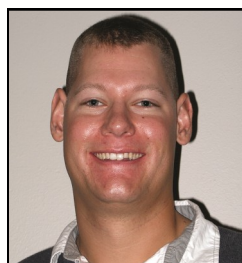


Welcome to the First Family

New Members: November 11, 2012



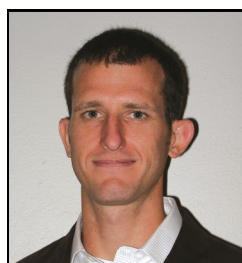
Natalia McMillan



Daniel McMillan



Judith Neal



David Neal

Interested in a Bible study at home?

We have recently purchased 5 new Bible studies which you can check out and use at home for yourself, with a family member, or with friends and neighbors. These Bible studies (and a number of others) may be checked out from Kappie Coffee in the church office.

The new studies are:

- Jonah (Priscilla Shirer) 7 sessions
- Pursuing More of Jesus (Ann Graham Lotz) 4 sessions
- To Live Is Christ (Beth Moore) 11 sessions
- Jesus, the One and Only (Beth Moore) 11 sessions
- Law of Love, Lessons from Deuteronomy (Beth Moore) 6 sessions

Weekly Report

As of Sunday, November 25, 2012

Attendance:		SS	1,110	Worship	1,403	Year to Date Variance	
Tithes and Offerings		Week	Year to Date	Budget	Prior Year		
Unrestricted	\$51,879	\$3,219,625	\$104,625	\$367,235			
Television	\$5,966	\$340,098	\$28,098	\$31,761			
Building Fund	\$2,183	\$92,215					
Other restricted	\$8,867	\$119,517					
Total	\$68,892	\$3,771,455	\$132,723	\$398,996			

David Portillo to Sing at Christmas Eve Service

We will welcome home one of our own this Christmas Eve. David Portillo is a featured soloist with the Chicago Opera, and will be part of our celebration on Monday night, December 24 at 5:30. The Christmas Eve Lord's Supper is a beautiful and worshipful way for you and your family to observe the birth of the Lord. Please remember also the Memorial Service at 5 PM for those who have lost loved ones in the previous year(s).

Why Christmas?

Copies of Barbara Reaach's book Why Christmas? are available at www.amazon.com for \$10.08 or the Kindle Edition for \$4.99. Illustrated by Carol McCarty, this family devotional book will prepare your family for a meaningful celebration of Christmas, and could be the start of a significant tradition for your family.

Wifi Connection

Network: FBCSA-Guest
 Password: fbcawifi
 If you have any problems, find an ASK ME Team member for help.

HIGHLIGHTS

December 2, 2012

TODAY AT FBC

- 7:00 AM Pastor/Men's Prayer Time (Conference Rm)
- 8:00 AM Pastor's Class (Webb 212)
- 8:30 AM Brass Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 9:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 AM LOGOS Contemporary Worship (Chapel)
- Bible Study (Core, Spanish, International, Deaf)
- New Member Orientation (Conference Rm)
- 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- Bible Study (Venture)
- 12:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
- 1:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Unity Hall)
- 4:00 PM A.B.L.E. (West)
- 4:30 PM Chapel Singers (Choir Suite)
- Personnel Committee (Kokernot 309)
- 6:00 PM Evening Worship Music and Missions (Sanctuary)

Bible Study:
 Mark 1:1-11

Morning Worship:
 "To Hear God"

R. Bryan Richardson, Preaching (9:15)

"Where Good Things Begin"
 T. Don Guthrie, Preaching (11:00)

Evening Worship:
 Children's Choirs and Missions

{Re:Verse}
 A Unique First Baptist Design for Bible Study

**Mark 1:16-18; 8:27-33;
 14:26-31, 66-72; 16:5-7**

First Baptist Church of San Antonio

THIS WEEK ...

Monday, December 3 - Sunday, December 9

- 12/3
- 12/4 9:00 AM FLC
- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Webb 212)
- 12/5 9:00 AM Ceramics (West Patio)
- 5:00 PM Family Supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 PM Preschool Childcare (Preschool Area)
- Spanish Bible Study/Prayer (West Hall)
- Children's Choirs (Webb 2nd floor)
- McCullough Academy
- 6:05 PM Deaf CE (Webb 212)
- 6:10 PM All-Church Prayer Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 PM A Family Christmas (Fellowship Hall)
- Strategic Planning Cmte. Mtg. (Conference Rm)
- 6:45 PM RAs/GAs (Basement/Webb 301)
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- Prayer Groups
- Christianity Explored-En Español (Webb 207)
- 7:15 PM Coffee and Conversations (Wolfson House)
- 12/6 9:00 AM FLC
- Friendship (West)
- 11:00 AM Prayer Meeting (Parlor)
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 12/7 6:30 PM Parents' Night Out
- 12/8
- 12/9 7:00 AM Pastor/Men's Prayer Time (Conference Rm)
- 8:00 AM Pastor's Class (Webb 212)
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- Spanish Worship (Chapel)
- Bible Study (Venture)
- 4:00 PM A.B.L.E.
- 4:30 PM Chapel Singers Rehearsal (Youth Lounge)
- Children's Choirs Rehearsal (Webb 209)
- 5:30 PM Christmas at First Concert 1 (Sanctuary)
- 7:15 PM Christmas at First Concert 2 (Sanctuary)



Be His Heart, His Hands, His Voice

This year's mission theme is "Be His Heart, His Hands, His Voice" - no matter what the cost. Across the globe, believers are spreading the Gospel in the face of difficulty and persecution. People are coming to know Christ in every people group where Christ is proclaimed. How should First Baptist respond? The Great Commission is for every believer. Begin with prayer and ask God to show you how you should respond!

