

# Welcome to the First Family

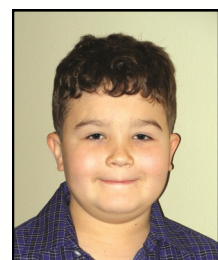
New Members: December 16, 2012



Kim Chapman



Lucas Moss



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## 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 6, 2012

Attendance:		SS 1,201	Worship 1,492	Year to Date Variance	
Tithes and Offerings		Week	Year to Date	Budget	Prior Year
Unrestricted	\$65,514	\$3,470,880	\$55,880	\$315,689	
Television	\$4,630	\$359,218	\$26,218	\$19,417	
Building Fund	\$5,065	\$111,075			
Other restricted	\$5,248	\$134,354			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$80,457</b>	<b>\$4,075,527</b>	<b>\$82,098</b>	<b>\$335,106</b>	

## 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](http://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 23, 2012

## TODAY AT FBC

- 7:00 AM Pastor/Men's Prayer Time (Conference Rm)
- 8:00 AM Pastor's Class (Webb 212)
- 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

**Bible Study:**  
**Mark 2:13-17**

**Morning Worship:**  
**"Facing Out"**  
T. Don Guthrie, Preaching

**No Evening Worship**

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

**Mark 5:1-20**

First Baptist Church of San Antonio

## TWO WEEKS ...

Monday, December 24 - Sunday, January 6

- 12/24 Church Offices Closed
- 5:00 PM Memorial Service
- 5:30 PM Candlelight Lord's Supper Service
- 12/25 Church Offices Closed
- 12/26 No PM Activities
- 12/27
- 12/28
- 12/29
- 12/30 7:00 AM Pastor/Men's Prayer Time (Conference Rm)
- 8:00 AM Pastor's Class (Webb 212)
- 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 Called Church Conference (Fellowship Hall)
- No PM Service
- 1/31 Church Offices Closed
- 1/1 Church Offices Closed
- 1/2 No PM Activities
- 1/3
- 1/4
- 1/5
- 1/6 7:00 AM Pastor/Men's Prayer Time (Conference Rm)
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- Spanish Worship (Chapel)
- Bible Study (Venture)
- 12:00 PM SA Life Luncheon (Wolfson House)
- 1:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Unity Hall)
- 4:00 PM A.B.L.E.
- No PM Service/Friends and Family Night



## 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!

### FBC Church-wide Retreat coming soon!!

Echo Valley, H.E.B. Encampment  
Leakey, Texas  
Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
January 25-27, 2013

Friday registration is 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. Register at the Main Dining Hall before choosing a cabin.

#### Everyone is welcome!

Children or teens not coming with their family must have adult sponsorship.

Cost: \$10.00 adults  
\$8 for children (12 and under)  
\$50 maximum per family  
The "What to Bring" list is on the back of the ticket.

Tickets will be available in Unity Hall on Sunday, January 6, 2013 before and after the 11:00 worship service. Questions? Call the church office (226-0363).

### Women's Bible Study

will begin Tuesday January 8, 2013 at 9:30 AM in Room 212 of Webb Hall. The study will be a life-changing encounter with God's Word from the book of ISAIAH with Jean Nystrand as the presenter. Registration will be December 30 and January 6 in Unity Hall. Cost is \$10.

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> Street side. McCullough side will now be blocked off.

### 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 FBCSA 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.

### Food Services

Since the closure of Municipal Auditorium and AT&T's departure, the neighborhood around our church has changed dramatically. The result has been recurring and significant losses for the Café. At the same time, the Tobin Center has initiated discussions with the church to consider development of a parking solution for the Tobin Center on all properties owned by the church along 4<sup>th</sup> street.

Following Fred Neighbors' resignation and the Tobin Center's interest, the SLT and church leadership believe that the wisest course of action is to allow the Café to close on December 21<sup>st</sup> pursuant to the normal schedule and to remain closed to see how discussions with the Tobin Center proceed.

This will give us the opportunity to reorganize church food services to include improved quality of service, expanded volunteer opportunities and exercise disciplined stewardship of church resources.

The church will keep its funding commitment to the SA Food Bank and Haven for Hope in 2013 regardless of the Café's status.



No PM Activities  
December 26 and January 2

### 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](http://www.fbcsa.org/christianityexplored).

### Job Opportunity

FBC is looking for a Part-Time, Administrative Assistant, to support the Director of Communications. Interested? Go to [fbcsa.org/jobs](http://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](mailto:beverly@fbcsa.org)