



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

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2 FIRST GLANCE 4 WEEKS GET TO KNOW FBC

Sundays October 15 - November 12
9:30am - 10:30am Room 315



3 ANNUAL PICNIC

Rock Creek Park
Sat. 10/21 11:30am



4 CHRISTOPHER SCHMITT-PIANO

In Recital
Sun. 10/15 4pm



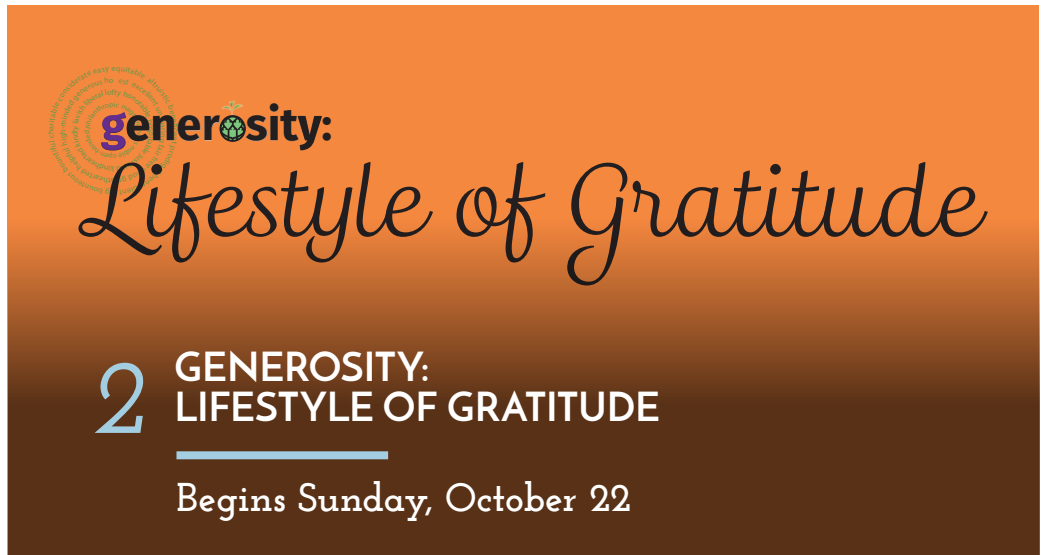
4 FBC WALKING TO END HIV

Join Us or Donate
Sat. 10/28 9:20am



5 FAITH & ACTION GOSPEL POLITICS

Wed. 10/18 7pm



generosity:

Lifestyle of Gratitude

2 GENEROSITY: LIFESTYLE OF GRATITUDE

Begins Sunday, October 22

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 others who are new to First Baptist (within the past year or so)
- Hear a little about our church's 215-year history, as well as distinctive features of the Baptist stream of Christianity
- Have conversations about walking in the way of Jesus
- Share from your own experiences with God
- Bonus: enjoy some excellent coffee and breakfast nibbles!

*Can't be there all four Sundays? No worries; join us as often as you can.

Please **RSVP** online at: <https://goo.gl/kBY7Fm> (this will help us in our planning and coffee-making!)

October & November 2017

 generosity:

Lifestyle of Gratitude

Did you know there are approximately 500 verses in the Bible about prayer, fewer than 500 verses about faith, and more than 2,350 verses about money? What's more, besides the Kingdom of God, Jesus said more words about money than about any other single subject. During October and November, we'll talk at First Baptist about what it means to be generous with our money, our stuff and our lives.

FALL FELLOWSHIP PICNIC

ROCK CREEK PARK

SATURDAY, OCT 21



Photos From Last Year's Picnic

11:30am - 3pm in Rock Creek Park, site #24. Meats, tableware and beverages provided; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Games, fellowship and fun to be had!

RSVP at <https://goo.gl/fKdPkf>

Directions: From 16th Street NW, turn into Rock Creek Park on Morrow Drive NW. Bear to the left for about 100 yards, toward the William H. G. FitzGerald Tennis Center (stadium with blue seats). Picnic site #24 is the first site on the right, across from the Tennis Center. Please park in the adjacent lot. Metrobus Lines S2 and S4 stop at 16th Street NW and Morrow Drive NW.

