

SUMMER 2019

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

Sunday Messages

The story of Jesus doesn't end with Jesus, it continues in the lives of those who believe in him. Join us in worship as Pastor Julie brings a summer series of messages from the Book of Acts.

June 2

God's Instruments (Acts 1:1-11)

June 9

All the Difference in the World (Acts 2:1-21) (Pentecost)

June 16

Commitment Cards and Coroners (Acts 5:1-11)

June 23

Get In the Game (Acts 6:1-7)

June 30

Following Jesus: What We Lose (Acts 9:1-9)

July 7

Following Jesus: What We Find (Acts 9:10-19)

July 14

Paul, Barnabas and that Crazy Radio Station (Acts 14:8-20)

July 21

Facing Conflict in the Spirit of Christ (Acts 15:1, 2, 6-20)

July 28

Learning to Let Go (Acts 20:17-38)



WORSHIP WITH US

AUGUST FORUM

FBC AUGUST FORUM 2019

Sundays begin with a light breakfast in Fellowship Hall at 9am, followed by a presentation/lecture from 9:30–10:30am and worship in the sanctuary at 11am.



Sunday
August 4

9:30am: Presentation by FBC Spain Mission Immersion Group

11am: **Pastor Alyssa** Preaching in Worship



Sunday
August 11

9:30am: Presentation by FBC/Nineteenth Street Baptist Church History Group

11am: **Rev. Dr. Darryl Roberts**, Pastor of Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Preaching in Worship



Sunday
August 18

9:30am: Lecture by **Rev. Dr. David Gushee**, Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics and director of the Center for Theology and Public Life at Mercer University in Atlanta/Macon, GA

11am: **David Gushee** Preaching in Worship



Sunday
August 25

9:30am: Lecture by **Dr. Angela Parker**, Assistant Professor of New Testament and Greek at McAfee School of Theology, Atlanta, GA

11am: **Angela Parker** Preaching in Worship

Sunday Mornings at FBC

Bible & Book Studies in June & July



Bible Study: Acts

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

The story of Jesus didn't end with Jesus, it continues in the lives of those who believe in him. The faith, conflicts and adventures of the early church have something to say to our own in the 21st century. A warm welcome, hot coffee and light breakfast await you!



Bible Study: 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!



Book Study on Forgiveness

9:45am, Church Library (2nd floor, near the elevator)

Weekly conversations about journalist Marina Cantacuzino's book, [*The Forgiveness Project: Stories for a Vengeful Age*](#). With forewords by South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Scottish legal scholar and writer Alexander McCall Smith, this book explores the nature of forgiveness, whether some acts are unforgivable and asks if forgiveness can take the place of revenge. These stories, told by mostly ordinary people, include

those of both survivors and perpetrators of evil in a variety of cultural and religious settings. We also will seek in these stories further insights into the power Christ's own radical example of forgiveness has for our own lives. Hot coffee is always available and visitors are always warmly welcomed.

New Contemplative Group Starts in September

Sign up by August 1

Pastor Julie and Jerusha Chacko invite you to 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 own lives and in the life of our congregation. RSVP by Aug. 1. Contact Pastor Julie at jpr@firstbaptistdc.org.

- Limited to 7 participants (in addition to Julie and Jerusha)
- Meets one Saturday morning per month for 2.5 hours, Sept-May (dates to be determined by the group)
- Gathers in group members’ homes (hosting isn’t a requirement to join) and shares 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
- Monthly themes include practicing personal and group discernment; addressing conflict prayerfully; social action from the contemplative heart; non-dualistic thinking; contemplative church business meetings; labyrinth walking; and more. We conclude the year with a retreat at the beautiful Bon Secours Retreat Center in Marriottsville, MD.



Fall 2019 Education for Ministry Seminar Info Meeting June 30

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 June. The program utilizes academic study, theological reflection, and worship, which allow participants to grow theologically as well as learn what it means to be effective ministers in the world. The \$375 annual fee covers materials and administration. An informational meeting will be held in the Conference Room on June 30 at 12:30pm for anyone interested in participating in the program, or contact Rod Coates at roderick.coates@gmail.com. Learn more about EfM at <http://efm.sewanee.edu/about-efm>.



