilles tendon injury - healing slowly
- Barbara Harlan (Christi's mother in Manhattan, KS): in failing health
- David Whittenburg (son of Susan Whittenburg; grandson of Ed Fry): brain tumor

## PROVIDE MEALS TO THE ROEBUCK FAMILY

Wayne Roebuck, husband of Carolyn, Director of FBC's Child Development Center, tore his Achilles tendon and will be out of work for several months. Wayne is the primary cook in their family, so to help them out, let's provide a few dinners to them while he is unable to cook. Click here to sign up: <https://mealtrain.com/m8gro6>

## UPDATE ON PASTOR ALYSSA

Alyssa continues to make good progress following her surgery on August 6. If her doctor gives her a good report at her follow-up appointment next week, she hopes to be back in worship by September 9 or 16. Many thanks to everyone at FBC for the outpouring of love and support for Alyssa and her family this past month.

## DEACONS ON-CALL: WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2:



Sadye Doxie

## WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9:



Kate Campbell

## WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 16:



Rose Smith

## WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23:



Philip Hawkins

## WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30:



Ellen Parkhurst

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

## BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 9

After worship next Sunday there will be a brief quarterly congregational meeting in the sanctuary to lean in together on a few matters pertaining to our life as a community. Following worship, after we greet guests and one another, we'll reconvene for the brief (approx. 15 min.) meeting.



*Praying for Dr. Laura Parajón & the AMOS health ministry in Nicaragua after 8/30 presentation.*

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