



THE
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Our New Minister for Children and Families



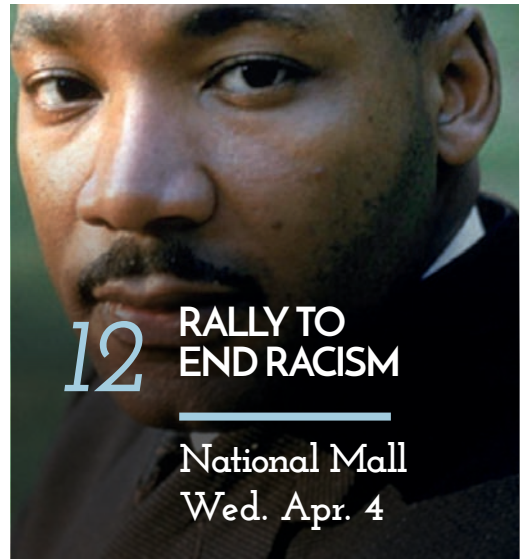
7 HOLY WEEK MARIACHI PARADE

On Our Streets
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Sunday @ 9:30am & 11am March 4, 2018



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KELLY MAGEE-PRICHARD: FBC'S NEW MINISTER FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

With excitement and gratitude, the Personnel Committee and Faith Formation Team invite the FBC family to join them in welcoming **Kelly Magee-Prichard** as our new Minister for Children and Families.

Kelly and her family (husband, Chuck, and son, Angus) began worshipping with us in the fall of 2017 and immediately sensed the spirit of God at work (Kelly was initially drawn to FBCDC because of our Statement of Inclusion, adopted last September.) They joined First Baptist on January 28, 2018.



Kelly holds a Doctor of Management degree in Organizational Leadership (University of Phoenix, 2009); a M. A. in Mass Communication (Northeast Louisiana University, 1996); and a B. A. in Journalism (Louisiana Tech, 1990). Kelly's greatest passion is nurturing children, encouraging their families, and directing, coordinating and training volunteers who serve infants, preschoolers and children. The daughter of a Baptist pastor, she began leading children as a teenage counselor at Acadian Baptist Center in Louisiana. Most recently Kelly taught children at International Baptist Church in Stuttgart-Vaihingen (Germany).



The Process:

- August 2017: FBC began soliciting resumés for this part-time position
- December 2017: Kelly Magee-Prichard was identified by the personnel committee as the top candidate
- January 2018: Kelly met with Pastors Julie & Charlie; with members of personnel committee; and with parents and teachers of FBC children
- February 1-15, 2018: Kelly completed Federal & District background checks
- February 18, 2018: Kelly met with Moderator Rod Coates and Pastor Julie to sign covenant letter
- March 1, 2018: Official start date

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Responsibilities:

As Minister for Children and Families Kelly will work under direct supervision of the Pastor. Her responsibilities will include three focal areas:

1. Spiritual Leadership

- Serve as a growing Christian leader among parents and children (grade six and under)
- Provide spiritual and pastoral guidance/care
- Plan overall curriculum, activities and events to nurture growth in preschoolers and children, and to prepare older children for transition into the youth ministry

2. Collaboration

- Work in collaboration with lay teams and staff to ensure a holistic ministry to children and families
- Work with the CDC Director and CDC team to help our church to serve our CDC families
- Provide leadership and support to our children's teachers and others who serve our children; encourage a "team" effort

3. Cultivation of a welcoming, safe and healthy environment for children and families

- As needed, enlist and train children's ministry leaders/teachers for Sunday School and extended care for preschoolers during worship
- Promote and maintain high safety standards for our children's ministry
- Extend hospitality to guests with children
- Provide regular communication to parents and friends of FBC Children's ministry through church-wide publications and children's ministry channels
- Perform other children's ministry duties as assigned by the Pastor



We will welcome Kelly to the FBC staff at the upcoming church-wide potluck on March 4 (also Winter Forum Sunday). In the meantime, please pray for Kelly, her family, and all the children and families at First Baptist Church.

