



# 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

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"SINCERITY is the harmony of our words and actions with our convictions;  
TRUTH is the harmony of all of them with reality." --Jonathan Edwards

"Those who worship (God) must do so in spirit and in TRUTH".  
--Jesus (John 4:24)

**FBC MINISTRY TO SOLDIERS:** FBC began ministering to Army troops stationed in San Antonio during the Civil War. Today we minister to military members and their families receiving outpatient care at BAMC and Wilford Hall Medical Center (contact Charlotte Anderson, 826-4542; [charlottedanderson@mac.com](mailto:charlottedanderson@mac.com) or Rita, 226-0363; [rita@fbcsa.org](mailto:rita@fbcsa.org)). To see this and other Yes, Lord! Ministries, join us today at the **Ministry Fun Fair**, 12 noon – 2 PM; Unity Hall and Courtyard.

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** is the central service of the Christian church. Members and guests are welcome to gather around the Lord's table in remembrance of Him tonight at 6 PM.

**MARRIAGE IN 3-D:** Dinner, Dessert, and Devotion – September 17, 5 PM to 8:30 PM. Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage video series, Session 4 – "How to Stay Married and Not Kill Anybody". Kids (6-weeks to 6<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to register for a snack supper (\$2 per child), interactive teaching and a craft provided by the Children's and Preschool Ministries. For more info and/or to register, call the church office (Julie) or visit [www.fbcsa.org/marriagein3D](http://www.fbcsa.org/marriagein3D).

**LADIES BIBLE STUDIES.** It's not too late...Ladies Bible studies will meet Tuesday mornings (beginning September 13) and Sunday afternoons. This study in the book of Hebrews will be facilitated by Jean Nystrand. Also beginning, is a study in the book of John in homes around town. Information will be available and sign up will continue in Unity Hall through today.

**FBC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** – October 14-15. Featuring Devi Titus' The Home Experience: Making Your Home a Sanctuary of Love and a Haven for Peace. Conference, \$35. Book, \$25 (optional). Registration continues today in Unity Hall.

**{Re:VERSE} A UNIQUE FBC PLAN FOR BIBLE STUDY.** Please read 1 Corinthians 7:1-17, 25-35 as we prepare together for Sunday, September 18.

**"TIME FOR TEACHING"** next Sunday. New series! "Christian Thinking... Contemporary Issues" - September 18, *Capital Punishment*. Led by the Pastor, these thought-provoking studies will help you consider your own beliefs on relevant issues of our day. Guests are invited. A time of fellowship and Q/A to follow. 6 PM, Sanctuary.

**TV OFFERING.** Each Sunday morning we broadcast our 11 AM worship service live to a viewing audience of over 30,000 people all over San Antonio and South Texas on KSAT-12 TV. September is a month of emphasis for the Television Ministry Special Offering. Our goal for 2011 is \$271,000 and year-to-date we have raised \$146,814! Will you please pray and consider a gift towards this amazing outreach opportunity? This month marks the 40th anniversary of our live broadcast! Thank you for your prayers and support over the years.

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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

IS SIN REAL?  
September 11, 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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# SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

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SEPTEMBER 11, 2011 | 11:00 AM

Prelude "Variations on America" arr. Lovelace/Linker

Exaltation "If My People" Martin  
*The Sanctuary Choir*

If my people, who are called by my name,  
Will humble themselves and pray, I will heal their land.

Call to Worship Proverbs 18:10 Pastor

Hymn of Strength 8 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" EIN' FESTE BURG

The Children's Message Pastor

Congregational Singing 74 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" arr. Weitekamp  
*1 all, 2 women, 3 men, 4-6 all*

Message in Song "God Is Our Refuge" Edwards  
*The Sanctuary Choir and Stephen T. Carrell*

In the hour of fear, in the moment of sorrow,  
As we mourn and weep for fear of tomorrow,  
God is there amidst the pain,  
Embracing children in the rain.

*God is our refuge, our strength and our fortress;  
His children need not fear.  
Though towers fall in the heart of the city,  
The Lord is always near.*

Be still and know, be still and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted in all the earth and nations.  
In your day of helplessness,  
Through all your fear, your faith confess.

Morning Message "Is Sin Real?" Don Guthrie  
1 Corinthians 5:1-8

Decision Hymn 276 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" ANGEL'S STORY

Television Emphasis Beverly Flournoy

Offertory "A Prayer for Our Time" Martin  
*The Sanctuary Choir*

Our God, to Thee we pray. Heal our nation, Lord, today.  
God of mercy, grant us courage. Give us peace.

When evil draws its angry sword  
And seeks to sever freedom's cord,  
When death and darkness shake our faith  
In God's unfailing power to save;  
Eternal Father, ever be our courage in the time of need.

When war is waged by faceless foes  
Who battle peace with fiery blows,  
When storms of heat and fear assail,  
Our Father's mighty arm prevails;  
Eternal Father, ever be our refuge in the time of need.

There is no tyrant who can stand  
Against our sure Defender's hand.  
No threat or danger can defeat  
The strong and righteous Prince of Peace.  
Eternal Father, ever be our fortress in the time of need.

Following Christ Blake Coffee and Frank Pretorius

Presentation of Decisions Bryan Richardson

Going Out Together "Be Strong in the Lord" STRENGTH

Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;  
And be of good courage, for He is your guide.  
Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;  
And rejoice, for the victory is yours.

Postlude "Toccata on America" arr. Lovelace

Seth Nelson Laurie Wilson  
Organist Pianist

*Morning Worship telecast live on KSAT-TV  
"Touching lives through television for forty years."  
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## Moving Forward Together: A State of the Church Address

On Sunday night, September 25, I would like to talk with you.

These are exciting days in our fellowship! There are developments in the Building Fund and Stewardship Campaign that I want you to know. There are questions regarding the Contemporary Worship Service Study Team and the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Café that I also want to speak to. As FBC grows in number and diversity and influence, I expect that there will be several times that we will need to have a "family meeting". This is one of those moments.

Will you plan on attending? Will you encourage other members of your class or ministry or circle?

I do not think we can love Christ without caring for the church. I do not think we can care for the church without some necessary information.

These are very hopeful times. I am grateful to be your Pastor and will look for you on September 25.

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.