(Google Map: <https://goo.gl/gqZ7dK>)



Christopher Schmitt



Solo Piano Recital *October 15, 2017 4:00pm*

Free to the Public

*Christopher is the pianist in the
"President's Own" US Marine Chamber
Orchestra. His program features works by
Beethoven, Rachmaninoff and Ravel.*

*A reception follows the performance; complimentary
valet parking available.*

DCBC ANNUAL GATHERING OCTOBER 26-27

The 141st Annual Gathering of the DC Baptist Convention takes place at The People's Community Baptist Church, 31 Norwood Road in Silver Spring.



The gathering starts on Thursday, October 26 with workshops; the business session begins at 3pm. Friday's activities include a lunch honoring Gail Lacy and Margarita Pinto, who are both retiring after many years of service to the Convention. Saturday's focus is on mission projects scheduled throughout the city. Our messengers to the Gathering are James Langley and Paul Clark. For a complete schedule go to: <https://goo.gl/tscCDv>



FIRST BAPTIST WALKING TO END HIV--OCTOBER 28

Check-in begins at 7am;

Walk begins at 9:20am.

On October 28, FBC will once again participate in the annual Walk to End HIV, sponsored by Whitman Walker Health. The proceeds help to provide dependable, high-quality, accessible healthcare to those infected or affected by HIV/AIDS in the D.C. area. This is a great opportunity to show our love and concern for those living with this disease while sharing a fun morning with FBC friends as we walk.

To register, go to

<https://walktoendhiv.org/> and join our team (First Baptist Church of the City of Washington, DC). If you can't join us, you can still donate to our team or one of our walkers on the same website. Questions? Contact Mike Henson (703 980-5960).



THIRD WEDNESDAY NIGHTS THIS FALL

FAITH & ACTION

7PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

SANDWICH MAKING @ 5PM + SUPPER @ 6PM

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.



UPCOMING FAITH AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN D.C.

A Jewish-Christian-Muslim Triologue: Faith and the Challenges of Secularism

Tuesday, Oct 24 @ 1pm Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill. Featuring Robert P. George, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks and Shaykh Hamza Yusuf. This is the inaugural event in the Baylor University Robert P. George Initiative on Faith, Ethics, and Public Policy. Free to the public. More info at: <https://goo.gl/ZuZjrx>



Walter Brueggemann to Speak at The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church

Saturday, October 28:

500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

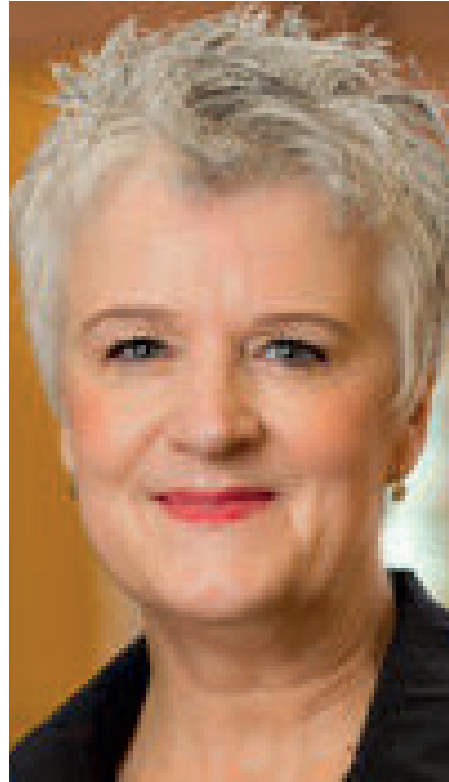
10am to Noon--Presentation and Discussion in the Sanctuary: What's in Your Wallet? A Look at What the Bible Says About Money. Plan to arrive early. Coffee and breakfast snacks available at 9:30 a.m. Child care will be provided. No reservation needed.

