



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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SENIOR PASTOR

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“Teaching kids to count is good, but teaching them what counts is better.”
– Bob Talbert

“In Him was LIFE, and the LIFE was the light of men.”
– John 1:4

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
5:30 Church Conference
6:00 Carols & Candlelight

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT LORD’S SUPPER SERVICE.

Join us Tuesday, December 24 at 5:30 PM. What better way to celebrate Christ’s birth than to observe the Lord’s Supper and His gift of life to us? Invite your friends and family.

CHRISTMAS EVE MEMORIAL SERVICE - 4:45 PM. For all those who have lost loved ones in the previous year(s). Meaningful, beautiful remembrance. Open to the community. Please contact the church office at 210.226.0363 to indicate your plan to participate.

OFFICE CLOSURES. This holiday season the church office will be closed all-day, December 24 and 25 for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We will also be closed all-day December 31 and January 1 for New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year church family!!!

40 DAYS OF PRAYER. Culminating on January 1, members and friends of FBCSA are still invited to unite in prayer for Christians and causes, near and far on the FBCSA Blog, theeverydayprayer.com. Archives of past posts are available. Join us in prayer, will you?

THANK YOU CHRISTMAS CARE/ANGEL TREE. This year we packed 240 boxes of food with the help of 125 volunteers. Workers included little ones, to senior adults, to our international family. Thank you to everyone who donated their time, talents, and treasure. We were able to help 34 Angel Tree families with 88 gifts and 85 BCFS children thanks to your generosity! We are making a difference in our neighborhood!

CHRISTMAS AT FIRST – PERFORMANCE REBROADCAST. December 25 – Noon on KSAT 12. If you missed this year’s performances or would like to see it again, we will be rebroadcasting “Christmas at First - Emmanuel Grant Us Peace” on Christmas Day at Noon on KSAT 12. Please tell your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors!

JANUARY DATES.

January 12 Committee Orientation (4:15 PM)
January 18 Strategic Planning Saturday (9:00 AM)
January 19 Founder’s Day (Morning)
First Fine Arts Concert – Isabelle Demers, Organ (3:00 PM)
History and Heritage Banquet (5:00 PM)
January 26 Deacon Orientation (6:00 PM)

“LUKE – JESUS’ PERSONAL TOUCH”. (New Winter Sermon Series) In preparation for Sunday, December 29, please read the {Re:Verse} Scripture: Luke 13:1–17.

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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

“FIRST THINGS”

December 22, 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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SAN ANTONIO

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

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DECEMBER 22, 2013 | 11:00 AM

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Preparation for Worship	"Fantasia on Antioch"	arr. Cheban
Call to Worship	"Joy to the World" <i>The Sanctuary Choir; Patti Williams, piano</i>	arr. Wilberg
Carol 89	"O Come, All Ye Faithful"	ADESTE FIDELES
Welcome		Don Guthrie
Advent Scripture	Luke 2:15-20	Samuel Soape
Prayer		Pastor
Carols		
86	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	ST. LOUIS
103	"Away in a Manger"	MUELLER
The Dedication of a Home	Megan and Russell Huff & Shelby	Don Guthrie
The Children's Message - Proclaim		Pastor
Message in Song	"The First Nowell" <i>The Sanctuary Choir</i>	arr. Wilberg
Morning Message	"First Things" Luke 12:13-21	Don Guthrie
Hymn of Decision 94	"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"	REGENT SQUARE

Offertory

"Gesù Bambino"
April Hufty

Yon

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows
Upon a winter night
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose,
The King of Love and Light.

The angels sang, the shepherds sang,
The grateful earth rejoiced,
And at His blessed birth the stars
Their exultation voiced.

O come let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord.
Again the heart with rapture glows
To greet the holy night
That gave the world its Christmas Rose,
Its King of Love and Light.

Let every voice acclaim His name,
The grateful chorus swell,
From paradise to earth He came
That we with Him might dwell.

Life Together
Missions Testimony

Don Guthrie
Wallis Soape

Welcome, New Members!

Larry Soape

Going Out Together
Carol 100

"Gloria in excelsis Deo!"

GLORIA

Postlude

"Organ Flourish on Joy to the World"

arr. Dell

Seth Nelson
Organist

*The red rose honors:
Callum Ethan Rutherford
born December 16, 2013. He is welcomed by
his parents: Amy and Chaney; big brothers: Pierson and Patrick;
and grandparents: Andrea and Don Salter.*

*Today's 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.*

*Morning Worship telecast live on KSAT-TV
"Touching lives through television for over forty years."
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BUILDING FUND 2014 – NEW PROPOSAL

With confidence in the leadership of the Lord and gratitude for His blessings in 2013, in the New Year the FBCSA family will consider a new building fund focus. Multiple phases are being proposed which will include 1st floor West Hall renovations for senior adults, 2nd floor West Hall Music Ministry space, a new two-story building with a choir rehearsal room, a new front door, and 3rd floor West Hall renovations, and visitor center areas in Kokernot Hall. More details to come. This is only a proposal for now! Much prayer and consideration still ahead. Thank you for your prayers and your help as we move forward together on these important additions to our facilities and ministries. We will begin these projects only as the funds become available.

Proposed Schedule:

- Finance and Building & Property Meeting – January 12
- Church Presentation – January 26
- Church Approval – February 23

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!