



THE
First Baptist Church
OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON D.C.

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SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 17 9:30am

Fellowship Hall



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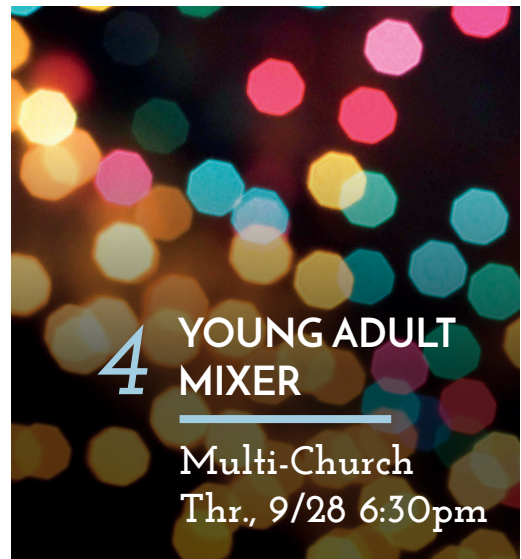
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4-wk Orientation
Sun. 10/22 9:30am



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Multi-Church
Thr., 9/28 6:30pm



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THIRD WEDNESDAY NIGHTS THIS FALL

FAITH & ACTION

3 SANDWICH MAKING/DINNER 5/6PM
FAITH & ACTION - 7PM

Wed., Sept. 20 7pm - Alison Dunn Almaguer





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SEPTEMBER 17 9:30am

The Faith Formation Team (formerly known as the Christian Education Committee) is hosting a Fall Kick Off this Sunday, September 17 to highlight the Sunday Bible Study offerings for children and adults at FBC. The Kick-Off, from 9:30-10:30am in Fellowship Hall, begins with complimentary breakfast provided by Chef Laval at 9:30am, followed by the program at 10am.

Everyone in our church community is invited to this fun, intergenerational program to learn more our Bible Study Group offerings. We will also recognize children who are being promoted to new classes and honor the fantastic teachers who have served during the last year.

SCENES FROM LAST YEAR'S KICKOFF SUNDAY



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FAITH & ACTION

7PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

SANDWICH MAKING @ 5PM + SUPPER @ 6PM

SEPTEMBER 20

THE WORK OF TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

Alison Dunn Almaguer

Organizer, Washington Interfaith Network

Jesus was a community organizer. He spent his days talking with people, hearing their stories and calling them to act. Learn how we can integrate the practical skills of community organizing to reach out to our neighbors and begin to develop authentic relationships that lead to real change in our community and our city. The Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) has a 20-year track record in DC of organizing faith institutions, non-profits and unions to work together to build power and create local change. We hope you will join us to learn more!



OCTOBER 18

BONHOEFFER AND THE POLITICS OF THE GOSPEL

Kristopher Norris

Visiting Professor, Center for Public Theology at Wesley Theological Seminary

The German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer is invoked in conversations across the political spectrum—from issues of abortion and euthanasia to pacifism and racial justice. He served as a pastor and seminary teacher during the Third Reich and was executed in a concentration camp for his role in a plot to assassinate Hitler. But mostly, Bonhoeffer was committed to the mission of the church. This session will draw on his work and life to explore the relationship between church and politics in our contemporary time.



NOVEMBER 15

THE SILENT GRIEFS WE CARRY IN CHURCH

Rev. Elizabeth Hagan

Author and Pastor

When we think grief, we ask: "Who died?" Yet in the church those we worship alongside hurt for countless reasons in addition to loss of loved ones. Infertility. Divorce. Suicide. Mental Illness. Estrangement from family members. And the list could keep going. Come join the conversation on November 15th with Elizabeth Hagan, author and pastor of a spiritual memoir of her own silent grief journey, to hear stories and share stories about unnamed griefs in the church. Together we'll work on expanding our empathy muscles especially as the holiday season approaches.



