

EASTER 2019

Invitations to connect with God and others through worship, shared community, and acts of compassion and justice.

The Season of Easter

For centuries now, believers around the world have celebrated Easter not just on one day, but as an entire season of fifty days. Well of course. How could so much resurrection joy be crammed into just one little day?

Sunday Messages

April 28

The Middle of Where You Are (John 20:19-31)

Christ joins us not only in the joyful, “Easterly” moments of our lives, but also right in the middle of the hardest ones.

May 5

New Names for Everybody (Revelation 2:13, 17)

The names we wear have a certain power over us. What names are you wearing these days? God has a new name in mind—for people and churches alike. *Annual Congregational and Foundation Meetings following worship, during First Sunday Potluck.*

May 12

Executive Pastor, Charlie Fuller, Preaching

May 19 (Youth Sunday)

Abigail Adigun and Kara Suggs Preaching and Presiding at Communion

May 26

The Contemplative Christian (Exodus 3:1-6)

If we want to know what God is up to in the world and in our lives, we can start by paying attention to what’s in front of our face.

Coming in June: Summer Sermon Series from the Book of Acts

Episodes and adventures in the first Christian communities.

Worship With the Alliance of Baptists April 26 & 27

Composed of some 130 congregations and 65,000 members, the Alliance of Baptists (which had its beginnings 32 years ago here at FBC) meets the weekend after Easter here in Washington for the Annual Gathering. Calvary Baptist Church in Chinatown is hosting. There's still time to register: <https://allianceofbaptists.org/>. Even if you're not participating as a registered attender, come to the free worship events planned for Friday and Saturday mornings at 11am. A free-will offering will be received on both days. (Calvary is located at 755 8th St NW.)



Friday Morning, Apr. 26 @ 11am: Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis Preaching

Senior Pastor, Middle Collegiate Church, New York City



Saturday Morning, Apr. 27 @ 11am: Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III Preaching

Senior Pastor, Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago

Sunday Mornings at FBC

Two New Bible Book Studies Begin April 28

The Book of Acts (8-week study)

9:30am "Crossroads" intergenerational group; Meadows Room (basement level)

Biblical scholar Eugene Peterson pointed out that the story of Jesus doesn't end with Jesus, it continues in the lives of those who believe in him. The early Christians we see in the New Testament book of Acts weren't mere spectators of Christ – they were *in* on the action of God, God acting *in* them, God living *in* them. Which also means, of course, in *us*. The early church's struggles can inform our own in the 21st century. The Crossroads group is choosing 8 significant themes from Acts for weekly conversation. All are welcome!

The Book of Hebrews

9:45am Young Adults; Rms 103-105 (near the O Street entrance)

The writer of the New Testament book of Hebrews intended to highlight the uniqueness and surpassing greatness of Christ. In this compelling portrait of Jesus, Hebrews also offers a new reading of the Old Testament. The FBC young adults invite you to join the conversation!

"A Church for Rachel"

Written by Charles Poole for "those who mourn, struggle, and wonder."

The Tapestry Class meets each Sunday at 9:45am in the Church's second floor library. Discussions are led by a teaching rotation bringing an invigorating variety of approaches to exploring the weekly subject. Hot coffee is always available and newcomers are warmly welcomed.



Small Groups Starting in Summer, Fall

New 5-Week Enneagram Small Group Begins June 4 (Tuesday Nights)

Have you heard of the Enneagram? Curious about the emergence of this tool with ancient roots in our modern times? Want to explore with others how this approach might help you to learn more about yourself in order to grow closer to God and others on this life's journey? Join us for a 5-week "Introduction to the Enneagram." We'll be organizing our conversation around *The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self Discovery*. Our church plans to bring in Enneagram experts to discuss this tool in more depth over the coming months, so this series will



be provide the perfect opportunity to learn

more about it, learn more about yourself, and get to know others at First Baptist DC better, too.



Meeting Dates: Tuesdays this summer: June 4, June 11, June 18, June 25, and July 2; 6:30pm to 8pm at a location to be announced. For more information and to RSVP, contact Amanda Tyler at amanda_tyler@hotmail.com.



