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Gratitude Sunday: November 18 **Offering Of Financial Commitments**

Sunday, November 18, is "Gratitude Sunday" at First Baptist Church as we give thanks to God for another year of grace. Also in worship that day, we will celebrate an "offering of financial commitments" for the coming year.

Will you take time to pray about your financial participation in what God will do in and through First Baptist Church in the year ahead? And as an expression of your intention, will you please complete a commitment card indicating your financial participation for 2019? Your information will remain confidential—whether you make it online (<https://www.firstbaptistdc.org/give>) through our website, or turn in a paper commitment card.

(If you make your commitment online, you'll still receive a card in worship on November 18th to use as a symbol during the "celebration of commitments.")

CONNECT



Annual FBCDC

Thanksgiving Church Family FEAST

*Sunday, November 18
@12pm*

Our annual Thanksgiving Feast gathering for fun, fellowship and great food catered by Chef Laval, is Sunday, November 18 in Fellowship Hall following worship. The cost is \$10 per adult, \$7 for children 12 and under; pay it forward and buy an extra ticket for a guest. **Please make a reservation.** You may pay in advance online or pay at lunch by cash or check. Contact D'O Dillard for reservations or questions: ddillard@firstbaptistdc.org And, D'O will have new parking hang tags available; please have your current tag number and car info (make/model/license plate number) with you.



UPCOMING CONVERSATION WITH NINETEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

On the heels of two meaningful gatherings with Nineteenth Street Baptist Church (communion at the MLK Memorial in August and a breakfast conversation in September), a third conversation will take place on Wednesday evening, November 7, when laypeople and pastors from

both churches will meet at NSBC (4606 16th Street, NW) to begin planning joint ventures for 2019. FBC's team of 12 includes deacons and others who attended the September breakfast conversation. Please pray for this endeavor as our two churches, which share a common history severed by racial division, come together again to plant new seeds of relationship and ministry.

WORSHIP

HONORING TWO SERVANT-LEADERS ON NOVEMBER 18

During worship on November 18 (Gratitude Sunday) we will give thanks to God for the significant ministries of Wil McBeath and Helen Washington, both of whom have served the children of FBC for years as teachers on Sunday mornings. Members of our Faith Formation Team will present expressions of recognition and gratitude on behalf of the congregation.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4

On All Saints Sunday we honor and give thanks for the saints of the Christian church, many of whom were martyrs. This Sunday we also will call the names of those in our congregation who have died in the past year:

Glynn Coryell
David L. Hunter
Eva Rutledge
Pattie Fulgham
W. Frank Harward, Jr.
Katherine Still

James H. Sutton
Eleanor Pollock
Verla Cook
James A. Langley
Donald Brenke

Join us as we remember and give thanks for these sisters and brothers who ran their race, looking to Jesus, faith's pioneer and perfecter.



ALYSSA ALDAPE PREACHING NOVEMBER 25

Pastor Alyssa will bring the message in worship on November 25 while Pastor Julie is on vacation. Alyssa is also the Pastor-on-Call for the week of November 24 - December 1.



STAFF

STEVE HUNTER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

After 45 years of faithful service, our treasured friend and "Minister of the Building," Steve Hunter, has announced his retirement as of October 31. Steve grew up at First Baptist Church and began serving as our building engineer in 1973. He continues to be a faithful member of the Chancel Choir. Please congratulate Steve for his many years of diligent service. We'll announce a time to properly thank him as a congregation as plans take shape.



ALYSSA'S 2ND ANNIVERSARY NOVEMBER 13

*Fun Facts About Alyssa Aldape,
Associate Pastor for Young Adult
and Youth Ministries;*

- *First car: Alyssa's first car was a red 1967 Mustang. The wheel fell off once but she still loved driving the 'stang.*
- *Favorite Coffee Shop in DC: Zeke's Coffee.*
- *Favorite Mode of DC Transportation: JUMP Bike!*
- *Hogwarts House: Alyssa is proud to be a Hufflepuff.*
- *What Alyssa Loves Most About Being a Youth Pastor: Seeing our students connect with one another and connecting with the story of Jesus.*



Alyssa can't believe it's been two years since she said "yes" to joining FBC. She is thankful for the opportunity to be your associate pastor and looks forward to growing in faith and love in the years to come. Meet her at Zeke's so she can learn fun facts about you!