First Glance

SUNDAYS
9:30 - 10:30AM
(ROOM 315)

OCTOBER 22 - NOVEMBER 12
a four-week orientation to fbc for newcomers and new members

Facilitated by FBC pastors and lay leaders.

Meet new friends

Hear a little about our church's history and the "baptist" stream of faith

Have conversations about walking in the way of Jesus and what it means to "go deeper" with God

Share from your own experiences with God

Bonus: enjoy some excellent coffee and breakfast nibbles!



**YOUNG
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MIXER**

**YOUNG ADULT MIXER
SEPTEMBER 28TH, 6:30PM
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
LIBRARY
(ORDINARY TIME)**

Calvary Baptist Church will host a young adult mixer for First Baptist DC, Shiloh Baptist Church, and 19th St. Baptist church. This is a great opportunity for young people of faith to connect with one another over good food and good company. Join us Thursday, September 28th at 6:30PM at Calvary Baptist Church! Contact Pastor Alyssa for more details.



MISSIONBASE DC REPORT

Colleen
Burroughs

Dear friends,
I hope all is well and that you are finding a new rhythm following an always eventful summer. Following our own summer endings and evaluations of each program we are beginning to turn our minds towards the summer of 2018. Before we begin what is next we want to celebrate what has been accomplished.

Please thank your church family for their partnership in ministry with Passport over the summer. By opening your doors and welcoming these groups into your space over five weeks this summer, you helped to empower:

- 10 churches
- 215 participants
- 4,728 missions hours
- 481,503 lbs of food sorted
- 30,000 meals prepared

Our groups worked with the following ministries and advocacy partners:

- DC Central Kitchen
- Capital Area Food Bank
- Jubilee Housing
- Christ House
- Kairos House
- Martha's Table
- Street Church
- Baptist Joint Committee
- Bread for the World

We are so grateful for your willingness to open your doors, let us sleep and eat and live inside your walls for the summer. The students and their leaders had overwhelmingly positive things to say about their week long experience which certainly could not have even happened without the gracious hospitality of FBCDC. Alyssa and D'O thank you for befriending and ministering to our team. They also enjoyed saying hello to the guys at the front desk who kept us all safe and (bonus) enjoyed receiving impromptu organ lessons and recitals from Lon!

Grace and peace,

Colleen

Colleen Burroughs
PASSPORT Inc. Co-Founder
Vice President of Communications



THE HERITAGE SIGNATURE CHORALE IN CONCERT (WITH KEVIN PINCKNEY)

Sunday, September 17, 2017,
4:00pm - 6:00pm
Union Wesley AME Zion Church of
Washington DC
1860 Michigan Avenue NE
Washington DC 20018



SEPTEMBER 17 "SWALLOWED BY LOVE"

Jonah 1:1-7, 15-17, 2:10-3:3a

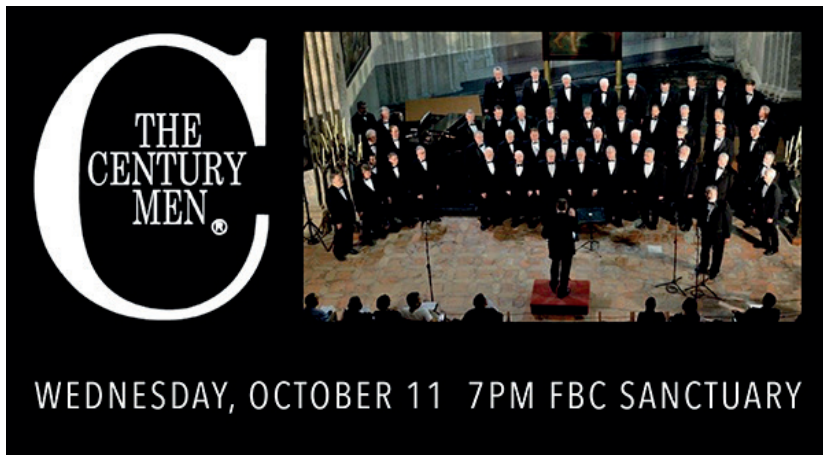
SEPTEMBER 24 "GOSPEL FOR OUTSIDERS"

