



First Baptist Church of Silver Spring



Sharing God's love in the heart of the city

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In the last two *Tie Lines* I wrote about the changing demographics of Silver Spring-our soon-to-be new mission field. But, this week I am driven by current events to write about another big mission topic: health care for those who need it!



3- Terry Kiruja; 5- Amed Mabey; 7- Donny Kreitlow; 8- Clemon Joseph;

Last week the House of Representatives voted to repeal the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* (politically known as "*Obamacare*") and replace it with the *American Health Care Act*. By this hurried, time-squeezed plan, the House simply "kicked the can" to the Senate where it will be drastically reworked. Hopefully, the Senate will be able to forge a bipartisan agreement that deals honestly with our deep problem of health care—a tragedy among the developed nations of the world! The plan will be re-written by the Senate. But, the mindset behind the House bill contradicts anyone who thinks we are a Christian nation and operate on Judaic-Christian principles and standards! In March, a Representative who calls himself a "non-denominational Christian" said he would vote against the American Health Care Act because "it has more bad policy than any bill I have ever faced." But, he voted for last week's version and told Jake Tapper of CNN, *"My understanding is that [the new proposal] will allow insurance companies to require people who have higher health care costs to contribute more to the insurance pool. That helps offset all these costs, thereby reducing the cost to those people who lead good lives, they're healthy, they've done the things to keep their bodies healthy. And right now, those are the people - who've done things the right way - that are seeing their costs skyrocketing."*

This argument, used by Job's friends and refuted by God and repeated by Jesus' disciples (John 9:1-2) and refuted by Jesus, does not hold up to the standards Jesus set for God's people living in the world. Jesus taught that in the final judgment some will be sentenced to divine punishment because they had neglected the poor and sick and did not welcome the immigrants (Matthew 25:41-46). The early Christians redistributed their wealth so "there would be no poor among them" (Acts 4:32-37). The Apostle Paul said that when he was commissioned, "all they asked me to do was to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do" (Galatians 2:10). And, the Apostle James wrote that if we don't help the poor, God's love is not in us (James 2:1-13; 5:1-6).

The Church cannot meet the demands of the enormous social need; but we are to help by paying taxes so the government can tend to the welfare of all (Romans 11:1-8). Congress has already solved "their" health insurance problem with a tax-paid policy for life (socialism??) and now they are trying to fix "our" problem with our money that is left over after paying our taxes and living expenses. It would be nice to have representatives who truly represent the people! Maybe, we would then have "liberty and justice for all!" Wouldn't that be wonderful? Let's pray and work to that end, even as we continue to do all we can to meet the needs of those in our neighborhood. Let us not be weary in doing good to all for as long as we can.

Pastor Mac

12- Sadie Armstrong; 13- Jeanne George; 15- Tom Peddicord; 18- Jeff Jackson, Betty Stange; 26- Sara Guise; 27- Lori Rhan; 30- Maya Guise

Worship with Us

[First Baptist Church](#)

www.fbcss.org

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Children



7500

Maple Avenue

Takoma Park MD

12:45 p.m.

Eglise Baptiste de la Foi

(Haitian worship service)

12:45 p.m.

Iglesia Bautista Emanuel

(Hispanic worship service)

Notable Quotes

"If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands?"

- Milton Berle

"Do not be afraid of tomorrow, for God is already there."

- Unknown

SUNDAY (May 21)

We Worship with Montgomery Hills Baptist

9727 Georgia Avenue (@ Forest Glen Road)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages **11:00 a.m.** Worship Service

After worship, there is time for fellowship in Bethany Hall, with treats provided by hosting members. ***This time, we are asking First Baptist members to be the hosts by bringing cookies, cakes, or other snacks to show our appreciation to our Montgomery Hills brothers and sisters in Christ.*** While you are sipping and munching, introduce yourself to someone you don't know!

You may leave your *delectable donations* in the fellowship hall on your way into the sanctuary.



The Pastor Search Committee is tasked with the process of finding a new spiritual leader to serve as the Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church. Committee members are: Linda Kreitlow, *Chair*; Esther Castillo; Claire Giammaria; Todd Guise; Abraham Joseph; Agnes Mutooni; and Fran Walterman.

*To assist with their work, we need to hear from **YOU!***

If you have not done so already, please complete a survey. The purpose of the survey is to allow us to learn more about you as well as the qualities of a pastor that are important to you. There are several options for giving us your responses:

1. Complete the survey you receive in the mail and send it back to us:

FBCSS Survey
9727 Georgia Ave
Silver Spring MD 20910-1458

2. Take the survey online by clicking [here](#).

3. Members of the Pastor Search Committee will have survey forms for you to complete on Sunday.

The Pastor Search Committee would like for each member of your household to complete a survey and **return it to us no later than May 21, 2017.**

We appreciate your words of encouragement and your prayer support.

