FIRST GLANCE
4 WEEKS
GET TO KNOW FBC

Sundays October 15 - November 12
9:30am - 10:30am Room 315

ANNUAL PICNIC
Rock Creek Park
Sat. 10/21 11:30am

CHRISTOPHER SCHMITT-PIANO
In Recital
Sun. 10/15 4pm

FBC WALKING TO END HIV
Join Us or Donate
Sat. 10/28 9:20am

FAITH & ACTION GOSPEL POLITICS
Wed. 10/18 7pm

GENEROSITY: LIFESTYLE OF GRATITUDE
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Begins Sunday, October 22
First Glance

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

OCTOBER 22 - NOVEMBER 12
a four-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 215-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 four Sundays? No worries; join us as often as you can.

Please RSVP online at: https://goo.gl/kBY7Fm (this will help us in our planning and coffee-making!)

October & November 2017

generosity:
Lifestyle of Gratitude

Did you know there are approximately 500 verses in the Bible about prayer, fewer than 500 verses about faith, and more than 2,350 verses about money? What’s more, besides the Kingdom of God, Jesus said more words about money than about any other single subject. During October and November, we’ll talk at First Baptist about what it means to be generous with our money, our stuff and our lives.
11:30am – 3pm in Rock Creek Park, site #24. Meats, tableware and beverages provided; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Games, fellowship and fun to be had!

RSVP at https://goo.gl/fKdPkf

Directions: From 16th Street NW, turn into Rock Creek Park on Morrow Drive NW. Bear to the left for about 100 yards, toward the William H. G. FitzGerald Tennis Center (stadium with blue seats). Picnic site #24 is the first site on the right, across from the Tennis Center. Please park in the adjacent lot. Metrobus Lines S2 and S4 stop at 16th Street NW and Morrow Drive NW.

(Google Map: https://goo.gl/gqZ7dK)
Christopher Schmitt

Solo Piano Recital
October 15, 2017 4:00pm
Free to the Public

Christopher is the pianist in the “President’s Own” US Marine Chamber Orchestra. His program features works by Beethoven, Rachmaninoff and Ravel.

A reception follows the performance; complimentary valet parking available.

FIRST BAPTIST WALKING TO END HIV—OCTOBER 28
Check-in begins at 7am; Walk begins at 9:20am.

On October 28, FBC will once again participate in the annual Walk to End HIV, sponsored by Whitman Walker Health. The proceeds help to provide dependable, high-quality, accessible healthcare to those infected or affected by HIV/AIDS in the D.C. area. This is a great opportunity to show our love and concern for those living with this disease while sharing a fun morning with FBC friends as we walk.

To register, go to https://walktoendhiv.org/ and join our team (First Baptist Church of the City of Washington, DC). If you can’t join us, you can still donate to our team or one of our walkers on the same website. Questions? Contact Mike Henson (703 980-5960).

DCBC ANNUAL GATHERING OCTOBER 26-27
The 141st Annual Gathering of the DC Baptist Convention takes place at The People’s Community Baptist Church, 31 Norwood Road in Silver Spring. The gathering starts on Thursday, October 26 with workshops; the business session begins at 3pm. Friday’s activities include a lunch honoring Gail Lacy and Margarita Pinto, who are both retiring after many years of service to the Convention. Saturday’s focus is on mission projects scheduled throughout the city. Our messengers to the Gathering are James Langley and Paul Clark. For a complete schedule go to: https://goo.gl/tscCDv
THIRD WEDNESDAY NIGHTS THIS FALL

FAITH & ACTION

7PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
SANDWICH MAKING @ 5PM + SUPPER @ 6PM

OCTOBER 18
BONHOEFFER AND THE POLITICS OF THE GOSPEL
Kristopher Norris
Visiting Professor, Center for Public Theology at Wesley Theological Seminary

The German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer is invoked in conversations across the political spectrum—from issues of abortion and euthanasia to pacifism and racial justice. He served as a pastor and seminary teacher during the Third Reich and was executed in a concentration camp for his role in a plot to assassinate Hitler. But mostly, Bonhoeffer was committed to the mission of the church. This session will draw on his work and life to explore the relationship between church and politics in our contemporary time.

