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FIRST FOCUS

"There are few of us, I dare say, who have not at times felt peace and courage that could only be accounted for by the prayers of others. Esther was encouraged to go to her dangerous task by the conviction that her people were praying for her success." --Clovie Chappell

"God isn't stuck in 'church world'...He is huge...way too vast to be stuck in some building...much more worthy of our time than just one hour of one day." --Louie Giglio

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Today our fellowship begins a new year of service to Christ. It is no coincidence that our church year is marked by the start of Sunday School ("Life in the World...Life in the World). If you are in a class, thank you. If you are looking for a class, how can we help? Thank you for your enthusiasm as we dedicate ourselves afresh to the {Re: Verse} Study System. God bless you.

THANK YOU," ASK ME!" TEAM MEMBERS who begin a new chapter of FBC ministry this morning. Interested in serving? Please contact Kappie at 226-0363 or kappie@fbcsa.org. Thank you, also, Greeters, Ushers, and Security Team members who serve as part of our Sunday morning welcome.

2012 FBC COMMITTEES FORMING. All members please fill out a survey form as we begin the formation of 2012 committees. Thank you for being faithful.

"TIME FOR TEACHING" TONIGHT. Last lecture in a fascinating series on "Last Things" (coming of Christ, end of time, etc.). Tonight: "The Olivet Discourse: What Jesus Believed About the Future." 6 PM, Sanctuary. Fellowship time to follow. Taught by the Pastor, you are invited!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FALL START. This week, "Mid-Week Strength" is back at full strength. New Bible study begins. EXCEPTIONAL! Expository Studies in the Book of Mark. 5 PM, dinner service begins; 6:10, all-church prayer; 6:30, Bible study. See Highlights for age-graded schedule and activities.

{Re:VERSE} – "Life Together in God's Word". This week please read Nehemiah 2:1-5; 5:1-13. For daily inspiration and instruction, join the conversation at www.theeverydayprayer.com.

THE BACKPACK PROJECT of the At-Risk Children's Ministry extends sincere appreciation for your overwhelming support of the drive for school supplies. We filled 200 backpacks for children in our International Ministry and at Lamar Elementary. Thanks to the 20 volunteers who came to fill the backpacks with the supplies. Thanks for your servant's hearts.

FIRST ON MISSION. Please pray for the First Baptist Church Mission Team who begins a week of service in Lugansk, Ukraine: Kristi Tschoepe, Kathy and Dave Rohmfeld, Judy Biedrzycki, Terry Taylor and Jake Taylor.

HEART 2 HEART GROUPS begin this week. For more information, call 854-4866 or go to www.heart2heartsa.org.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SAN ANTONIO

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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

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



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

ESTHER'S CHOICE
August 21, 2011 | 11:00 AM

NEW LIFE. HISTORIC FAITH.



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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

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AUGUST 21, 2011 | 11:00 AM

Prelude "Sonata I, BWV 525" Bach
Allegretto
Adagio

The Ordinance of Believer's Baptism Don Guthrie

The Fellowship of Worship

Voices in Praise! "The Lord Reigns" Greer
The Sanctuary Choir

The Lord reigns! Let the trumpet sound
Let the harp ring out with praise!
Let Lord reigns! Let the earth be glad,
Let the people shout for joy!

Lift up your voice to the Lord Who reigns on high!
For He is robed in majesty, and armed with strength!

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

Pastoral Prayer Stephen Carrell

Congregational Song "My Hope Rests Firm" Getty/Townend

1. My hope rests firm on Je-sus Christ, He is my on - ly plea.
2. My hope sus - tains me as I strive and strain to - wards the goal:
Though all the world should point and scorn,
Though still I stum - ble in to sin,
His ran - som leaves me free, His ran - som leaves me free.
His death paid for it all, His death paid for it all.

Christianity Explored Magdi Khair

Hymn 412 "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place" LANDÅS

The Children's Message Pastor

Witness in Song "By Our Love" Nockels
Nancy Poffenbarger

Morning Message "Esther's Choice" Don Guthrie
Esther 4:13-14

Decision Hymn 290 "I Am Thine, O Lord" I AM THINE

Offertory "To Love Our God" Hayes
The Sanctuary Choir

Where does the wind come from?
Where does it go?
Blowing north then south, how does it know?
The rain flows gently to the sea, yet the sea is never full.
How can these things be?

Humanity works hard to make a name,
Toiling in the sun, yet nothing gained.
We all return to dust from whence we came.
All is empty, all is vain.

To love our God, the reason we live;
To love our God, the highest call.
Nothing satisfies our soul,
Gives life meaning, makes us whole
For this purpose we were made: to love our God!

A Presentation {Re:Verse}-"Life Together in God's Word"
Hannah Anderson, Jasmine Dean, Chris Elven, Steve Gately

Presentation of Decisions Bryan Richardson

Going Out Together "The Lord, Whom We Love" Brown
The Sanctuary Choir

The Lord Whom we love, Whom we worship and adore,
We will serve throughout this coming week.
He it is Who binds us together and
He it is Who sends us apart, to be God's people. Amen.

Postlude "Sonata I — Allegro" Bach

Seth Nelson Laurie Wilson
Organist Pianist

The roses honor:

Grace Suilaesung Bak
born August 11, 2011. She welcomed by
her proud parents: Cherry and Kyaw Bak.

Mary Zinmathoi Tambal,
born July 25, 2011. She is welcomed by her proud parents:
Reng Nan and Jacob Tambal, her brothers: Robin, Bong Thang,
Kyaw San, Reng Te, and sister: Lawn Ti Zin.

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

Dear Friends,

We gather today to dedicate ourselves afresh to the study of God's Word. "For Ezra set his heart to STUDY the law of the Lord, and to PRACTICE it and to TEACH His statutes and ordinances in Israel." (Ezra 7:10)

I'm certain that none of us fully appreciate what the Lord has done for First Baptist Church by giving us the {Re:Verse} Study System (personal quiet time + Bible class/discussions + worship + Circles of 6). I received an email this week from a woman in Tallahassee, Florida, who is reading along with us. I get similar reports frequently.

I believe **God's Word is God's answer** to the spiritual needs of our nation and families. If we will study His Word and obey it together, He will restore us to spiritual unity and health!

Thank you for being a part of this fellowship! Thank you for "checking the individualism" of our culture and joining with other accountable believers in the discipline of Bible study and Bible obedience.

The {Re:Verse} Bible study commitment will be a lift to you and your family. At "such a time as this", I am grateful to be your pastor.

Sincerely,
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.