In Christ,

The Personnel Committee and Faith Formation Team:

Denny Austin

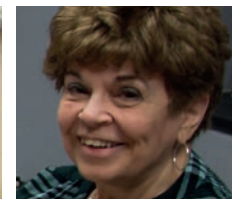
Becky Ellison

Dennis Lambert

Allen Norfleet

Lucy Plovnick

Charlotte Straight



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WINTER FORUM

SUN MAR 4

with Bill Leonard

**THE FUTURE OF
CHRISTIANITY IN AMERICA:
IS THERE ONE?**

Winter Forum Sunday Schedule (March 4)

- 9am** Pancake Breakfast in Fellowship Hall (free; catered by Chef Laval)
9:30am Bill Leonard teaches adults and youth: *The Future of Christianity in America: Is There One?*
11am Bill Leonard preaches in worship: *Vintage Jesus (John 2:1-17)*

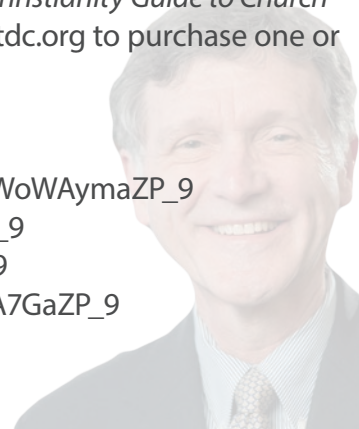
Renowned Church Historian, and long-time friend of FBCDC, Bill J. Leonard is the James and Marilyn Dunn Professor of Baptist Studies and Professor of Church History at Wake Forest School of Divinity in Winston-Salem, NC. He is the author or editor of some 25 books, writes a twice-monthly column for Baptist News Global, and is an ordained Baptist minister. His spouse, Dr. Candyce Crew Leonard, is professor of Humanities at Wake Forest University with specialization in Spanish literature. They have one daughter, Stephanie. The Leonards are members of First Baptist Church, Highland Avenue, the oldest African-American Baptist congregation in Winston-Salem.

Supplemental reading for Winter Forum (by Bill Leonard)

We have copies of both *The Challenge of Being Baptist* (\$20) and *The Homebrewed Christianity Guide to Church History: Flaming Heretics and Heavy Drinkers* (\$10). Contact D'O at ddillard@firstbaptistdc.org to purchase one or both books.

Additional articles by Bill Leonard:

- https://baptistnews.com/article/baptist-brokenness-reconciliation-revolution/#.WoWAymaZP_9
https://baptistnews.com/article/separation-church-state-yes-sort/#.WoWArmaZP_9
https://baptistnews.com/article/2018-fervent-frightened-prayer/#.WoWAKWaZP_9
https://baptistnews.com/article/africa-white-supremacy-churchs-silence/#.WoWA7GaZP_9



LECTURE AT THE U. S. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Bonhoeffer and the Confessing Church in the Nazi Regime

Friday, March 9, 4:15-5:15 pm

Given by Dr. Victoria Barnett, Director of Programs on Ethics, Religion and the Holocaust



The FBC family is invited to join Leslie Alford and our Sunday “Concentric Circles of Peace” class for a Lenten field trip to the U. S. Holocaust Memorial Museum on Friday afternoon, March 9th. We will convene at 4:15 in Classroom B, on the lower concourse level of the museum, for a 45-minute “debriefing” followed by a 15-minute Q & A time with Dr. Victoria Barnett. Dr. Barnett is the author of *For the Soul of the People: Protestant Protest against Hitler* (1992) and *Bystanders: Conscience and Complicity during the Holocaust* (1999).

For those wishing to travel to the museum as a group, we will depart from FBC’s Welcome Center at the O Street entrance promptly at 3:00 pm and walk to the Dupont Circle metro station. We will travel together to the Smithsonian metro stop and then walk to the USHMM, where we will go directly to the 4:15 lecture in Classroom B. The USHMM closes at 5:30 pm on March 9; entrance is free to the public. Please direct any questions to Leslie Alford, and please **RSVP to Leslie by March 7** (lmalford@gmail.com). Our classroom at the museum can accommodate up to 50 people.

CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM: BUILDING BRIDGES

New Sunday Morning Class Begins April 8

Taught by Dr. Charlie Reynolds, US Army Chaplain (Ret.)

Every day in the news we view events involving Muslims, yet there is a vacuum of misunderstanding about Muslims and the Islamic Faith. Muslims comprise one of the largest groups of emigrants coming to the United States. Muslims are our neighbors. It is critically important for Christians in the United States to understand Islam and the beliefs of Muslims, as well as how we can interact with our Muslim brothers and sisters in meaningful ways.

