

**TODAY: December 18, 2016**

- 7:30 AM**
  - Pastor/Men's Prayer Time (Conference Rm)
- 8:30 AM**
  - Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 AM**
  - International Worship
  - Bible Study
- 11:00 AM**
  - Worship (Sanctuary)
  - Logos Worship (Chapel)
  - Spanish Worship (Blanchard Lounge)
  - International Bible Study
- 12:30 PM**
  - International (Zomi) Worship (Chapel)
  - Chapel Singers Rehearsal (Blanchard Lounge)
- 3:00 PM**
  - Handbell Rehearsal (Unity Hall)
- 4:30 PM**
  - Personnel Committee Mtg (Kokernot 304/306)
  - Committee on Committees (Kokernot 308)
- 5:00 PM**
  - Spanish Prayer Mtg (Webb 218)
- 5:30 PM**
  - Handbell Concert (Unity Hall)
- 6:00 PM**
  - Lessons and Carols (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 PM**
  - Church Conference (Fellowship Hall)

**THIS WEEK: December 19 – December 25**

- TUESDAY December 20**
  - 12:00 PM First Fine Arts Advent Concert and Lunch
- WEDNESDAY December 21**
  - 9:00 AM First Kids Playground Days
  - 11:00 AM MAP Noontime Prayer (Parlor)
  - 5:45 PM First Kids Childcare
  - 6:00 PM Orchestra at First Rehearsal
  - 7:00 PM Mid-Week in the City  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Unity Hall)
- THURSDAY December 22**
  - 11:00 AM Prayer Meeting (Parlor)
- FRIDAY December 23**
  - Church Office Closed
- SATURDAY December 24**
  - 4:45 PM Memorial Service
  - 5:30 PM Lord's Supper
- SUNDAY December 25**
  - 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)  
LOGOS Worship (Chapel)  
Spanish Worship (Fellowship Hall)

**WEEKLY REPORT**

As of Sunday, December 11, 2016

Weekly Attendance:			
		Bible Study: 1,076	Worship: 1,435
Offerings	Week	Year to Date (YTD)	YTD Budget Variance over (under)
Unrestricted	\$113,439	\$4,109,056	(\$35,944)
Television	\$6,894	\$380,383	(\$19,617)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$120,333</b>	<b>\$4,489,439</b>	<b>(\$55,561)</b>



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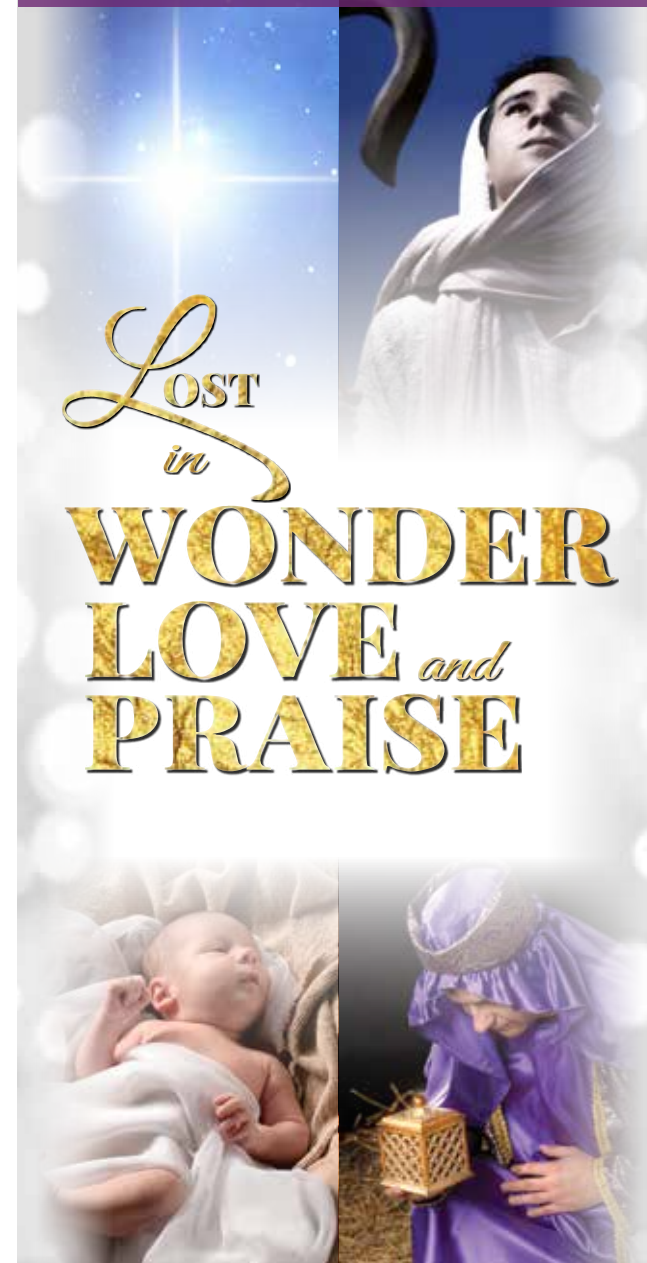
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# HIGHLIGHTS

December 18, 2016

**CHRISTMAS AT FIRST**



**Handbells & Lessons and Carols** – Tonight 5:30. Unity Hall - join our Handbell ensemble as they ring in the season. Then, at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary, the FBCSA Chamber Singers and the Orchestra at First 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.

