



# 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

**T. Don Guthrie**  
SENIOR PASTOR

**Aaron C. Hufty**  
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WORSHIP AND MUSIC

**Scott R. Lane**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR,  
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ASSOCIATE PASTOR,  
YOUNG MARRIEDS, AND YES, LORD! MINISTRIES

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“The only true voyage of discovery...is not to visit strange lands,  
but to possess new eyes.”  
--Marcel Proust

“This is the irrational season  
When love blooms bright and wild.  
For if Mary had been filled with reason  
There’d have been no room for the Child.”  
--Madeline L’Engle

### TODAY IN WORSHIP.

- 11:00 Late Service (Traditional), Don Guthrie, preaching
- 11:00 Internationals (4 services)
- 11:00 Spanish Worship (Chapel), René de Alejandro, preaching
- 6:00 Children’s Choir Concert (Sanctuary)

**CHILDREN’S CHOIR CONCERT TONIGHT.** Come celebrate the season with song as the children’s choirs present their annual Christmas Concert. This wonderful ministry has been diligently preparing and you will certainly be blessed. 6 PM in the Sanctuary. Please come and support these young singers as they share their gifts.

**CHRISTMAS AT FIRST!** We are grateful for the overwhelming response to the addition of the 3rd performance! If you have not secured your tickets, add your name to the waiting list in Great Hall or contact [barbie@fbcsa.org](mailto:barbie@fbcsa.org) or call 210.226.0363. Unused tickets may be returned to the church office or the Great Hall ticket table.

**ADVENT CONCERT & LUNCH SERIES.** Tuesdays at noon. Concert and lunch (one hour). Join us on Dec. 9 – South Texas Jazz; Dec. 16 – Avanti String Quartet; or Dec. 23 – FBCSA Chamber Singers, to celebrate through music during this Advent season. Concert, free; lunch, \$5.00.

**CHRISTMAS CARE FOOD DRIVE.** has almost reached our goal for the year. If you would like to send a monetary donation, go to [fbcsa/christmascare](http://fbcsa/christmascare) to help us buy the remainder of the items still needed. Volunteers are still needed to pack and deliver the boxes to the families on Friday, December 19 at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall and again Saturday, December 20 at 9:00 AM. To volunteer call Rita at 210-226-0363.

**LESSONS AND CAROLS.** The FBCSA Chamber Singers present an evening service of nine “lessons” from Holy Scripture which tell the story of Christmas from Eden to Bethlehem. Prior to the service there will be a hand bell concert presented in Unity Hall at 5:30.

### CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION.

**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.

**LORD’S SUPPER SERVICE – 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.

**WINTER SERMON SERIES!** “Believe in Jesus and Live! In preparation for Sunday, December 14, read John 3:1-21.

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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

“WE BELIEVE!”

T. DON GUTHRIE, PREACHING  
December 7, 2014 | 11:00 AM

## GUEST REGISTRATION

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 11:00  
 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



DECEMBER 7, 2014 | 11:00 AM

## Second Sunday in Advent

Preparation for Worship	<b>"Let Everything Praise the Lord"</b>	Wagner
Call to Worship	<b>"The Word Became Flesh"</b> <i>Orchestra at First; Danny Panter, narration</i>	Goeller
Carol 83	<b>"Arise, Your Light Is Come"</b>	FESTAL SONG
Welcome		Don Guthrie
Prayer		
Carol 81	<b>"Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness"</b>	WOODLANDS
Lighting of the Advent Candle	<b>Zechariah's Song, Luke 1:68-79</b>	The Gunn Family
Carol 77	<b>"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"</b>	HYFRYDOL
The Children's Message		Pastor
Message in Song	<b>"We Have Seen His Glory"</b> <i>The Sanctuary Choir</i>	Goeller

We have seen His glory, the Prince of Peace has come;  
He left His heavenly throne above and made this world His home.

We have seen the glory, of the Father's only Son;  
Whose victory rescues us from death, the curse of sin undone.

God the Father, rich in mercy, reaches down from heaven above.  
To offer us salvation by virtue of His love.

Jesus Christ, the Word Incarnate, Hero of redemption's story.  
We worship and adore Him, for we have seen His glory.

We have seen His glory, raise your voice in one accord.  
Let every tongue His name confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

God the Father, rich in mercy, reaches down from heaven above.  
To offer us salvation by virtue of His love.

Morning Message	<b>"We Believe!"</b> John 1:1-5, 11-14, 18	Don Guthrie
Decision Hymn 416	<b>"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"</b>	OLIVET
Offertory	<b>"Wexford Carol"</b> <i>Amy Rutherford, violin; Patti Williams, piano</i>	arr. Collinsworth
	Good people all this Christmastime, Consider well and bear in mind What our good God for us has done, In sending His beloved Son.	
Welcome, New Members!		Bryan Richardson
Missions Testimony		Chris Wilson
Life Together		Don Guthrie
Going Out Together		
Carol 100	<b>"Angels We Have Heard on High"</b>	GLORIA
	Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!	
Postlude	<b>"The Heaven's Declare God's Glory"</b>	Marcello
Charlie Winn Organ		Patti Williams Piano

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
in memory of  
**Ward Miller**  
by his loving family:  
Nance, Lindsey, Keaton, Clay, Anna, and Madison.*

*Morning Worship telecast live on KSAT-TV  
"Touching lives through television for over forty years."  
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### December

- 7 Marathon-No SS, Joint Worship Service! 11:00 AM  
Children's Choirs Christmas Program, 6 PM (Sanctuary)
- 9 Advent Series Concert and Lunch, 12 PM: South Texas Jazz
- 13 Christmas at First Concert, 5 PM
- 14 Christmas at First Concert, 5:30 PM & 7:15 PM
- 16 Advent Series Concert and Lunch, 12 PM: Avanti String Quartet
- 19 Christmas Care; Packing (Volunteers Needed)
- 20 Christmas Care/Angel Tree; Delivery (Volunteers Needed)
- 21 Lessons and Carols, 6 PM (Sanctuary)
- 23 Advent Series Concert and Lunch, 12 PM: FBC Chamber Singers
- 24 Memorial Service, 4:45 PM; Lord's Supper, 5:30 PM
- 25 Broadcast of Christmas at First Concert on KSAT, 12PM

### 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!