Teacher: As a US Army Chaplain, **Charlie Reynolds** served as the Strategic Religious Advisor for United States Forces Iraq and United States Army Africa. He retired as the director of the Army Center for World Religions and is currently a religious advisor for the Army. Charlie received his BA in Interdisciplinary Studies at the University of Richmond and an MDiv and DMin from Golden Gate Seminary in Mill Valley, CA. While in the military he received a Master of Theology Degree from Princeton Seminary in World Religions and Culture and was an Academic Fellow at the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University, where his academic focus was on ways religion can assist in reducing conflict. He has presented this material at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly, as well as at conferences in the U. K. and Germany. Charlie’s hobbies are golf, running and hiking.



Classes begin at 9:30am each Sunday:

- April 8 Bridge One: Understanding Islam
- April 15 Bridge Two: Understanding a Muslim’s World View
- April 22 Bridge Three: Understanding the Diversity in Islam
- April 29 Bridge Four: The Bridge We Walk Over

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First Glance

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



STARTS MAY 6

a five-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 216-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 Sundays? No worries; join us as often as you can.

WORSHIP

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

PALM SUNDAY

Palms and Praise

Sunday, March 25

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, March 29

7pm in the Sanctuary

Childcare: infants-kindergarten



GOOD FRIDAY

Service of Shadows

Friday, March 30

7pm in the Sanctuary;

led by the Chancel Choir and other FBC musicians

Childcare: infants-kindergarten



EASTER SUNDAY

Christ is Risen!

Sunday, April 1

Worship at 11am;

Easter reception with Cascarones



PALM SUNDAY MARIACHI PARADE

You're invited to join us on Sunday March 25th, for a Palm Sunday Parade! "Mariachi Ay Ay Ay" will return to lead us in song as we circle our DuPont Neighborhood waving palm branches. Wear your walking shoes and join us as we let our neighbors know that they are loved.

EASTER FLOWERS/ LILIES

The deadline to order flowers for Easter, including lilies, is this Sunday, March 4. You may place the form (found in this Sunday's worship guide) with your payment in the collection plate, mail it to the Church Office, or order and pay online (<https://goo.gl/n3P6Tk>)



SUPPORT

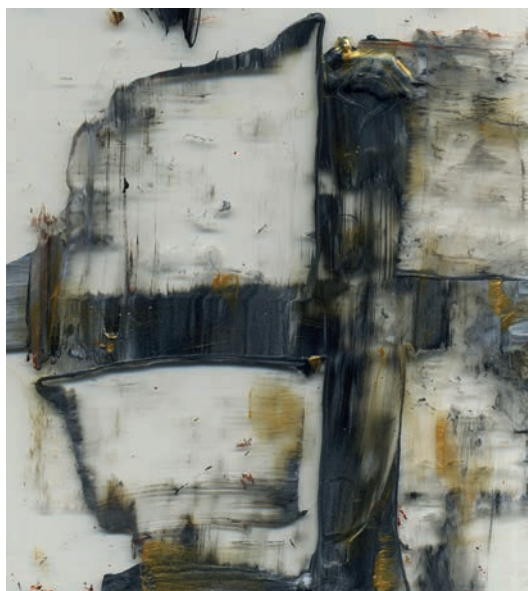


WEEKLY SUPPORT GROUPS

These groups meet weekly at First Baptist: **AA**, **SLAA** and **NA**. For days and times, see our website under "Connect."

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LENTEN

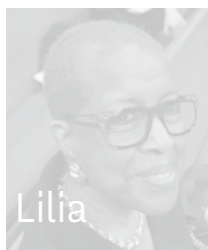


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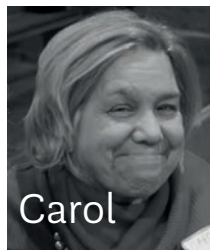
*Wednesdays @ 7pm
February 21 – March 21
FBC Sanctuary*

These 45-minute worship services will offer a simple, meaningful opportunity to pause in the middle of the week to connect with God and receive fresh inspiration. Each service will feature someone from FBC sharing a piece of his or her faith story, as well as musicians from our congregation.

