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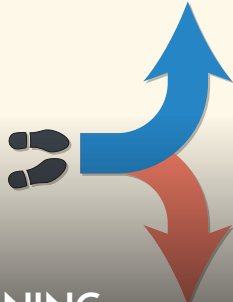
Friday-Thursday, February 3-9



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**CHARLIE FULLER
EXEC. PASTOR**

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**ALYSSA ALDAPE
ASSOC. PASTOR**

My Goals
for 2017


PARENT & YOUTH GATHERING

LET'S GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER
AND EAT SOME PIZZA! MEET AT
JULIE AND DAN PASCU'S HOUSE

5312 MCKINLEY ST.
BETHESDA, MD

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 10, 2017
7:00 PM

7 **PARENT &
YOUTH MTG.**

RSVP: FEBRUARY 10, 2017
BY EMAIL: ALDAPE@FIRSTBAPTISTDC.COM

February 10



**WINTER
FORUM**

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WITH GLENN HINSON**

February 25,26 - Preparation for Lent





This Sunday (2/29):

Last Chance to Donate Over-the-Counter Medicines Pray for the Team in Worship

We are sending a team to Cuba February 3-9 with the principal objective of renewing our congregational partnership with Iglesia Bautista William Carey in Havana. The team is requesting donations of over-the-counter medicines (pain relief, cold & flu, digestive aids, antihistamines, etc.) to take with them. Donation baskets are available in the narthex, fellowship hall and 2nd floor office welcome area.

This Sunday in worship we'll gather around our team to pray for them: Alyssa Aldape, Chelsea Clarke, D'O Dillard, Elnora Dooms Boe, Ron Dooms, Julie Geren, Mike Henson, Shirley McBeath, Ellen Parkhurst, Lon Schreiber and Julie & Tim Pennington-Russell (plus Becky McBeath and Stan Hastey, who will join us on Feb. 3).



CUBA TEAM MEETING LED BY STAN HASTEY

WINTER FORUM

Spiritual Preparation for Lent
with Glenn Hinson



FEB 25-26

Feb 25: Saturday Mini-Retreat at FBC: Spiritual Preparation for Lent with Glenn Hinson

Please bring a Bible and a journal or diary (something for writing or doodling).

- 9:30am Gathering for coffee & pastries
- 10:00 **1st Presentation:** "Letting Go" (Phil 4)
Silence for meditation and/or doodling
- 11:00 **2nd Presentation:** "Fasting from the Internet" (Rom 12)
Silence for meditation and/or doodling
- 12:00 Lunch catered by Chef Laval (\$8)
- 1:00pm **3rd Presentation:** "Facing Our Temptations" (Luke 4)
Silence for meditation and/or doodling
- 2:00 **4th Presentation:** "What Will We Do with Our Fear?" (Matt 6; 1 Jn 4)
- 2:30 Sharing of insights from our meditation
- 3:00 **Communion**

Feb 26: Sunday morning with Glenn Hinson

- 9:30am "The Top Ten Things My Life Has Taught Me"
(Adult & Youth classes meet together)
- 11:00 Message in Worship: "Pursuing an Elusive God" (Exod 24; Matt 17)

You must register in advance for the Saturday mini-retreat (by Feb. 21).

Register online (www.firstbaptistdc.org), in your Sunday Bible study class, or by contacting Church Administrator D'O Dillard in our church office. (202-387-2206, ext. 245; ddillard@firstbaptistdc.org.) **Reserve your free childcare.**

**RSVP
by Tuesday,
Feb. 21**

FROM PASTOR CHARLIE



PASTOR CHARLIE FULLER

Executive Pastor

My Goals for 2017

For First Baptist Church

- Work out a new routine in a new place. Make sure that I place boundaries around the time necessary for proper Bible study, prayer, contemplation, and reading.
- Become thoroughly acquainted with FBC's procedures, structures, systems, and facilities.
- Gradually bring focus to how I can most effectively support our congregation and, specifically, our senior pastor.
- Engage our people in effective pastoral care through hospital visits, personal coaching, and hallway visits.
- Meet (along with Pastor Julie) with our church officers as well as the other lay leadership groups of our church.
- Provide appropriate support for our upcoming facilities improvements.
- Support and lead our wonderful staff in their vital service to our church.
- Grow in the ability to effectively preach.

