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## FIRST FOCUS

“Christianity is like a nail, the harder you strike it, the deeper it goes.”  
–Yemelian Yaroslavsky (opponent of the Christian faith)

“This child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel,  
and for a sign to be opposed.”  
–Simeon’s prophesy over the Christ child (Luke 2:34)

### TODAY IN WORSHIP.

9:25 Early Service (Traditional), Don Guthrie, preaching  
9:30 LOGOS (Contemporary), Don Guthrie, (simulcast)  
11:00 Late Service (Traditional), Don Guthrie, preaching  
11:00 Internationals (4 services)  
11:00 Spanish Worship in Chapel, René de Alejandro, preaching  
6:00 Hanging of the Green (Sanctuary)

**HANGING OF THE GREEN.** Tonight! 6 PM. Annual tradition! Beginning of Advent Season. The service will culminate with a "Christmas Care Gift Processional" as we bring forward staple food items and financial offerings for those in need. Great teaching for young children. You are invited!

**CHRISTMAS CARE DONATIONS** are down by almost 1/2 of our normal inventory by this time of the year. Donations are still being accepted for delivery to low-income families in the downtown area and our Internationals. Please donate today!

**DEDICATION OF WOLFSON HOUSE.** Open House, 12:30-5:30PM today. Blessing of Esther’s Garden Prayer Room at 4:00 PM.

**CHRISTMAS AT FIRST.** December 8, 5:30 and 7:15 PM. Please return any unused tickets today! If you do not have a ticket, we encourage you to come. Most years there are seats available after those with tickets are admitted. If you have tickets, please make every effort to be on time for the performance. Please note special offering envelopes to assure that we continue to give this gift to our city without charge.

**WHY CHRISTMAS?** Author Barbara Reaoch will share information on her Christmas book of Devotions, Friday, December 6, 7:30-9:00 PM in Blanchard Lounge. Dessert and coffee served. Parents Night Out available with reservation through the Church office.

**40 DAYS OF PRAYER.** November 22-January 1, members and friends of FBC are invited to unite in prayer for Christians and causes, near and far. On the FBCSA Blog, [theeverydayprayer.com](http://theeverydayprayer.com).

**CHRISTMAS EVE AT FBC.** Beautiful. Reverent. Families together at Christmas. Candlelight Lord’s Supper, 5:30 PM. Memorial Service, 4:45 PM. You and your family are invited!

**TOTALLY HIS ... HANDS, HEART, VOICE.** For more than 160 years, Southern Baptists have given themselves wholly to God to go out into the world with the Gospel. But even today, billions of people remain lost. Would you consider partnering with First Baptist in sending members to touch lost people groups with God’s love? Would you support our Southern Baptist missionaries through mission’s giving? Offering envelopes are available at the Ask Me Booths and the missions display in Unity Hall.

**“LUKE – JESUS’ PERSONAL TOUCH”.** (New Winter Sermon Series) In preparation for Sunday, December 8, please read the {Re:Verse} Scripture: Luke 7:1-17.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SAN ANTONIO

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## 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

## 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



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

“REMARKABLE THINGS”

T. DON GUTHRIE, PREACHING  
December 1, 2013 | 11:00 AM

NEW LIFE. HISTORIC FAITH.



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# SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

WWW.FBCSA.ORG

DECEMBER 1, 2013 | 11:00 AM

## Christmas at First

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

Preparation for Worship **"Fanfare on Mendelssohn"** arr. Young

Call to Worship **"O Come, All Ye Faithful"** arr. Wilberg  
*The Sanctuary Choir; Jennifer Zaccagni, piano*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
O come, ye, O come, ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, glory in the highest;  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given.  
Son of the Father, now in flesh appearing;  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Carol 79 **"Blessed Be the God of Israel"** FOREST GREEN

Welcome Aaron Hufty

Prayer

Advent Scripture **Isaiah 40:1-8** Wimberleigh Johnson

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. <sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." <sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."

Carols  
199 **"Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"** (1,3) REGENT SQUARE  
88 **"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"** MENDELSSOHN

The Children's Message

Don Guthrie

Message in Song

**"No Eye Had Seen"**  
*The Sanctuary Choir*

arr. Krogstad

No eye had seen, no ear had heard  
'Till hosts on high proclaimed the birth  
And heaven brought down its only Child,  
The Son of man, the world reconciled.

Quietly with no one watching  
From the womb of perfect peace  
Wellspring of our joy delivered into earthly destiny.  
And song broke forth, the angelic strain,  
And none could help but sing the name: Emmanuel!  
"Kyrie Eleison," we sing, glory to the newborn King!  
Mortal and immortal voices, endless praises echoing!  
Emmanuel!

Morning Message

**"Remarkable Things"**  
Luke 5:12-14; 24-26

Don Guthrie

Hymn of Decision 489 **"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"** I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Offertory

**"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"**  
*Orchestra at First*

arr. Goeller

Life Together

Missions Testimony

Don Guthrie

Larry Soape

Welcome, New Members!

Bryan Richardson

Going Out Together

Carol 100

**"Gloria"**

GLORIA

Postlude

**"Toccata on Adeste Fideles"**

arr. Young

Seth Nelson  
Organist

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
in memory of  
Hazel Anderson  
and in honor of  
Charlotte 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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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 4:45PM)

*"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!