



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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I have a dream."
– Martin Luther King

"And being warned by God in a dream,
Joseph departed from the regions of Galilee." (Matthew 2:22)

LOGOS ORIENTATION MEETING. As we move toward the start of a new worship service on January 22, you are invited to prayerfully consider becoming one of 100 – 150 FBCSA members who will be the "launch team." An informational meeting will be held today at 5 PM in Webb 210. For the story and the sense of excitement, see the side panel in today's worship folder.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHRISTMAS CONCERT. Tonight, 6 PM. The product of hours of preparation by the outstanding children's and youth choirs of FBC. A beautiful service for this season of joy. You are invited.

"CHRISTMAS AT FIRST" – December 11, 5:30 and 7:15 PM. This annual choir and orchestra presentation is known all over the city for its depth, beauty, and dignity. A Christmas tradition! Please turn in unused tickets today. There is a waiting list. If you do not have a ticket, there are often unused seats at the 7:15 performance. Those holding tickets for the 7:15 performance will be admitted first.

CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP AT FBC. As Christmas falls on Sunday this year, FBC family and guests are invited to attend either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Both services will observe the Lord's Supper. The 11 AM broadcast on Christmas Day will be the "Christmas at First" concert from December 11.

CHRISTMAS CARE: Food and Volunteers Needed to provide for 232 families in need this Christmas! The needed items are 182 bags of flour, 200 bags of corn meal, 353 boxes of macaroni and cheese, 1,211 cans of vegetables, 210 jars of peanut butter, by Wednesday, December 14. We have only collected 44% of what these families need! Please consider sharing, if you haven't already, and invite your friends to help out, too! Contact rita@fbcsa.org or the church office to sign up to pack and deliver food.

YEAR-END GIVING. As the New Year approaches, let's finish 2011 in strong and generous fashion. Your end-of-year gift can make a real difference in the way we begin 2012. Thank you for your faithful support.

CONGRATULATIONS NEW DEACONS AND OFFICERS. On November 20, seventy-six deacons were elected to serve FBC in 2012. Newly elected deacons are: Jorge Medrano, David Ratcliff, Ron Reaach, Chris Van Heerde, and Rex Walker. Deacon Officers for 2010 are: Manny Ruiz (Chair); Eric Greer, Robert Schoenert, John Ward, Kevin Loudermilk (Vice-Chairs); Daryl Anderson (Secretary).

{REVERSE} – Bible study in the FBC family. This week our designated passage is Matthew 3. Please read and reflect in preparation for Sunday, December 11. For a daily devotional thought or to join the conversation, go to www.theeverydayprayer.com.

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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

THE BIRTH OF THE MESSIAH:
ANGUISH, GRACIOUSNESS, AND THE GOD WHO SAVES
December 4, 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

NEW LIFE. HISTORIC FAITH.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SAN ANTONIO

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

WWW.FBCSA.ORG

DECEMBER 4, 2011 | 11:00 AM

The Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude "In dulci jubilo, Op. 17" arr. Manz

Choral Joy "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" arr. Kirkland
The Sanctuary Choir

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore:
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice rejoice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall:
Christ was born to save!

Carol 85 "The First Nowell" THE FIRST NOWELL
1-all, 2-ladies, 3-men, 4-all

Pastoral Prayer Bryan Richardson

The Fellowship of Worship

The Advent Wreath **The Candle: Believe** The Jeff Dean Family
John 1:10-12

Response "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" arr. Bradford
The Sanctuary Choir

Infant holy, Infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging, angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new;
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing greet the morrow:
Christ the Babe was born for you.

Carol 118 "What Child Is This?" GREENSLEEVES

The Children's Message Pastor

Testimony in Song "Breath of Heaven" Grant
Rozlyn Wurtz

Message "The Birth of the Messiah: Anguish, Graciousness, the God Who Saves" Bryan Richardson
Matthew 1:18-2:15, 19-23

Decision Hymn 275 "I Surrender All" SURRENDER

Offertory "Mary and Elizabeth" Choplin
The Sanctuary Choir; Nettie Taylor and Cindy Bates, soloists

First on Mission Judy Biedrzycki and Terry Taylor

Presentation of Decisions Larry Soape

Going Out Together "For He Alone is Worthy" ADESTE FIDELES

For He alone is worthy, for He alone is worthy;
For He alone is worthy, Christ, the Lord!

Postlude "In dulci jubilo, BWV 729" arr. Bach
*"Now through His Son doth shine the Father's grace divine.
Death was reigning o'er us through sin and vanity
Till He opened for us a bright eternity.
May we praise Him there!
May we praise Him there!"*

Seth Nelson Organist Laurie Wilson Pianist

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Hazel Anderson
by Chaplain Bruce D. Anderson.*

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

Worship Study Committee Recommendation Approved!

"You will indeed go out with joy and be peacefully guided."
(Isaiah 55:12, HCSB)

God has indeed "peacefully guided" our committee and our church. On Sunday, November 20, the church gave unanimous approval to the committee recommendation to begin a new worship service! This approval signals our church's commitment to continue "to follow our Lord Jesus Christ and lead all others to a joyful life with Him". One reason for "joy" is our Logos Worship Pilot Project has successfully engaged new people. Thank you, launch team, for your willingness to live as pioneers, servants and missionaries.

Gratefully,
Josh Vaughan (Minister, Young Marrieds and *Yes, Lord!* Ministries)

Holiday Calendar

- December 11 "Christmas at First" – 5:30 and 7:15 PM
- December 17 Christmas Care/Angel Tree (*Yes, Lord!* Projects)
- 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 Lord's Supper Service, 11 AM (No SS)
- December 28 No Wednesday Activities
- January 1 New Year's Day Worship, 11AM (No SS)

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.