



THE
First Baptist Church
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AUGUST FORUM



4 FAITH & ART: SUNDAYS 9-10:30AM FELLOWSHIP HALL

Pancakes & Bacon Aug 5; Continental Aug 12,19; B'fast Casserole Potluck Aug 26!

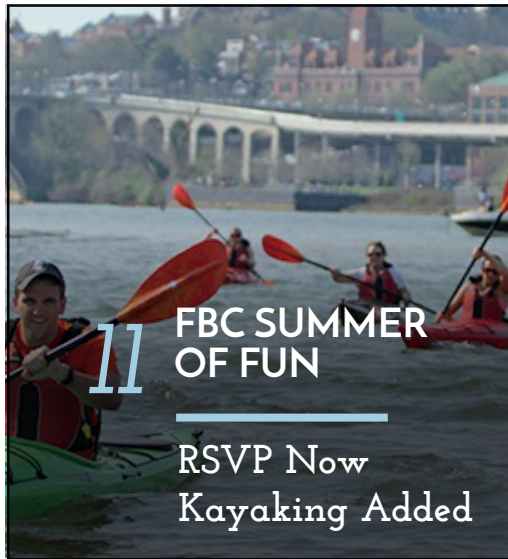


EVERYONE HAS influence.



**WILLOW CREEK
SUMMIT**

Aug. 9-10
5 Spots Left



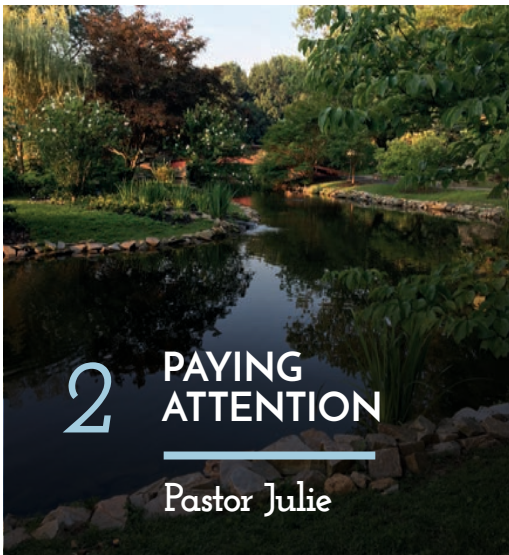
**FBC SUMMER
OF FUN**

RSVP Now
Kayaking Added



**MISSION:
SPAIN**

Eddie and
Macarena Aldape



**PAYING
ATTENTION**

Pastor Julie



**FINDING GOD IN ALL THE "WRONG" PEOPLE
SERMON SERIES WITH CHARLIE FULLER**

Sun., Aug. 12, 19, 26 @ 11am



PAYING ATTENTION

Dear FBC Family: I'm grateful to our church for offering your pastors time away in order to refresh and recharge. I will be gone for two weeks in August (including three Sundays—the 12th, 19th and 26th). Many thanks to Charlie Fuller for preaching and leading worship while I'm away. (Alyssa Aldape will be gone as well, as she recovers from her surgery on 8/6.)

As you may recall, last year FBC granted my request to participate in an 18-month program called Going Deeper: Clergy Spiritual Life & Leadership, offered by the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation. On August 11, I will leave for Bon Secours retreat center in Woodstock, MD, where I'll join eleven pastors from around the country for the second of two 7-day retreats, facilitated by leaders from Shalem. Upon returning from the Shalem retreat, Tim and I will take a few days away to celebrate our 30th anniversary.

As we remind ourselves often at First Baptist, contemplative spirituality is about learning to pay attention. It's about learning to be fully present, moment by moment, to the God who loves us. And while we can be present with God in any place at any time—worshiping in the sanctuary, riding the Metro, standing in the grocery line, etc.—there is great value in stepping away intentionally for sustained periods of time in order to focus our attention on the whispers of the Spirit.