Date	Faith Story	Musician(s)
Feb 21	Lilia Abron	Cindy Fuller
Feb 28	Kevin Biggins	Paul Nelson, Zena Aldridge
Mar 7	Carol Nicholas	Robert Cochran, Kimberly Galva
Mar 14	Roger Alford	Christina Whitehouse-Suggs
Mar 21	Oliver Müller	Charles Pugh, Kevin Biggins



Lilia



Carol



Oliver



Paul



Robert



Christina



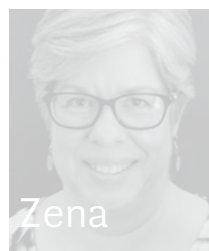
Kevin



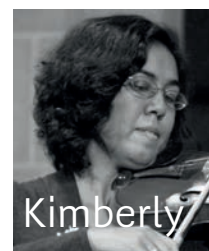
Roger



Cindy



Zena



Kimberly



Charles

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WHY MARCH?

"Why are we promoting the March for our Lives and the Rally to End Racism?" While no one at FBC has asked me this question, it is certainly fair. There are marches in Washington all the time. Why these two?

"March for Our Lives"



This march wears a personal face for us at First Baptist. Our brother and newest church member, Andrew Blasi, graduated from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School 12 years ago (see his letter on p. 10) and grew up in Parkland, FL. The mass shooting on February 14th has left Andrew and an entire community devastated. I'll be marching as a way of demonstrating love and support. In a much broader sense, while March for Our Lives is not organized as a religious action, advocating for peace and an end to gun violence is a faithful expression of Christian discipleship as well as our own Anabaptist heritage. The way of Jesus,

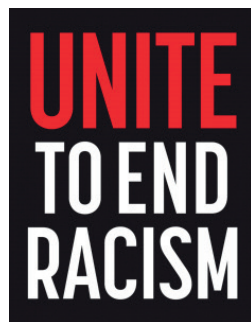
our Prince of Peace, embodies both an unmistakable rejection of violence and the power of love and truth in action for justice, peace and wholeness for all people. (Bill Leonard, this year's Winter Forum speaker at FBC, wrote a blog this week for Baptist News Global about gun violence in America. **Read it here.** - <https://baptistnews.com/article/anticipatory-mourning-americas-youth-death-guns-dissent/#.WphOtmaZNPt>)

"Rally to End Racism"

This event, initiated by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, and marking the 50th anniversary of the assassination of our Baptist brother, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,



is overtly grounded in faith, and is the beginning of a focused, intentional effort to eradicate the racism that paralyzes our ability to see every human being as equal and created in God's image.



The gospel is political but not partisan.

The gospel of Christ, grounded in the witness of the Hebrew prophets, addresses not only individual hearts but also the societal systems of every nation. In this season of Lent it is well for us to remember that it was the threat Jesus posed to both religious and political authorities that led to his crucifixion. The gospel is political...but never partisan. It is a misguided, even arrogant, assumption that the way of Christ is perfectly articulated by any political party. Our congregation includes people with varied political affiliations so our ideas on how best to encourage peace and justice may differ. And yet, beyond all political differences, the gospel of Christ calls us all to advocate for these.

Grace and peace,

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

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FBC MEMBER ANDREW BLASI - AN OPEN LETTER TO FRIENDS ON MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL

February 2018

Dear Friends,

As someone that is deeply cherished in my life, I'm asking for your help - that you long continue to keep in your thoughts my high school - Marjory Stoneman Douglas - and my hometown of Parkland, Florida. My "home" since infancy, with nearly 32,000 incredible people who live quietly alongside the beautiful Everglades, and its neighboring city of Coral Springs are grappling with a tragic mass shooting. Douglas is just a five minute walk from my childhood house. My family, friends, and this community are devastated. I am devastated.

This was the place that motivated me to pursue a meaningful future in Washington. And it is where I was equipped with many of the passions/personality that I bring into my friendship with you. Douglas stands out as a shining example of public education excellence. It is one of the best high schools in the state, indeed in the entire country. This is because its educators are extraordinary. Many of them have been invaluable mentors to me and have inspired my closest friends to pursue the best higher education and meaningful careers. This is where social studies teachers in December 2005 held a surprise gathering to congratulate my early acceptance to the College of William and Mary. They got me there. I say these things so you know more than the scenes that have filtered across national news. So you know how this place has a connection to you in a very real way. So we don't dismiss it as just another incident. There are now beautiful kids from my community who won't have the same opportunities that I did. There are beautiful families in Parkland who will never be the same. And there are future friendships all across the country that will never be had, as you do, with a Parklander. My home, the mecca of youthful memories, will never be the same. And I can promise you that those thousands of children who have been hurt - physically and mentally - are exactly like you were in high school. I know this because I was one of them, and I know you.