Personal Goals

- Walk more deeply with God. In addition to ongoing prayer, contemplation, Bible Study, and devotional reading, I hope to carve out some time for extended silence.
- Continue the process of settling into a new city with Cindy.
- Make more time to focus on Cindy.
- Work out the rhythm of getting to Little Rock from time to time to check on my mom as well as checking in with our kids and grandkids.
- Help our daughter, Sarah, and her daughter, Rhona, as they anticipate and plan a move later this year from Seattle to Texas.
- Experience a healthy sampling of our city's museums and monuments.
- Learn more about the history of our city.
- Continue to strive toward an effective work/life balance.

Investment in Broader Communities

- Continue and bring to a productive conclusion my current responsibilities as a Governing Board member and Illumination Project chair for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.
- Attend both national and regional CBF meetings.
- Continue my role as Music Director/Conductor of The Centurymen, including a performance tour this fall (which will include FBC DC!).
- Continue to develop my personal coaching practice, especially for individuals connected to the FBC community.

My Goals for 2017

Ministry Goals

- Get to know my FBC DC family as I lean into my role as an associate pastor here. I'm not just the associate pastor for young adults and youth. I'm your associate pastor too!
- Cultivate a student ministry program that sparks an interest in our youth for spiritual growth and yearning for how to apply the countercultural teachings of Jesus into their daily lives. My hope is that this will involve the entire church supporting and affirming our youth.
- Meet our young adults where they are in their lives and journey together as we think creatively about the implications of God's beloved community within the church and in our bigger DC community.
- Learn about our surrounding faith communities and seek ways to intentionally engage with our sister neighboring churches.
- Support Julie and Charlie in whatever way I can as we learn to work as a team of BMFF (Best Ministry Friends Forever).
- Take full advantage of being mentored by THE Julie Pennington-Russell as I continue to learn to be an authentic pastor and preacher.
- Find all the secret tunnels and passageways in the church building.
Read: I don't want to get lost in this building at night ever again.

Personal Goals

- Read more books- especially now that I am out of seminary and not reading to respond in essay form.
- Grow deeper in my faith. In addition to regular bible readings and prayer, I would like to spend more time in silence and contemplative prayer. Perhaps even go on a silent retreat.
- Honor the spiritual practice of self-care.
- Get to know my new city- museums, coffee shops, running trails, parks, monuments, etc. and attend more concerts and plays in the city.
- Continued love and support for my parents as they begin fundraising for their ministry in Spain.
- Make new friends in the city. Yeah, it takes time even for extroverts to make friends!
- Go on at least one vacation this year.
 - -Maybe the beach. I haven't been since 2015. It's a problem for this Texas girl.
- Exercise regularly.
- Take a dance class
- Get to know my neighbors in Woodridge.

Investment in Broader Communities

- Continue my work with the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty.
- Lean into the voice and platform I've been given as a pastor and woman of color in this time and city.
- Attend the CBF General Assembly in Atlanta, GA, but also engage with other denominational bodies that go beyond my comfort zone.
- Connect with other Youth/Young Adult Ministers in the area.

