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FIRST FOCUS

*"If a writer is so cautious that he never writes anything that can be criticized,
he will never write anything that can be read.
If you want to help other people, you have got to make up your mind
to write things that some men will condemn."
--Thomas Merton*

*"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through
the experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened,
vision cleared, ambition inspired, and success achieved."
--Helen Keller*

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

TODAY IN WORSHIP.

9:15 Don Guthrie, preaching
9:30 Don Guthrie, simulcast (LOGOS Contemporary Worship)
11:00 Don Guthrie, preaching
11:00 René De Alejandro, preaching (Spanish Worship - Chapel)
11:00 Internationals (4 Services)
5:30 & 7:15 "Christmas at First" Concert

CHRISTMAS AT FIRST. Tonight! – 5:30 & 7:15 PM. Please bring any unused tickets to the entry doors. For parking information, please refer to the back of your ticket.

A FAMILY CHRISTMAS. Wednesday, December 12 – 6:15 PM. Come serve together in Fellowship Hall by preparing Christmas Care boxes and making Christmas cards for the elderly...and eating Christmas cookies! Then again on December 19th we'll celebrate together by Christmas caroling at two nearby retirement homes. Directions and music will be provided. We hope to see you all there! Everyone (Preschool through Senior Adult) is invited.

CHURCH CONFERENCE – Sunday, December 16, 7:00 PM. Join us for the last business meeting of the year.

CAROLS AND CANDLELIGHT – Sunday, December 16, 6:00 PM. Simply beautiful! This annual worship service will continue our celebration of the Christmas season with "Carols and Candlelight."

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED – Have you heard about CE and just never signed up for the course? Have you never heard of CE? Well here you go! Come discuss "Who Jesus Is", "Why Did Jesus Come" and "What it Means For Us." Classes begin Sunday, January 13 and Wednesday, January 16. To register or for more info (including a short intro video) go to www.fbcsa.org/christianityexplored.

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

MARK - "PEOPLE RESPONDING TO JESUS". 13-week FBC winter Bible study series. In preparation for December 16, please read Mark 1:19-20; 3:13-17; 10:35-45.



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

"CROSS-CARRYING CHRISTIAN"
December 9, 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

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

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DECEMBER 9, 2012 | 11:00 AM

Prelude "Noël Suisse" Daquin

Call to Worship "God's Great Love" arr. Mains
The Sanctuary Choir; Aaron Hufty, director

Carol 85 "The First Nowell" THE FIRST NOWELL

Prayer and Welcome Don Guthrie

The Dedication of a Home
Jasmin and Jeff Dean, Joshua Anthony

Carols
100 "Angels We Have Heard on High" GLORIA
106 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" W ZLOBIE LEZY

The Children's Message Pastor

Reading

Choral Message "Where Shepherds Lately Knelt" Courtney
Men's Ensemble

Where shepherds lately knelt, and kept the angel's word,
I come in half-belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred;
But there is room and welcome there for me.

In that unlikely place I find Him as they said:
Sweet newborn Babe, how frail! And in a manger bed,
A still small voice to cry one day for me.

How should I not have known Isaiah would be there,
His prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I stare;
A Child, a Son, the Prince of peace for me.

Can I, will I forget how Love was born, and burned
Its way into my heart unasked, unforced, unearned,
To die, to live, and not alone for me.

Morning Message "Cross-Carrying Christian" Don Guthrie
Mark 8:27-35

Decision Hymn 475 "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" MAITLAND

Offertory "How Far Is It to Bethlehem?" arr. Wilberg
The Sanctuary Choir

How far is it to Bethlehem? Not very far.
Shall we find the stable room lit by a star?
Can we see the little Child, is He within?
If we lift the wooden latch, may we go in?

May we stroke the creatures there, ox, ass or sheep?
May we peep like them and see Jesus asleep?
If we touch His tiny hand will He awake?
Will He know we've come so far just for His sake?

Great kings have precious gifts, and we have naught,
Little smiles and little tears are all we brought.
For all weary children Mary must weep,
Here, on the bed of straw, children, sleep.

God in His mother's arms; babes in the byre,
Sleep, as they sleep who find their heart's desire.

Foreign Missions Emphasis Larry Soape

Welcome, New Members! Bryan Richardson

Going Out Together "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" GO TELL IT

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching, o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

Postlude "Vieux Noël" Franck

Seth Nelson Organist Laurie Wilson Pianist

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of
Joyce Hathcox
on the occasion of her birthday.*

*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 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)

Music News

Thank you, choir and instrumentalists, for your preparation for tonight. We are grateful for your service to God! Thank you, Aaron Hufty, for your joyful, excellent leadership over the past seven months. Thank you, congregation, for your support and prayers in the next few interim months.

- December 23-30 Scott Vernon
- Christmas Eve Bryan Richardson and David Portillo
- January 6-20 Dr. Lloyd Hawthorne
- January 27-February 24 Dr. Ron Bowles
- March 3-31 Dr. Benji Harlan

Thank you, Search Team, as you search and pray for the person that God will guide to FBC as Associate Pastor of Worship and Music.

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!