**Memorial Service** – Christmas Eve, 4:45. Those who have lost loved ones to death are invited to a special and tender memorial before the Christmas Eve Service. A time for tears, a time for thankfulness. You will light a candle in memory of your loved one that will shine out our hope in Christ. Contact Dawn to RSVP 210.226.0363 or dawn@fbcsa.org.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight** – Lord's Supper, 5:30. What better way to celebrate Christ's birth than to observe the Lord's Supper and His gift of life to us?

**Christmas Morning** at FBCSA – We will have a combined worship in the Sanctuary at 11:00 am (Traditional and LOGOS). To allow more time with family, there will be no Bible Study classes that morning. Let us celebrate the Sabbath together. Bring your family, friends and neighbors!

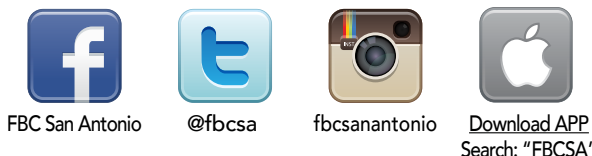
**"Christmas At First" Broadcast** – There will be a broadcast of "Christmas at First" at 12:00 PM on Christmas Day on KSAT 12.

**MORNING WORSHIP**

8:30 Traditional Worship  
**Don Guthrie**  
Finding Family  
Mark 3:20-22, 31-35

11:00 LOGOS Contemporary Worship  
**Don Guthrie**  
Finding Family  
Mark 3:20-22, 31-35

11:00 Traditional Worship  
**Don Guthrie**  
Finding Family  
Mark 3:20-22, 31-35





FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
SAN ANTONIO

## FIRST KIDS MINISTRY

The First Kids Ministry provides a warm, loving and safe environment for children (babies-5th Grade) to learn about God, to know His love and to experience Biblical truths as they grow in Him. This growth happens through participation in Sunday School, Children's Choirs, Mission Organizations (GA's and RA's), Children's Camp, Retreats, Vacation Bible School and other special events. For more information visit [fbcsa.org/firstkids](http://fbcsa.org/firstkids)

## DECEMBER IS 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](http://fbcsa.org/missions). Information on the trips can be found on the permanent mission display wall in Great Hall. You can make a difference!

## NEW WINTER SERMON SERIES "MARK" CONTINUING

The Gospel of Mark is an action-packed story of the ministry of Jesus (three-and-one-half years of His public ministry) and reveals Him as a miracle worker and a supernatural servant. Study guides are available in your Sunday morning Bible study rooms.

## SINGLE ADULTS MINISTRY MID-WEEK IN THE CITY

### HOLIDAY EDITION CHRISTMAS CAROLING DECEMBER 21 • 7:00 PM

**THE WATERFORD AT THOUSAND OAKS**  
Join us for some Joy To The World as we take the good news to people who could use it. Can you sing? Who cares? It'll sound good because...Christmas.

Check [FBCSA Single Adults group on facebook](#) for more event details

## CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE IN!

Pick-up in Unity Hall.

## REMEMBERING LOVED ONES AT CHRISTMAS

On Christmas Eve, those who have lost loved ones to death are invited to a special and tender memorial before the Christmas Eve Service. A time for tears, a time for thankfulness. You will light a candle in memory of your loved one that will shine out our hope in Christ. 4:45 pm Christmas Eve. Please call Dawn to RSVP **210.226.0363** or **210.249.2521**, direct; [dawn@fbcsa.org](mailto:dawn@fbcsa.org).

## IMAGO ARTS ACADEMY

**2017 SPRING SEMESTER  
JANUARY 3 - MAY 25, 2017**  
Tuesdays through Thursdays.

## FBCSA HOLIDAY HOURS

## ADVENT CONCERT SERIES

Concert begins at noon in Unity Hall, lunch available after for \$5.00  
Dec. 20 – FBC CHAMBER SINGERS  
[fbcsa.org/firstfinearts](http://fbcsa.org/firstfinearts)

## CHURCH CONFERENCE TONIGHT • 5:00 PM

You will want to join us tonight for church conference.