(By the way, if you are interested in deepening your own capacity for being present with God, I invite you to consider joining the contemplative listening group that Leslie Alford and I will be leading this coming year (Sept-May). See the related announcement on page 7 of this newsletter. Space is limited so if you're interested, let me know soon.)

Again—thank you, church family, for supporting the spiritual development and physical-mental rest of your pastors and staff. We don't take it for granted and we heartily encourage you to do the same for yourselves.

Peace and grace...

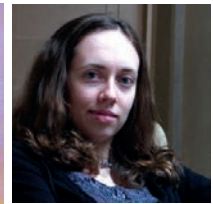
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AUGUST FORUM

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with Amy Ordoveza
Fine Artist & Art Educator



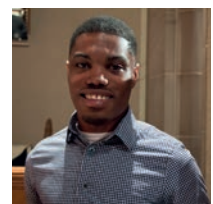
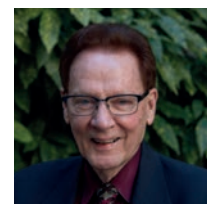
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with Shirley McBeath
Floral Designer & FBC Flower Guild Chair



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with Kathy & Jac Whatley
FBC Liturgical Design Team



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with Lon Schreiber & Kevin Biggins
Musicians & Worship Leaders



Breakfast @ 9am; Workshop @ 9:30am

In Fellowship Hall. Pancakes & Bacon Aug 5; Continental Aug 12,19; B'fast Casserole Potluck Aug 26!

FAITH & ART: AUGUST FORUM BEGINS THIS SUNDAY

August 5:

Painting the Sacred with Amy Ordoveza

Amy Ordoveza will briefly discuss some of her recent paintings and drawings, and lead participants in creating small gouache (opaque watercolor) paintings that depict places that have been significant to them in their spiritual journeys. Participants may optionally prepare to paint by bringing a reference photo of a place where God has guided them, taught them, or blessed them. No previous painting experience is necessary. For adults and youth; children will participate in a rock-painting session with Pastor Kelly.

Amy is an artist, art teacher, and a member of First Baptist Church. She studied painting at the New York Academy of Art and the Maryland Institute College of Art, and art education at George Mason University. She has taught art for Arlington Adult Education and Fairfax County Public Schools.



August 12

Meeting God Through Flowers with Shirley McBeath

Enjoy learning techniques in arranging flowers, God's inspiring handiwork. Experience the spiritual blessings and gifts of flowers. Participants will leave with their own floral creation. For adults, youth and children.

Shirley joined FBC in February 1974 with her husband Bill and three children, Beth, Becky and Wil. She was ordained as a deacon in 1976 and has served several times on the diaconate, as well as on many committees and teams. She

began her ministry of flowers in 2000 when she envisioned ways to expand the use of the message of God's love by sharing the altar flowers with others after the worship hour.

To fund this ministry, she enlists individuals willing to sponsor each week's fresh flowers on the altar. After worship, these flowers are creatively arranged into smaller bouquets and delivered to the

homebound and hospitalized, as well as to those celebrating special occasions. Shirley donates her time and often the flowers used in arrangements for FBC events. Many of these arrangements are augmented by flowers from her own garden.



August 19

Liturgical Fabric Art with Jac & Kathy Whatley

Design your own liturgical banner! Kathy and Jac will introduce us to the use of fabrics to support and enhance worship and will talk about traditional liturgical colors and holy days and their historical place of symbolism in the church. For adults, youth and children.

Forty years ago, a radiator pipe exploded in Jac and Kathy's first apartment, destroying a quilt his mother had made. They decided to make one to replace it (and hope to finish it this winter). Along the way they begin making place mats and table cloths and fabric stuffed animals and gifts for Christmas and birthdays. Until they joined First Baptist two and a half years ago they had never done any church art (besides Vacation Bible School!). Julie asked Kathy to make a banner for Pentecost and since then they've made more than a dozen banners and stoles for the church. Typically Jac designs, patterns and chooses colors while Kathy cuts, sews, quilts and hand stitches details.



