

# First Baptist Church of the City of Washington D.C.

*“Every Member Engaged in Ministry...”*

July 7, 2016

## Saturday, July 9

11-6 Building open  
5:00 Mosaic Worship/Side Chapel

## Sunday, July 10

DOC: Mike Henson, 703979-0934

7:00 Serving breakfast at Christ House  
(see page 4)  
9:30 Church School  
10:00 Choir Rehearsal/Room 312  
11:00 Worship  
Sermon: “What We Say and  
What We Do”  
Pastor Julie, preaching  
12:00 Reception in the Parlor  
12:30 Diaconate/Conference Room  
2:00 Church of the Good News of Salvation,  
Rev. Saúl García, Dawson Room

## Recent Additions

### To our membership:

**Rochelle Howard from Washington, D.C.**  
(see page 6)

### To our prayer list:

**Margaret Farthing and family in the death of  
Winston “Harry” Farthing on July 2.**

**Violet Bakare  
Libby Cain  
Sadye Doxie  
Amanda Ellison  
Bettie and Stan Hastey  
Will Short  
Gordon Richmond  
Ernest Stone**

## From a Grateful Pastor

A little over six months ago, on a blue-cold New Year’s Day, Tim, Taylor, Lucy and I hugged my mother goodbye in her driveway in Atlanta and headed north on I-85 to begin a new season of life with a brand new church community in Washington. We had early hunches about all of you—glimmers of goodness and promise—and yet this move still felt like an adventurous leap of faith.

As many of you know, my birthday weekend coincided with July’s First Sunday Communion and our customary potluck friendship meal at First Baptist. On Sunday, as I joined my beautiful faith family in worship; as I watched you laughing together around lunch tables; as you placed cards and flowers in my hands and sang the happy birthday song, I found myself thinking about these past six months and God’s faithful, generous provisions all along the way:

- a loving church family that has wrapped its arms around us from day one;
- creative, visionary lay leaders who are “dreaming in league with God” (Abraham Heschel’s phrase) about FBC’s future;
- meaningful work for both Tim and me that taps our individual gifts and passions;
- faithful, compassionate (and funny!) colleagues on our staff;
- caring clergy from DC’s Baptist and ecumenical communities who have reached out in friendship;
- lovely temporary accommodations at the Station House apartments (an especially fun place to be during January’s Snowpocalypse!).

*Such abundance.*

**And now, another gift:** On July 14<sup>th</sup> we will close on our new home in Brookland (3322 7<sup>th</sup> St. NE, WCD 20017). Then on July 18<sup>th</sup> the moving van will arrive and we’ll begin the happy process of becoming truly settled in DC. Tim and I can’t begin to express thanks enough for all of the *many* ways you have welcomed and supported our family. As we look

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From a Grateful Pastor (continued from page 1)

back on the months and miles since that blue-cold New Year's Day we are filled with such profound gratitude—to God and to you.

*We love you!*

*Julie*

P.S. I will be away from the office from July 18-31. Please see page 3 for the schedule of fine preachers who'll be filling the pulpit.



Apartment hunting on the coldest day of the year.

Fun times at the dog run on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor of the Station House apartments.



Friends and partners in ministry.

Our new neighborhood in Brookland.  
Come see us!



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# Summer Guest Preachers

## **July 24: Stan Haste**



A native of Oklahoma, Stan grew up in a missionary family in Mexico. After high school graduation from the American School of Torreón, he earned the B.A. from Oklahoma Baptist University, and M.Div. and Ph.D. degrees from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

For 15 years following seminary, Stan worked as a journalist at the Baptist Joint Committee here in Washington where he covered the White House and the Supreme Court for the Baptist Press news service, and was a Supreme Court correspondent for the interfaith Religion News Service. From 1989 to 2009, Stan served the Alliance of Baptists, a nationwide association of congregations and individual members committed to historic Baptist principles and to ecumenical and interfaith relationships.

Stan and Bettie have called FBCDC their church home since 1983. Stan has served our congregation as a deacon and on several committees. From June 2013 through December 2015 he was the church's interim preaching minister. They have two adult children, Lisa and Steve.



## **July 31: Sam Hill**

Sam serves as Lead Teacher of our Saturday night contemporary worship service, Mosaic. He's also an attorney for the Department of the Navy where he specializes in civil rights law and conflict resolution. He graduated last year from the University of Missouri School of Law and next year will complete a master of public affairs in nonprofit management, also from the University of Missouri. Sam received a bachelor of arts in religion from William Jewell College (Kansas City, MO). During that time he interned for two summers at FBCDC and studied theology for two terms at the University of Oxford. Sam was licensed into ministry in 2007 and has served as interim pastor in three churches. In his free time, he likes to write, tell stories, and watch the Kansas City Royals.