Fall 2019 Education for Ministry Seminar

Every baptized person is called to ministry. Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four-year program which offers an opportunity to grow theologically and discover ways to respond to the call

of Christian service. The seminar group is the nucleus of the program, consisting of 6-12 participants and a trained mentor who meet weekly from September through May. The \$350 annual fee covers materials and administration. This June, Rod Coates and Kate Campbell will complete the program and receive their certificates. For more information, contact Ellen Parkhurst at elparkhurst@verizon.net. Learn more about EfM at <http://efm.sewanee.edu/about-efm>.



GROW TOGETHER

Sunday Morning Children's Ministry Schedule

Faithful, nurturing volunteers and trusted child care professionals gather each week to play, sing, learn, and serve the spiritual needs of children. Young learners are taught the Bible through stories, play, art, and music. School-age children are introduced to the role of discipleship by learning spiritual gifts, Bible verses, prayer, and studying Bible stories.

9:30am–10am — Drop-Off for Sunday School

Parents drop off children in Pastor Kelly's office (room 117, behind the security-concierge desk) for a "Mission Moment" where children read, learn, and pray for children around the world.



10am–10:45am — Sunday School in 3rd Floor Children's Classroom

All children (12 and under) are escorted by adult volunteers from Pastor Kelly's office to the 3rd floor Children's Classroom (Room 319) where they gather for a Bible lesson and art. The children are led by three FBC volunteers and two child care professionals.



10:45am — Transitional Time

Older children are escorted by adult volunteers to the sanctuary for worship.

Kindergarten & younger: Remain in 3rd floor classroom or the adjacent 3rd floor playroom throughout the worship service.

Parents of children arriving only for the worship hour: take the elevator to the 3rd floor and follow signs (and sounds) to the Children's Classroom.



11am–12noon — Younger Children's Ministry

During Worship Hour

Younger Children begin in 3rd floor classroom for a Bible lesson, reading and art project. Children move to the adjacent playroom for sing-along music and play with one another.

After worship (around 12:15pm)

Parents pick up kids in the Children's Library on the 3rd floor.



Children's Train Trip



Saturday, May 4

Children and families are invited to meet at the church at 2pm on May 4 for a short drive to Wheaton Regional Park in Maryland. The park offers the Wheaton Miniature Train and Ovid Hazen Wells Carousel. If weather permits, the kids will share a picnic and enjoy outdoor activities. The 2019 prices are: \$2.50 for Train and Carousel Tickets. This event is particularly suitable for children younger than 8, although all children are welcome. Families can carpool to the park. Or, if your child wishes to attend and you have other plans that day, please reach out to Pastor Kelly to make a plan that works for your child. Choo! Choo!



Children's Sleepover (ages 4-12)

Saturday-Sunday May 4-May 5

Children ages 4-12 are invited to meet at the church at 7pm on Saturday, May 4, for a final sleepover of the 2018-2019 school year. Kids will eat, watch a movie, play Hide-and-Seek, and maybe get a wink or two. Pastor Kelly and Mr. Taylor will accompany the children for this adventure.

Come, Make A Splash!

Sunday, June 2

All children are invited to gather in the courtyard for cool, fun games sure to refresh your faith! Come to the courtyard @ 12:30pm after a quick bite at the First Sunday Potluck. There will be a Raindrop Relay to discover how Noah felt to be constantly rained on and Seed, Seed, Grow (much like Duck, Duck, Goose) to demonstrate the parable of the growing seed. Bring a dry towel, a bag for wet clothes, and a jolly mood.



Please contact Kelly Magee-Prichard at kmp@firstbaptistdc.org for information about the Children's Ministry or to learn how to serve as a volunteer.

Bible Study for Youth (grades 7-12)

Join us for Sunday school at 9:30am in the youth lounge (room 306). Take the elevators or stairs to the 3rd floor.

3rd Sunday Lunch

Every third Sunday, youth-age students (7th - 12th grade) are invited to join Pastor Alyssa and other youth for lunch after worship! Bring some money for lunch and meet us in the narthex after church. (Lunch dates sometimes get shifted.)

Welcoming Our Incoming Youth!

All students finishing 6th Grade in the spring of 2019 will be recognized on Youth Sunday, May 19th. They will begin attending Youth Sunday School after May 26th.

Preparing for Youth Sunday

This Youth Sunday, May 19th, our youth will lead us in worship and communion. We will hear a sermon from three of our youth, welcome a great group of incoming students, and bless our graduating students. All are welcome to worship with us as we recognize the gifts our students have to offer our faith community.