NOVEMBER 15
THE SILENT GRIEFS WE CARRY IN CHURCH
Rev. Elizabeth Hagan
Author and Pastor

When we think grief, we ask: "Who died?" Yet in the church those we worship alongside hurt for countless reasons in addition to loss of loved ones. Infertility. Divorce. Suicide. Mental Illness. Estrangement from family members. And the list could keep going. Come join the conversation on November 15th with Elizabeth Hagan, author and pastor of a spiritual memoir of her own silent grief journey, to hear stories and share stories about unnamed griefs in the church. Together we’ll work on expanding our empathy muscles especially as the holiday season approaches.

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WOMEN TAKING THE HELM AT TWO BAPTIST SCHOOLS

Female presidential leadership a first for Baylor, BTSR

Dr. Linda McKinnish Bridges will be inaugurated as the third president of the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond next Tuesday, October 17th, at 2pm in the sanctuary of Richmond’s First Baptist Church. McKinnish Bridges was the founding professor of Biblical Interpretation, Ancient Greek and New Testament Interpretation at BTSR from 1991 to 2001. She served in several positions at Wake Forest University and the Divinity School from 2001-2014 and, most recently, as managing director of The International University Alliance, Shorelight Education, a company seeking to help international students and US universities reach their international education goals in a highly competitive global environment.

Former FBCDC member Dr. Linda A. Livingstone will be inaugurated as the 15th President of Baylor University in Waco, TX, on Thursday, October 26, the first female president in the school’s 172-year history. Livingstone was dean and professor of management at The GWU School of Business here in Washington; dean of Pepperdine University’s Graziadio School of Business and Management; and associate dean and associate professor in Baylor’s Hankamer School of Business. In 1998 she was co-chair of the pastor search committee at Calvary Baptist Church in Waco. Calvary called Julie Pennington-Russell to be their pastor in 1998. Linda, Brad and daughter Shelby are long-time friends of the P-R family.

Pastor Julie will represent FBCDC at both inaugurations.

UPCOMING FAITH AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN D.C.

A Jewish-Christian-Muslim Trialogue: Faith and the Challenges of Secularism

Tuesday, Oct 24 @ 1pm Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill. Featuring Robert P. George, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks and Shaykh Hamza Yusuf. This is the inaugural event in the Baylor University Robert P. George Initiative on Faith, Ethics, and Public Policy. Free to the public. More info at: https://goo.gl/ZuZjrx

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Walter Brueggemann to Speak at The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church

Saturday, October 28: 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

10am to Noon—Presentation and Discussion in the Sanctuary: What’s in Your Wallet? A Look at What the Bible Says About Money. Plan to arrive early. Coffee and breakfast snacks available at 9:30 a.m. Child care will be provided. No reservation needed.

6pm to 8:30pm—Reception and Dinner with Dr. Brueggemann in Peter Marshall Hall. RSVP required for dinner: www.BrueggemannOct28.eventbrite.com More info at: https://goo.gl/XqCdTv
GRATITUDE

(FROM CHRISTI HARLAN)

On behalf of my nephew Tony and the entire O’Shea family, thank you for your prayers and letters of support during his deployment on combat duty. We are trusting that God heard our prayers for Tony’s safety because he has been accepted in the Air Force’s version of Top Gun school and will be returning from overseas in mid-November for training in the United States.

Tony suggests that the last mail to his overseas address be posted by Nov. 1 in order to reach him. Throw in a congratulatory message: he and his fiancée, Patricia, have selected Oct. 20, 2018, for their wedding date.

Anthony T. O’Shea
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FBC PRAYER & CARE

Sympathy

- To the family of Liz Porter who passed away on Wednesday, October 11, at Spring Arbor in Severna Park, MD, at the age of 106. Please pray for Liz’s children, Betsy Groves (Bill) and Doug Porter (Cathy) and their children; and for Liz’s niece, Bonnie Jorgensen.

- To Laval and Frankie Sanks and family in the death of their grandson, Ki Johnson, 20, on October 10.

- To Oliver Müller and Molly Young in the passing of Oliver’s grandmother, Anneliese Paersch, in Munich, Germany. She was 94.

- To Jennifer Bond and family in the death of her niece, Heather, at the age of 35. Pray for Heather’s daughter, Layla Emma, age 5.

- To Jean Weber in the death of family friend Gil Clark on Friday, October 6.

Recently Added

- Alex McKeithen
- Suzanne Aldridge
- Charles Pugh

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