CALENDAR - NOVEMBER

LOOKING AHEAD

THURSDAY, NOV. 1

6pm: Ordinary Time
(Elephant & Castle, 900 19th St., NW)

SUNDAY, NOV. 4

2am: **Daylight Saving Time Ends--turn clocks BACK one hour Saturday night before bedtime**
9:30am: Sunday Morning Bible Study for All Ages
10am: Chancel Choir rehearsal (Room 312)
11am: Worship (Sanctuary)
12 noon: Pot Luck Lunch, followed by quarterly congregational business meeting (Fellowship Hall)
2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)

TUESDAY, NOV. 6 ELECTION DAY

6:15pm: Education for Ministry (Conference Room)

THURSDAY, NOV. 8

6pm: Ordinary Time (Elephant & Castle - See 11/1)

SUNDAY, NOV. 11

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)
12:30pm: Deacons' Meeting (Room 315)
2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)

MONDAY, NOV. 12

Offices and CDC closed in observance of Veterans' Day

TUESDAY, NOV. 13

6:15pm: Education for Ministry (Conference Room)

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14

5pm: Sandwich making for Martha's Table (Fellowship Hall)
6pm: Dinner (Fellowship Hall; cost, \$8; RSVP to D'O Dillard at ddillard@firstbaptistdc.org). Since the third Wednesday this month falls the day before Thanksgiving, we'll make sandwiches for Martha's Table and share a meal on the second Wednesday.

THURSDAY, NOV. 15

Deadline to sign up for Thanksgiving Feast
6pm: Ordinary Time (Elephant & Castle - See 11/1)

SUNDAY, NOV. 18

9:30am: Sunday Morning Bible Study for All Ages
10am: Chancel Choir rehearsal (Rm 312)
11am: Worship (Sanctuary)

Commitment Sunday, baptism of Oliver Müller

12:30pm: Thanksgiving Lunch (Fellowship Hall). Our annual gathering for fun, fellowship and great food catered by Chef Laval. Cost is \$10: pay it forward and buy an extra ticket for a guest. **Please make a reservation.** You may pay in advance **online** or pay at lunch by cash or check. Contact D'O Dillard for reservations or questions: ddillard@firstbaptistdc.org
2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)

THURSDAY-FRIDAY, NOV. 22-23

Offices and CDC closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday

SUNDAY, NOV. 25

Alyssa Aldape Preaching In Worship

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

TUESDAY, NOV. 27

6:15pm: Education for Ministry (Conference Room)

THURSDAY, NOV. 29

6pm: Ordinary Time (Elephant & Castle - See 11/1)

SERVE

SANDWICH MAKING IN NOVEMBER: SECOND WEDNESDAY

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, in November we will prepare sandwiches for Martha's Table on the 2nd Wednesday evening instead of the 3rd. Join us on **Wednesday, November 14, @ 5pm** as we prepare sandwiches for homeless and hungry people in D.C. After sandwich making we'll enjoy supper together prepared by Chef Laval. (RSVP for supper by Tuesday, Nov. 13, by emailing D'O Dillard ddillard@firstbaptistdc.org).

WALK TO END HIV: RESCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 1

You still have time to sign up! Join us on Saturday, December 1, to support those living with HIV/AIDS while sharing a fun morning with fellow FBC friends at the annual Walk to End HIV, sponsored by Whitman Walker Health. Register at <https://walktoendhiv.org/> and join our team (First Baptist Church of Washington). Can't join in but want to donate? Do so on the same website.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Henson (703 980-5960).

DISASTER RELIEF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Response to Florence Continues

DCBC volunteers are working with the BGAV Disaster Response in North Carolina to provide flood and debris cleanup throughout Beaufort County and Jones County. Crisis Care, showers, and laundry will offer additional support throughout our response.

Teams or individuals are welcome to sign up for cleanup and rebuild through mid-December. See how all of the roles necessary to keep our site operational:

- Cleanup in Beaufort County: primarily temporary roof repair
- Cleanup in Jones County (Pollacksville, Trenton and Maysville): primarily full tear out
- Feeding to support recovery volunteers: if you have feeding unit or church kitchen experience or just want to help support volunteers, we are looking for volunteers to assist in providing 3 meals a day for volunteers
- Laundry volunteers help keep mold and other allergens to a minimum and provide clean clothes for our cleanup crews to wear each day to the jobsite.
- Additional volunteers with maintenance or mechanical experience, run supplies, and other miscellaneous tasks are also welcome.

Previous disaster training is not required. Rebuilding will begin as soon as cleanup job sites are dry.

Ready to volunteer? Indicate your interest with our partners: <https://bgavdr.org/volunteer/signup/>

Interested in giving? <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=90263>

Jennifer Perry - ERT Coordinator - DC Baptist Convention

MISSION

MINISTRY UPDATE FROM NYC

We loved having CBF Field Personnel Lesley-Ann Hix Tommey with us Sunday, Oct. 28! She shared with us what God is up to in New York and at Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries.



