



# 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. Huff**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR,  
WORSHIP AND MUSIC

**Scott R. Lane**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR,  
STUDENTS AND VENTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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"I wanted to talk to someone. But who? It's moments like this, when you need someone the most, that your world seems the smallest."  
-Rachel Cohn

"Call unto me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know." (Jeremiah 33:3)

### TODAY IN WORSHIP.

- 9:25 Early Service (Traditional), Bryan Richardson, preaching
- 9:30 LOGOS (Contemporary), Don Guthrie, preaching
- 11:00 Late Service (Traditional), Don Guthrie, preaching
- 11:00 Internationals (4 services)
- 11:00 Spanish Worship (Chapel), René de Alejandro, preaching

**FIRST KIDS – TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL.** Today's lesson looks at Luke 2:1-40, giving the entire story of the birth of Jesus. The kids will be focusing on the core passage of verses 8 - 20, the account of the shepherds during the birth of Jesus. We encourage parents/grandparents, brothers/sisters to read these passages and engage the children in a family discussion.

**CHRISTMAS AT FIRST.** Two performances tonight! 5:30 and 7:15. Please read through today's side panel and keep it for reference. It will help make your experience and others new to Christmas at First more enjoyable. Please bring all unused tickets and return to will call table.

**TV MINISTRY SPECIAL OFFERING.** Thank you for your financial contributions to the TV Ministry in 2014. We have had another great year of giving and are so blessed. We are so close to meeting this year's Special Offering goal of \$420,000 with only \$56,762 left to go! Please pray and consider a gift today to this vital outreach ministry.

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

**CHRISTMAS CARE FOOD DRIVE.** Volunteers are still needed to pack and deliver the boxes to the families on Friday, December 19 at 6PM in Fellowship Hall and again Saturday, December 20 at 8:30AM. To volunteer call Rita at 210.226.0363.

**LESSONS AND CAROLS.** Sunday, December 21, the FBCSA Chamber Singers will present an evening service of nine "lessons" from Holy Scripture which tell the story of Christmas from Eden to Bethlehem. Prior to the service, hear the hand bell concert in Unity Hall at 5:30.

**CHRISTMAS EVE AT FBCSA** – open to the community.  
**MEMORIAL SERVICE – 4:45 PM.** For all those who have lost loved ones in the previous year(s). Please contact the church office at 210.226.0363 to indicate your plan to participate.  
**CANDLELIGHT LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE – 5:30 PM.**

**WINTER SERMON SERIES!** "The Gospel of John - Believe in Jesus and Live!" In preparation for Sunday, December 21, read John 6:25-51.

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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

"THE CONVERSATIONAL CHRIST"  
T. DON GUTHRIE, PREACHING  
December 14, 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



DECEMBER 14, 2014 | 11:00 AM

## Third Sunday in Advent

Preparation for Worship "In dulci júbilo, BWV 729" Bach

Call to Worship "Christmas Hymn" arr. Clydesdale  
The Sanctuary Choir

Praise to God Whose love was shown, Who sent His Son to earth.  
Jesus left His rightful throne, became a man by birth.  
The virgin's baby Son, all creation praised Him,  
God incarnate, come, come adore Him.

Still a higher call had He, deliverance from our sins.  
Come to set all people free from Satan's hold within.  
For by the sin of Man we fell, by the Son of God  
He crushed the power of hell, death we fear no more.

Now we stand with strength, with power, the sons of God on earth.  
Faithful to the final hour, Christ's righteousness, our worth.  
And now all praise be given for the Babe, the Son,  
The Savior King is risen, Christ is Lord indeed.

Carol 96 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" IN DULCI JUBILO

Welcome Don Guthrie

Prayer

Carol 86 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ST. LOUIS

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Soape Family  
John the Baptist's Song, Luke 3:2-6,16-18

Carol 111 "Sing We Now of Christmas" FRENCH CAROL

The Children's Message Pastor

Message in Song "How Far Is It to Bethlehem" arr. Wilberg  
The Sanctuary Choir

Morning Message "The Conversational Christ" Don Guthrie  
John 2:13-17, 23-24; 3:1-8

Decision Hymn 281 "Speak to My Heart" HOLCOMB

Offertory "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Page  
Woodwind Ensemble

Welcome, New Members! Bryan Richardson

Mission Testimony Luke Speckman

Life Together Don Guthrie

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
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Postlude "Toccata on Gloria" arr. Duckett

Seth Nelson Jennifer Zaccagni  
Organ Piano

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
**Jesse Smith**  
by Naomi Smith.

Morning Worship telecast live on KSAT-TV  
"Touching lives through television for over forty years."  
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### Helpful information for Christmas at First 2015

**General Entry** will be through Courtyard and Playscape gates only. Will-Call will be located under the breezeway entrance to the playground. (Please bring any unused tickets with you).

**Handicap Entry** will be under the Porte-Cochere. Parking will be in the Staff and Broadway lots.

**Bus Entry** will be on the corner of 4th and Avenue B, going west bound, parking along the curb.

**Parking for Christmas at First.** This year McCullough and River lot will be available for all performances.

**Childcare** (by previous reservation only): Check-in for the Sunday 5:30 performance starts at 5:00. Check-in for the Sunday 7:15 performance starts at 6:55. Check-in and pick up at the McCullough street/Breezeway doors ONLY!

**Christmas at First Seating:** Doors for the Sunday 5:30 performance open at 4:45. Doors for the 7:15 performance open at 6:50. Late seating will be available only after the candlelight processional.

### 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!