



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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WORSHIP AND MUSIC

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR,
YOUNG MARRIEDS, AND YES, LORD! MINISTRIES

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR, SINGLES,
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“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”
--Martin Luther King, Jr.

“We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark;
the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.”
--Plato

TODAY IN WORSHIP.

- 9:25 Early Service (Traditional), Bryan Richardson, preaching
- 9:30 LOGOS (Contemporary), Danny Panter, preaching
- 11:00 Late Service (Traditional), Bryan Richardson, preaching
- 11:00 Internationals (4 services)
- 11:00 Spanish Worship (Chapel), René de Alejandro, preaching
- 5:30 Church Conference (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Hanging of the Greens (Sanctuary)

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

CHURCH CONFERENCE – Today at 5:30. Fellowship Hall.
(Deacons will meet at 5 PM.)

NOON ADVENT SERIES BEGINS TUESDAY. Concert and lunch (1 hour).
Dec. 2–Mark Cruz, guitar; Dec. 9–South Texas Jazz; Dec. 16–Avanti String Quartet; Dec. 23–FBCSA Chamber Singers.

UKRAINE MISSION TEAM. Our team will be reporting as they can. To keep up with them, go to fbca.org/missionsblog and click on the Ukraine tab. Please continue to pray for their effectiveness and their safety.

WORSHIP TOGETHER! When the city of San Antonio welcomes the Rock ‘n’ Roll Marathon (December 7), the church at the center of the city (FBCSA), has an opportunity to do something new and encouraging. We worship together! Early and Traditional services meet together at 11 AM. No Sunday School.

SATURDAY NIGHT LOGOS. The contemporary worship service (English) of FBCSA will meet on Saturday night, December 6, at 6 PM. Marathon week gives us a special opportunity. Danny Panter will preach. You are invited.

CHRISTMAS CARE FOOD DRIVE. Will continue to accept select food items until Dec. 7. Volunteers are still needed to help pack on Friday, Dec. 19 and 20. Call Rita at 210.226.0363 if you are available to help.

NEW SERIES BEGINS. Next week our *Re:Verse* system begins a 13-week study in the gospel of John - *Believe in Jesus and live!* Study guides available at the ASK ME booths or in Sunday School. In preparation, read John 1:1-18.

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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

“REALITY REDISCOVERED: THE GOD WE MUST COUNT ON”

R. BRYAN RICHARDSON, PREACHING
November 30, 2014 | 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



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SAN ANTONIO

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

WWW.FBCSA.ORG

NOVEMBER 30, 2014 | 11:00 AM

First Sunday in Advent

Preparation for Worship

"Variations on FREU DICH SEHR" arr. Lau

Call to Worship

"Once in Royal David's City" arr. Wilberg
The Sanctuary Choir

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all.
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

And our eyes at last shall see Him.
Through His own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above.
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.

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

Welcome Aaron Huffy

Prayer

Hymn 76 **"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"** VENI EMMANUEL

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Lane Family
Mary's Song - Luke 1:46-55

Hymn 528 **"My Savior First of All"** I SHALL KNOW HIM

The Children's Message Bryan Richardson

Message in Song **"No Eye Had Seen"** arr. Krogstad
The Sanctuary Choir

No eye had seen, no ear had heard
'Til hosts on high proclaimed the birth.
And heaven brought down its only Child,
(Quietly, with no one watching, from the womb of perfect peace,)
The Son of man; the world reconciled.
(Well-spring of the joy delivered into earthly destiny.)

And song broke forth, angelic strain,
And none could help but sing the name:
("Kyrie eleison," We sing, glory to the newborn King!)
Mortal and immortal voices, endless praises echoing!
(Emmanuel!)

Morning Message Bryan Richardson
"Reality Rediscovered: The God We Must Count On"
2 Timothy 4:1-5

Decision Hymn 350 **"The Church's One Foundation"** AURELIA

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

Welcome, New Members! Vic Haney

Life Together Bryan Richardson

Going Out Together
Hymn 100 **"Angels We Have Heard on High"** GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
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Postlude **"Toccata on ADESTE FIDELES"** arr. Young

Seth Nelson Patti Williams
Organ Piano

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and honoring the 64th wedding anniversary of
Sandy and Joe Etheridge.*

*Morning Worship telecast live on KSAT-TV
"Touching lives through television for over forty years."
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FBCSA's blog theeverydayprayer.com is getting some help this holiday season. Beginning November 30 and continuing through Christmas Day members of our staff as well as several members of the First Baptist family will contribute daily devotionals specifically for Advent. Need some encouragement this season? The selected scriptures will point to the manger and will focus our thoughts on the coming of the Christ child. If you have never visited our daily blog, this is a great time to hear the thoughts of our church as we prepare.

Schedule of Authors:

Nov. 30	Don Guthrie	Dec. 13	Tony Gerloff
Dec. 1	Donna Bowman	Dec. 14	Garner Richardson
Dec. 2	Blake Coffee	Dec. 15	Susan Kaminski
Dec. 3	Bryan Richardson	Dec. 16	Danny Panter
Dec. 4	Jimmy Gunn	Dec. 17	Barbara Reaoch
Dec. 5	Susan Spoon	Dec. 18	Anna Kingsbury
Dec. 6	Jane Witcher	Dec. 19	Madeline Senter
Dec. 7	Joe Musser	Dec. 20	Aaron Huffy
Dec. 8	Larry Soape	Dec. 21	Tiffini Greer
Dec. 9	Larry Boggs	Dec. 22	Emily Cox
Dec. 10	Chris Butler	Dec. 23	Sandi Faulk
Dec. 11	Laura Aten	Dec. 24	Jean Nystrand
Dec. 12	Scott Lane	Dec. 25	Lauren Wells

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!