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ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR YOUNG ADULT AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Assoc. Pastor Alyssa Aldape

In worship on March 19, we had the wonderful opportunity to hear from Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel Eddie and Macarena Aldape and about their work in Spain. Eddie and Macarena minister to immigrants and students in Albacete, Spain.

After serving 13 years in India among the Banjara, the Aldapes arrived in Spain in December 2015 where they are launching Centro de Esperanza (The Hope Center) to assist immigrants through the registration processes language acquisition, culture simulation and directing them to local organizations that can meet their immediate needs.

than to give a gift to the work of missions? We are blessed to have multiple relationships with mission organizations: The America for



Christ Offering of American Baptist Churches, U.S.A.; The Annie

Armstrong Offering of the North American Mission Board; and The Offering for Global Missions of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. These mission groups have answered God's call to join God in the world on mission and we affirm their efforts when we give as we are

GIVE TO MISSIONS

	American Baptist Churches USA America for Christ/World Mission Offering	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
	Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Offering for Global Missions	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
	Southern Baptist Convention Annie Armstrong Easter Offering/ Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____

Name: _____ **Email:** _____ **Total:** \$ _____

During Easter we celebrate new life and the profound love of Christ. What better way to continue celebrating

able! Envelopes are available in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall and Office welcome area.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

PALM SUNDAY

Palms and Praise

Sunday, April 9

Worship at 11am.

After-worship Procession with Palms through our neighborhood, accompanied by a mariachi band.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Lord's Supper and Foot Washing

Thursday, April 13

7pm in the Sanctuary

Childcare provided for infants through kindergarten



GOOD FRIDAY

Service of Shadows

Friday, April 14

7pm in the Sanctuary;

led by the Chancel Choir and other FBC musicians

Childcare provided for infants through kindergarten



EASTER SUNDAY

Christ is Risen!

Sunday, April 16

Worship at 11am;

brass prelude begins at 10:45am



DEACON MINISTRY AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:

“They promote peace, reconciliation and the spirit of cooperation and unity...”



PASTOR JULIE
PENNINGTON-RUSSELL

Pastor Julie Pennington-Russell

The word "deacon" comes from the Greek word diakonos, which means "servant." There are many references to deacons in the early church. Deacon ministry was developed in response to specific needs within the corporate life of the church itself, and its inspiration was no less the example of Christ himself, who "came not to be served but to serve".

At First Baptist Church, deacons are actively engaged in the mission of the church. They promote peace, reconciliation and the spirit of cooperation and unity in this body. They model the ministry of presence by their regular participation in worship and in other events in the life of the church. They offer pastoral care and help lead in worship. They are faithful in their financial support of the Church. They participate in diaconate meetings and training events. As a foundational priority, deacons endeavor to follow Jesus Christ themselves through personal practices of discipleship.

DEACONS



If a person has been nominated to serve as a deacon and is prayerfully considering deacon service, he or she might consider the following questions:

- Am I actively following Jesus in my daily living?
- Am I able and willing to come alongside a handful of assigned families and/or individuals as their "care deacon"?
- Do I care about befriending people who feel disconnected from God or church?
- Am I passionate about helping our congregation to discern and fulfill God's mission for us?
- Am I a peacemaker in troubled situations? Do I refrain from gossip?
- Am I eager to play a part in mobilizing our entire congregation for ministry?
- Would I be comfortable for others to view me as a spiritual leader?
- Would I be comfortable for others to view me as a servant?
- Am I prepared to be a leader at FBCDC in the area of financial stewardship?
- Is God calling me to invest myself in deacon service for the next 3 years—and possibly to set aside some other activities in my life in order to do so?

PROCESS FOR ELECTING NEW DEACONS @ FBC

On April 23, 2017, immediately following the worship service, First Baptist Church members will be asked to submit the names of six church members you believe would serve the church well as deacons. **Nominees, as well as those nominating, must be full members of FBC.** A copy of the current FBC directory is available in the Library and in the Narthex.