Save the Date! Potluck & Fall Faith Formation Kick-Off - September 8

Please note: Communion & Potluck move to 2nd Sunday in September
Showcasing classes and programs for the fall and recognizing our gifted teachers.

SUMMER of FUN

2019

First Baptist Church

Film at the French Embassy - Tuesday, July 9

7pm, Hosted by Mike Henson

See *Entre Nous* ("Between Us"; in French with English subtitles) on Tuesday, July 9, at 7pm. The Embassy is at 4101 Reservoir Road NW, across from Georgetown University Hospital. The event is free but

you must register with your name as it appears on your ID (which will be checked at the Embassy entrance). Seating is unreserved, so it's best to arrive by 6:30pm. Register at <https://franceintheus.org/spip.php?article9140> -- then please let Mike Henson know you're coming (703) 980-5960, hensonme@msn.com. If your schedule allows, join us for happy hour at a nearby restaurant TBD.

Topgolf Alexandria - Saturday, July 13

4:30-6:30pm, Hosted by Charlie Reynolds

Never tried Topgolf? Think "golf's version of a really nice bowling alley." Fun for the whole family! Meet at Topgolf (6625 S. Van Dorn St., Alexandria, VA) a little before 4:30pm. Cost: \$25 per person, plus food and drink. Sign up and pay on the FBC website here: <https://www.firstbaptistdc.org/summer-of-fun>.

Kayaking on the Potomac - Sunday, August 11

After worship; Hosted by Alyssa Aldape

Join Pastor Alyssa and others for kayaking on the Potomac after church on Sunday, August 11th. Kayaks are a great option for beginners and seasoned paddlers alike. For ages 8 and up. Alyssa has room to bring 6 people in her car to Key Bridge Boathouse (and/or it's easy to Uber/Lyft ride). Bring a sack lunch or grab food from a restaurant close by. RSVP to Pastor Alyssa: aaldape@firstbaptistdc.org by Friday August 9th. RATES: Single Kayak \$16/hr. Double Kayak \$22/hr (2 adults, 1 small child).

Jazz in the National Gallery Sculpture Garden - Friday, August 16

5pm, Hosted by Kevin Biggins

Travel to New Orleans without leaving D.C.! [Come and hear the Dixie Power Trio](#), with their twist on New Orleans Jazz with hints of Rock and Roll, while sitting grass-side (or table-side) in the beautiful Smithsonian Sculpture Garden. The Pavilion Cafe is open for drinks and food. Please RSVP to Kevin Biggins; kevinbigginsjr@gmail.com. There's no cost and space is not limited, so come alone or with friends!

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.

CONNECT

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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.

Young Adults Meet for Lunch (almost) Every Sunday

Plugging into a new church group can be intimidating. New church, new people, it can be a lot! Pastor Alyssa and the young adults know that feeling; we were all at some point new to the church and hope that you sense the welcoming spirit that kept us coming back. The Young Adults often go out for lunch after Sunday worship to a local spot and we love for guests to join us! No pressure. Jesus loved inviting people to meals and so do we.

"Ordinary Time" for Young Adults -Thursdays 6pm

On Thursday evenings from 6-8pm, young adults meet at a local restaurant to talk about theology and public life. During the summer months we'll be meeting at Capitol City Brewery 1100 New York Ave NW (H Street Entrance). Reach out to [Pastor Alyssa](#) if you'd like to join in.

Serve Others

Serve Breakfast at Christ House - 2nd Sundays @ 7am

The Mission 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 Adams Morgan 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>. If you have 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

Every third Wednesday evening the Mission Team invites you to help make 480 bologna & cheese sandwiches for those in need. 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; cost \$8)

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 Calendar

"The Sweet Name of Jesus" - Sunday, June 16

Summer is here and it is time for an ice cream-filled learning moment in FBC's Children's Ministry. The children in Sunday School will study and create a craft based on Psalms 104:34: "My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord." During the worship hour, children will enjoy a mini-serving line for sundaes with toppings in the Preschool Room. Children will leave knowing that God loves them more than they love ice cream! Note to parents: Please submit any food restrictions for your child/children.



