



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.

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"And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow,
stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so?
It came without ribbons. It came without tags.
It came without packages, boxes or bags.
And he puzzled and puzzled 'til his puzzler was sore.
Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before.
What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store?..."
--Dr. Seuss

QUIET TIME COMMITMENT. No discipline has more to do with your health and happiness. For the next few weeks, members of the FBC family are invited/ encouraged to make a commitment for 2012. See the card in today's worship folder.

LET THE NEW YEAR BEGIN! Join us for an encouraging and joyful beginning of 2012. One worship service New Year's Day – 11 AM. No Sunday School.

NEW WORSHIP SERVICE BEGINS. Will you prayerfully consider joining the "launch team" for Logos? A new FBC worship service will begin on January 22 at 9:30 (Chapel). For information or to volunteer, go by the table in Unity Hall or contact Josh Vaughan, Minister to Young Marrieds and Yes, Lord! Ministries (226-0363).

"LOVE WRITTEN IN STONE" – new Bible study series begins Wednesday night, January 4. "The Ten Commandments...What they mean and why we need them." Taught by the Pastor (6:30 pm). Stay afterward for prayer circles. You are invited. Mid-Week Strength!

STRATEGIC PLANNING SATURDAYS. With an expectation that the Lord will use our voices and convictions to guide our church, we will meet on Saturdays, January 14 and January 21. From 9 to noon we will discuss the Strategic Plan 2012-2013. Sponsored by the Strategic Planning Committee, these meetings are fast-paced and inspiring for all participants. Deacons, Sunday School leaders, worship and ministry leaders and members, please put this on your calendar.

FAMILY-STYLE WORK NIGHT – January 5. If you have appreciated the beauty of the Christmas decorations this year, you are invited to come and help take them down and store them for "Christmas seasons to come." 5 – 9 pm. Everyone is invited. Thanks so much!

{RE:VERSE} – BIBLE STUDY IN THE FBC FAMILY. This week our designated passage is Matthew 5:17-48. Please read and reflect in preparation for Sunday, January 1, 2012. For a daily devotional thought or to join the conversation, go to www.theeverydayprayer.com.

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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

HE IS NOT HERE
Christmas Eve 5:30 PM | Christmas Day 11:00 AM | 2011

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 24, 2011 | 5:30 PM

DECEMBER 25, 2011 | 11:00 AM

A Christmas Prayer

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen!

--Robert Louis Stevenson

COMING EVENTS

- January 15 Chili Cook-Off (all-church fellowship)
- January 20 New Member Fellowship, 7 PM
- January 22 Founders Day—Homecoming, Relaxed Family Worship
- January 22 Logos Begins
- January 29 FBC Children's Day
- February 3-5 HEB All-Church Retreat (Echo Valley Encampment)
- March 1 Date Night SA

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.

Worship on the Holiest of Nights

Prelude	"Grand Fantasia on 'Joy to the World'"	arr. Cheban
Instrumental Worship	"Gabriel's Oboe" <i>Lisa James, oboe</i>	Morricone
Solo	"Gesu Bambino" <i>Scott Vernon</i>	Yon
A Christmas Eve's Prayer		Truett Webster
Carol 86	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	ST. LOUIS
A Christmas Eve's Poem		Jane Witcher
Witness in Song	"Some Children See Him" <i>Susan Spoon</i>	Burt
Carol 103	"Away in a Manger"	Mueller
The Gospel Reading	John 1:1-14	Larry Soape
The Advent Candle	Christ the Lord	
Message in Song	"O Holy Night" <i>Stephen Carrell</i>	Adam
A Christmas Message	"He Is Not Here" Luke 24:6	Don Guthrie
The Supper of Our Lord		
	The Bread - Portrait of Christ's Broken Body	
	"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"	Bach
	The Cup - Portrait of Christ's Shed Blood	
	"What Child Is This"	GREENSLEEVES
The Passing of the Light	Congregational Candle Ceremony	
Benediction		Don Guthrie
Postlude	"In dulci jublio, BWV 729"	Bach
Seth Nelson		Laurie Wilson
Organist		Pianist

Offering boxes available at the exit doors.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Thurmond, Sr., who were married on Christmas day, by Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Thurmond, Jr.

The Savior Is Born!

Prelude	"Grand Fantasia on 'Joy to the World'"	arr. Cheban
The Call to Worship	"Anthem for Christmas" <i>Stephen Carrell</i>	Smith
Carol 87	"Joy to the World! The Lord is Come"	ANTIOCH
A Christmas Morning Prayer		Don Guthrie
The Fellowship of Worship		
Carols 85	"The First Nowell"	THE FIRST NOWELL
A Christmas Morning Reading	Excerpt from <i>God Came Near</i> <i>Beth Powell</i>	Lucado
Musical Offertory		The Salter and Rutherford Families
The Gospel Reading	John 1:1-14	Bryan Richardson
The Advent Candle	Christ the Lord	
Message in Song	"Ring the Bells" <i>David Portillo</i>	Bollback
A Christmas Message	"He Is Not Here" Luke 24:6	Don Guthrie
The Supper of Our Lord		
	The Bread - A Portrait of Christ's Broken Body	
	The Cup - A Portrait of Christ's Shed Blood	
	<i>The Salter and Rutherford Families</i>	
Carol of Decision 89	"O Come, All Ye Faithful"	ADESTE FIDELES
Postlude	"Organ Flourish on 'Joy to the World'"	arr. Dell
Seth Nelson		Laurie Wilson
Organist		Pianist

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