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FIRST FOCUS

"Gratitude is the memory of the heart."
—Jean Baptiste Massieu

"For every morning with its new light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends."
--Ralph Waldo Emerson

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

HANGING OF THE GREEN – November 27. Our annual Hanging of the Green service culminates with a "Christmas Care Gift Processional" as we lay at the altar our staple food items and financial offerings for those in need. Come experience this annual tradition for our church as we welcome in the Advent season and bring offerings of food and finances to the service.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – Saturday, December 3, 10 – 11:30. Parents and children are invited to begin the season by remembering Christ's birth. Unity Hall. Guests welcome.

CHRISTMAS CARE . Packing & distributing approximately 250 boxes of food to FBC and community families in need. December 16 (packing) and December 17 (distributing). Collection boxes are available for these items: 11/27, meat substitutes: macaroni & cheese, dried beans, peanut butter; 12/4, canned fruits and juices. No homemade food items, please.

CHRISTMAS AT FIRST – FBC's Annual choir and orchestra concert. December 11, 5:30 and 7:15. An unforgettable experience. Tickets are free (all extra and unused tickets, please return immediately). A holiday tradition.

CHRISTMAS EVE MEMORIAL SERVICE. An early service on Christmas Eve (5:00) to help those who feel the loss of a loved one at this season of the year. Candles of memory will light the service to follow. To participate in this year's memorial, please call the church office (Dawn, 226-0363).

JOS, NIGERIA REPORT – Wednesday, November 30. You are invited to come and hear the report/praise of our Jos, Nigeria Mission Team. Theirs is an inspiring story of God's guiding help. Wednesday night, November 30, 6:30, Fellowship Hall.

{RE-VERSE} - Bible Study in the FBC Family. This week begins a study in the book of Matthew. The passage is Matthew 1:18 – 2:15, 19-23. You are invited to join in preparing for Sunday, December 4. For curriculum guides, see Sunday School workers or go to the church office, or see one of the ASK ME team members.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION. Read www.theeverydayprayer.com. This week guest "bloggers" make the conversation "that much more interesting." Let us hear from you.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT, Friday, December 2, 6:30 – 10:30. Time to be with your spouse in a busy season. Sign-up in Sunday School or call Rita or Tobey at 226-0363.



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

STRENGTH RE-IMAGINED: THE CHURCH WHOSE POWER IS CHRIST
November 27, 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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NOVEMBER 27, 2011 | 11:00 AM

The First Sunday of Advent

Prelude "Comfort, Comfort These My People" arr. Lau

Welcome to Advent Stephen Carrell

Minister: "Comfort, O comfort My people," says your God.

People: "Speak kindly to Jerusalem; and call out to her, that her warfare has ended, that her iniquity has been removed, that she has received of the LORD'S hand double for all her sins."

Minister: A voice is calling, "Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.

People: "Let every valley be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; and let the rough ground become a plain, and the rugged terrain a broad valley;

Minister: Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all flesh will see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

All: Get yourself up on a high mountain, O Zion, bearer of good news, lift up your voice mightily, O Jerusalem, bearer of good news; lift it up, do not fear. Say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

Choral Proclamation "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" Holck
The Sanctuary Choir

Advent Carol 77 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" HYFRYDOL

Prayer of Anticipation Scott Lane

Congregational Response "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" HOUSTON



1. I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to fol - low Je - sus.
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God; I want to look at Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Je - sus.
Clear Sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.



In him there is no dark-ness at all; the night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God: shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The Advent Wreath Christi and Josh Vaughan

The Candle: Hear
Isaiah 30:19-21

Advent Carols 83 "Arise, Your Light Has Come" FESTAL SONG
82 "Emmanuel" MCGEE

The Children's Message Bryan Richardson

Choral Message "No Eye Had Seen" arr. Krogstad
The Sanctuary Choir

Morning Message Bryan Richardson
Strength Re-Imagined: The Church Whose Power Is Christ
2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Decision Hymn 330 "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound" NEW BRITAIN

Offertory "Peace Will Come" York/Danner
The Sanctuary Choir

*Peace will come to those who let the Son of God be born to them;
Born in their hearts, their homes, their lives.
Christmas comes when we hear the still small voice of God.*

Deep inside the Spirit's carol sings to us, "Make room for Him;
Room in you heart, your home, your life."
Christmas comes when we hear the still, small voice of God.
Some will notice, but not know what they hear;
Others hear a voice from distant past.
Still others choose to listen and heed the voice's words.
Peace will come when we hear the still small voice of God.

Life Together! Larry Soape

Presentation of Decisions

Logos Josh Vaughan

Going Out Together "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound" arr. Danner

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

Postlude "Toccata on Picardy" arr. Young

Seth Nelson Laurie Wilson
Organist Pianist

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Sue and Jack Lock,
with thanksgiving, for 43 blessed years in this church
and 60 years of marriage.*

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

Holiday Calendar

Thanksgiving and Christmas Opportunities
for Worship and Service

- December 3 Children's Christmas Party
- December 4 Children's/Youth Christmas Concert, 6 PM
- December 11 "Christmas at First" – 5:30 and 7:15 PM
- December 17 Christmas Care/Angel Tree
- December 18 Carols and Candlelight, 6 PM
- December 21 No Wednesday Activities
- December 24 Christmas Eve Memorial Service, 5 PM
Christmas Eve Lord's Supper Service, 5:30 PM
- December 25 Christmas Day – Worship, 11 AM (Same sermon as
Christmas Eve; No Sunday School)
"Christmas at First" (Televised Broadcast, 11 AM)
- December 28 No Wednesday Activities

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 _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Phone _____

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.