Christmas at First!

December

- 2 Children's Choirs Christmas Concert; 6 PM - Sanctuary
- 5 "A Family Christmas" - Josh Vaughan, teaching
- 9 "Christmas at First"; 5:30 and 7:15 PM - Sanctuary
- 12 "A Family Christmas" - Church Family serving together
- 14-15 Christmas Care/Angel Tree
- 16 Carols and Candlelight; 6 PM - Sanctuary
- 19 "A Family Christmas" - Church Family serving together
- 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Lord's Supper; 5:30 PM - Sanctuary (Memorial Service 5:00 PM)

The Table Project

Adding Friends

Why should I add people as friends on the Table? Privacy Settings: You can determine who in your church can view some of your personal information (contact info, networks, interests/skills, etc.) by choosing 'Everyone,' 'Friends,' or only 'Admins'. You might decide everyone in church can see your home phone number, but you only want your friends to see your cell phone.

Notifications & Email Alerts: You can set notifications and email alerts based on your friends. So instead of receiving an email alert whenever anyone in your church posts something (or shutting them off completely), you could receive an email alert only when a friend posts something. Especially in larger churches with lots of things being posted, this might be a good way to cut down on the volume of email alerts while still being engaged. For more information go to www.fbcsa.org/thetableproject.com

International Ministry

Need: Furniture

Several new families could use beds, sofas, chests, T.V.'s, vacuums, and microwaves. Thank you, church family, for continuing to be on the lookout for these items. Also, size 4 diapers are in big demand.

Christmas at First

Concerts: Sunday, December 9
5:30 PM and 7:15 PM

Come and experience one of San Antonio's holiday traditions! Featuring the FBC Sanctuary, Youth, and Children's Choirs and members of the San Antonio Symphony, this beautiful concert of sacred music will be a blessing! Free tickets have been distributed. If you have tickets that you no longer need, please return them for those on the waiting list.

Chapel Singers

December rehearsal schedule

- 2 4:30 PM Choir Suite
- 8 9:30-10:15 AM with Orchestra and Sanctuary Choir
- 9 4:30 PM Christmas at First; meet in Youth Studio (you are free to leave after singing in the 2nd concert)

Youth Ministry

Girls and Guys Bible Studies
Thursday evenings, 7-8:30 PM

McCullough Academy
December 5 & 12
6-8 PM in the Youth Lounge

See The Challenge for more info.

Winter Sermon Series:

Mark - "People Responding to Jesus"

A 13-week study of the life of Christ and the people He touched (negatively and positively). How does the human soul react in the presence of God? These studies will be a great help to all who seek to know Christ in a personal and practical way. Studies begin December 2. Materials available in Sunday School and at the ASK ME booths.

Women on Mission Luncheon

Tuesday, December 18

11:45-1:30

Blanchard Lounge

International Missions Emphasis
Visiting missionaries reports
Bonnie and Tom Hearon (Prague)
Elizabeth and Chris Tachick (Cameroon)

Christmas Dinner will be served. Cost \$5.
Sign up in Unity Hall or call 226-0363.

Phyllis Merritt Group meets in Dining Room E
10:00 to 11:30.

Yes, Lord!

Christmas Care Food Drive-Last Day!

Christmas Care provides Christmas dinner boxes to selected families in our community. See list (below) of non-perishable and canned food items to be collected. Donation boxes will be located around the church.

If you are interested in becoming a team leader for this ministry, please call Rita at the church office.

Canned Vegetables: green beans, mixed vegetables, beans, corn, potatoes
Staples: flour, sugar, cornmeal, rice, soups
Canned Meats: tuna, chicken, chili, Spam
Meat Substitutes: macaroni & cheese, dried beans, peanut butter
Canned Fruits & Juices

Please bring only items listed. Other foods cannot be utilized for this outreach ministry.



Wednesdays, 6:10 PM

Fellowship Hall

A Family Christmas

Wednesdays, November 28 - December 19

Discovering New Traditions
from Old Testament Patterns

This Wednesday night series will spend two nights considering how Israelite festivals can enrich our Christmas traditions and two nights practicing "A Family Christmas" as preschoolers through senior adults gather together to put "Old Testament Patterns" into practice!

Family Supper:

Family Supper service begins at 5:00 PM

Menu: December 5

Chicken Breasts with Mushroom Sauce
Green Beans, Carrots
Rolls; Dessert

KIDS: Steak Fingers

Help Wanted!

Monday Morning Counting Team

Monday mornings 8-11 AM, no experience necessary, but a willingness to serve. Drop your child at school and come on down. Help us count the contributions received on Sunday. If you can count, you can do this job.

Interested? Contact Beverly Webb in the church office, 226-0363 or beverly@fbcsa.org