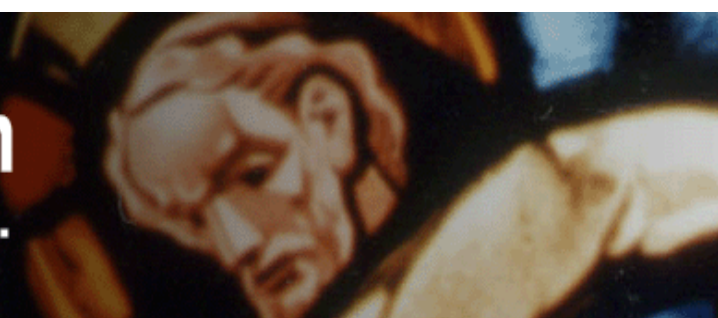


First Baptist Church of the City of Washington D.C.

"Every member engaged in ministry..."



March 9, 2010

Coming Up:

Wednesday's Schedule:

6:00 Wednesday Dinner

6:30 Handbell Choir

7:15 Lenten Worship

The potluck luncheon scheduled for Sunday, April 4, has been cancelled. The next potluck will be held on Sunday, May 2, 2010

Recent Additions:

To our membership:

Janet Brown

Lee Ellen Carter

Keith M. Porter

To our prayer list:

Christi Harlan's niece

Toni Fajemisin and family in the death of her aunt

Vital Signs:

Sunday, March 7, 2010

Attendance	148
Church School Attendance	30
Weekly Needs:	16,779
Offering	18,853
	+2,074
YTD Shortfall:	-78,245

The Nations at Our Doorstep

Last Sunday's sermon, "An Invitation to the Nations," highlighted the opportunity facing First Baptist Church to engage in faith-sharing with the global community right here in Washington, DC. It is worth remembering, as we celebrate our 208th Anniversary, that at the time of this church's organization, the District of Columbia was not as heavily populated with internationals from all corners of the globe as it is today. Apart from the fact that we are physically situated in the Embassy Row corridor of the city—as I write this column in the church office, I'm peering out of my window at the Australian Embassy on one end, and the John Hopkins School of International Studies next door

to it—there are clues there somewhere about who our ministry community consists of.

As Christians we share our faith in Christ, and invite others to participate with us in creating the beloved community here in this neighborhood. In my sermon I discouraged the use of the word "proselytism," citing the historical social and political baggage associated with that term. In antiquity the term "proselyte" referred primarily to Gentile converts to Judaism, who were required to disavow their prior citizenship, cultural traditions, heritage, and possibly even family relations. Some early Hebrew Christians even engaged in a form of proselytism whereby they required new Gentile converts to Christianity to adhere to

Jewish practices and rituals including Sabbath keeping and circumcision. Those requirements did not originate with the teachings of Jesus.

Jesus' directive to his disciples was clearly stated in the Great Commission, "Go into the whole world and preach the good news, baptizing and discipling," neither of which require new believers to disavow and repudiate their native citizenship, cultural heritage, or family relations. From the start, Christianity was a global religion. On the day of Pentecost, representatives from the international community gathered outside the Upper Room to hear the Good News of God's wonderful works declared to them in their native language. How so? Well, God had

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February Food Drive extended until this Sunday, March 14, for the Johanning Baptist Community Center

Daylight Saving Time

Begins on
March 14



Meet Your Deacon “on call” for this week

This week’s deacon on call is John Linam. If you have prayer requests this week, you can reach John at 703-738-4832.

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gifted the church with the communications apparatus—known as cloven tongues—to communicate what was happening.

Let’s keep up the international focus! I’m aware that across the years some have stated that perhaps First Baptist is called to be a “national church!” But I say to you, perhaps God is calling and sending First Baptist to be “an international church.”

