



# OUR STAFF

# FIRST FOCUS

## 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

- T. Don Guthrie**  
SENIOR PASTOR
- Stephen T. Carrell**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR, WORSHIP AND MUSIC
- Scott R. Lane**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR,  
STUDENTS AND VENTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL
- R. Bryan Richardson**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR, SINGLES,  
SMALL GROUPS, AND PASTORAL MINISTRIES
- Larry D. Soape**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR, CORE SUNDAY SCHOOL,  
MEDIAN AND SENIOR ADULTS, AND MISSIONS
- Charles L. Wedge**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR,  
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- Josh M. Vaughan**  
MINISTER, YOUNG MARRIEDS AND YES, LORD! MINISTRIES
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DIRECTOR, FIRST LEARNING CENTER
- Sheila Jennette**  
DIRECTOR, FINANCIAL SERVICES
- Chris Lair**  
DIRECTOR, MEDIA AND BROADCAST

"I am always ready to learn although I do not always like to be taught."  
--Winston Churchill

"The most important piece of learning is to *unlearn* what is *untrue*."  
--Antisthenes

**A NEW YEAR IN BIBLE STUDY – Sunday, August 21!** New classes are forming; existing classes are beginning again with fresh energy. First Baptist Church has a place for you! See bulletin insert for more information or go to [www.fbcsa.org/sundaymorningplanningguide](http://www.fbcsa.org/sundaymorningplanningguide).

**"LOGOS" – A PILOT WORSHIP SERVICE.** "Soft launch" today, 9:30 AM. Thank you for your prayers.

**IRON-2-IRON MEN'S BREAKFAST** – August 20, 8:30 AM. First Baptist Church fellowship hall. Speaker: Josh Davis, Olympic Gold Medal winner. Men and boys (7<sup>th</sup> grade and up). Breakfast, \$2. Students free with school ID.

**ALL-CHURCH SURVEY.** Every member, please! Committees are strategically important for the life/joy/ministry/efficiency of our fellowship. Surveys available in today's worship folder; also on-line at [www.fbcsa.org/servingourchurch](http://www.fbcsa.org/servingourchurch). Thank you!

**LORD'S SUPPER CELEBRATION TONIGHT.** You are invited to observe the Lord's Supper tonight at 6 PM in the Sanctuary. "Do this in remembrance of Me."

**"FIRST ON MISSION."** Summer is a busy time at FBSCA for mission trips. "First on Mission" teams are all around the world. Blake Coffee will soon be returning from South Africa; Jesse Kaminski is in Jos, Nigeria; the Soapes are in Bucharest, Romania; the Lugansk, Ukraine team will be leaving on Friday. The Ukraine team is Kristi Tschoepe, Kathy and Dave Rohmfeld, Judy Biedrzycki, Terry Taylor, and Jake Taylor. Prayer is the foundation for all we do in missions. Pray for God's hand to go before the teams and that they will be fruitful in service.

**"ASK ME!" MINISTRY.** The ASK ME Ministry will answer questions and help visitors. One Sunday per month (before and after their Sunday School and worship times). TRAINING TODAY, 4:30, Wilson Chapel. Registration is ongoing - contact Kappie at 226-0363 or [kappie@fbcsa.org](mailto:kappie@fbcsa.org).

**LIFE TOGETHER!** The FBC {Re: Verse} scripture for this week is Esther 4:1-16. Join hundreds of others in reading this scripture in daily preparation and prayer. Visit [www.theeverydaypayer.com](http://www.theeverydaypayer.com) for daily thought/inspiration.

**"TIME FOR TEACHING"** – August 21. Next Sunday night you are invited to the last lecture in a series on End Times/Eschatology. Taught by the Pastor, this inspiring study will give you help and insight. Come and hear "The Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24): What Jesus Believed About the Future"; 6 PM, Sanctuary.

**HEART 2 HEART.** The fall session of H2H groups will begin on Tuesday, August 30 at 7 PM. Groups being offered are: *Divorce Care*, *Grief Share*, *Trusting God's People Again*, *Intimate Encounters* (for marriages), *Shadows to Sunshine* (women's spousal abuse), *Untangling Relationships*, *Men's Discipleship Group*. For more information call (210) 854-4866 or email [www.heart2heartsa.org](http://www.heart2heartsa.org). Who do you know who needs one of these groups?