READ TO FEED

The Children's Ministry will raise funds this winter to support Heifer International. Soon, the children will seek sponsors to donate \$1 for each book they read. Any funds raised will aid the teachers of Heifer International. Click on this link to learn more about Read to Feed <https://www.heifer.org/readtofeed/index.html?msource=FERFG120001>



SAYING "HOWDY, NEIGHBOR!" ON HALLOWEEN

Every Halloween for the past 21 years, the preschoolers in our Child Development Center have trick-or-treated on all 8 floors at the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) building at 1625 Massachusetts Avenue (just across the alley from FBC). ALPA is the world's largest airline pilot union.



Other organizations housed in the ALPA building include:

- The National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association (CASA), advocating for abused and neglected children.
- The International Organization for Migration (IOM), advocating for global refugees.
- Vital Voices Global Partnership, advocating for women in leadership around the world.
- Earthjustice (whose motto is "Because the earth needs a good lawyer").



Whenever you walk past the Air Line Pilots Association building, offer up a prayer for the men and women inside who are spending their days (and probably some nights and weekends) in good and worthy ways.



BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Nov. 9 Evangeline Dennis
- Nov. 11 Kelly Magee-Prichard
- Nov. 13 Lucy Plovnick
- Nov. 17 Joy Adigun
- Nov. 19 Isaac Adigun
- Nov. 20 John J. Rhee and Rebecca Vander Veer
- Nov. 23 Jo Clare Edwards
- Nov. 24 Alex McKeithen
- Nov. 25 Hilary Morrow and Ping Wang
- Nov. 29 Hazel Pless
- Nov. 30 Lon Schreiber

Don't see your birthday listed? Please email Zena at zaldridge@firstbaptistdc.org.

OFFICE CLOSINGS IN NOVEMBER

Our church offices and Child Development Center will be closed on these days in November:

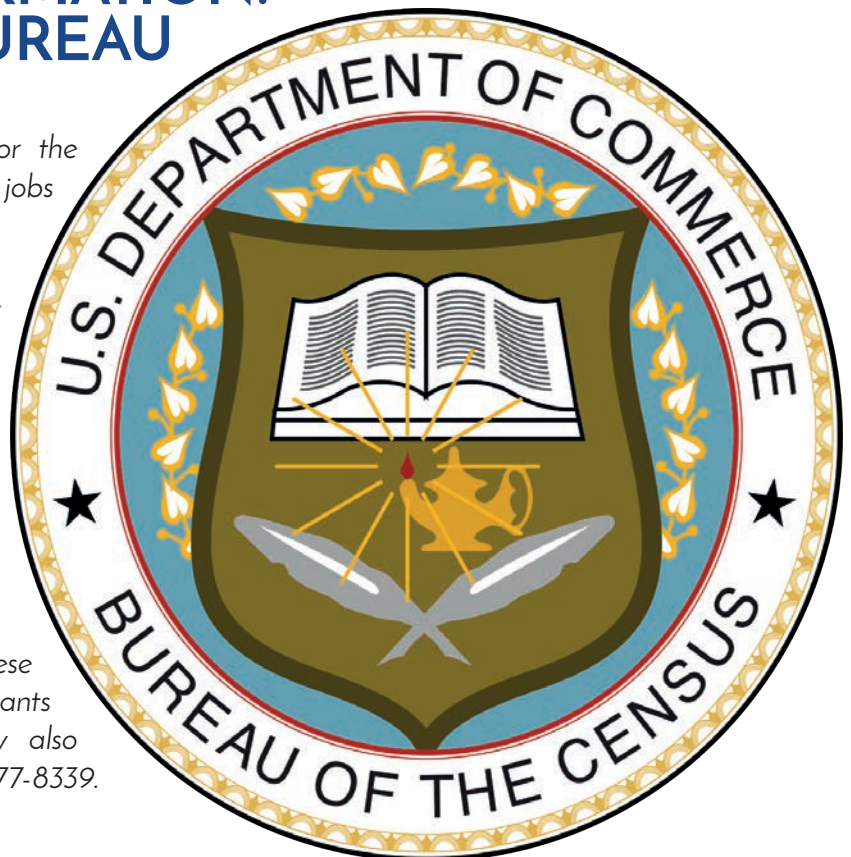
- Monday, Nov. 12 (Veterans Day)
- Thursday-Friday, Nov. 22-23 (Thanksgiving)

COMMUNITY INFORMATION: THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU IS HIRING

The U.S. Census Bureau is ramping up for the 2020 Census and is recruiting for temporary jobs available in Washington D.C.

By visiting USAjobs.gov applicants can apply for a range of positions, including Administrative Manager, Area Census Office Manager and Census Field Manager. Currently, we are recruiting in the D.C. Metro area to be a part of the Area Census Office in Fairfax, VA. The Census Bureau offers flexible work hours, including daytime, evenings and weekends.

For more information about any of these employment opportunities, interested applicants can call 1-855-JOB-2020. Applicants may also contact the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.



FACILITIES



FIT: WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!

