



## 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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*"Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?"  
--Robert Browning*

*"I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it, yet!"  
--Paul of Tarsus (Philippians 3:13)*

*"I want to be the Jane Austin of South Alabama."  
--Harper Lee*

### TODAY IN WORSHIP.

11:00 Don Guthrie, preaching  
11:00 Internationals (4 services)  
5:30 Church Conference (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00 Jonathan Juedes Ordination (Sanctuary)

### 25th ANNUAL WOLFSON HOUSE CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW.

November 18-23, Monday-Friday 10AM-6PM and Saturday 10AM-3PM. Free admission, parking and refreshments.

**AREA FELLOWSHIPS SIGN-UP.** What? FBC-sponsored generational gatherings of FBC members in the same zip code (or nearby). These gatherings build bonds of fellowship for support and outreach. Sign-ups available in bulletin (place in offering plate) or ASK ME booths (leave in Church Office) or on-line at [fbcsa.org/areafellowships](http://fbcsa.org/areafellowships). Sign up for Spring ends on November 24.

**40 DAYS OF PRAYER.** Beginning Friday, November 22 (thru January 1), the congregation is invited to unite in prayer in support of leaders and Christians, near and far. On the FBCSA Blog, [www.theeverydayprayer.com](http://www.theeverydayprayer.com), we will teach on prayer, name a person or group and how we can pray for them. Are you willing to help? Great way to prepare for the New Year!

**CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE.** Join us in the Chapel on Sunday, November 24 at 6:00 PM for our annual guided prayer and worship experience in preparation for Thanksgiving.

**CHRISTMAS CARE.** collecting food items (until December 1) for delivery to low-income families in the downtown area and our Internationals. Full details are in the Highlights. Please donate!

**CHRISTMAS AT FIRST- "Emmanuel... Grant Us Peace".** December 8. Tickets available by waiting list for the 5:30 performance. Tickets for the 7:15 performance will be available in Unity Hall (limit 7 per family). Preschool childcare (birth through 3) is available by reservation only. Go to [fbcsa.org/christmasatfirst](http://fbcsa.org/christmasatfirst) to sign up.

**WHY CHRISTMAS?** December 6. Author Barbara Reaach will lead an information session on her Christmas book of devotions, "WHY CHRISTMAS?" This book is a wonderful tool to help parents, grandparents or anyone who would like to have a more meaningful celebration of this sacred holiday. Join us from 7:30 to 9PM in Blanchard Lounge.

**"FACING LIFE WITH FAITH".** In preparation for Sunday, November 24, please read the {Re:Verse} Scripture: 2 Peter 1:12-2:10.

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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

**"WALK THIS WAY: DEATH AND DISCIPLINE"**

T. DON GUTHRIE, PREACHING  
November 17, 2013 | 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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# SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

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NOVEMBER 17, 2013 | 11:00 AM

Preparation for Worship

The Salter and Rutherford Families

Call to Worship **"Bear the News to Every Land"** arr. Danner  
*The Sanctuary Choir; Patti Williams, piano*

We have heard the joyful sound: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Spread the tidings all around: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Bear the news to every land, climb the steeps and cross the waves;  
Onward! 'tis our Lord's command; Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Waft it on the rolling tide: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Tell to sinners far and wide: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Sing, ye islands of the sea; echo back ye oceans caves;  
Earth shall keep her jubilee: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord.  
Make your lives for Him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord.  
Come into His courts with gladness, each his sacred vows renew,  
Turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe,  
That in Thine oceans depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

Give the winds a mighty voice: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Let the nations now rejoice, Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Shout salvation full and free; highest hills and deepest caves;  
This our song of victory: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Hymn 335 **"Standing on the Promises"** PROMISES

Scripture **Galatians 5:22-23** Larry Soape

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Welcome

Prayer

Hymns 479 **"Children of God"** CHILDREN OF GOD  
484 **"Higher Ground"** HIGHER GROUND

The Children's Message Don Guthrie

Message in Song

**"Three Early Hymns"**  
*The Sanctuary Choir*

arr. Martin

When I can read my title clear  
To mansions in the skies,  
I'll bid farewell to every fear  
And wipe my weeping eyes.

I know that my Redeemer lives, glory hallelujah!  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives, glory hallelujah!  
Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground, glory hallelujah!  
The dead's alive and the lost is found, glory hallelujah!

Saints and angels, joined in concert,  
Sing the praises of the Lamb,  
While the blissful courts of heaven  
Sweetly echo with His name.

People arise and go to Jesus.  
He will embrace you in His arms.  
In the arms of Christ the Savior,  
O there are ten thousand charms.

Arise! People arise!

Morning Message **"Walk This Way: Death and Discipline"** Don Guthrie  
2 Peter 1:3-8, 11, 15

Hymn of Decision 458 **"Nearer, My God, to Thee"** BETHANY

Offertory The Salter and Rutherford Families

Life Together Don Guthrie

Welcome, New Members! Larry Soape

Going Out Together  
Hymn 333 **"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"** SHOWALTER

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Postlude The Salter and Rutherford Families

Seth Nelson  
Organist

Morning Worship telecast live on KSAT-TV  
"Touching lives through television for over forty years."  
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## Thanksgiving and Christmas

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

- November 18-24 Wolfson House Arts and Crafts Show
- November 24 Celebration of Gratitude; 6PM Sanctuary
- December 1 Wolfson Open House 12-5:30PM  
Hanging of the Green; 6PM Sanctuary
- December 8 "Christmas at First" Concerts;  
5:30PM and 7:15PM Sanctuary
- December 15 Joyful Sound and Children's Choirs  
Christmas Concert; 6PM Sanctuary
- December 13/14 Christmas Care/Angel Tree
- December 22 Carols and Candlelight; 6PM Sanctuary
- December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Lord's Supper;  
5:30PM Sanctuary  
(Memorial Service 5:00PM)

*"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!