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
SAN ANTONIO

## OUR MISSION

IS TO FOLLOW OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
AND TO LEAD ALL OTHERS TO A  
JOYFUL LIFE IN HIM

## TODAY'S SERMON

TEACHING NEBUCHADNEZZAR  
August 14, 2011 | 11:00 AM

## GUEST REGISTRATION

11:00

Welcome to First Baptist Church. We are glad you chose to worship with us today. To help us 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

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Prelude "Cantilena in G, Op. 71, No. 1" Foote

Congregational Testimony 486 "Lord, Here Am I" BECK

Baptism and Welcome Don Guthrie

Choral Response "The Mighty Power of God" Hayes  
*The Sanctuary Choir; Letha Crouch, piano*

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise;  
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.  
Their luminous display reflects the power of God.

*The heavens are telling the glory of God!  
The heavens are telling the story,  
The whole earth is filled with His glory,  
The heavens are telling the glory of God!*

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Your glories known.  
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Your throne.  
While all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care,  
And everywhere that we can be, O God, You're present there;  
We joyously declare the power of Your love!

Hymn of Praise 27 "All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. Harlan  
*1-all, 2-women, 3-men, 4-all*

Heart 2 Heart Testimony "Trusting God's People Again" Rebecca Gatlin

Congregational Song "Before the Throne of God Above" Bancroft

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,  
A great High Priest Whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in heaven He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there Who makes an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,  
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me.

Children's Message and 1st Grade Bible Presentation Pastor

Message in Song

"Refiner's Fire"  
Stephen Carrell

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There burns a fire with sacred heat, white hot with holy flame,  
And all who dare pass through its blaze will not emerge the same:  
Some as bronze and some as silver, some as gold; then with great skill  
All are hammered by their sufferings on the anvil of His will.

*The Refiner's fire has now become my sole desire:  
Purged and cleansed and purified, that the Lord be glorified.  
He is consuming my soul, refining me, making me whole.  
No matter what I may lose, I choose the refiner's fire.*

I'm learning now to trust His touch, to crave the fire's embrace,  
And though my past with sin was etched, His mercies did erase.  
Each time His purging cleanses deeper, I'm not sure that I'll survive,  
Yet the strengths in growing weaker keeps my hungry soul alive.

Morning Message "Teaching Nebuchadnezzar" Don Guthrie  
Daniel 3:28-29

Decision Hymn 275 "I Surrender All" SURRENDER

Offertory "Rock of Ages" arr. Cox  
*The Sanctuary Choir*

Life Together! Bryan Richardson

Presentation of Decisions

Going Out Together "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Larson

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.  
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Postlude "Sortie Festivo" Boslet

Seth Nelson Laurie Wilson  
Organist Pianist

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of  
Paul Roper  
by Dana Roper and sons.*

*Morning Worship telecast live on KSAT-TV  
"Touching lives through television for forty years."  
Song lyrics are reprinted by permission CCLI #631849.*

*E Pluribus Unum – "Out of many, one"*

Dear Friends,

These are exciting days in our fellowship. On August 14, we will end this year with the HIGHEST ATTENDANCE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL in recent memory. I am very grateful to the volunteers and staff who work so hard (year round) to reach, teach, and encourage the children, youth, and adults who are part of these First Baptist Church small groups. We are truly a "fellowship around God's Word."

Today I'm especially grateful for the 54 folks who have volunteered to be a part of a PILOT PROJECT FOR A NEW STYLE OF WORSHIP SERVICE. It's called "Logos" and will emphasize the scripture in a new and fresh way. Led by Josh Vaughan with the messages simulcast from the Sanctuary, the pilot will run August – December in the Chapel at 9:30 AM. The 9:15 traditional service will continue.

As we move into the next chapter of our service to Christ, I'm convinced that THE WAY FORWARD FOR FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IS A GRACIOUS DIVERSITY. Thank you for helping us be many faces – one family... ethnicity, worship styles, and ages. The motto of our nation surely fits this fellowship. It is a reminder to me of what heaven will be, and I am grateful to be a part of it.

Thank you for coming today. It is a privilege 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 commitment 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.