Please give your partners, parents, siblings, friends, colleagues a big hug when you see them. Don't hold back. And, if you're not the touchy type, tell them unequivocally how much you appreciate them and how special they are. Look into their eyes and smile when you do. This is the best, immediate tool each of us has. Love is the only creative, redemptive, and transforming power in the universe. And - if your conscience finds it appropriate - tell them that what has happened in Parkland is not okay. Don't write this off. If for no other reason than you are now directly



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connected to it through me (and not the television). It wasn't okay yesterday, it's not okay today, and for you it won't be okay tomorrow. The beautiful thing is that you and those you touch, in turn, have tomorrow a chance to use voice, creativity, and actions to right this wrong. This is true both in our daily living as well as through our civic engagement. There is no single solution. And there are many paths with dead ends. But, that doesn't matter. It will take collective action to address this

grand challenge. I'm hoping, as my friend, you'll serve this collective action in any way you can, starting with your own communities. And that you'll put love at the core, providing space for dialogue and exchanging solutions with those you may disagree with. Because I believe this is the most essential tool that will make Parkland one of the last communities to ever go through this.

In honor of the place that has given me everything, I've decided to ban complacency from my heart. While Parkland has never weathered a storm like this, it has seen enough severe hurricanes in its time to know something about recovery and what resiliency looks like when neighbors help one another. My prayer is that this institution of excellence will rise as a living monument to the very best in all of us. Where love conquers fear. Let us now make it so. As it states in

bold letters above the main exit at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School: Be the Change You Wish to See in the World.

Andrew Blasi

Member,
First Baptist Church of Washington, D.C.
Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School,
Class of 2006

ON MARCH 24 JOIN US TO:

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES

On March 24, the kids and families of March For Our Lives will take to the streets of Washington DC to demand that their lives and safety become a priority and that we end gun violence and mass shootings in our schools today.

March with us in Washington DC or march in your own community. On March 24, the collective voices of the March For Our Lives movement will be heard.

LET'S MARCH

www.marchforourlives.com

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ADVOCACY IN ACTION - MARCH 15

We are hosting The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's annual advocacy meeting Thursday, March 15th in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to explore the faith basis for advocacy and learn how to be an effective advocate- locally, nationally, and globally.

More information is at their website
www.cbf.net/advocacy

A.C.T. NOW!

awaken confront transform

RALLY TO END RACISM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, ON THE NATIONAL MALL

50th Anniversary of the Assassination of MLK

On April 3-5, 2018 the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA and partners will gather in Washington, D.C. for a historic event to mark 50 years since the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on April 4, 1968, and to launch its Truth and Racial Justice Initiative. The Rally to End Racism is a launching point for a comprehensive, multi-year program to address racism in our nation. Pastor Julie is serving on the fundraising committee for this event. Many volunteers will be needed from local congregations. Stay tuned for ways you can help.

Schedule At-A-Glance for April 3-5, 2018

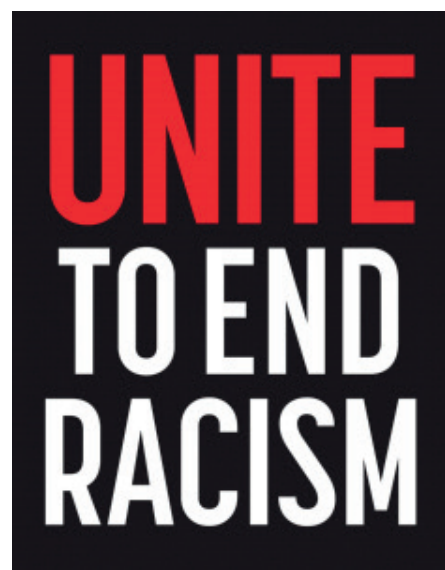
Tuesday, April 3: Ecumenical Worship Service in the Orthodox Tradition

- 6:30 p.m.: St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 2815 36th St., NW, Washington, D.C., 20007

Wednesday, April 4: ACT to End Racism Rally on the National Mall

- 7-8 a.m.: Silent Prayer Walk to the National Mall
- 8-9 a.m.: Interfaith Service
- 9 a.m.-4 p.m.: Rally and Call to Commitment

Thursday, April 5: National Day of Advocacy & Action



Serving as a leading voice of witness to the living Christ in the public square since 1950, the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA (NCC) brings together 38 member communions (including the Alliance of Baptists) and more than 35 million Christians in a common expression of God's love and promise of unity.

