

Welcome to the First Family

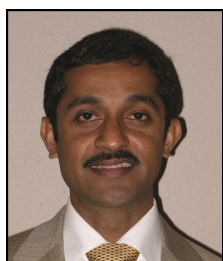
New Members: December 9, 2012



Richard Henderson



Stephanie Keck



Naveen Krishnegowda



Cody West

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, December 9, 2012

Attendance:		SS 1,257	Worship 1,509	Year to Date Variance	
Tithes and Offerings		Week	Year to Date	Budget	Prior Year
Unrestricted	\$94,039	\$3,405,366	\$90,366	\$353,856	
Television	\$4,590	\$354,588	\$28,588	\$21,391	
Building Fund	\$4,295	\$106,010			
Other restricted	\$7,323	\$129,106			
Total	\$110,247	\$3,995,070	\$118,954	\$375,247	

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 Reaoch'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.

2013 Upcoming Events

Founders Day
January 20

Raising Kids in 3D
Guest Speaker: Dr. Richard Ross
March 1, April 12, June 7

"What Did You Expect?"
Marriage Conference
Guest Speaker: Paul Tripp
May 17-18

HIGHLIGHTS

December 16, 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)
- 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- Spanish Worship (Chapel)
- Bible Study (Venture)
- 12:00 PM Youth Parent Meeting (Parlor)
- Youth Council Meeting (Conference Rm)
- 4:00 PM A.B.L.E. (West A/B)
- 4:30 PM Capital Fund Raising Team Mtg (Webb 217)
- Missions Committee (Library)
- 6:00 PM Carols and Candlelight (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 PM Church Conference (Fellowship Hall)

Bible Study:
Mark 1:19-20; 3:13-17; 10:35-45

Morning Worship:
"How May I Serve?"
T. Don Guthrie, Preaching

Evening Worship:
Carols and Candlelight

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

Mark 2:13-17

First Baptist Church of San Antonio

THIS WEEK ...

Monday, December 17 - Sunday, December 23

12/17

- 12/18 9:00 AM FLC
- 10:00 AM Phyllis Merritt Group (Dining Rm E)
- 11:45 AM Women on Mission Luncheon (Blanchard Lng)

12/19 9:00 AM Ceramics (West Patio)

- 5:00 PM Family Supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:15 PM Foundation Promo Group (Conference Rm)
- 6:00 PM Preschool Childcare (Preschool Area)
- Spanish Bible Study/Prayer (West Hall)

6:05 PM Deaf CE (Webb 212)

6:10 PM All-Church Prayer Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 PM A Family Christmas (Fellowship Hall)

6:45 PM RAs/GAs (Basement/Webb 301)

7:00 PM Prayer Groups

12/20 11:00 AM Prayer Meeting (Parlor)

12/21

12/22 6:00 PM Youth Christmas Party

12/23 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)

10:00 AM International Christmas Party (Gym)

11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)

Spanish Worship (Chapel)

Bible Study (Venture)

1:00 PM Hispanic Birthday Party (West A/B)

No PM Service



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

- 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 Groups

Have you seen all the groups that have been created on The Table?

Examples:

- Your Sunday School Class
- Your Committee Group
- Christian Events in and around SA
- Local Neighborhood Groups
- Youth Groups (*must be 13+*)
- Women's Groups
- Men's Groups

Plus you can create your own for Circles of Six or special interest groups.

Login to the table and click on the "GROUPS" link on the top left hand (not the black "groups" button). You can search by, specific names in the search field or you can click on "Newest" or "Alphabetical." If you have questions or need help setting up your group contact Mikel at Mikel@fbcsa.org or call 210.226.0363. For more information go to www.fbcsa.org/thetableproject.com

Additional Parking

On Monday, December 17 we will be adding 12 additional parking spaces on the newly acquired section of Avenue B. Enter through the 4th Street side. McCullough side will now be blocked off.

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. Contact Rita 226-0363 or rita@fbcsa.org.

Christmas At First Re-Broadcast December 25 12:00 PM

*Missed the concert?
Want to see it again?*

Tune in to KSAT 12 at noon on Christmas day for a re-broadcast of "Christmas at First." Thank you to all who help out with this wonderful gift to our community.

Year-End Contributions

Year end contributions will be accepted in the office until 5 pm on Friday, December 28th or postmark date of 12/31/2012. Anything received after that time will be counted in 2013.

Thank you for your support of FBSCA and the many ministry areas that are served by your faithful giving.

Youth Ministry

Girls and Guys Bible Studies will resume in January

Youth Christmas Party
December 22
6:00 PM in Unity Hall

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.

Church Conference

TONIGHT, 7:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

Join us for the last business meeting of the year.

Christianity Explored

Have you heard about CE and just never signed up for the course? Have you never heard of CE? Well here you go! Come discuss "Who Jesus Is", "Why Did Jesus Come" and "What it Means For Us." Classes begin Sunday, January 13 and Wednesday, January 16. To register or for more info (including a short intro video) go to www.fbcsa.org/christianityexplored.



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!

No Food Service
Wednesday, December 19

Job Opportunity

FBC is looking for a Part-Time, Administrative Assistant, to support the Director of Communications. Interested? Go to fbcsa.org/jobs for more information.

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