FROM PASTOR ALYSSA

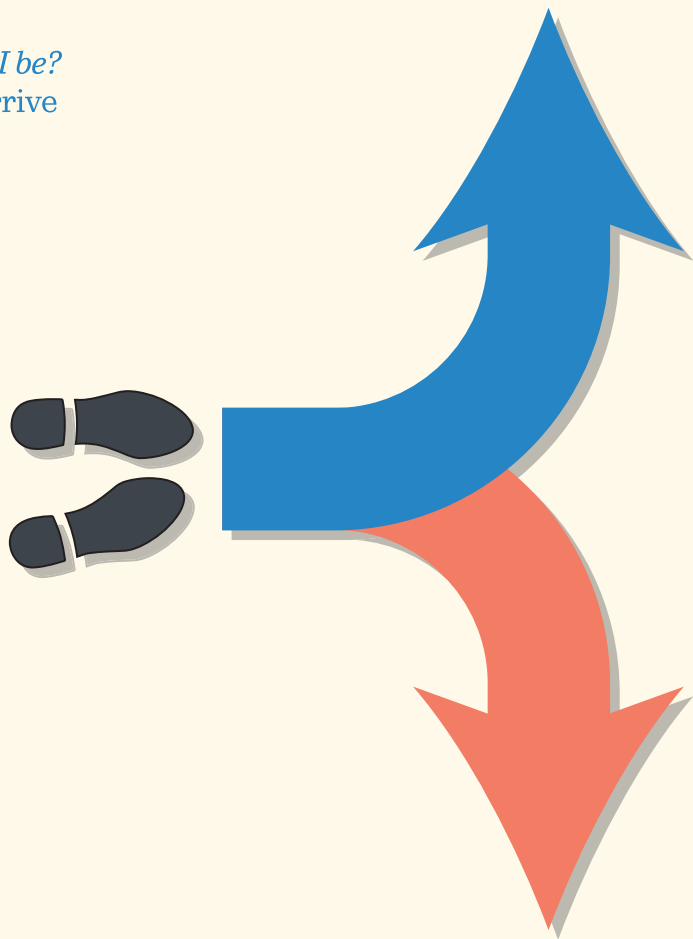


Associate Pastor for Young Adult and Youth Ministries

What will my life be about? What kind of person will I be?
These questions often find an answer when we arrive
at what we call “defining moments”—times or
circumstances that require us to make a choice.

DEFINING MOMENTS

Winter Sermon Series



January 22 *Matthew 4:12-23*

Stay or Go?

January 29 *Matthew 5:1-12*

With the Stream or Against?

February 5 *Matthew 5:13-20*

Ready or Not?

February 12 *Matthew 5:21-37*

Fractured or Whole?

February 19 *Matthew 5:38-48*

Retaliate or Show Love?



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SUN 11AM

Save the Date:



The **Cooperative Baptist Fellowship** will have their annual General Assembly in Atlanta, GA at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta. Make your reservations now at the CBF [website](#).



The **American Baptist Churches** Biennial Mission Summit will meet in Portland, Oregon, June 30-July 2, 2017. For more information and registration details, visit their website.

<http://americanbaptists2017.weebly.com/register.html>

PASSPORT Camps will be using our facilities to host their **MissionBASE** camp this summer. Camp staff will live at the church and we will have different youth groups coming in to DC to experience missional engagement in an urban setting.

PASSPORT will be here:
June 25-30; July 2-7; July 9-14;
July 16-21; July 23-28



WE'VE RESCHEDULED!



"Gift Ark" for Heifer International

Please give generously to the FBC Heifer Project in honor of Deborah Cochran, our recently retired Associate Pastor for Children and Families. To date, we've received **\$3515** of the needed **\$5000**. A Gift Ark donation includes two water buffalos, two cows, two sheep and two goats, along with bees, chicks, rabbits and more. Donating a Gift Ark will help:

- Care for entire communities with milk, eggs, honey and wool
- Provide income by supplying an abundance of goods to sell
- Sustain farming by providing livestock to work the land
- Improve the lives of families for generations by multiplying and passing on the gift

Read more about the gift and donate on our church website: www.firstbaptistdc.org.

Quarterly Congregational Mtg 2/5

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EVENTS

Saturday, January 28

10am: Inclusion Conversations (RSVP! - Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, January 29

9:30am: Church School for All Ages

10am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rm 312)

11am: Worship (Sanctuary)

2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)

Sunday, February 12

7am: Serve Breakfast at Christ House (Call Office to Sign Up)

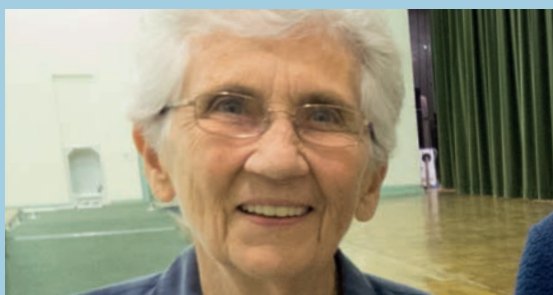
* The February 9th issue of the newsletter will be delayed. It will be published on February 16th following the return of the team from Cuba.

DEACONS ON-CALL WEEK OF JANUARY 29:



(TBA - Contact the Church Office)

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5:



Sadye Doxie

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

FBC PRAYER & CARE

Sympathy:

...to Jim Langley in the death of his brother, Ralph Langley, on January 13 in Huntsville, Alabama.

UPDATE ON USE OF REAR ALLEY DOOR

You may have noticed a sign on the rear alley door that reads: "Exit Only; use O Street lobby for entry."

In the interests of safety, we are asking all FBC members, guests, visitors, work/delivery persons and CDC parents to use the O Street lobby for entry. This way, our Security team will have a clear view of all who enter our building. Please observe this request by using the O Street lobby when you come to FBC.

QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MTG FEB 5

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