

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

“Every member engaged in ministry...”

June 9, 2016

FBC Communications Network: Under Construction!

This summer our office staff are working together toward a more efficient, enhanced process of communication for FBC—both inside and outside the church walls. Here is a summary of what we can expect in the days and months ahead:

The Update:

A bi-weekly newsletter with a new, fresh format

Starting in July, the Update will be emailed on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month (with paper editions sent to those without email). This schedule is a return to our former practice of publishing a bi-weekly newsletter rather than every week. In addition to the new publication schedule, the Update will have a fresh, new look.

When: The first new edition will be sent on **Thursday, July 14th.**

Why? A bi-weekly schedule will free up our office staff (primarily Jean Weber) for other mission-critical tasks.

Goal: To keep our church family connected with each other and informed about the movement of God inside and outside our church.

The FBC Website:

Eventually becomes a hub of communication

Our website is FBC’s “front door” to the world beyond our walls. In the coming months we will utilize the full potential of our beautiful new site to communicate the love of God to our community and world. While the Update newsletter will provide communication on a bi-weekly basis, the website will be a more immediate source of information, inspiration and engagement.



Facebook, Twitter & Instagram:

Social media is no longer a fad. It’s the 21st century town square.

If we truly want to see the Gospel impact and influence our community, we must show up in the places where the most significant conversations are taking place right now. Today, that’s on social media. We will continue to expand our social media presence in order to connect with people at a more personal level.

So **why** all this attention to our communication networks? I think the Apostle Paul would answer this way: *“I have become all things to all people, so that I may **by every possible means** save some. I do all this because of the gospel...”* (1 Cor. 9:22b-23a; emphasis added)

Blessings,



Your Deacon "on call" for this week

This week's deacon on call is Rod Coates. If you have prayer requests this week, you can reach Rod at 202-560-3406.

Saturday, June 11

11:00 Building open

Sunday, June 12

9:30 Church School for all ages
10:00 Choir Rehearsal/Room 312
11:00 Worship
Sermon: "Persisting in Prayer"
Text: 1 Kings 18:41-46
Pastor Julie Preaching
12:30 Diaconate Meeting/Meadows Room
2:00 Church of the Good News of Salvation, Room 214, Rev. Saúl García, Preaching
4:00 **Diane Bish, Organ Concert.**
Reception in Fellowship Hall

**Deacon Ordination and Installation
scheduled for
Sunday, June 19**

Recent Additions

To our prayer list:

Violet Bakare
Glenn Bratcher
Libby Cain
Sadye Doxie
Amanda Ellison
Bettie Hastey
Ramona Michels
Gordon Richmond
Will Short
Ki Johnson, grandson of Laval and
Frankie Sanks

Sandwich Making for Martha's Table on
Wednesday, June 15 at 5 p.m.
followed by a Cookout at 6 p.m.

Sandwich making and cookout Wednesday, June 15 We next make sandwiches for Martha's Table on Wednesday, June 15 at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This month we will follow this activity with a cookout in the courtyard. We need a volunteer (or two) to grill the hot dogs and burgers, which FBC will provide. If you plan to attend, please e-mail D'O Dillard at ddillard@firstbaptisdc.org by noon Tuesday, June 14, and please bring a dessert or fruit to share. If it rains, we can eat in the Meadows Room or Fellowship Hall.

Installation of Julie Pennington-Russell
Set for Sunday, September 18 at
4 o'clock

Pastor Julie's formal installation as the 19th Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church is scheduled for Sunday, September 18th, 2016, at 4 o'clock p.m. The guest preacher will be Paul Nixon, author of "*I Refuse to Lead a Dying Church!*", and a member of our neighbor, Foundry UMC. A festive reception follows the service.

By the Numbers

- 138: Worshipers on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, June 4 and 5
61: Adults, youth and children who gathered on Sunday, June 5, for Bible study, conversation, choir rehearsal and friendship
7: FBC Volunteers who spruced up the volunteer apartment at Christ House on Sunday afternoon
8,000: Homeless men and women served by Christ House since its beginning in 1985

Season of Prayer Verse: **Matthew 6:34**

So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Read - Reflect - Respond - Rest - Remain

Diane Bish Organ Concert at FBC

Sunday, June 12, 4 o'clock

"The First Lady of the Organ" performs works by noted composers and her own arrangements of hymn tunes and original pieces on our 6000-pipe Austin organ. The concert is free and open to the public; valet parking available. A reception follows the concert, and Miss Bish's CD's and videos will be available for purchase. Don't miss it!

Johenning Baptist Community Center Event

Saturday, July 30

Coordinator and Volunteers Needed!