<http://www.rally2endracism.org/>

GIVE



HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS UPDATE

On February 27, work began at Anamer Castrello's family's house in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico. Anamer, a member of our choir, flew to PR to help oversee the installation of the new solar water heater (the family has been without hot water since the middle of September 2017). Your gifts also purchased a new gas-powered generator which was delivered on Wednesday to Carolyn Roebuck's family in St. Croix. Carolyn is the Director of FBC's Child Development Center. And batteries that you donated will be sent soon to these families for use in flashlights and lanterns when they're not allowed to use generators. The FBC family has given \$3,275 and 238 batteries. Your generosity is making a real difference— thanks be to God!

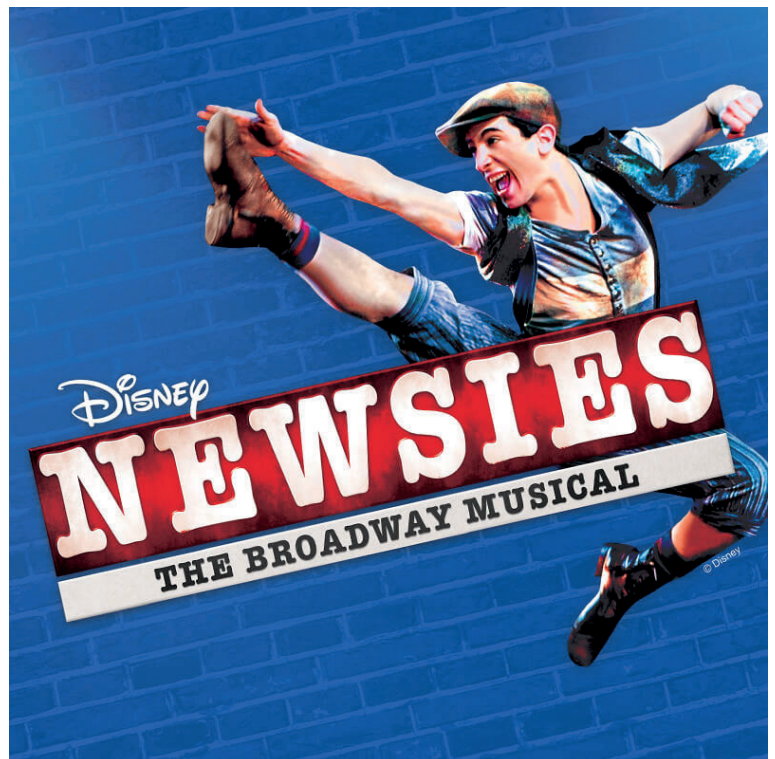
BENEFIT PERFORMANCE

Please support the National Center for Children and Families (NCCF) while enjoying a wonderful dinner and performance of Disney's "Newsies," the Tony award-winning musical, to benefit the youth in the Greentree Adolescent Program (GAP). Tickets, including dinner, show, and gratuity: \$58 per person (\$10.00 tax deductible). Reservations or checks are due by March 18, 2018. For tickets or donations, please call Bonnie Jorgensen (301-649-4804).

The NCCF (formerly Baptist Home for Children) is a private, non-profit agency serving the national capital area. Residential programs serve:

- homeless families
- victims of domestic violence
- vulnerable adolescents

<http://www.nccf-cares.org/>





FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TURNING 216

Thomas Jefferson was President and Washington, D.C. was a town of only a few thousand people when on March 7, 1802, a congregation of 6 laypeople and 4 ministers organized our church in a private home. Four locations and five buildings later, First Baptist Church continues to experience the adventure of walking in the way of Christ in our nation's Capital. We'll celebrate with anniversary cake at the potluck lunch after worship this Sunday.