## PASTOR SEARCH TEAM

The pastor search team would like to keep you informed on their meeting progress and prayer requests. Go to [fbcsa.org/pastorsearchteam](http://fbcsa.org/pastorsearchteam) for updates on the process and progress of this important committee.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TIME FOR TEACHING "THE SCRIPTURE & HOMOSEXUALITY JANUARY 15 • 6:00 PM

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.

**December 23 & 26, 2016**

*Closed All Day  
Jan. 2, 2017 Closed All Day*

## SAVE THE DATES

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES:

#### 2 CORINTHIANS

Starting Tuesdays,  
January 17, 2016 • 9:30 AM

#### YOU'RE ALREADY AMAZING

Starting Wednesdays,  
January 25, 2016 • 6:00 PM

*Look for more details to come on both of these studies.*

## FBCSA STRATEGIC PLANNING WEEKEND

**WHAT NOW? WHAT NEXT?  
JANUARY 20-21 • 6:15 PM**

"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. Childcare available by RSVP. 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).

## CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED SUNDAY MORNINGS

**JANUARY 29 - 9:30 AM**

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**

**FEBRUARY 1 • 6:15 PM**

Mark your calendars to sign up for this 10-week course designed to introduce people to Jesus Christ and to refresh and reinforce the basic truths of Christian faith.

## TV MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

For 45 years our weekly live broadcast has been made possible through the generosity of individuals. Each year FBC establishes a goal to help cover the costs of the TV Ministry. The 2016 "TV SPECIAL OFFERING" goal is \$438,000. Year-to-date we have raised over \$373,489. However, we still need to raise over \$64,511 during the month of December to make budget for 2016. Will you please pray & consider a gift this month to this very important outreach ministry? To make a donation go to [fbcsa.org/tvspecialoffering](http://fbcsa.org/tvspecialoffering) or contact the office at **210.226.0363**.

## FIRST KIDS

### PLAYGROUND DAYS

**WEDNESDAYS • 9 AM - 12 PM**

The playground at FBCSA will be open to families and friends every Wednesday.

## AVAILABLE JOBS

### SENIOR PASTOR (FULL-TIME)

The Senior Pastor serves as the spiritual and administrative leader of the church. The Pastor ministers to members of First Baptist Church of San Antonio, as well as persons in the community, through preaching, teaching, counseling, and personal relationships. The Pastor exercises oversight (1 Peter 5:1) of all ministries and staff members, provides leadership to Executive Leadership Team, and promotes all interests of the church.

### PRESCHOOL CHILDCARE WORKER (PART-TIME)

The First Kid's Ministry needs workers on Sunday morning and throughout the week to help with childcare needs to serve our church ministries and Bible studies. Hours vary from week to week based on church needs. Experience with children and CPR/First aid preferred.

For full description and information about any of these jobs visit [fbcsa.org/jobs](http://fbcsa.org/jobs).

## VOLUNTEER WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are needed to assist with a brief service at the Brookdale Alamo Heights Assisted Living on 955 E Basse Rd on the first Sunday of every month. Join in or lead the singing, play piano, or lead in a brief Bible study. Contact Marcia Fitzsimmons for more info at **210.771.1054**. You will be blessed.

## THE GIFT OF GENEROSITY

### 2016 YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported FBCSA this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to look into our electronic giving options by visiting [fbcsa.org/giving](http://fbcsa.org/giving). Otherwise, all year end contributions (including electronic) must be received by the Business Office by 5:00 pm, Friday, December 30th, or postmarked December 31st to be included in 2016 contributions. Thank you for your continued support in helping us build a church in the heart of the city!

## FBCSA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

### DUE IN JANUARY

Since 1966, FBCSA has been able to provide financial assistance to students who have committed to Christian service. If you have made that commitment and are in need of assistance, please contact Nerina in the church office for an application and additional information or download one at [fbcsa.org/ScholarshipApplication](http://fbcsa.org/ScholarshipApplication). Applications for the Spring 2017 semester are due January 13.

## FBCSA LIBRARY

The library will no longer be accepting book donations, due to limited space on our shelves. Stop in for a good "read" and to find treasures in our book give aways. Library Hours are Sundays, 8:50 am-10:50 am. 2nd floor of Kokernot Hall by the offices.

## LOST AND FOUND

Lost and Found procedures at FBCSA have changed. If you find a misplaced item, take it to an ASK ME booth or drop it off at the church office front desk, 2nd floor Kokernot. If you have lost an item, you may either come by Monday – Friday 8:30 – 5 pm or call the church office (210.226.0363) to see if it has been located. If your item has been found, we will hold it in the church office for 60 days. After 60 days, items will be donated to a ministry.