First Baptist Church of D.C. has been invited to host another event at the Johenning Baptist Community Center in late July. This event gives FBCDC the opportunity to fellowship with our friends in Southeast DC, organize games for children and provide a meal at the time of the month when resources for residents are stretched. In order to be able to answer this request, we need a coordinator to organize the event. Would one or two people like to lead the event? Would others like to volunteer? It will take a volunteer group of about 15-to-20 people broken up into four teams. *If you are interested in coordinating or serving at this event, please contact Dinh Tran at dinhtran0430@gmail.com.*



"Recognition and Honors"

Rev. Saúl Garcia (pictured left) has received a medal from the Correction Corporation of America. Saúl, who leads the Iglesia Bautista Buenas Nuevas de Salvacion congregation which meets here at FBC for Sunday worship and Wednesday night Bible study, serves as a chaplain at the DC Correctional Treatment Facility. The medal is in recognition of his work among the incarcerated. Saúl was ordained in our Sanctuary in 2014.

Our own **Pastor Julie** was recognized as DCBC Pastor of the Week in the convention e-news blast that went out Friday, June 3. Copy and paste this link into your browser.

<http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1109061736857&ca=8f07602f-ef9d-448c-aaaa-852e566ec29c>

Christ House Volunteers



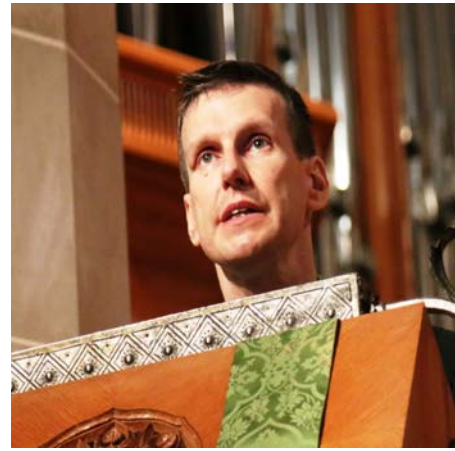
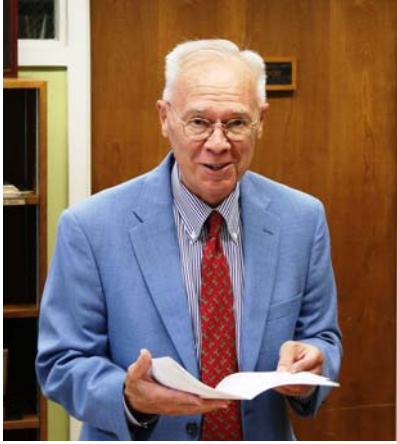
From left: Mike Henson, Chelsea Clarke, Dinh Tran, Brittany Graves, Didier Ahimera, Allen Norfleet and Kate Campbell

These wonderful people from First Baptist DC spent a chunk of their Sunday afternoon sprucing up the volunteer apartment at Christ House. Christ House opened in December 1985 as the first 24-hour residential medical facility for homeless men and women in the United States. Today, Christ House is still the only facility of its kind in the DC metropolitan area where more than 6,000 people experience homelessness every day. It is estimated that there are only 13 stand-alone residential medical facilities for the homeless like Christ House in all of the U.S. and Canada. Since its beginning, Christ House has had more than 8,000 admissions.

First Council Meeting of New Church Year Set for June 26

The first meeting of the FBC Church Council for the 2016-2017 program year is scheduled for Sunday, June 26, following the worship service. If your committee has selected a chair, thank you. If your committee has not yet selected a chair, please do so as soon as possible and send the information to Moderator Lucy Plovnick at lh@msk.com, and Administrator D'O Dillard at ddillard@firstbaptistdc.org. This information will be published in the Update once we receive all the names. Thanks!

Scenes from Sunday...



Left to right:

Dennis Lambert; Children's Church School Class; A Ceremony of Commissioning and Blessing for the Education for Ministry studies: recipients were Janice Osborn and Doug Duvall; FBC Kids; Rod Coates; Pastor Julie.

Scenes from Sunday...continued



From left to right:

Brittany Graves and Pastor Julie;
Pastor Julie, Rose Smith and
Alex McKeithen
Carrie Hughes



Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY, June 15

- 11:00 Staff Meeting/Conference Room
- 5:00 Sandwich Making for Martha's Table/FH
- 6:00 Cookout/Courtyard

FRIDAY, June 17

- 7:00 Church Volleyball/Gym

SATURDAY, June 18

- 11:00 - 6:00 Building Open
- 12:00 FBC Basketball
- 5:00 Mosaic Worship/Side Chapel

SUNDAY, June 19

- 9:30 Church School for all ages
- 10:00 Choir Rehearsal/Room 312
- 11:00 Worship
Diaconate Ordination and Installation
- 2:00 The Church of the Good News of Salvation,
(Spanish Language) Room 214

Summer Small Group Outing

Rockies vs Nationals
on Sunday, August 28

Watch the bulletin and Update for more
information.

*Lectionary Readings
for
Sunday, June 12
Fourth Sunday
after Pentecost*

*1 Kings 18:41-46
Psalm 5
James 5:13-18
Matthew 6:25-34*

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