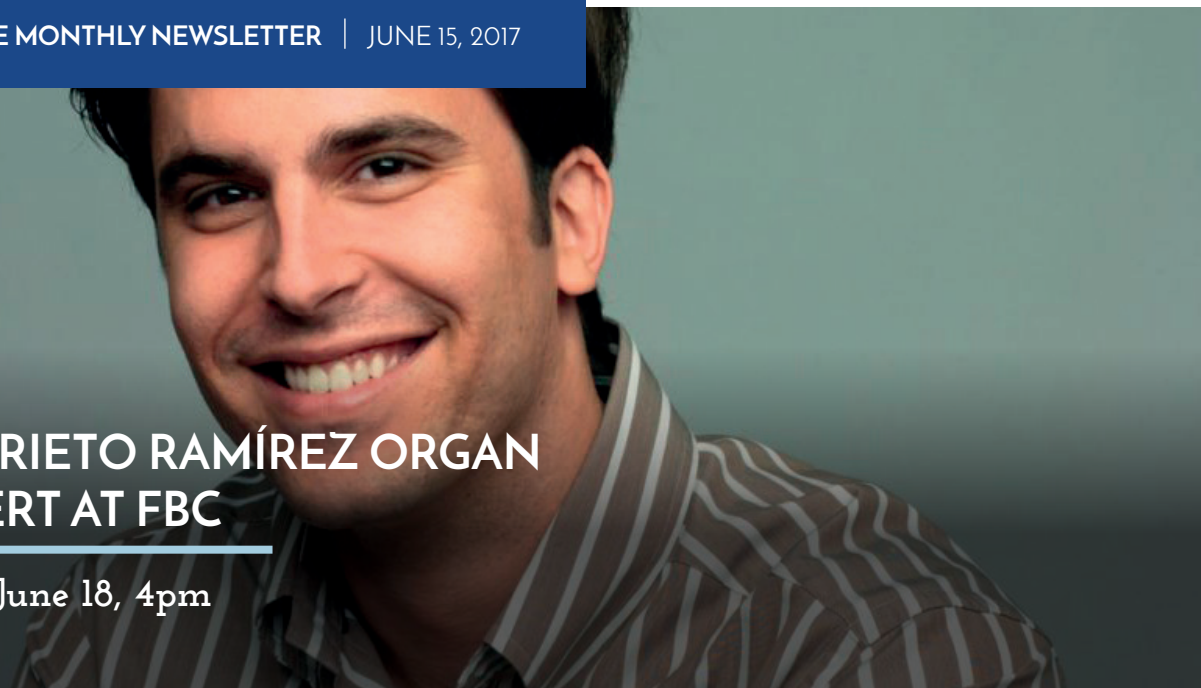




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3 RAÚL PRIETO RAMÍREZ ORGAN CONCERT AT FBC

Sunday, June 18, 4pm



RADICAL Hospitality

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Continues Thru July 2

AUGUST FORUM

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Every Sunday in August



Baptist Palooza

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Pastors Represent



2 ACTION STEPS FROM WKSP

Pastor Julie

Mission
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June 18

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP LEADS TO ACTION STEPS FOR FBC



PASTOR JULIE
PENNINGTON-RUSSELL



Pastor Julie Pennington-Russell

On Saturday, June 3, twenty-five leaders at FBC gathered in Fellowship Hall for the second of two workshops, facilitated by Geoff Abbott and Mark Nishan, designed to help us clarify our vision and mission. Participants included 9 deacons, our Deacon Chair, Moderator and pastoral staff, as well as representatives from our support staff, choir and every committee at FBC. The group participated in a variety of exercises aimed at describing our present state, clarifying our desired future state, and identifying action steps as we move forward. Here is a summary of outcomes:

What we want to be known for:

- A vibrant church in which lives are transformed
- A reflection of the kingdom of God
- Hospitality; openness and visibility in our community
- Service
- Joy
- Being missional; participation in our community
- Love

Commonly-Held Values

- Biblical grounding
- Communication/Authenticity/Healthy Conflict Resolution
- Hospitality/Love of Christ/Diversity
- Creativity/Risk-Taking
- Strategic Service/Teamwork/Intentional Apprenticing
- Intimacy with God/Spiritual Growth/Intentional Worship

"Critical Few" Action Steps for the near future

- Each week--FBC folk intentionally engage at least 1 person at church whom they don't know
- Identify gifts and talents among the congregation
- Create a newcomer hospitality team
- Continue to refine and simplify governance to help us live by our values
- Plan three new opportunities for spiritual growth/biblical grounding for this fall
- Broaden our missional footprint; find ways to participate in or support creative missional endeavors
- Get to know our neighborhood and help them get to know us
- Promote intentional apprenticing by encouraging committees to elect now a chair for this year and a chair-elect for next year
- Embed FBC values/aspirations into the work of all committees, teams, ministry groups and staff

Sincere thanks to Denny Austin who first suggested these workshops in the spring of 2016, and recommended his friends, Mark and Geoff. And thanks to all who participated in one or both gatherings. Our two days together are already yielding fruit. I'm eager to see what else grows at FBC in the months and years ahead.

Grace & Peace,

Julie



Raúl Prieto Ramírez Organ Recital

Sunday, June 18th 2017 at 4pm

Free and open to the public.

Raúl Prieto Ramírez is described by critics as “fearless, exciting, sizzling,” an organist who “instantly connected with the audience” and for whom “[the] audience rose to its feet with applause at every opportunity.” A reception in Fellowship Hall follows the performance.



