



# OUR STAFF

## 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.

“His mercies are new every morning” says the Scripture. So, we meet in this holy, happy place with the expectation of finding “grace to help.”

We are glad that you have joined us today! We call it “fellowship around God’s Word” and our prayer is that you will experience for yourself the encouragement of the Lord and His people.

The card below is intended for use by our guests. We are grateful for an opportunity to get to know you.

“Let the world hear His voice.” God bless you.

Don Guthrie, Pastor

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# FIRST FOCUS

“If you want the answer – ask the question.” -- Lorie Myers

“Yes, it’s tough, that goes without saying,  
but isn’t waiting itself and longing a wonder...?” –Annie Dillard

“The vision is yet for the appointed time...  
Though it tarries, wait for it, it will certainly come.” (Habakkuk 2:3)

## TODAY IN WORSHIP.

- 11:00 International Services (2 Services; Zomi, 12:30)
- 11:00 Late Service (Traditional), Don Guthrie, preaching
- 11:00 LOGOS (Contemporary), Don Guthrie, simulcast
- 11:00 Spanish Service (Blanchard Lounge), René de Alejandro, preaching
- 6:00 Children’s Choirs & Handbell Christmas Program

**BOUN PHOMMACHANH RETIREMENT CELEBRATION.** At the end of this year (after 18 years of service to the Lord at FBCSA), Boun Phommachanh, the FBCSA Minister to Internationals, will retire. You are invited (4:30 in Unity Hall) to a church-wide celebration today of his influence and kindness. Thank you, Boun! God bless you in your new chapter.

**CHILDREN’S CHOIRS & HANDBELL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.** The Advent and Christmas seasons are celebrated with song all month long. This evening (6PM) the FBCSA Handbells and the Children’s Choirs will ring and sing during this festive time. The music will fill the sanctuary and your hearts.

**“CHRISTMAS AT FIRST – ON THIS DAY HE IS BORN”.** Saturday, December 12, 5 PM • Sunday, December 13, 5:30 & 7:15 PM. The Music Ministry of FBCSA joyfully presents the message of hope through the music of the season. Be our guest for this annual presentation. An opportunity to invite friends and family. Seating is general admission. NO TICKETS NEEDED! Childcare provided for children 3 and under on a first come, first serve basis. Please arrive early.

**CHRISTMAS CARE.** Bring select food items (until December 13) for delivery (December 19) to financially-challenged families in the downtown area and to FBCSA International families. A list of foods are in the *Highlights* or online at [fbca.org/christmascare](http://fbca.org/christmascare). Monetary donations are also appreciated.

**BAPTISM ORIENTATION.** All those considering this important step of Christian discipleship are invited to meet with the Pastor Sunday, December 13 at 9:30 AM in his office. Informational meeting. No obligation. You are invited to attend.

**LESSONS AND CAROLS.** December 20 • 6:00 PM. The FBCSA Chamber Singers present an evening service of nine “lessons” from Scripture which tell the story of Christmas from Eden to Bethlehem. Simple and beautiful. Come listen, learn, and sing.

**THEEVERYDAYPRAYER.COM - ADVENT EDITION.** 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.

**NEW WINTER SERMON SERIES - MATTHEW.** In preparation for December 13, please read the *Re:Verse* scripture passage, Matthew 3.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
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

“SEEK AND FIND: MATTHEW’S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE”

T. DON GUTHRIE, PREACHING  
December 6, 2015 | 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 6, 2015 | 11:00 AM

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SAN ANTONIO

## Second Sunday in Advent

Preparation for Worship "Of the Father's Love Begotten" arr. Kerrick

### HIS NAME

Portrait of Faith **Believer's Baptism** Don Guthrie

Call to Worship **"We Have Seen His Glory"** Goeller  
*The Sanctuary Choir*

Carol 76\* **"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"** VENI EMMANUEL

Welcome and Prayer Don Guthrie

### HIS WORD

Carol 88\* **"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"** MENDELSSOHN

The Children's Message **Advent Candle - Peace** Pastor

Carol 93\* **"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"** CAROL

Anthem **"Before the Marvel of this Night"** Schalk  
*The Sanctuary Choir*

Before the marvel of this night  
Adoring, fold your wings and bow,  
Then tear the sky apart with light  
And with your news the world endow.  
Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace,  
That fear and death and sorrow cease:  
Sing peace, sing gift of peace!

Awake the sleeping world with song,  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
Assemble here, celestial throng,  
In royal splendor come arrayed.  
Give earth a glimpse of heavenly bliss,  
A teasing taste of what they miss:  
Sing bliss, sing endless bliss!

The love that we have always known,  
Our constant joy and endless light,  
Now to the loveless world be shown,  
Now break upon its deathly night.  
Into one song compress the love,  
That rules our universe above:  
Sing love, sing God is love!

Morning Message Don Guthrie  
**"Seek and Find: Matthew's Christmas Message"**  
Matthew 1:18-25; 2:1-11

### OUR RESPONSE

Hymn of Decision 600\* **"More About Jesus"** SWENEY

Offertory **"Sleepers Wake!"** Goeller  
*Orchestra at First*

### HIS FAMILY

Dedication of a Home Don Guthrie  
**Alex and Julie De Hoyos, and Katharine**

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 **"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"** arr. Fedak

Mark Schmeltekopf Jennifer Zaccagni  
Organ Piano

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

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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

- December 6 Children's Choirs & Handbells Christmas Concert, 6 PM
- December 8 Advent Concert and Lunch Series 12 PM:  
Matt Dunne, Guitar
- December 12 Christmas at First Concert, 5 PM
- December 13 Christmas at First Concert, 5:30 PM & 7:15 PM
- December 15 Advent Concert and Lunch Series 12 PM:  
Linda Poetschke, Soprano
- December 18 Christmas Care; Packing (Volunteers Needed)
- December 19 Christmas Care; Delivery (Volunteers Needed)
- December 20 Lessons and Carols, 6 PM (Sanctuary)
- December 22 Advent Concert and Lunch Series 12 PM:  
IlluMen - Men's Ensemble
- December 24 Memorial Service, 4:45 PM; Lord's Supper, 5:30 PM
- December 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!