## **August 7: J. Brent Walker**



Brent is the Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty here in Washington, DC. For almost three decades he has dedicated his professional life to upholding the historic Baptist principle of religious liberty, defending the free exercise of religion and protecting against its establishment by government. Both a member of the Supreme Court Bar and an ordained minister, he is a sought-after speaker and national media commentator on church-state issues.

Brent has served the Baptist Joint Committee since 1989, first as associate general counsel and, upon the retirement of executive director (and FBCDC member) James Dunn, Brent was called to be the agency's fifth executive director. He is the longest-serving staff member in the 80-year history of the BJC.

Brent earned B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Florida, an M.Div. degree from Southern Seminary, and holds a J.D. degree from Stetson University College of Law. He received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from the John Leland Center for Theological Studies in 2013. His wife, Nancy, is pastor for congregational care at Columbia Baptist Church in Falls Church. They have two adult children and two grandchildren.



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## Liberian Pastor Jimmy Diggs in Worship July 10

Pastor Jimmy Diggs will bring greetings in worship this Sunday from Mt. Galilee Baptist Church near Monrovia, Liberia. In 2016, in response to the Ebola crisis in Liberia, First Baptist Church sent funds to support students at the school that Mt. Galilee operates. Your gifts provided school fees, uniforms and books for children who were orphaned by Ebola, or whose parents could no longer afford these items. Jimmy also has been active in peacemaking initiatives through the Liberian Baptist Peace Fellowship. Please give Pastor Jimmy a warm First Baptist welcome this Sunday.



*Pastor Julie with Pastor Jimmy Diggs (right) and Pastor Doyle Sager (FBC Jefferson City, MO) at the CBF General Assembly in Greensboro, NC in June.*

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## Christ House Breakfast This Sunday

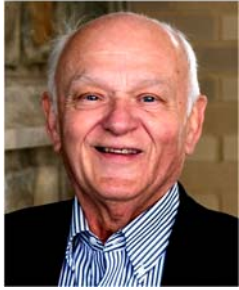
Our July opportunity to serve breakfast to our friends at Christ House is this Sunday, July 10! I would like to invite you to serve with me this coming Sunday at 7 a.m. Christ House is located at 1717 Columbia Road NW, Washington, DC 20009.

**We need at least four people to meet at Christ House on Sunday at 7 a.m.** If you would like to serve **please email Dinh Tran at [dinhtran0430@gmail.com](mailto:dinhtran0430@gmail.com).**

**Season of Prayer Verse: Colossians 1:11-12**

*May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.*

**Read - Reflect - Respond - Rest - Remain**



## Your Deacon "on call" for this week

This week's deacon on call is Paul Clark. If you have prayer requests this week, you can reach Paul at 202-321-1519.

### By the Numbers

- 125:** Worshipers on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, July 2-3
- 32:** Adults, youth and children who gathered on Sunday, July 3, for Bible study, conversation, choir rehearsal and friendship
- <300:** Baptist leaders, theologians, teachers, pastors and other representatives from more than 50 countries meeting this week in Vancouver, BC, for worship, fellowship, study, theological reflection and decision meetings. Deborah and Robert Cochran are attending this Baptist World Alliance gathering.

### Scenes from Sunday ...

The Tapestry Adult Church School Class



Origami with Bettye Robinson following the potluck luncheon





# Scenes from Sunday continued...



Top picture: Brittany Graves, Ken Ellison, Pastor Julie, Rochelle Howard (who also joined FBC on Sunday/pictured below being welcomed by Pastor Julie) and Sam Hill.

# Calendar of Events

- MONDAY, July 11**  
6:00 Installation Planning Meeting/Conference Room
- TUESDAY, July 12**  
6:30 Christian Education Committee/Library
- WEDNESDAY, July 13**  
11:00 Staff Meeting/Conference Room
- SATURDAY, July 16**  
11:00 - 6:00 Building Open  
5:00 Mosaic Worship/Side Chapel
- SUNDAY, July 17**  
9:30 Church School for all ages  
10:00 Choir Rehearsal/Room 312  
11:00 Worship  
    Pastor Julie, preaching  
2:00 The Church of the Good News of Salvation,  
    (Spanish Language) Rev. Saúl García,  
    Dawson Room

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## Summer Small Group Outing

Rockies vs Nationals  
on Sunday, August 28  
at 1:35 p.m.

Watch the bulletin and Update  
for more information.

*Lectionary Readings  
for  
Sunday, July 10  
Eighth Sunday  
after Pentecost*

*Amos 7:7-15  
Colossians 1:1-14  
Matthew 21:23-32  
Psalm 82*

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