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Our MISSION

Sharing God's Love in the Heart of the City

Our CORE VALUES

- **Agape Love** - choosing to be aware of the feelings of others; accepting one another's differences; giving people a sense of worth
- **Wisdom** - gaining insight on the right thing to do
- **Spiritual Growth** - worshiping and learning about God in order to achieve our full potential in Christ
- **Inclusiveness** - appreciating the diversity of God's kingdom
- **Stewardship** - responsibly using all of the resources God has given us, including the Gospel, all of creation, our time, abilities, money, and other assets
- **Service** - ministering to and serving the community and world with the intention of helping people discover and experience transformation



**Conference on Elder Fraud and Abuse
Saturday, MAY 27**

10:00 a.m. - 12 noon

at Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church

3000 Pennsylvania Ave. SE Washington DC 20020

This workshop, sponsored by the DC Baptist Convention's Older Adult Ministries, will inform you about elder fraud, identity theft, phone scams, elder abuse, keeping safe, and ways to avoid becoming a victim. It will be presented by the Office of Consumer Protection, free of charge with invaluable information. All ages are invited. Let Gail Lacy know you will be attending: 202-265-1526



If you are graduating from high school or any other institution of higher learning (or know someone in the church family who is graduating), please give Sara Reed the name of the graduate,

the school from which they are graduating, the type of degree/diploma, and their plans for the future; or call Jerry Orrell (office 301-754-1100) **NOW** so we can honor our graduates on **Sunday, May 28.**

FBC Ladies Brunch

Saturday, JUNE 10 10:30 a.m.

at Montgomery Hills Baptist Church



Come to the fellowship hall and have your taste buds awakened while your ears and hearts are touched. You will spend time breaking bread with familiar faces and hearing from an inspiring speaker and

an anointed singer. You won't want to miss it! Let Sara know (301-307-0021) that you plan to attend.

Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 17 - Friday, July 21



Montgomery Hills Baptist Church invites First Baptist to partner with them for Vacation Bible School. This will be another great program with activities for children from age 3 through sixth grade. This year's theme is "Maker Fun Factory: Created by

God, Built for a Purpose." **THIS SUNDAY (May 21) at Montgomery Hills, sign up sheets will be available to register your children and to volunteer.**

Weekday Bible Studies

Consider participating in one of our weekday spiritual growth groups and learn more about Jesus, other believers in your FBC family...and your own Christian journey.

MONDAYS 7:00 pm @ 10755 McGregor Dr., Columbia, MD

contact Sara 301-307-0021

6:30 p.m. Bi-weekly College/Career Bible Study

@ Montgomery Hills Baptist Church

contact George 301-440-2352

WEDNESDAYS

1:30 pm @ Montgomery Hills Baptist Church



contact Sharon 301-221-2607 or FBC church office
301-754-1100

7:20 pm Online Bible Study (*Google Hangouts*)

contact Karin kev.9900@verizon.net

FRIDAYS 1st and 3rd Fridays

7:00 pm @ 11303 Amherst Ave., #4, Wheaton, MD

contact Abraham 202-415-0138 Next date: **May 19**

Electronic Donations to First Baptist Church

In addition to the traditional ways of contributing on Sundays during the offering or mailing your tax-deductible contributions to the church administrative offices, there are two online alternatives:

- Contributing electronically through your bank's ONLINE BILL PAY feature;
****When you are contributing to the Capital Campaign: it would be helpful to our counters if you set up a separate Pay To account for the First Baptist Building Fund. Use the same mailing address you are currently using. This will help eliminate errors.**
or
- Contributing electronically through the church's website, FBCSS.org by clicking the **Online Giving** button. You may choose either to contribute a specific amount on a regular basis or make a one-time contribution.

For information on Cyber Giving and Online Bill Pay, click [here](#).

BUILDING FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

RECEIVED MAY 7, 2017: \$1,422.00

TOTAL FUNDS

RECEIVED: \$340,963.92



MAY - JUNE 2017 Activities

Wednesday, May 17

1:30 p.m.

Bible Study @ MHBC

7:30 p.m.

Online Bible Study (*Google Hangouts*)

Thursday, May 18

@ MHBC

6:00 p.m.

Handbells

7:00 p.m.

*Choir rehearsal (*Sopranos & Altos only*)

Friday, May 19

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

@ MHBC

Pastor Search Committee

Bible Study @ 11303 Amherst Ave., #4, Wheaton

Saturday, May 20

10:00 a.m.-Noon

@ MHBC

Food Closet (Team D) @ MHBC

Sunday, May 21

9:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

@ Montgomery Hills Baptist Church

Sunday School for all ages

Worship Service

Monday, May 22

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Young Adults @ MHBC

Bible Study @ 10775 McGregor Dr., Columbia

Wednesday, May 24

1:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

Bible Study @ MHBC

Online Bible Study (*Google Hangouts*)**Thursday, May 25**

7:00 p.m.

@ MHBC

Church Council

Friday, May 26

7:00 p.m.

@ MHBC

Pastor Search Committee

Saturday, May 27

10:00 a.m.-Noon

10:00 a.m.-Noon

@ MHBC

Food Closet (Team A)

DCBC Conference on Elder Fraud and Abuse

Sunday, May 28

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

@ TPCC

Adult Bible Study

Worship Service & **Graduate Recognition**

Children's Bible Study

JUNE Events**Saturday, June 10**

10:30 a.m.

Ladies Brunch @ MHBC**Saturday, June 17****Trip to Arlington National Cemetery****Ministers and Staff**Duncan McIntosh, *Proclamation*Gareth Murray, *Associate Pastor*Valeria Foster, *Worship & Administration, eTieLine*Jerry Orrell, *Administrative Assistant*Barbara Williams, *Webmaster, Media Center*Eric Walters, *Associate Pastor*Sharon Husic, *Tie Line*Gerald Piercey, *Organist*Rosemary Piercey, *Celebration Ringers*Bill Smith, *Listserve Moderator***Contact Information**First Baptist Church Silver Spring
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