August 26

What Makes You Sing? with Lawrence Schreiber and Kevin Biggins

After breakfast we'll head upstairs to the third floor Choir Suite where Lon and Kevin will lead us in a musical adventure in worship featuring William Howard Doane, who is also seen in our Sanctuary stained glass. Lon and Kevin will play a duet featuring one of his most famous and beloved hymns: "To God be the Glory." For adults, youth and children.

After 40 years of serving National City Christian Church as Minister of Music, Lon Schreiber was called to be "interim" Organist-Choirmaster here at First Baptist in October 2000. He was among the consultants for the FBC Steinway Concert Grand, and the Austin organ with more than 6000 pipes.

Kevin has been a part of FBC for many years, through Lon and the music program, often through leading worship as the substitute organist or being part of the choir. After completing music school at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ, Kevin joined Megabus as a supervisor in NJ/Philadelphia, and eventually became the manager of operations in DC and MD. Since returning to DC, he has attended FBC weekly, involving himself in young adult programs, and showing his deep love for the music program here and its future in the church and the community.



SUMMER SERMON MINI-SERIES

FINDING GOD

in all the “wrong” people



SUN AUG 12, 19, 26 @11AM

Executive Pastor Charlie Fuller, Preaching



AUGUST 12: “MR. ALL-TOGETHER MAN” LUKE 7:1-10
AUGUST 19: “THE SHACKLES THAT BIND US” LUKE 8:26-39
AUGUST 26: “JESUS’ GREATEST MIRACLE?” LUKE 19:1-10

GROW

NEW CONTEMPLATIVE LISTENING GROUP STARTS IN SEPTEMBER

Led by Julie Pennington-Russell and Leslie Alford

Contemplative Christian teacher Thomas Keating describes our ordinary thoughts as “boats sitting on a river, so closely packed together that we cannot see the river that’s holding them up.” The contemplative path helps us to direct our attention from the individual boats to the deep river on which they are resting. Pastor Julie and Leslie Alford invite you to join them in a 9-month small group experience in which we will lean back into our “spiritual hearts” and watch and listen for God’s loving presence and movement in our individual lives and in the life of our congregation.

Basics:

- Group is **limited to 6 participants** (in addition to Julie and Leslie)
- We will meet one Saturday morning per month for 2 hours, Sept.-May (first gathering lasts 3 hours; dates to be determined by the group)
- We’ll gather in group members’ homes (hosting isn’t a requirement to join) and share a light breakfast together
- No prior contemplative experience needed. Just an open heart, a willingness to commit to the 9-month journey, and a desire to be more fully present with God
- Interested? Contact Pastor Julie at jpr@firstbaptistdc.org.
- **Deadline to sign up: August 22.**



ONLY 5 SPOTS LEFT FOR WILLOW CREEK LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

August 9-10, 2018

Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church, VA

Our church is committed to encouraging and equipping leaders. So far, ten FBC pastors, staff and laity are planning to participate. **Sign up by August 6 and First Baptist will pay \$119 of the \$139 registration fee.** You'll pay only \$20. GLS faculty includes leaders from faith, business and academic sectors. Join us for this inspiring, transformational two days. Check it out [here](#). Contact Pastor Julie if you want to attend. jpr@firstbaptistdc.org.