Passport Youth Camp June 30 - July 5



As we prepare to head to Passport Camp in Greensboro, NC, the FBC Youth Group thanks the Sponseller-Boiler family for helping our families send their teenagers to camp through the Mountain Retreat Fund. As this is our first year going to Passport, I would like to invite our FBC Adults to write a few notes of encouragement to our youth as they step out of their comfort zones to experience this new form of community. This year's camp theme is "Fearless" and my hope is that our students AND adults are Fearless in their faith! Please get your notes to me by June 23rd (a week before we leave for camp). *Pastor Alyssa*

PARABLE PEOPLE

Youth Sunday School
Sundays 9:30am - 10:30am
Room 306



04/28 THE HIDDEN TREASURE
Matthew 13:44-53

05/05 THE TINY SEED
Mark 4:30-32

05/12 THE VINEYARD WORKERS
Matthew 20:1-16

05/19 YOUTH SUNDAY
Meet in the sanctuary at 9:15am to run through the order of worship.

06/02 THE UNMERCIFUL SERVANT
Matthew 18:23-35

PARABLE PEOPLE

Jesus loved to use parables to lead people to think differently about faith, God, others, and how we should live. In this study, students are challenged through a study of several well-known parables. Join us on Sunday mornings!

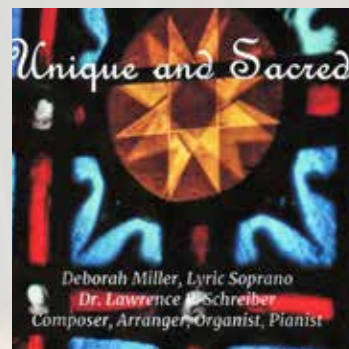


Sing with the FBC Chancel Choir

Every Sunday the Chancel Choir enriches worship at FBC. If you are a singer, the Music Ministry warmly invites you to come and share your gifts. There are no auditions; come as you are! The Chancel Choir rehearses each Sunday morning promptly at 10am in the choir suite (room 312). If you'd like to sit in on a rehearsal, please contact choir member Zena Aldridge (zaldridge@firstbaptistdc.org) who'll be glad to answer any questions and help you find the choir room on your first day.

New Music CD Available: "Unique and Sacred"

Dr. Lon Schreiber has been writing sacred music for over 60 years. Debbi Miller has cherished the dream of recording his soprano solo pieces. Together they realized that dream last August, recording a CD of 8 inspirational songs here in the FBC sanctuary. Copies are available for \$13 on the church website: firstbaptistdc.org. Proceeds benefit the National Center for Children & Families.



Coffee & Conversation: Sundays After Worship

Each Sunday (except first Sundays) refreshments are served by our hospitality team in the church parlor immediately following worship. Come and go or come and linger. It's a great way to meet new friends.

First Sunday Potluck

Every first Sunday at FBC we share communion during worship and a potluck meal afterwards in Fellowship Hall. Our monthly potluck is a casual (and delicious!) way to meet new people and get to know each other better. Newcomers, feel free to come as our guests, or, if you want to bring a favorite dish, please do!

"Ordinary Time" for Young Adults

On Thursday evenings from 6-8pm, young adults meet at a local restaurant to talk about theology and public life. Reach out to Pastor Alyssa if you'd like to join in. aaldape@firstbaptistdc.org



2019 SUMMER of FUN

First Baptist Church
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

Volunteer to Host an Event!

Every summer, FBC devotes intentional time and energy to building community, relaxing together and getting to know one another — newcomers and long-timers alike — in new and fun ways. Two Summer of Fun events are planned for June with more gatherings later in the summer (TBA).

If you'd like to organize and host an event, reach out to Faith Formation Team leader Lucy Plovnick (lplovnick@verizon.net). Some events are free; others require purchase of a ticket (payable on our website (<https://www.firstbaptistdc.org/summer-of-fun>); if navigating a website isn't your thing, just call our office and Zena Aldridge will be happy to assist you).



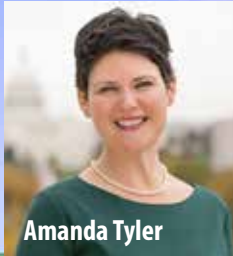
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Saturday, June 1

Congressional Chorus Concert

Hosted by Amanda Tyler



Amanda Tyler

The Congressional Chorus (including FBCDC's own Philip Hawkins) will perform at 7:30pm, at National City Christian Church (5 Thomas Circle, just blocks from First Baptist). The program, titled "Let Justice Roll:



From Montgomery to Selma to Birmingham," features ground-breaking musical works that shed light on the long and painful history of racial inequality in the United States and celebrate the people who have worked to bring justice, freedom and hope to everyone who calls this nation their home.