From Charlie Fuller, Executive Pastor

We need to hear from you! This Sunday at our all-church potluck, the **F**acilities **I**mprovement **T**eam (FIT) will present an online questionnaire designed to hear Holy Spirit speak through the voices of God's people - You! If you can't participate through the online process, we'll also have the questionnaire available on paper.

Your responses will be used to guide our church leadership as we work together to decide what God would have us do, what our purpose is in this place, and what that means as we work to improve our facilities. Specifically, we are seeking to know how our facilities can best serve God's purpose for us in this place and time and for many years to come.

After we present the questionnaire on Sunday, we'll send an all-church email with the link you can use to access the questionnaire. We appreciate your taking the time for this very important process. The questionnaire is only five questions, but they will require your thoughtful and prayerful consideration. We ask you to take your time to deliberately and prayerfully respond to the questions.

Thanks in advance for your participation in this vital process!

The Facilities Improvement Team (FIT)

Charlie Fuller (chair), Rod Coates, Kate Campbell, Sarah Hodges-Austin, Wil McBeath, Didier Ahimera, Dennis Lambert, Jac Whatley, Kathy Whatley, Bill Newell, Chelsea Clarke, Ken Ellison, Cindy Fuller, Julie Pennington-Russell, Alyssa Aldape

Name *

First Name Last Name

Email Address

1) How are we called to fulfill God's calling to Worship (Corporate Worship)?

2) How are we called to fulfill God's calling to Bear Witness (Serving Beyond Ourselves, Justice, Evangelism)?

3) How are we called to fulfill God's calling to Faith Formation (Christian Education, Discipleship)?

4) How are we called to fulfill God's calling to Care for the Church Community (Pastoral Care, Fellowship, etc.)?

5) How could a church facility at 16th & 'O' better help to fulfill our callings as you described them above?

PRAYER & CARE

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Patty & Marvin Marceron, who celebrated 65 years of marriage on October 28!
- Violet Bakare, who retired from the VA hospital on Oct. 18th, after many years of service!



SYMPATHY TO:

- Family of Michelle Decker, who passed away from liver disease on Oct. 23. Survivors include her father Charlie, his wife Rose (Zena's mom), two siblings and three sons.
- Family and friends of Tom Marmet, 22, a social worker with S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat) who was killed by a stray bullet in NE DC while driving home from work.
- Charlie Fuller and family in the passing of his mother, Edna Fuller, at age 97 in Little Rock, AR.
- Our brothers and sisters of the William Carey Baptist Church in Havana, Cuba, in the death of their pastor (and our dear friend), Dorilín Tito, on October 18. Pray for Dorilín's children, Danielle and Daniel, and for Dorilín's elderly mother, Dora, for whom Dorilín was the primary caregiver.

RECENTLY ADDED:

- Gordon Richmond: still at Inova Fairfax, with breathing difficulties
- Ana Gooch: still at GW Hospital following surgery and a subsequent stroke in August
- Carolyn B-Roebuck (CDC Director): recovering from a torn ligament
- Dan Olander: recovering from eye surgery on Oct. 26

when we SUFFER

Walking with Our Brother Job

sermon series • sundays at 11am

October 21

The First Question We Ask
Job 1 & 2

October 28

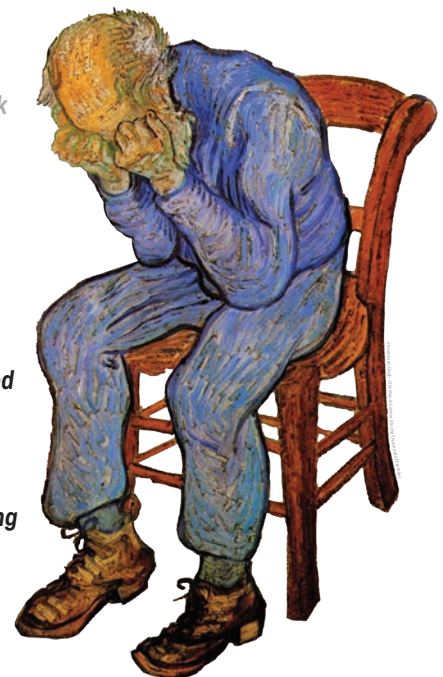
The Truth We Must Speak
Job 3

November 4

The Friends We Don't Need
Job 4, 5, 8, 11, 16 & 17
All Saints Sunday

November 11

The God to Whom We Cling
Job 38, 39 & 42



DEACONS ON-CALL:
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4:



Steve Netcott

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11:



Kate Campbell

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18:



Chelsea Clarke

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 25:



Rose Smith

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

DAYLIGHT SAVING
TIME ENDS
NOVEMBER 4 AT 2AM

Spring Ahead; FALL BACK

This year Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 4 at 2 a.m. Don't forget to turn your clocks BACK one hour at bedtime Saturday night!



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