6pm to 8:30pm--Reception and Dinner with Dr. Brueggemann in Peter Marshall Hall. RSVP required for dinner:

www.BrueggemannOct28.eventbrite.com
More info at: <https://goo.gl/XqCdTv>

WOMEN TAKING THE HELM AT TWO BAPTIST SCHOOLS

Female presidential leadership a first for Baylor, BTSR



Dr. Linda McKinnish Bridges will be inaugurated as the third president of the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond next Tuesday, October 17th, at 2pm in the sanctuary of Richmond's First Baptist Church. McKinnish Bridges was the founding professor of Biblical Interpretation, Ancient Greek and New Testament Interpretation at BTSR from 1991 to 2001. She served in several positions at Wake Forest University and the Divinity School from 2001-2014 and, most recently, as managing director of The International University Alliance, Shorelight Education, a company seeking to help international students and US universities reach their international education goals in a highly competitive global environment.



Former FBCDC member **Dr. Linda A. Livingstone** will be inaugurated as the 15th President of Baylor University in Waco, TX, on Thursday, October 26, the first female president in the school's 172-year history. Livingstone was dean and professor of management at The GWU School of Business here in Washington; dean of Pepperdine University's Graziadio School of Business and Management; and associate dean and associate professor in Baylor's Hankamer School of Business. In 1998 she was co-chair of the pastor search committee at Calvary Baptist Church in Waco. Calvary called Julie Pennington-Russell to be their pastor in 1998. Linda, Brad and daughter Shelby are long-time friends of the P-R family.

Pastor Julie will represent FBCDC at both inaugurations.



October 15 **Dreams and Devastations**
Genesis 37:2-28

October 22 **The Other Side of "Splat"**
Genesis 39:1-23

October 29 **Rising to Your Purpose**
Reformation Sunday
Genesis 41:46-57

November 5 **Choosing Forgiveness**
All Saints Sunday
Genesis 45:1-15

November 12 **Learning to Say Thanks and Yes**
Genesis 50:15-26



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GRATITUDE (FROM CHRISTI HARLAN)

On behalf of my nephew Tony and the entire O'Shea family, thank you for your prayers and letters of support during his deployment on combat duty. We are trusting that God heard our prayers for Tony's safety because he has been accepted in the Air Force's version of Top Gun school and will be returning from overseas in mid-November for training in the United States.

Tony suggests that the last mail to his overseas address be posted by Nov. 1 in order to reach him. Throw in a congratulatory message: he and his fiancée, Patricia, have selected Oct. 20, 2018, for their wedding date.

Anthony T. O'Shea
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EVENTS

Sunday, October 15

8:30am: Missions Team Meeting (Room 315)

9:30am: Bible Study for all Ages

10am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Room 312)

11am: Worship (Sanctuary)

12:30pm: Church Council Meeting (Room 315)

2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)

4pm: Pianist Christopher Schmitt in recital (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, October 18

5pm: Sandwich making for Martha's Table (Fellowship Hall)

6pm: Dinner (Fellowship Hall, RSVP to ddillard@firstbaptistdc.org)

7pm: Faith & Action series: Bonhoeffer and the Politics of the Gospel, Kristopher Norris, speaker (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, October 21

11:30am to 3pm: Annual Fall Fellowship (Rock Creek Park site #24)

DEACONS ON-CALL: WEEK OF OCTOBER 15:



Adrian Harward

WEEK OF OCTOBER 22:



Erik Smith

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

FBC PRAYER & CARE

Sympathy

- To the family of Liz Porter who passed away on Wednesday, October 11, at Spring Arbor in Severna Park, MD, at the age of 106. Please pray for Liz's children, Betsy Groves (Bill) and Doug Porter (Cathy) and their children; and for Liz's niece, Bonnie Jorgensen.
- To Laval and Frankie Sanks and family in the death of their grandson, Ki Johnson, 20, on October 10.
- To Oliver Müller and Molly Young in the passing of Oliver's grandmother, Anneliese Paersch, in Munich, Germany. She was 94.
- To Jennifer Bond and family in the death of her niece, Heather, at the age of 35. Pray for Heather's daughter, Layla Emma, age 5.
- To Jean Weber in the death of family friend Gil Clark on Friday, October 6.

Recently Added

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- Suzanne Aldridge
- Charles Pugh

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