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Welcome

We gather this morning from all parts of this great city, connected by a common love for Jesus Christ and a contagious joy that we have discovered in Him.

Ours is historic faith. For 150 years, this congregation has added our songs and service to those who for 2000 years have called Jesus Christ, Lord.

We are experiencing new life. In recent days, God has revived our congregation and given us fresh vision and new enthusiasm. We welcome you to join us as God leads you to become part of this growing family.

The card below is intended for use by our guests. We want to know you.

Thanks for coming today.

Don Guthrie, Pastor

"It is only through labor and prayerful effort,
by grim energy and resolute courage,
that we move on to better things."
-Theodore Roosevelt

"God has not given us a spirit of timidity." 2 Timothy 1:7



WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH and the call of Christ to a life of courage. We are not cowards. We are followers of Christ! Welcome to all who worship here.

DEACON ORDINATION TONIGHT. Seven men from our fellowship will be ordained tonight in the ancient/powerful ceremony of "laying on of hands." All members of our congregation are encouraged to be present and praying. **Church Conference** precedes the service at 4:30.

THANK YOU SQC STEERING COMMITTEE! The celebration of our 150th anniversary was a vivid and beautiful reminder of God's steady strength. May we move forward now with grateful, confident hearts.

STRATEGIC SATURDAY. Saturday, February 5 members of FBC are invited to a prayer/planning session with the Strategic Planning Committee. Participants will be asked to respond to questions that will help the committee hear the Lord's direction for our congregation in 2011/2012. Meet in Webb 212 from 9-noon.

STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF JOHN. In preparation for next Sunday, please read John 9.

NEW LOGO, NEW WEBSITE. As we learn the new skills of effective communication, the FBC Communications Team will introduce a new logo in the next few weeks and a redesigned website by early March. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement as we press forward in these exciting days.

FBCSA SESQUICENTENNIAL 5K RUN AND WALK. February 12, 2011, Unique historic downtown and river walk course. Registration: at any running specialty store in San Antonio or online through Active.com. Awards: overall 1st place male and female, top 3 (male and female) in each age group. Packet pickup: Friday, February 11, from 10am-4 pm at Joseph's Storehouse (33420 N. St. Mary's #105, San Antonio, TX 78212) or on Saturday, February 12, from 6:30 am-7:30 am at First Baptist Church. Contact: Seth Nelson at 210-643-1389 or John Purnell at 210-385-8248 or john@09run.com.

FIRST BAPTIST TO HOST THE WORLD REKNOWN ST. OLAF CHOIR. Friday, February 4, 2011, 7:00 PM. This Christ-centered, God-honoring, A Cappella choir brings remarkable artistry to the vocal arts. Come and experience this once-in-a-lifetime blessing! Tickets are \$25 (students: \$10) available at the door.

THE EVERYDAY PRAYER. You are invited to join the Pastor and hundreds of others who have begun the year with a commitment to pray the Lord's Prayer every day in 2011. Go online for a daily devotional/blog at www.theeverydayprayer.com.

Guest Registration

11:00

Welcome to First Baptist Church. We are glad you chose to worship with us today. To help minister to you, please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate.

Today's date _____

Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms) _____

Single Married Birthday/Year _____ Age _____

Address _____ Apt No. _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ E-mail _____

Please check grades or ages of children living at home.

Preschool: under 2 2 yrs. 3 yrs. 4 yrs. 5 yrs.

Children: 1st grade 2nd grade 3rd grade

4th grade 5th grade 6th grade

Students: 7th grade 8th grade 9th grade 10th grade

11th grade 12th grade College (19-24 yrs.)

I am visiting from out-of-town

I am seeking a church home

I would like to become a member of First Baptist Church. Please contact me.

I would welcome further contact via e-mail phone personal visit

Contact Us

515 McCullough Avenue
San Antonio, Texas 78215
(210) 226-0363

Today's Sermon

"What Have You Already Decided About God?"

January 30, 2011 • 11:00 AM



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Sunday Morning Worship

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JANUARY 30, 2011 • 11:00 AM

Prelude "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" arr. Hamlin

Portrait of Faith **Believer's Baptism** Don Guthrie

Choral Proclamation "I Am the Way, the Truth, the Life" Young
The Sanctuary Choir

How can we know the way?
I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
No man cometh unto the Father,
No man cometh unto the Father but by Me.

I am the Way!
I am the Truth!
I am the Life!

Hymn of Christ 231 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" MADRID

Pastoral Prayer Larry Soape

Our Father, Which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Welcome to FBC Don Guthrie

Congregational Response "In Christ Alone" Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I stand.

The Children's Message Pastor

Message in Song "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" arr. Hayes
Jamye and Stephen Carrell

Message Bryan Richardson

"What Have You Already Decided About God?"
John 7:1-17; 37-52

Decision Hymn 176 "Fairest Lord Jesus" CRUSADERS' HYMN

Offertory "Name of All Majesty" arr. Fettke
The Sanctuary Choir

Name of all majesty, fathomless mystery,
King of the ages by angels adored;
Power and authority, splendor and dignity,
Bow to His mastery, Jesus is Lord!

Child of our destiny, God from eternity,
Love of the Father on sins outpoured;
See now what God has done sending His only son,
Christ the beloved One, Jesus is Lord!

Source of all sovereignty, light, immortality,
Life everlasting and heaven assured;
So with the ransomed, we praise Him eternally,
Christ in His majesty, Jesus is Lord!

Name of all majesty,
Bow to His sovereignty,
Jesus is Lord!

Life Together! Don Guthrie

Presentation of Decisions Larry Soape

Going Out Together "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

Postlude "Toccata on Azmon" arr. Hobby

Seth Nelson Laurie Wilson
Organist Pianist

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Callie W. Smith
by Rosemary Smith, the Henderson family, and the Tschoepe family.

Morning Worship telecast live on KSAT-TV
"Touching lives through television for over thirty years."
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Greetings from the Pastor:

"We worship by the Spirit of God, (we) glory in Christ Jesus, and (we) put no confidence in the flesh." Philippians 3:3

One of the things I like best about FBC is your confidence in the Lord and His plan. Several times over the years, I have watched with great respect the resolute courage of this congregation as you have chosen a path that you believed was from Christ even when it was contrary to conventional wisdom. Thank you for this example! Thank you for your commitment to prayer.

I am prayerful re: the **strategic Saturday meetings**. No day is dark when we have the light of His counsel. I will take some time this week to ask the Lord to guide our directions and choices. This is His church.

Next weekend, some of our family will be away at the **HEB Retreat**. Something about being out and away from city in a beautiful setting restores the soul. Our example is the Lord Himself.

I hope the men of this congregation will circle February 26. The FBC Deacons will sponsor a **Men's breakfast called Iron 2 Iron**. It is usually a morning well worth our attention.

Denis Waitley says, "Losers make promises they often break. Winners make commitments they always keep." Our commitment is to Christ. It is a joy to be your Pastor.

Don

REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership is an important spiritual step. It is the beginning of an accountable and beneficial relationship with a church. Sometimes it marks the first profession of faith in Christ. Always it marks a recommitment to Christ and a sincere desire to serve Him. We encourage you to prayerfully consider membership in First Baptist Church and to make your desire known through this card. A member of the church staff will contact and help you.

Name _____

Birth date (month) _____ (day) _____ (year) _____ (age) _____

Address _____
City/State/Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

E-mail _____

I desire membership:

- I have received Christ as Savior.
- I want to receive Christ as Savior.
- I am a member of a church of another denomination.
- I am a member of a Baptist church and want to transfer my membership.

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