Acts 15:1-11

OCTOBER 1 "THE TABLE"

Luke 22:7-10
World Communion Sunday
Charlie Fuller preaching





You may be wondering, “Who in the world are The CenturyMen?” Well, let me tell you. The CenturyMen is a group of music ministers from across the country who gather together once a year for a concert tour or a recording project. They are professional musicians with graduate degrees in music who audition to be a part of the group. They were one of the first groups to gain entrance to China back in the late 70’s and have performed literally around the world. They once performed for the Dove Awards and in April 2016 they performed across the island of Cuba building relationships with the churches and church musicians there.

Their accompanist is Joseph Joubert. Joseph plays for numerous projects across New York including Broadway and television as well as traveling across the country as a guest soloist with various orchestras. He has been music director, conductor, and orchestrator for various Broadway musicals including, “Motown the Musical” and “The Color Purple.” **On this year’s tour, Joseph plays a pre-concert of selections from his newest recording.**

Their guest soloist is the accomplished lyric soprano, Renee Joubert, who specializes in a variety of musical styles. Their organist is our own Cindy Fuller.

This is quite an accomplished group of musicians. And I get to be their music director and conductor.

An important part of the story of The CenturyMen is that they pay their own way for every one of our projects. No one gets a salary. Their motivation is the privilege of sharing the gospel in song across the world. The expenditure of time, energy, and money from each and every one of them is substantial. It’s always a privilege to get to hear a CenturyMen concert. The members of The CenturyMen actually pay out of their pockets to come and sing.

On October 11, The CenturyMen will present a concert for us at 7pm. I hope you’ll brave the traffic and make it in to hear some incredible music. The CenturyMen only tour once a year. Every tour focuses on a different part of the country. It may be ten or twenty years before The CenturyMen return to our area. You’ll not want to miss it!

Charlie Fuller

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Charlie'.

FBCDC Executive Pastor

CenturyMen Music Director and Conductor

More info at <http://thecenturymen.com/>

CHILDREN'S MINISTER JOB OPENING

First Baptist Church of the City of Washington, DC, is searching for a creative and gifted individual who will lead and serve in the area of ministry to infants/preschoolers, older children and their families. This role includes leading and collaborating with a team of adult and youth volunteers. This person will help our church fulfill our calling in Washington:

To know and love God,
 Befriend people on the margins of faith,
 Grow believers into mature followers of Christ, and to
 Serve our community and world in the way of Jesus.

This position is planned for 15-17 hours per week. Approximately 6 hours on Sundays and 9 to 11 hours during the week, including some evening meetings and weekends. There also is the possibility of extra time during the summer (special outings; children's camp). Salary will be commensurate with related experience and skills. Send resumés to childrens-minister-search@firstbaptistdc.org.

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Position Description – Children's Minister

Authority:
The position of Children's Minister is defined by this document as approved by the Council of the First Baptist Church of the City of Washington D.C.