GLS participants in 2016



EVENTS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

7pm: Summer of Fun Cincinnati Reds vs Nats

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

9am: Pancake breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

9:30am: August Forum Art & Faith: Painting the Sacred (Fellowship Hall)

10am: Chancel Choir rehearsal (Room 312)

11am: Worship -- Communion

12 noon: Pot Luck Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

A-J: dessert/fruit

K-R: meat/protein

S-Z: salad/veggies

2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

1pm: Summer of Fun Lunch at Captain John's Crab House, Newburg, MD

(more here: <https://goo.gl/fE1JwP>)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

7am: Serve at Christ House

(sign-up here: <https://goo.gl/qk5ZPh>)

9am: Continental breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

9:30am: August Forum Art & Faith: Meeting God through Flowers (Fellowship Hall)

10am: Chancel Choir rehearsal (Rm 312)

11am: Worship (Sanctuary)

12:30pm: Deacons' Meeting (Room 315)

2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

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

6pm: Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

10am: Summer of Fun: Kayaking on the Potomac (more here: <https://goo.gl/fE1JwP>)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

9am: Continental breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

9:30am: August Forum Faith & Art: Liturgical Fabric Art (Fellowship Hall)

10am: Chancel Choir rehearsal (Room 312)

11am: Worship (Sanctuary)

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

1-4pm: Summer of Fun: Board Games & Lunch (more here: <https://goo.gl/fE1JwP>)

2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

9am: Breakfast casserole pot luck (Fellowship Hall)

9:30am: August Forum Faith & Art: Making Music (Room 312)

10am: Chancel Choir rehearsal (Room 312)

11am: Worship (Sanctuary)

2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)

NO ORDINARY TIME DURING AUGUST

During the month of August the young adults will not meet for Ordinary Time. We will pick it back up in September when Alyssa returns from medical leave.

MISSION



MISSION SPAIN

Join us this Sunday for our regularly scheduled worship! During the service we will also hear from Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Field Personnel Eddie and Macarena Aldape about their work in southern Spain.

Eddie and Macarena have served as field personnel with CBF for more than 15 years, and have been working with marginalized communities for their entire career. The Aldapes work with immigrants and refugees through the Red Cross of Spain. Their work

includes helping families settle into their new city, teaching ESL classes, and helping people navigate the legal system in a completely different language.

Come and learn about our mission partners and their good work. See you Sunday!

More information on how to support the Aldapes can be found here:

<https://www.classy.org/campaign/eddie-and-macarena-aldape/c106531>

MINISTRY UPDATE FROM NEW YORK CITY - LESLEY-ANN HIX TOMMEY

Last summer, Cooperative Baptist Field Personnel Lesley-Ann Tommey shared with us in worship her hopes and dreams for ministry in Hell's Kitchen, NYC. Here's a **summer glimpse** of what God has been up to in her community. Let us celebrate with our partner Lesley-Ann in the good work of food justice in the city of New York. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Lesley-Ann this coming year!



<https://mailchi.mp/2747a9401178/the-road-to-nyc-a-visit-to-metro-390791?e=406b74167c>



CONNECT/SERVE

ALYSSA'S MEAL TRAIN

Alyssa Aldape is scheduled for brain surgery on August 6, 2018. Her parents will be staying in her small apartment till she is able to come home and recuperate. Meals will help the family financially and also by not having to spend energy and time cooking. In addition, Alyssa will have significant medical costs, even with insurance, so any monetary donations would be appreciated! **Click here** to sign up to bring a home-cooked meal, pay for take-out food to be delivered, or to help with medical costs: <https://mealtrain.com/n7qy3e>