—Jeffrey Haggray

Fundraisers for SOME and Food and Friends

The first is the Empty Bowls event benefiting SOME. Attendees are served a simple soup supper and may take home a handcrafted bowl as a reminder of those who often go hungry. The dates are:

Today, Tuesday, March 9 - 6-8 p.m.

Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 3630 Quesada Street NW (near Chevy Chase Circle)

Thursday, March 11 - 6-8 p.m.

St. Charles Catholic Church, 3304 N. Washington Blvd., Arlington

More information and ticket purchase (\$20 per person) can be found at www.some.org/events_emptybowls.html

Also on Thursday, March 11, is Dining Out for Life, which will benefit Food & Friends. Food & Friends is an agency we support in the missions budget and a location where we hope to schedule some hands-on mission opportunities this year. They prepare and deliver meals to terminally ill patients, many or most of whom would not be able to afford and/or prepare the nutritious meals they need.

An impressive list of restaurants in DC and the Metropolitan area are donating from 25% to 110% of their receipts for the day to Food & Friends. In the neighborhood near the church, Annie’s will be donating 100%, and Café Luna 35%.

Below is the website with the list of restaurants.

<http://www.foodandfriends.org/site/c.knKNKPOsHqE/b.5689831/k.BDA0/Home.htm>

The Washington Center’s International Cultural Festival

Friday evening, March 12, FBC’s Fellowship Hall will be the site for The Washington Center’s International Cultural Festival. The Washington Center (our neighbor across 16th Street) is a non-profit organization that provides diverse and highly motivated interns to government, business and the non-profit sector in Washington, DC.

These students receive an integrated academic work experience, and get academic credit for the semester they spend here. The festival helps students teach and learn about their various countries, and includes food, music, cultural information and a talent contest. (I have first-hand knowledge of the work TWC does. At a previous company, I had an intern from TWC; he has worked as a college admissions counselor). I believe it will be a fun evening for the students!

—D’O Dillard

Season of Prayer Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Read — Reflect — Respond — Rest — Remain

March 7, 2010

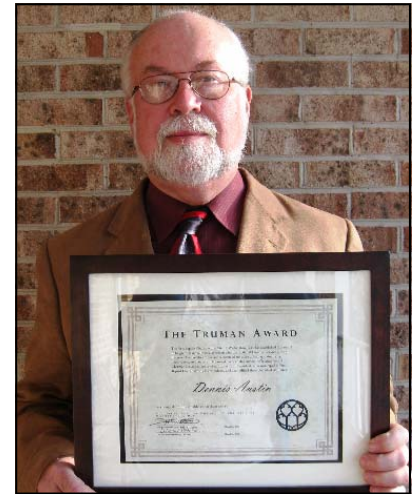
Dear FBC family,

2010 has been something of an emotional roller coaster for me, particularly the last four weeks, and I just want to take this opportunity to thank the members of FBC for support at the low points and shared joy at the high ones.

Back in January my mother's health began a steep decline and on February 14th she passed into the Kingdom. In the week between her passing and funeral on the 20th the outpouring of sympathy and support from the entire Church family has been a great source of comfort to me.

Then, barely a week later on February 28th, I was afforded the opportunity to participate in the Installation of Dr. Haggray. I am sure you can imagine the mixture of joy and relief I felt that evening.

And then, Sunday, March 7, as we celebrated our 208th anniversary as a community of Faith, you wonderful people gave me the Truman Award. As you know, I am not often at a loss for words but I have to say that today I was very glad Jeff did not ask me to speak – I have no idea what I would have said.



Even now, at home in the evening, I am not sure what to say except thank you for all the opportunities to serve that you have given to me.

Blessings to all,

Denny Austin

Life Line Screening...Protect Your Health. Protect Your Life.

Life Line Screening will be at First Baptist Church on Thursday, March 18, 2010, in the Fellowship Hall to provide non-invasive, completely painless screenings using ultrasound technology. Pre-registration is required. If you are interested, please call 1-800-679-5192 or you can visit Life Line Screening on the web at www.lifelinescreening.com to get more information and to schedule an appointment.