Position Summary:
The Children's Minister is a member of the Church's ministerial staff responsible for the development and implementation of programs and special events for children from birth through grade 6 and their families.
This is a part-time, non-exempt position scheduled for an average of less than 20 hours per week based at the Church; as such this position is not eligible for employee benefits. At certain times of the year, hours may exceed 20 hours per week but in general the schedule will not exceed 8 hours per day or 40 hours per week. This does not change eligibility for benefits.
The Children's Minister reports to the Pastor. At the Pastor's discretion, the day to day activities of the Children's Minister may be supervised by the Executive Pastor. Flexibility with respect to time and location is at the discretion of the Pastor.
Some local travel may be required. Some overnight travel may be required.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- **Spiritual Leadership**
 - Nourish her/his own relationship with the Triune God.
 - Create space in her/his ministry for the Holy Spirit to work.
 - Pray for the children and their families, adult volunteers, and our church family.
 - Establish healthy, caring relationship with children from birth through grade 6, as well as their families.
 - Help children to begin to grasp the story of God's loving initiatives, especially through Jesus Christ, as presented in Scripture.
 - Offer spiritual guidance and care to children and families, and to the volunteers in FBC's children's ministry.
 - Help children to connect with God in FBC's Sunday worship service.
 - Enlist and train children's ministry leaders/teachers.
- **Collaboration**
 - In collaboration with staff and lay leaders, plan overall program and special events to nurture spiritual growth in preschoolers and children.
 - Collaborate with the FBC Child Development Center (CDC) to build relationships between FBDC and CDC children and families.
 - Work in healthy collaboration with other FBC staff members.
 - Work in healthy collaboration with the Faith Formation Team and any future lay teams.

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- Monitor and adhere to the children's ministry budget, in collaboration with the Stewardship and Faith Formation teams.
- **Hospitality**
 - Cultivate a welcoming, safe and healthy environment for children and families, especially on Sundays.
 - Provide regular communication to parents and friends of FBDC's children's ministry through the church's newsletter and through special children's ministry communiques, as needed.
- Other duties as assigned by the Pastor

Essential Job Functions:

- Availability to work some days, evenings and most Sundays as scheduled
- Works independently or with others with minimum of direct supervision
- Effectively communicates thoughts, ideas and concepts to others in person and via media tools
- Develops and maintains good interpersonal relationships with others within and outside the Church

Minimum Position Requirements:

- A growing, active Christian faith
- An obvious love for people, especially for children and their families
- Undergraduate degree required, seminary experience highly desirable
- Prior experience in teaching children and in children's faith formation
- Demonstrable leadership, organizational and communication skills
- Demonstrable skill and experience as a user of contemporary information and communication technologies including telephone, Internet, Social Media, e-mail, word processing, spreadsheets and databases as they are implemented at the Church
- Passing of all required background checks

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<https://goo.gl/XPEfki>

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FBC SERVES AT CHRIST HOUSE

Christ House Breakfast: Molly Young; Mike Henson; Oliver Müller. Labor Day (standing as a group: Dave Ryder; Romani Curtis; Dinh Tran; Berkley Vollino; Leslie Alford; Sadye Doxie. Labor Day Serving: Ann Bailey; Sadye Doxie; Leslie Alford.



EVENTS

Sunday, September 17

9:30am: Fall Kick-Off!

(See promotion in this issue)

- Pancake breakfast by Chef Laval (starting at 9:30am)
- Highlights of the coming Bible study year (starting at 10am)

10am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rm 312)

11am: Worship (Sanctuary)

2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)

Wednesday, September 20

"Third Wednesday" Faith & Action Series

5pm: Sandwich-making for Martha's Table (all are welcome)

6pm: Fellowship supper (RSVP to D'O Dillard by COB Monday, Sept. 18)

7pm: Alison Almaguer, Washington Interfaith Network - *The Work of Transforming Communities*

DEACONS ON-CALL: WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17:



Allen Norfleet

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24:



Steve Netcott

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

FBC PRAYER & CARE

Sympathy

- To **Harry Haynesworth** in the death of his nephew, Leroy Grant (age 24) on September 4 in NJ

Recently Added

- **Jim Sutton**—recovering from a recent hospitalization
- **Gordon Richmond**--recovering from a recent hospitalization
- **Irvin Netcott (Steve's father)**—recovering at home after hospitalization for pneumonia
- **Rose Decker (Zena Aldridge's mother)**—recovering at home after hospitalization in PA
- **Jill (niece of Brad & Linda Livingstone)**—liver cancer has returned

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