This selection of deacons is to fill terms ending in 2017, 2018, and 2019. A ballot will be provided in the Sunday worship folder on April 23. Absentee voting is permitted by sending your nominations to FBC by regular mail in a sealed envelope with your signature over the seal, or by email to office@firstbaptistdc.org. Absentee nominations must be received by 4 p.m. on Friday, April 21, 2017.

Individuals not eligible for election as new deacons:

Deacons currently completing their term of service:

Jean Bell, Paul Clark, Stan Hastey, Rob Marus and Janice Osborn.

Deacons currently serving terms of service ending in 2018 and 2019: Zena Aldridge, Rod Coates; Mike Henson; Kate Campbell; Sadye Doxie; Erik Smith; Rose Smith.

Life Deacons: Mel Doxie, Adrian Harward, Steve Netcott, and Ellen Parkhurst.

After worship on April 23, the Deacon Selection Committee, composed of Rod Coates, Rob Marus and Janice Osborn will tally all nominations and begin reaching out to nominees, beginning with those who received the highest number of nominations.

ADVOCACY IN ACTION

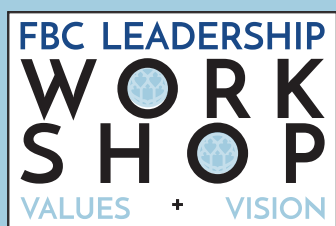
First Baptist hosted Cooperative Baptist Fellowship event Advocacy in Action this year. Special thanks to our Executive Pastor Charlie Fuller for stepping in and giving



the group a tour of our beautiful sanctuary! Stephen Reeves, CBF Advocacy Specialist, spoke with the group about the theological foundation for advocacy and the historical roots Baptists have in the fight for religious freedom.

MAY 7 ANNUAL MEETING

Every year in May, our congregation gathers to celebrate what God has done in and through FBC in the past year, and to talk about opportunities ahead of us. Join us for this informative, fun (that's right...door prizes!) gathering after worship on May 7, during the "First Sunday" potluck luncheon. Newcomers welcome. (All officers and committee chairs are asked to send their report by Friday, April 21, in Word format, to Administrator D'O Dillard at ddillard@firstbaptistdc.org. Please contact D'O if you have any questions.)



SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 3 LEADERSHIP & VISION WORKSHOP—PART II

10am-3pm, Fellowship Hall

Led by Intact Team Workshop founders Geoff Abbott and Mark Nishan. Light refreshments and lunch will be served.

SPRING CLEANING



LUCY PLOVNIK
FBC MODERATOR

Dear FBC Family,

It's time for Spring Cleaning at FBC! As many of you may know, we have several rooms at our church that we are not able to use for classroom or meeting space because they are full of clutter—old, unused, and out-of-date items that simply sit and



collect dust, and impair our ability to use the rooms effectively for ministry. During the Church Council meeting on Sunday, March 19th, Pastor Charlie proposed (and the Council unanimously endorsed) a plan to get us started on cleaning out these clutter-filled rooms so that they can be used for classroom, meeting, and ministry space at FBC. This year, we will focus our Spring Cleaning efforts on the three rooms in the Education Building identified below.

The three Education Building rooms subject to Spring Cleaning this year are:

- Room 315 (directly above the 2nd floor Conference Room)
- Room 204 (the sound/tech room on the 2nd floor)
- Room 304 (small room beside the Youth Lounge on the 3rd floor)

Spring Cleaning Schedule:

- Between March 27 & April 27: Staff, church leadership, people responsible for sound/tech, archives, etc., invited to sort and remove any items of historical or tech-related value.
- Between April 28 & May 10: Congregation at large invited to sift through and take home remaining items.
- On May 12: all unclaimed items are removed from our facilities.

I hope that everyone will help us make this important Spring Cleaning initiative a success.

In Christ,

Lucy Plovnick

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FBC Moderator

Practice Resurrection: A Conversation On Growing Up In Christ, by Eugene Peterson - Young Adult Bible Study Fellowship—Sundays @ 9:45am (Dawson Room)

Does the resurrection of Jesus make any real difference in how we live? Starting this Sunday, FBC young adults are raising this question, and more, through the lens of the New Testament book of Ephesians. Eugene Peterson, transformational pastor and author of more than 20 books, will help us express our ideas, raise questions and talk about challenges we face when trying to live in the power of the resurrection of Jesus. Bring your faith, your doubts and your questions. All are welcome!