ALYSSA ALDAPE PREACHING JULY 2

Our Associate Pastor for Young Adult and Youth Ministries, Alyssa Aldape, will be preaching on July 2.

SANDWICH MAKING & DINNER 6/21

Sandwich Making for Martha’s Table on Wednesday, June 21 at 5 pm in Fellowship Hall followed by a meal at 6 pm.

First Baptist Church DC Young Adults

Ordinary Time

Thursdays
6PM-8PM

Contact Pastor Alyssa for location info
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PASSPORT MissionBASE STAFF ARRIVES THIS SATURDAY

After a year of anticipation, Passport MissionBASE Camp is almost here! This Sunday (6/18) in worship we’ll meet the summer staff:

Alex Able, Emma Gardner, Darnysha Nard and Alex Wilkerson, who will spend the summer

introducing high school students to conversations about religious freedom, racial reconciliation and advocacy for the urban poor, even as they spend a part of every day volunteering in area food banks, soup kitchens and other organizations in D.C. Joining the Passport Staff this weekend is Colleen Burroughs, Passport’s Vice President for Communications. The first wave of campers arrives Sunday afternoon, June 25. Be sure to give a warm FBC hello to Passport staff and campers this summer.



DARNYSHA NARD
Program Director



ALEX WILKERSON
Assistant Director



ALEX ABLE
Mission Project Coordinator



EMMA GARDNER
Community Life Coordinator

RADICAL

Hospitality

SUN 11AM SERMON SERIES

JUNE 11

THE BURIED SEED

JOHN 12:20-33

JUNE 18

THE BRAVEST LOVE

1 CORINTHIANS 9:19-23

JUNE 25

THE BROADEST LOVE

HEBREWS 12:28-13:2

JULY 2 (PASTOR ALYSSA PREACHING)

COUNTER-CULTURAL LOVE

MATTHEW 10:40-42

AUGUST FORUM FAITH & ACTION

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***Every Sunday in August • 9:30-10:30am •
Breakfast Starting at 9am • Fellowship Hall***

This year during the month of August, we will examine some of the most complex global issues of our day through the lens of Scripture and ask together, "How does my faith in Christ direct my actions?" Speakers and topics to be announced soon. Stay tuned!

"I will show you my faith by my actions." (James 2:18)



Hospitality

"A custom existed among the first generations of Christians, when faith was a bright fire that warmed more than those who kept it burning. In every house then a room was kept ready for any stranger who might ask for shelter; it was even called "the stranger's room." Not because these people thought they could trace something of someone they loved in the stranger who used it, not because the man or woman to whom they gave shelter reminded them of Christ, but because—plain and simple and stupendous fact—he or she was Christ."

—Dorothy Day, *Dorothy Day: Selections from Her Writings*

Baptistpalooza

by Pastor Alyssa

In April I kicked off our 2017 "Baptistpalooza" (a large number of Baptist gatherings in a short period of time) by attending the 30th Anniversary celebration of the Alliance of Baptists in Raleigh, NC. In less than two weeks, Julie, Charlie, and I continue Baptistpalooza 2017 at the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly in Atlanta (June 26-30).



Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

For the past 12 months, Charlie has

served as chair of the Illumination Project, a process of discernment and accompaniment involving CBF congregational leaders to build and strengthen CBF unity through cooperation.



The Illumination Project is designed to create models of dialogue and decision-making for a cooperative body. Charlie will give a major report at one of the plenary sessions that week and would appreciate the prayers of our FBC family. Charlie also has been involved with the CBF 25th Anniversary Celebration committee. Julie will attend the annual gathering of Baptist Women in Ministry and will participate in a panel discussion at Park Avenue Baptist Church on the subject of creating diverse and inclusive churches. I currently serve on the Board of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty and will host our First Baptist table at the annual BJC luncheon on Friday. I'm also hosting the FBC table at the New Baptist Covenant luncheon on Thursday.



Alyssa and friends at the Alliance of Baptists Assembly, drinking coffee and solving the world's problems.



On July 29, Julie will fly from Atlanta to Portland, Oregon, to join sisters and brothers at the Biennial Missions Summit of the American Baptist Churches, USA. Plenary speakers include Rev. Sharon T. Koh, Executive Director/CEO



of American Baptist International Ministries, and Dr. Jeff Haggray, Executive Director of American Baptist Home Mission Societies (and former pastor of FBCDC). This year's Biennial ends July 2nd.

FBC members Deborah & Robert Cochran will represent First Baptist at the Annual Gathering of the Baptist



World Alliance in Bangkok, Thailand, July 2-7.



POTLUCK HONORING JEAN WEBER



EVENTS

Sunday, June 18

9:30am: Church School for All Ages

10am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rm 312)

11am: Worship (Sanctuary)

2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)

4pm: Raúl Prieto Ramírez Organ Recital
(Sanctuary)

Reception after Recital

(Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, June 21

10:45am: Staff Meeting (Conf Rm)

5pm: Sandwich Making (Fellowship Hall)

6pm: Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

DEACONS ON-CALL WEEK OF JUNE 18:



Allen Norfleet

WEEK OF JUNE 25:



Doug Duvall

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

FBC PRAYER & CARE

Sympathy

...to Mary Lou and Ed Fry in the death of Ed's sister, Rosemary Draheim, on June 7 in Missouri.

New Prayer Requests

- Mary Lou Fry
- Kaye Shelnut (mother of Alexandria Lovelace)
- Herb Plovnick (Robert's father)

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