



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.

“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

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

Students: 6th grade 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

T. Don Guthrie
SENIOR PASTOR

René De Alejandro
MINISTER, HISPANIC FELLOWSHIP

Jimmy Gunn
ASSOCIATE PASTOR, PRESCHOOL/ELEMENTARY

Rick Henderson
ASSOCIATE PASTOR, YOUTH

Aaron C. Huff
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EXECUTIVE PASTOR, MINISTRY

Danny M. Panter, Jr.
ASSOCIATE PASTOR, YOUNG MARRIEDS,
AND COMMUNITY MISSIONS

R. Bryan Richardson
ASSOCIATE PASTOR,
PASTORAL MINISTRIES, SINGLE ADULTS,
AND SMALL GROUPS

Larry D. Soape
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MEDIAN AND SENIOR ADULTS, AND MISSIONS

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DIRECTOR, MEDIA AND BROADCAST

David Rohmfeld
DIRECTOR, FACILITIES

“Within East Company they made the best friends they ever had, or ever would have. They were prepared to die for each other.”
–Stephen Ambrose (Band of Brothers)

“Christ, who said to the disciples, ‘Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you’ can truly say to every group of Christian friends, ‘You have not chosen one another, but I have chosen you for one another.’”
–C. S. Lewis

TODAY IN WORSHIP.

- 8:30 Early Service (Traditional), Don Guthrie, preaching
- 9:30 International Services (3 Services; Zomi at 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
- 5:00 Church Conference
- 6:00 Lessons and Carols

MISSIONS EMPHASIS MONTH – “A COMMAND TO OBEY”

Have you considered joining a “First On Mission” trip this coming year? You can be a prayer partner or a traveling team member. Sign up by filling out an interest card at the Missions booth in Unity Hall today or online at fbcsa.org/missions. Information on the trips can be found on the permanent mission display wall in Great Hall. You can make a difference!

ADVENT CONCERT & LUNCH SERIES. Tuesday December, 20 at noon. Final concert and lunch (one hour). 12/20 – FBCSA Chamber Singers. Concert, free; lunch, \$5.00. Detailed info at fbcsa.org/firstfinearts.

WHAT NOW? WHAT NEXT? – FBCSA Strategic Planning Weekend.

January 20-21. “I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. Plans for welfare and not calamity” (Jeremiah 29:11). You’re invited to join the staff and members of FBCSA as we seek the Lord and His plans for the coming years. Friday night or Saturday morning. RSVP for childcare. Nights of Prayer in support of this event are January 11 and 18 (Fellowship Hall) at 6pm (or Thursday, January 12 and 19 at 11 AM, Parlor).

THE SCRIPTURE AND HOMOSEXUALITY – Information we need. On January 15, in a *Time for Teaching*, the Pastor will guide us as we look at the Scriptures related to homosexuality. A subject of intense interest and controversy. All of us need to be informed and prayerful. You are invited.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE IN! – Pick-up in Unity Hall.

WINTER SERMON SERIES: “MARK” – In preparation for December 25, please read the *Re:Verse* scripture passage – Mark 5:1-20. You are also encouraged to read daily reflections from our pastors on the *Re:Verse* scripture verse at TheEverydayPrayer.com.

“Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel...standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.” (Philippians 1:27)

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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

“FINDING FAMILY”

T. DON GUTHRIE, PREACHING

December 18, 2016 | 11:00 AM



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SAN ANTONIO

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Preparation for Worship "Vieux Noël" Franck

HIS NAME

Portrait of Faith Believer's Baptism Don Guthrie

Call to Worship "Angels from the Realms of Glory" arr. Forrest
The Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading Malachi 4:2 Scott Lane

But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.

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

Greet One Another Aaron Hufty

Welcome and Prayer Scott Lane

HIS WORD

Scripture Reading James 1:2-4 Aaron Hufty

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

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

The Children's Message Advent Wreath - "Praise" Don Guthrie

Anthem "Praise His Holy Name!" Hampton
The Sanctuary Choir

Hymn 90* "Carols Sing" BETHLEHEM SONG

Message "Finding Family" Don Guthrie
Mark 3:20-22; 31-35

OUR RESPONSE

Hymn of Decision 333* "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" SHOWALTER

Offertory "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" Goeller
Orchestra at First

HIS FAMILY

Life Together Scott Lane

Welcome, New Members! Bryan Richardson

Going Out Together Hymn 100* "Angels We Have Heard on High" (v.4) GLORIA

See Him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Postlude "Toccata on VENI EMMANUEL" arr. Carter

Seth Nelson Organ Jennifer McLeod Piano

*We rejoice with
Matthew and Jennifer Wimpee
in the birth of their son,
William Jackson "Jack"
born December 7, 2016.*

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

*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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You Are Invited To Join Us This Christmas Season!

December 18 Church Conference, 5:00 PM (Fellowship Hall)
Handbell Concert, 5:30 PM (Unity Hall)
Lessons & Carols, 6:00 PM (Sanctuary)

December 24 Memorial Service, 4:45 PM
Lord's Supper, 5:30 PM

December 25 Morning Worship 11:00 AM (Sanctuary Only)
Broadcast of "Christmas At First" (KSAT 12) 12:00 PM

Detailed information on all events can be found in the Highlights.

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!