



# 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. Huffy**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR,  
WORSHIP AND MUSIC

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR,  
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ASSOCIATE PASTOR,  
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ASSOCIATE PASTOR, SINGLES,  
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"Truth will set you free. And Truth has a name."  
-- William Paul Young

"You may choose to look the other way  
but you can never say again that you did not know."  
--William Wilberforce

### 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 (Chapel), René de Alejandro, preaching
- 6:00 No Evening Services

**FIRST KIDS – Today in Sunday School.** Ezra - The verses in chapter 3 tell of the rebuilding of the Lord's altar and temple. Chapter 6 highlights the celebration of the Passover Feast, another time of great joy. The overall theme for this lesson is worship and praising God in many different ways.

**CHRISTMAS CARE AND ANGEL TREE THANK YOU!** This year we packed 272 boxes of food with the help of 160 volunteers. Workers included little ones, teenagers, senior adults and our International family. We delivered food boxes to students and families of Lamar, Cable and Briscoe elementary schools. We furnished Angel Tree gifts and food boxes to the prison ministry and Baptist Children and Family Services. Thank you to everyone who donated their time, talents and treasure, we could not have done it without each of you.

**TV MINISTRY SPECIAL OFFERING.** Thank you for all of 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 \$47,534 left to go! Please pray and consider a gift today to this vital outreach ministry.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.** The Church office will be closed from noon on Wednesday, December 31 through Friday, January 2. Have a safe and Happy New Year church family!

**THE EVERYDAYPRAYER.COM.** Thank you to all of the authors who participated in our Advent Series of the blog. Church members and staff contributed daily devotionals through 26 days of Advent. If you missed any, go to theeverydayprayer.com and click "Advent 2014" under the "Categories" section. The daily blog continues as the Pastor and our Associate Pastors give their daily devotionals over the *Re:Verse* passage.

**ALL-CHURCH RETREAT.** Friday, January 30 through Sunday, February, 1. Join us at Echo Valley, H-E-B Encampment in Leakey, Texas for fellowship and fun. Meals are provided, outdoor games and activities, campfire, group and individual devotion time, dorm-style sleeping arrangements. Sign-up will begin in January in Unity Hall or you can call the church office at 210.226.0363 to register.

**IMPORTANT: ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS MEETING** – Sunday, January 25; 4:30. SAVE THE DATE!

**RE:VERSE.** "The Gospel of John - Believe in Jesus and Live!" In preparation for Sunday, January 4, read John 10:1-21.

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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

"STAY"

T. DON GUTHRIE, PREACHING  
December 28, 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

NEW LIFE. HISTORIC FAITH.



DECEMBER 28, 2014 | 11:00 AM

## First Sunday of Christmas

Preparation for Worship      **"In Dulci Jubilo"**      arr. Manz  
    **"Variations on Puer Nobis Nascitur"**      Lasky

Call to Worship      **"Joy to the World"**      arr. Wilberg  
    *The Sanctuary Choir*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
 Let earth receive her King!  
 Let every heart prepare Him room,  
 And heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns;  
 Let men their songs employ,  
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
 Repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
 Nor thorns infest the ground;  
 He comes to make His blessings flow  
 Far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
 And makes the nations prove  
 The glories of His righteousness,  
 And wonders of His love.

Carol 85      **"The First Nowell"**      THE FIRST NOWELL

Scripture Reading      **2 Peter 3:8-9**      Don Guthrie

<sup>8</sup> But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

Prayer

Carol 89      **"O Come, All Ye Faithful"**      ADESTE FIDELES

Christmas Reading      The Richardson Family  
    **Simeon's Song, Luke 2:25-32**

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

The Children's Message      Pastor

Message in Song      **"Nunc Dimittis"**      Scholz  
    *The Sanctuary Choir*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,  
 According to thy word,  
 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.  
 A light to lighten the Gentiles,  
 To be the glory of thy people Israel.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace.

Morning Message      **"Stay"**      Don Guthrie  
    John 8:30-36

Decision Hymn 342      **"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"**      TOPLADY

Offertory      **"Coventry Carol"**      arr. Hayes  
    *Patti Williams, piano; Don Aten, clarinet*

Welcome, New Members!      Bryan Richardson

Life Together      Don Guthrie

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
 Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Postlude      **"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"**      arr. Kerr

Doris Keating      Patti Williams  
 Organ      Piano

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
 by Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Thurmond, Jr.  
 and in loving memory of  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Thurmond, Sr.,  
 who were married on Christmas day.*

*Morning Worship telecast live on KSAT-TV  
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## Just Ahead!

- Committee Orientation – January 11
- Strategic Planning Saturday – January 17
- All Sunday School Leaders Meeting (important) – January 25
- Deacon Ordination Service – January 25
- All-Church Retreat (HEB Encampment) – January 30 - February 1
- Agape Meal – February 8
- Time for Teaching – February 15 and 22 "Calvinism: What do we believe?"
- Marriage in 3D – February 20

### 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!