



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**
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DIRECTOR, FINANCIAL SERVICES
- Chris Lair**
DIRECTOR, MEDIA AND BROADCAST

"Make it your habit not to be critical about small things."
--Edward Everett Hale

"Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter,
and those who matter, don't mind." --Dr. Seuss

"CHRISTMAS at FIRST" TONIGHT – 5:30 and 7:15. Early performance parking in the AT&T lot. (Enter through the children's playground.) Late performance parking in the River lot. Please pray for the choir, orchestra, and volunteers and guests. A beautiful evening at FBC!

DECEMBER MISSIONS EMPHASIS. Please go by the display in the Great Hall to see the opportunities for missions in 2012. Thank you, Missions Committee, for leading us "into all the world."

WILL YOU HELP START A NEW WORSHIP SERVICE? As we move toward the start of a new worship service on January 22, you are invited to prayerfully consider becoming one of the 100-150 FBCSA members who will serve on the "launch team" for Logos. For information or to volunteer, go by the information table in Unity Hall or contact Josh Vaughan, Minister to Young Marrieds and Yes, Lord! Ministries (226-0363).

CHRISTMAS CARE – This Saturday. Help pack and deliver food boxes for some of the neediest families in our city. Packing Friday night at 5:30. Delivery Saturday morning at 8 AM, 9 AM, and 10 AM. For more information or to volunteer, call Rita (226-0363). We still need food donations. Thank you for your help.

CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS MORNING. Since Christmas falls on Sunday, the Christmas Eve and Christmas morning services are essentially the same (sermon, Lord's Supper). FBC families and guests are encouraged to attend EITHER Saturday night or Sunday morning as part of your holiday worship. God bless you in this holiday season.

CHRISTMAS EVE MEMORIAL SERVICE – 5 PM. For those who have lost loved ones in the previous year(s). If you can attend, please call Dawn (226-0353 or 249-2521, direct) to include the name of your loved one in the memorial.

REFUGE! A NEW TIME FOR TEENAGERS. The new year will bring a new rhythm to FBC families and students. Beginning February 12, students, grades 7 – 12, will have a new option of a Core schedule (9:30 SS, 11 AM worship). The "all together" moment for FBC teenagers (both Core and Venture) will be Sunday nights as Refuge moves from Wednesdays to Sundays. For details or information, contact the Youth Office (Julie) at 226-0363. Great days are ahead!

{RE:VERSE} – BIBLE STUDY IN THE FBC FAMILY. This week our designated passage is Matthew 4:12-22. Please read and reflect in preparation for Sunday, December 18. For a daily devotional thought or to join the conversation, go to www.theeverydayprayer.com.

IN THE NEW YEAR. Strategic Planning (January 14 and 21), Deacon-sponsored New Member Fellowship (January 20), FOUNDERS' DAY Homecoming Celebration (January 22), *Logos* service begins (January 22).

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OUR MISSION

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

TODAY'S SERMON

WHAT ONE PERSON CAN DO
December 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



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SAN ANTONIO

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

WWW.FBCSA.ORG

DECEMBER 11, 2011 | 9:15 AM

The Third Sunday of Advent

Preparation for Worship The Salter and Rutherford Families

Believer's Baptism Josh Vaughan

Choral Praise "How Great Our Joy!" arr. Krogstad
The Chapel Singers, Anna Nelson, accompanist

While by the sheep we watched at night,
Glad tidings brought an angel bright.

*How great our joy! Great our joy!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!*

There shall be born in a Bethlehem stall
This Child Who shall redeem us all.

This gift of God we'll cherish well,
That ever joy our hearts shall fill.

Carol 88 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN

Pastoral Prayer and Welcome Julie Webster

The Advent Wreath The Candle: Accept Thomas Bell
Proverbs 19:20-21

Choral Message "The Little Drummer Boy" arr. Goss
The Chapel Singers; Matthew Anderson, conductor

Carol 94 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" REGENT SQUARE

The Children's Message Pastor

Message in Song The Salter and Rutherford Families

Message "What One Person Can Do" Don Guthrie
Matthew 3:1-17

Decision Hymn 135 "Nothing but the Blood" PLAINFIELD

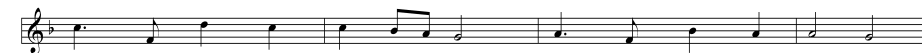
Offertory "Joy Has Dawned" Getty/Towend



1. Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre - a-tion-
2. Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an-gels
3. Son of A - dam, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ransom;



God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.
as the might - y Prince of Life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ, our might - y cham-pion!



Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark-ness,
What a Sav - ior! What a Friend! What a glo - rious my - s't'ry!



but a hum - ble gift of love- Je - sus born of Ma - ry.
cling now to a moth - er's breat, vul - n'ra - ble and help-less.
Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, now the Lord of his - t'ry.

Following Christ Logos Patti Cottle

Presentation of Decisions Bryan Richardson

Going Out Together "Angels We Have Heard on High" GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains;
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

*Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Postlude "Gloria" arr. Bock

Seth Nelson Laurie Wilson
Organist Pianist

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of
Jennie Baker.*

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

New Sunday Morning Schedule Begins January 22!

God has provided an exciting opportunity for our church to express "gracious diversity" and a new way to engage people in our city with the good news about Jesus! On January 22, we will launch a new worship service called "Logos." For more information about the service and to sign up to be on the launch team, visit the table in Unity Hall or go to www.fbcса.org/logos.

While most FBC attenders will not be affected by the change, we want everyone to be aware of the simplified schedule that provides new opportunities for people to engage in worship and Bible study.

9:15 Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary

9:30 Logos Worship Service – Chapel (Venture Praise will no longer meet at 10:40. If you'd like to share in contemporary music, then consider being a part of the Logos Worship Service.)
Core Sunday School (new youth classes begin 2/12)

11:00 Venture Sunday School (new preschool "Sunday School" begins 1/22 replacing "Extended Care")
Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary
Spanish Worship Service – Chapel (except 1st Sunday)
Lao/Thai/Karenni Worship Service – Circle Building
Chin Worship Service – 4th Street Café
Karen Worship Service – West A

For the glory of God and the good of others,
Josh Vaughan
(Minister, Young Marrieds and Yes, Lord! Community Ministries)

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.