Listening Luncheon for Volunteers - Sunday, June 30

Volunteers with the Children's Ministry will gather after worship to grab a bite, brainstorm, and reconnect as we discuss future plans and events for the children at FBCDC. Current volunteers and church members interested in understanding the mission of the Children's Ministry are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Pastor Kelly at kmp@firstbaptistdc.org.



Vacation @ Fort First Baptist - Sunday, July 14

Who doesn't like to take a vacation?! The Children's Ministry will journey together to Fort First Baptist. Pastor Kelly and volunteers will lead the kids in teamwork and problem solving while building a sheet fort during Sunday School. After the mighty fortress is secure, the children will climb in for worship and learn the importance of slowing down, regaining strength, and cultivating a grateful heart. "I say to the Lord, "You are my refuge, my stronghold! You are my God – the one I trust!" Psalm 91:2 (CEB)



Parents' Day 2019 - Sunday, July 28

The Children's Ministry will teach about Jesus and the relationship he shared with Mary and Joseph. The kids will explore the importance of obedience, love, and honor. Children will craft a fun keepsake demonstrating their understanding of the circle of love surrounding them.



God's Work of Art - Sunday, August 11

August is American Artist Appreciation Month. What a wonderful time to celebrate the beauty and talent God has entrusted to the artists of the world. The children will be led in creating Art Postcards for mailing while studying American artwork and learning that Ephesians 2:10 says we are God's masterpiece and wonderfully made for good things.



Contemplative Kids - Sunday, August 25

The Children's Ministry will encourage children to reflect on the transitional period between summer's end and the beginning of a new school year.

Pastor Kelly will lead the children in a breathing technique aimed at creating mindfulness, calming anxieties, and experiencing the present moment. Children also will learn to pick a word or phrase to silently think on when they sense unsettling feelings coming. A Banner of Love with words of encouragement and pictures will be created by and for the children and displayed in the 3rd Floor hallway.

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.

Summer 2019 Calendar

JUNE

June 16 - Father's Day/Blessing of Passport Campers in Worship (NO 3RD SUNDAY LUNCH)

June 30- Youth Group heads to Passport Choices in Greensboro, NC!

JULY

June 30-July 7 - Youth at Passport Choices in Greensboro, NC

July 21 - NO 3RD SUNDAY LUNCH

July 28 - Last day of Lectio Divina in Bible Study

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Lectio Divina: The Psalms

Read	06/16 Psalm 121	06/23 Psalm 3
Meditate	06/30 Psalm 138	07/07 Psalm 104
Pray	07/14 Psalm 90	07/21 Psalm 137
Contemplate	07/28 Psalm 23	08/04 August Forum Begins
<i>create</i>		



FEARLESS

STAY AWAKE. STAND FIRM. BE BRAVE. LOVE ALWAYS.

1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14

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 (10:30am July and August) in the choir suite, room 312. If you'd like to sit in on a rehearsal, please contact choir member [Zena Aldridge](#) who'll be glad to answer any questions and help you find the choir room on your first day.



MUSIC



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.

GIVE

Ministry of Flowers

Just as we send flowers upon a death of someone, the congregation may choose to honor or remember someone (or a group) with flowers, then provide them to someone after worship. Those who have been on the receiving end of the flowers have expressed how they appreciate being lovingly remembered; it can be a caring and generous way to make contact with those either hurting or celebrating.



With one donation, these flowers can minister in three ways: flowers that beautify the sanctuary, a gift to honor or memorialize someone, then giving the actual flowers to someone. Would you like to participate? Two arrangements cost \$70 each Sunday; you can choose which Sunday to give flowers as well as what they are given for. The “Flower Book” sits outside the church office on the 2nd floor and can be filled out in advance. You may also call Shirley McBeath (301-929-9261 or 301-760-9198) or Zena Aldridge in the church office for assistance. Thank you for giving!

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