FBC MEN INVITED TO SING AT NATS GAME— SEPTEMBER 4TH

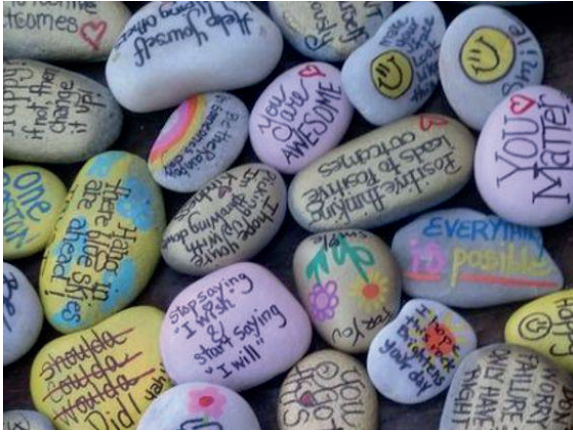
The Singing Capital Chorus, a premier men's a cappella chorus directed by John David Maybury, invites singers from FBC to join them in performing the National Anthem behind home plate before the first pitch at the Washington Nationals game on Tuesday, September 4 (evening game). **Men who wish to sing the four-part arrangement are required to attend 4 Monday night rehearsals (beginning Aug. 6 at 7:30pm)** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 4900 Connecticut Ave NW. Interested? Call Doug at (301) 385-6538 or email them at info@singingcapitalchorus.org. They'd love to hear from you!

KINDNESS ROCKS!

Parents and Kids,

Please plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday, August 5, at 9 a.m. for a Pancakes 'n Bacon Breakfast to kick off the August Forum series, *Faith & Art*

After breakfast, the kids in the Children's Ministry will participate in the Kindness Rocks Project. Specifically, the children will paint an encouraging message or picture on a rock. The kids will be reminded that one message, at just the right moment, can change someone's entire day, outlook, and even their life. Later, I will place the rocks around the perimeter of the church in hopes that someone will discover the rock and experience some unexpected joy. Whoever finds the rock can take the rock for inspiration and make a new rock for motivation. The only rule is: be kind.



So, please ask your children to be thinking of inspirational, encouraging words or pictures to paint. Lastly, please dress these wonderful artists accordingly for the project. I will provide a smock for each child to protect his or her clothing; however, creativity can be messy.

Thank you for sharing your children with FBC.

Kelly

2018 SUMMER of FUN

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As summer begins to wind down, we still have a few fun events to look forward to. Questions? Contact the event host for more information.



Friday, August 3 | 7pm

Nats Baseball Game (vs Cincinnati Reds)

@ Nationals Park, Hosted by Charlie Fuller



Saturday, August 11 | 1pm

Lunch at a Maryland Crab House

@ Captain John's Crab House, Hosted by Ron & Zena Aldridge



Saturday, August 18 | 10am

Kayaking on the Potomac

@ Key Bridge in Georgetown

Hosted by Chelsea Clarke, Didier Ahimera and Allen Norfleet



Sunday, August 19 | 1-4pm

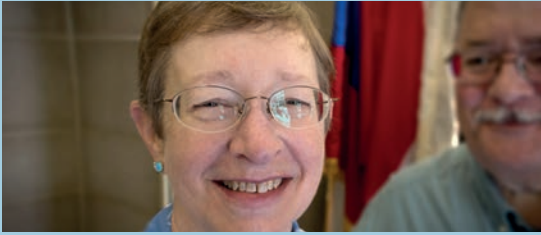
Board Games & Lunch (Come & Go)

@ 3528 6th St., South, Arlington, VA.,

Hosted by Kelly Magee-Prichard and Charlotte Straight



DEACONS ON-CALL: WEEK OF AUGUST 5:



Kathy Whatley

WEEK OF AUGUST 12:



Didier Ahimera

WEEK OF AUGUST 19:



Lilia Abron

AUGUST 26:



Doug Duvall

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

FBC PRAYER & CARE

Recent Requests:

- **Glenn Bratcher:** eye surgery on July 31 (left) and August 14 (right)
- **Elise Smith** (friend of **D'O Dillard**): diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease
- **John Van Wagoner** (friend of **D'O Dillard**): battling pneumonia
- **Helen Washington:** home recuperating after hospitalization
- **Bill and Trisha Smith** (father and step-mother of **Darrell Smith**): both in a long-term rehab facility in Tulsa, OK, each battling serious health challenges
- **Donavan Hart** (**Zena Aldridge's** nephew): undergoing treatment for rare autoimmune disease of kidneys

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