



## 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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“Jesus is more like a Superhero who saves you from stuff than a Santa Claus who gives you stuff.”  
–Criss Jami

So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”  
–John 8:31-32

### 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 No Evening Worship

**WELCOME NETTIE TAYLOR AND LETHA CROUCH.** Today we are grateful to welcome Nettie Taylor to lead us in worship. Nettie is a member of the Sanctuary Choir and a retired music educator and also serves as a Sunday School teacher in the Freedom Class. We also welcome home Letha Crouch as she accompanies this service on the organ. Letha faithfully served as our church organist for many years before retiring to be able to spend more time with her precious daughter and grandsons in Leander.

**FOUNDERS DAY BANQUET.** On Sunday, January 19th, we will celebrate our 153rd year of worship in the Heart of San Antonio. The FBC Foundation will host a banquet to celebrate the heritage and history of the Church. The 2014 Cadwallader Award winner will be announced. Milestones in church history will be highlighted, and stories told by families who have established an enduring legacy through their gifts to the Foundation. For inquiries or to RSVP contact Jenica in the church office.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING SATURDAY.** Saturday, January, 18 – 9:00AM - 12:00PM – Webb 212. The FBC Strategic Planning Committee invites your participation in its annual Listening Session. We want to hear from you on Saturday, January 18th before we begin crafting the 2014 Strategic Plan. Your priorities and your dreams are vital as we forge a new future for our church.

### 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 – Isabelle Demers, Organ (3:00 PM)
  - Founders Day Banquet (5:00 PM)
- January 26 – Deacon Ordination (6:00 PM)

**OFFICE CLOSURES.** We will be closed all-day December 31 and January 1 for New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day (No Wednesday evening services). Happy New Year church family!!!

**“LUKE – JESUS’ PERSONAL TOUCH”.** In preparation for Sunday, January 5, please read the {Re:Verse} Scripture: Luke 14:25-35.

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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

“CHRISTMAS CONTINUED”

December 29, 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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DECEMBER 29, 2013 | 11:00 AM

Preparation for Worship **"In the Bleak Midwinter"** arr. Horne  
*Letha Crouch, organ*

Portrait of Faith **Believer's Baptism** Boun Phommachanh

Call to Worship **"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"** arr. Wilberg  
*The Sanctuary Choir; Nettie Taylor, director  
Jennifer Zaccagni, piano; Letha Crouch, organ*

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail! The Son of righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hymn 108 **"How Great Our Joy"** JÜNGST

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Scripture **John 8:31-32**

So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue  
in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the  
truth, and the truth will make you free."

Prayer

Hymns 118 **"What Child Is This" (1)** GREENSLEEVES  
107 **"Oh, Come, Little Children"** SCHULZ

The Dedication of a Home Don Guthrie  
**Lauren and Cacey Wells & Hudson**

The Children's Message

Pastor

Message in Song **"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, sleep, children, sleep.

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

Morning Message **"Christmas Continued"** Don Guthrie  
Luke 13:10-17

Hymn of Decision 559 **"Rescue the Perishing"** RESCUE

Offertory **"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"** arr. Wayne  
*Letha Crouch*

Life Together Don Guthrie

Welcome, New Members! Bryan Richardson

Going Out Together **"Gloria in excelsis Deo!"** GLORIA  
Carol 100

Postlude **"Joy to the World!"** arr. Cleveland

Seth Nelson  
Organist

*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 1<sup>st</sup> floor West Hall renovations for senior adults, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor West Hall Music Ministry space, a new two-story building with a choir rehearsal room, a new front door, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!