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AUGUST FORUM: COMMUNITY & SPIRITUAL REFRESHMENT
Begins August 7th
SUMMER GUEST PREACHERS

**July 24th**

**STAN HASTEY**

A member of FBCDC since 1983, Stan has worked as a journalist covering the White House and the Supreme Court and, for 20 years, as director of the Alliance of Baptists. Stan has served our congregation as a deacon and in other leadership capacities. From June 2013 through December 2015 he was the church’s interim preaching minister. He is married to Bettie and they have two adult children, Lisa and Steve.

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**July 31st**

**SAMUEL HILL**

Sam serves as Lead Teacher of our Saturday night worship service, Mosaic. He’s also an attorney for the Department of the Navy where he specializes in civil rights law and conflict resolution. While an undergrad student at William Jewell College in Missouri, Sam served for two summers as an intern at FBCDC and studied theology for two terms at the University of Oxford. He was licensed into ministry in 2007 and has served as interim pastor in three churches.

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**August 7th**

**J. BRENT WALKER**

Brent is the Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty in Washington, DC. For almost three decades he has dedicated his professional life to upholding the historic Baptist principle of religious liberty. Both a member of the Supreme Court Bar and an ordained minister, he is a sought-after speaker and national media commentator on church-state issues.

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“This is the mystery of the Christian life, to receive a new self, which depends not on what we can achieve but on what we are willing to receive.”

~ Esther de Waal
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These are just some of the opportunities in the coming months for leaning into God and one another. And stay tuned for upcoming opportunities to befriend and serve our neighbors.

Building Community

**AUG 28** ROCKIES VS NATIONALS
Sunday, August 28TH @ 1:35pm

**SEP 24** CHURCH PICNIC
Saturday, September 24TH

Developing Leaders

**AUG 11** WILLOW CREEK GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
August 11-12
(pray for the 14 from FBC who are attending)

**OCT 15** FBC LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP (first in a series)
Saturday, October 15, 10:00am - 3:00pm @ FBC
Led by consultants Geoff Abbott and Mark Nishan

Nurturing the Spirit

**FEB 25** FBC WINTER FORUM
February 25-26, 2017
Spiritual Preparation for Lent with Glenn Hinson

August Forum Begins 8/7

On Sundays during the month of August we gather as a community during the Church School hour (9:30am - 10:30am) in Fellowship Hall for a light breakfast and special opportunities to know each other better and to be spiritually refreshed.

Dr. James Langley, FBC member and former Executive Director of the DC Baptist Convention, begins this year’s Forum on August 7th with a reading of his narrative poem “Holocaust Image,” which was recently published in Christian Ethics Today. (Please note—for this Forum gathering only, we will gather in the Sanctuary. Poetry reading begins at 9:40am. Coffee, cookies, donuts, etc., beginning at 9:15am in the Parlor.) The full August Forum line-up will appear in the July 28th newsletter.

Sandwich Making for Martha’s Table on Wednesday, July 20th at 5pm followed by a Cookout at 6pm

We next make more than 400 sandwiches for Martha’s Table on Wednesday, July 20, at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This month we will follow this activity with a cookout in the Courtyard. We need a volunteer (or two) to grill the hot dogs and burgers, which FBC will provide. If you plan to attend, please e-mail D’O Dillard at ddillard@firstbaptisdc.org by noon Tuesday, July 19, and please bring a dessert or fruit to share. If it rains, we can eat in the Meadows Room or Fellowship Hall.
PLAY BALL!

First Baptist has 60 seats reserved for the baseball game between the Nationals and the Colorado Rockies at 1:35 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 28. The seats are in Section 306, easily accessible by escalator. Tickets are $19 each and must be reserved and paid for by Sunday, Aug. 7. Reserve seats with an email to Administrator D’O Dillard at ddillard@firstbaptistdc.org. Make checks payable to First Baptist. Go Nats!

Thank you, Brittany

Our summer seminary intern, Brittany Graves, wraps up her mentoring period with us on Wednesday, July 20. Next week she will return to Waco where she will begin a new job as Graduate Apprentice Resident Hall Director for 480 undergrad students in Penland Hall at Baylor University. This will be her last year at George W. Truett Theological Seminary. She will receive a Master of Divinity in Missions next May and wants to pursue the pastorate. Brittany would love to keep in touch with us at FBC. Friend her on Facebook and/or stay connected through her blog: http://www.ambitiouslybrittany.com. Be sure to bless and encourage Brittany this Sunday, before she bids farewell to DC.

July 24-29 Ball Camp Youth Group at FBC (Lee Fox)

Seven students of the College and Career Ministry of Ball Camp Baptist Church will be in Washington, DC July 24 - July 28 to serve within the community and learn more about poverty, homelessness, diversity and our Christian response. We will serve at Christ House, spend one day at the District of Columbia Baptist Convention with Dr. Robert Cochran and work with Project Restoration, and meet with the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty to learn about our Baptist heritage and what religious liberty means for us today. Of course we will spend a lot of time taking in the sights of Washington, DC!

Thank you, First Baptist Church family, for giving our students this opportunity by welcoming us into your beautiful church for a few days.

Grace and Peace,
Lee Fox
FACES OF FBC: SUNDAY JULY 10, 2016
**FBC PRAYER & CARE**

**Sympathy To**

**Erik & Rose Smith** in the death of Erik’s maternal grandfather, Gilbert Nichols, on July 9th in Cabot, AR. Remember also Erik’s mother and father, Becky and Jim Smith.

**Margaret Farthing** and family in the death of Winston “Harry” Farthing on July 2nd.

**Answered Prayer**

**Gordon Richmond** is finally home from the hospital (and in a new condo). He and Kathie are welcoming visitors through the end of July. Their new address: 2451 Midtown Ave., #301, Alexandria, VA 22303. To coordinate a time to visit before August 1st, call Kathie at 703.597.4558 (cell) or email Kathie or Gordon at: kathierichmond@gmail.com or gordonwr@yahoo.com

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