



## 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 find that doing the will of God leaves me no time for disputing about His plans." --George MacDonald*

*"We turn to God for help when our foundations are shaking, only to learn that it is God who is shaking them." --Charles C. West*

### TODAY IN WORSHIP.

9:15 (Traditional)

9:30 (Logos – Contemporary)

11:00 (Traditional)

11:00

6:00

Bryan Richardson, preaching (Sanctuary)

Don Guthrie, preaching (Chapel)

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International services (4)

Children's Christmas Choir Concert

"A Visit with Lottie Moon"

**BE HIS HEART, HIS HANDS, HIS VOICE.** This year's mission theme is "Be His Heart, His Hands, His Voice"—no matter what the cost. Across the globe, believers are spreading the Gospel in the face of difficulty and persecution. People are coming to know Christ in every people group where Christ is proclaimed. How should First Baptist respond? The Great Commission is for every believer. Begin with prayer and ask God to show you how you should respond!

**CHRISTMAS AT FIRST.** December 9, 5:30 and 7:15 pm. Come and experience one of San Antonio's holiday traditions! Featuring the FBC Sanctuary, Youth, and Children's Choirs and members of the SA Symphony, this beautiful concert of sacred music will be a blessing! Free tickets have been distributed. If you have tickets that you no longer need, please return them for those on the waiting list.

**BAPTISM ORIENTATION.** All those considering this important step of Christian discipleship are invited to meet with the Pastor on Sunday, December 9 at 10:30 AM in his office. Informational meeting. No obligation. You are invited to attend.

**DAVID PORTILLO TO SING AT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE.** We will welcome home one of our own this Christmas Eve. David Portillo is a featured soloist with the Chicago Opera, and will be part of our celebration on Monday night, December 24 at 5:30. The Christmas Eve Lord's Supper is a beautiful and worshipful way for you and your family to observe the birth of the Lord. Please remember also the Memorial Service at 5 PM for those who have lost loved ones in the previous year(s).

**CHRISTMAS CARE.** Today is the last day for collection of food donations. Please bring by this evening non-perishable and canned food items and place them in the donation boxes located around the church. A list of needed items is available at the ASK ME booths, in the elevators, or in the "Highlights".

**MARK – "PEOPLE RESPONDING TO JESUS".** Welcome to a new 13-week study of the book of Mark. This winter Bible study will help us know Christ in a personal and practical way. In preparation for Sunday, December 9, please read Mark 1:16-18; 8:27-33; 14:26-31, 66-72; 16:5-7.

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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

"WHERE GOOD THINGS BEGIN"  
December 2, 2012 | 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Military Affiliation Y or N      Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Installation \_\_\_\_\_

Family Member Deployed? Y or N

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.



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SAN ANTONIO

# SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

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DECEMBER 2, 2012 | 11:00 AM

Prelude "Improvisation on Picardy" arr. Keeler

Call to Worship "Thou the Promise" arr. Fettke  
*The Sanctuary Choir; Aaron Hufty, director*

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

Welcome and Prayer Don Guthrie

Carol 80 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" PICARDY

Scripture Reading Mark 1:1-11 Harold Andrews

Hymn 297 "Search Me, O God" ELLERS

The Children's Message Don Guthrie

Solo "Wonderful, Merciful Savior" Rodgers/Wyse  
*Nancy Poffenbarger*

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend.  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace  
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way.  
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

*You are the One that we praise. You are the One we adore.  
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for.  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own.  
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

Morning Message "Where Good Things Begin" Don Guthrie  
Mark 1:1-11

Decision Hymn 302 "I Hear Thy Welcome Voice" WELCOME VOICE

Offertory "Wexford Carol" arr. Hamilton  
*The Sanctuary Choir; Susan Spoon, soloist*

Good people all, this Christmas time, consider well and bear in mind  
What our good God for us has done in sending His beloved Son.  
With humble hearts, we all should pray to God with love this Christmas Day.  
In Bethlehem upon that morn, there was a blessed Messiah born.

With thankful heart and joyful mind, the shepherds went the Babe to find.  
And as God's angel has foretold, they did our Savior Christ behold.  
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December Missions Emphasis Larry Soape

Welcome New Members Bryan Richardson

Going Out Together LANDAS  
"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

My faith has found a resting place, not in device nor creed;  
I trust the Ever-living One, His wounds for me shall plead.  
*I need no other argument, I need no other plea,  
It is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.*

Postlude "Toccata on Picardy" arr. Young

Seth Nelson Laurie Wilson  
Organist 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 over forty years."  
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## Christmas at FBC!

*"But when the fullness of time came,  
God sent forth His Son." ~Galatians 4:4*

- December 2 Children's Choirs Christmas Concert; 6 PM - Sanctuary
- December 5 "A Family Christmas" - Josh Vaughan, teaching, 6:30 PM
- December 9 "Christmas at First"; 5:30 and 7:15 PM - Sanctuary
- December 12 "A Family Christmas" - Church Family serving together
- December 14-15 Christmas Care/Angel Tree
- December 16 Carols and Candlelight; 6 PM - Sanctuary
- December 19 "A Family Christmas" - Church Family serving together
- December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Lord's Supper;  
5:30 PM - Sanctuary  
(Memorial Service 5:00 PM)

*"It is a beautiful paradox.  
God's Son is born homeless  
and every home is to celebrate it."  
~G.K. Chesterton*

## I Belong Here

11:00

Belonging to a church is a biblical, beneficial step. Membership in a church says 3 things. I BELIEVE what these people believe. I AM COMMITTED to love them and be loved by them. I WILL SERVE with them as we honor Christ by building His church together. I BELONG HERE!

- I want to become a member of FBC.
- I am interested. Please contact me for conversation and future opportunities to learn about FBC.
- I have questions.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail:  \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:  \_\_\_\_\_

(Please check preferred way of contact.)

God Bless you!