Parents and Teachers Gathering This Sunday March 26

This Sunday, March 26th after Worship, parents and teachers of children are invited to gather with Pastor Julie, Moderator Lucy Plovnick, and other staff and church leaders in the Church Conference Room. We want to hear from all of you as we develop plans for the future of our ministry to infants, preschoolers, and children and FBC! We will also report feedback that has been gathered from the parent survey that Pastor Julie sent out over email to parents of infants, preschoolers, and children last week. Please join us! Childcare will be available during the meeting so that parents can participate.

Passport MissionBASE Camp

As we continue to prepare our space for Passport Camps, we wanted to share a bit about the program itself. MissionBASE is an immersive missions experience - every aspect of the trip will point toward the Passport philosophy of "Doing Missions Differently." MissionBASE provides church groups the chance to live and work together in an urban community. Students will grapple with the tough realities that many neighbors deal with daily. They will have new context to consider what it means to love mercy, do justice and walk humbly with God. MissionBASE: DC is a fully immersive missions expedition in the heart of the nation's capital. For a week, students will serve alongside partner agencies helping their neighbors and strengthening communities. Students will have conversations about cycles of urban poverty, the reality of persons experiencing homelessness, and the work of racial reconciliation in America. Pray for the church groups who will participate in Passport this summer as well as the Passport Staff we will host for 5 weeks this summer!

Easter Lilies

Help to beautify our sanctuary by contributing an Easter lily in honor or memory of a loved one. Order online (<https://goo.gl/5yOgCw>), or, if you prefer, paper forms may be found in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall and 2nd floor welcome area. Each lily is \$12.00 and has 5 to 7 blooms on a single stem. All orders are due by Sunday, April 2. Contact Jean Weber in the Church Office, jweber@firstbaptistdc.org or 202-387-2206, x251 with questions or for more information.

Levine School Recital at FBC

Young students from the Levine School of Music (including Kevin and Rosemary Plovnick) will perform in their Spring Recital in the FBC Sanctuary on Sunday, April 2 at 2pm. All are invited!

FBC Choir Members to Sing in The Magic Flute Sunday, April 9 @ 6pm

Kelly Curtin, Aurelio Dominguez and Antony Zwerdling will join other professional and emerging opera artists to bring Mozart's wonderful operatic fairytale to life in a staged and costumed production with orchestra. Admission: \$25. Children & Students with ID: Free. Wilson High School Visual & Performing Arts Center, 3950 Chesapeake St NW, WDC. Presented by the Aria Club of Greater Washington.

Beauty and the Beast: Annual Benefit for NCCF

Please help to support the National Center for Children and Families while enjoying a dinner and performance on Sunday, May 7, at Toby's Dinner Theatre of Columbia, MD. Tickets, including dinner, show, and gratuity are \$56 per person (\$10.00 tax deductible). The NCCF (formerly Baptist Home for Children) is a private, non-profit agency serving the national capital area. The residential programs serve homeless families, victims of domestic violence and vulnerable adolescents. Checks should be made payable to the "Board of Church Representatives, NCCF". Questions? Contact FBC member Bonnie Jorgensen, who serves on the Board of Church Representatives for NCCF (bonnie.jorgensen@gmail.com, 240-418-2788).

EVENTS

Sunday, March 26

- 9:30am: Church School for All Ages
- 10am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rm 312)
- 11am: Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:30pm: Parents Gathering (Conf. Room)
- 2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)

Wednesday, March 29

- 6pm: Wed. Night Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 7pm: Lenten Service (Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 30

- 7pm: CDC's Hurried Family Dinner honoring former Pastor Deborah Cochran (Fellowship Hall)

DEACONS ON-CALL: WEEK OF MARCH 26:



Janice Osborn

WEEK OF APRIL 2:



Paul Clark

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

FBC PRAYER & CARE

Sympathy:

...to Mike Henson in the death of his uncle, Bill Stines, in Wilmington, NC.

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