MID-ATLANTIC CBF ANNUAL GATHERING: MARCH 17

The FBC family is invited to this opportunity for worship (Julie Pennington-Russell and Bruce Salmon, co-preachers), break-out sessions and friendship at the annual gathering of Mid-Atlantic Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

- When:** Saturday, March 17 from 10am - 2pm
Where: Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church. 801 University Blvd W. Silver Spring, MD 20901
Cost: \$10 (includes continental breakfast and boxed lunch)
Please RSVP by contacting MACBF Executive Director, Trish Miller Manarin, trisha.macbf@gmail.com

FESTIVE RECEPTION ON EASTER SUNDAY

We celebrate Easter this year on April 1. Instead of our usual first-Sunday potluck, we'll have a reception, with yummy treats and cascarones, in the courtyard between our building and the Australian Embassy. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll move the festivities inside.



MORE

TEAM ASSEMBLED TO ADDRESS FACILITIES NEEDS

The old adage goes, “You never have a second chance to make a first impression.” This is true in all kinds of settings, including a church’s physical setting. It’s good, from time to time, to ask: are our facilities helping or hindering our mission? Facilities communicate something. A neglected, deteriorated, dated environment communicates that we aren’t competent or that we don’t really care what newcomers think. Environments matter.

The Gift

Our location at 16th and O Streets is an extraordinary corner from which to share the gospel. The facilities in which we worship, study, gather for community and welcome newcomers and neighbors are a tremendous gift, built with the sacrificial contributions of those who came before us (as well as a few who are still with us). And...the gift is in need of attention.

The Task

For several years, conversations have been taking place at FBC about the state of our facilities and what we can do to create fresh and compelling environments inside these walls. To that end, church moderator Rod Coates, in consultation with our executive pastor Charlie Fuller, has enlisted a team of men and women from our congregation to lead this initiative. The ad hoc team will guide the church in planning, funding and managing projects from beginning to end. Each team member was enlisted because of his or her expertise in a particular area: building design, renovation, engineering, finances and/or church systems, past and future. Rod has asked executive pastor Charlie Fuller to lead the team.

The Team

Facilities Improvement Team: Didier Ahimera, Kate Campbell (deacon chair), Rod Coates (moderator), Charlie Fuller (team leader), Sarah Hodges-Austin, Dennis Lambert, Wil McBeath, Bill Newell, Jac Whatley and Kathy Whatley. Steve Hunter, FBC building engineer, will serve as a staff resource.

Please pray for this group as they begin this initiative. And pray especially for the women, men, children and teenagers we haven’t even met yet, whose lives will be touched and transformed by God as they encounter the gospel on this extraordinary corner at 16th and O.



EVENTS

Sunday, March 4

9am: Pancake breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

9:30am: Winter Forum with Bill Leonard (Fellowship Hall)

10am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rm 312)

11am: Worship (Sanctuary)

12pm: First Sunday Potluck (Fellowship Hall)

2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)

Tuesday, March 6

6:30pm Education for Ministry (Rm 214)

Wednesday, March 7

6pm: Dinner (Cost: \$8; menu: vegetable lasagna; Fellowship Hall)

7pm: Lenten Vespers (Sanctuary)

8pm: Post-Vespers Dinner (hosted by Pastor Julie)

Thursday, March 8

6pm: Ordinary Time (Meadows Room/ Courtyard)

DEACONS ON-CALL: WEEK OF MARCH 4:



Doug Duvall

WEEK OF MARCH 11:



Sadye Doxie

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

FBC PRAYER & CARE

Sympathy to:

- Family and friends of **Verla Cook** who passed away on Feb. 23 in Gaithersburg. Verla sang in our choir for years. She loved FBC and loved music.
- **Mel and Sadye Doxie** in the passing of Mel's mother, Beatrice Doxie at age 101 on Feb. 20. She will be buried at her home church in Youngstown, OH on a date to be announced.
- Family of **Eva Rutledge**, long-time member of FBC, who died Feb. 18, 2018 in South Carolina. Per her wishes, she will be buried at her family cemetery in Georgia. If you would like to send her daughter, Donna Lanham, condolences, please contact Zena at the church office for Donna's address. Also pray for Eva's daughter, Diane Ditsell, who lives in England.
- Lucia Pollock in the death of her sister, long-time FBC member and chorister **Eleanor Pollock**, on Feb. 14. Burial on Wed., Feb. 28 at 1 pm at Westhampton Memorial Cemetery, 10000 Patterson, Henrico, VA. A memorial service will take place later in the spring at First Baptist.

Recently Added

- **Katie Still** who is hospitalized
- **Becky McBeath** who was just released from the rehab hospital following a recent fall

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