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Easter Lilies



Contributions for EASTER LILIES should be submitted by Wednesday, March 24, 2010. Each memorial or dedication lily will be \$9.00 and will have 5 to 7 blooms.

[Please circle one] **IN MEMORY** or **IN HONOR** for: _____

Given by: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Email address or phone number _____

Will you pick up the plant following the service on April 4? Yes or No

Please make check payable to FBC (Memo: Easter Lily) and drop this form and check in the offering plate or send to the Church Office by Wednesday, March 24. Your order will not be confirmed until your payment has been received. For additional information, contact the Church Office at office@firstbaptistdc.org or 202-387-2206, ext. 251.

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Bits and Pieces

Information Concerning Elizabeth Geren

My sisters and I have moved my mother, Elizabeth Geren, to the Fairfax Nursing Center from North Carolina. Mother welcomes visitors. Her speech is compromised by Parkinson's disease.

Her room number is 306 and the mailing address is Fairfax Nursing Center, 10701 Main Street, Fairfax, Virginia 22030.

Thank you
Julie Geren



BENEFIT PERFORMANCE

There will be a special engagement of the Broadway musical **HAIRSPRAY** to benefit the youth in the Greentree Adolescent Program (GAP) of the National Center for Children and Families (NCCF) on Monday, April 19, at Toby's Dinner Theatre of Columbia. Tickets, including dinner, show, and gratuity are \$45 per person (\$8.00 tax deductible).

The NCCF (formerly Baptist Home for Children) is a private, non-profit agency serving the national capital area. The residential programs serve homeless families, victims of domestic violence and vulnerable adolescents. Other programs include treatment foster care, social services for family reunification, parenting education, independent living and stabilizing families in the community. Please plan to join us at Toby's to support this worthy cause and to enjoy a wonderful evening of entertainment and good food. If you cannot attend, but would like to make a contribution so that the youth from GAP may attend as our guests, we would be very grateful. Checks should be made payable to the Board of Church Representatives, NCCF. It would be greatly appreciated if reservations or checks could be received by March 22.

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, March 15

12:00 - 1:00 Sanctuary Open

TUESDAY, March 16

10:30 Woman's Society Lottie Moon Circle/Meadows Room

12:00 - 1:00 Sanctuary Open

WEDNESDAY, March 17

11:00 Staff Meeting/Conference Room

12:00 - 1:00 Sanctuary Open

6:00 - 7:00 Wednesday Night Dinner

6:00 CDC Committee/Small Dining Room

6:30 Handbell Choir Rehearsal/Room 320

7:15 Lenten Worship/Sanctuary

THURSDAY, March 18

9:00 Life Line Screening/FH

12:00 - 1:00 Sanctuary Open

FRIDAY, March 19

11:00 Sing-A-Long and Story Time/Dawson Room

12:00 - 1:00 Sanctuary Open

7:00 Church Volleyball/Gym

SATURDAY, March 20

9:00 - 2:00 Building Open

9:00 - 3:00 FBC Church Council Retreat/DCBC Building at 1628 16th Street, NW

12:00 FBC Basketball/Gym

SUNDAY, March 21

9:00 Silent Prayer/Chapel

9:30 Church School for all ages

11:00 Worship

12:00 Choir Rehearsal/Room 312

1:00 Apostolic Church Ministry, Ethiopian church, Rm. 103

2:00 The Church of the Good News of Salvation, (Spanish Language) Room 315

Parting Shots



Acolytes:
Gage Adams
and
Maddie
McBeath



L to R: Stephen Staudigl, Dr. Haggray, Linda DeVries
and Rev. Cochran

CHURCH STAFF:

Jeffrey Haggray, Pastor
Deborah Cochran, Associate Pastor
Lon Schreiber, Organist/Choirmaster
D'Oniece Shaw Dillard, Church Administrator
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