Philip Hawkins

Deadline to RSVP and pay on our website: Friday, May 17 (<https://www.firstbaptistdc.org/summer-of-fun>). And, if your schedule allows, join us for dinner before the concert at 5:30pm at a nearby restaurant TBD. Questions? Contact Amanda Tyler at amanda_tyler@hotmail.com.

Saturday, June 15

Baseball! Nationals vs. Diamondbacks

Hosted by Lucy Plovnick

Game starts at 4:05pm. \$28.00 per ticket. Deadline to RSVP and pay on our website: Friday, June 7.

<https://www.firstbaptistdc.org/summer-of-fun>

Questions? Contact Lucy Plovnick at lplovnick@verizon.net.





Serve the Hungry with Nineteenth Street Baptist Church—Sat., April 27

Meet at 8am in the fellowship hall of NSBC (4606 16th St NW, at Crittenden Street) to prepare sandwiches and assemble lunch bags. We will depart together at 9am for Franklin Square at 13th & I St, NW to serve lunch and fellowship with those who gather. Contact person: Chelsea Clarke (clarke.chelsea8@gmail.com).

Serve at the Memorial Day BBQ at Christ House—Mon., May 27

10:30am -2:30pm

The FBC Missions Team invites you to come and help grill, set up and serve food, play corn hole and board games with the wonderful residents and staff of Christ House to celebrate the holiday weekend. Contact Alyssa Aldape if you can serve (aaldape@firstbaptistdc.org). **FBC is asked to bring desserts. Even if you can't serve on the 27th, please bring a dessert (labeled for Christ House) to church the day before and leave in the kitchen.



Serve Breakfast at Christ House 2nd Sundays @ 7am

The Missions Team invites you every second Sunday to serve breakfast to the residents of Christ House, a medical facility for individuals experiencing homelessness in Washington, DC. Christ House is located in the Adams Morgan neighborhood at 1717 Columbia Rd., NW. Volunteers report at 7am and are done in time to get to FBC for Bible Study. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/christhouse>. Questions? Contact our Christ House coordinators Oliver Müller and Molly Young (muller.oliver@gmail.com; mollyvyoung@hotmail.com).



Make Sandwiches for Martha's Table 3rd Wednesdays @ 5pm

The Missions Team invites you every third Wednesday evening to help make 480 bologna & cheese sandwiches for hungry people. Meet in Fellowship Hall. We share a meal together afterwards (please RSVP for the meal to D'O Dillard - ddillard@firstbaptistdc.org - by the Monday before at 5pm)

Partner Spotlight: Christ House

By Didier Ahimera

“Christ House is a residential medical facility for unhoused men in DC. First Baptist Church has been volunteering and partnering with this ministry for several years. Since coming to FBC about four years ago, I’ve been part of the FBC group that serves breakfast once a month and helps organize barbecues for the Christ House patients and staff. Christ House’s ministry is a vital one to this city where too many lack access to safe and reliable housing. The scourge of homelessness presents the kind of challenge in which your contributions can seem dwarfed compared to the size of the problem. Regardless of your feelings toward early mornings and your enthusiasm for cooking, it’s a gift to find a place to serve where your abilities can be stretched to the slightly uncomfortable place, or in circumstances that are not the most convenient, because it becomes evident that you’ve found something that truly stirs your heart.”



Didier Ahimera

Why do we talk about money and giving?

Mainly, because Jesus did. In fact, besides the kingdom of God, money is the most frequently mentioned subject in Jesus' own words in the four Gospels. Christian maturity involves, among other things, trusting God for our security instead of trusting only ourselves. We give to demonstrate our trust in the God who has always been faithful to us. We also give for the joy of helping to accomplish the plans God has for us, our church, and the world. FBC's Fiscal Year is July 1 through June 30. Our weekly need for tithes and offerings is **\$7,388**.

First Sunday Benevolence Offering

Following communion each month on the first Sunday (and whenever we celebrate communion), we receive a special offering, beyond our regular giving, for those in our church, community and world who are experiencing needs like food and housing insecurity, medical bills, etc. Your gifts help to meet those needs.

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