

Welcome to the First Family

New Members: November 17, 2013



Betty Trono



Edgar Trono

***New member photography team needs volunteers.
Call the church office for more info. 210.226.0363.**

Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 7

10:00AM – 11:30AM

Upcoming Spring Ladies Bible Studies at the church

Tuesday Mornings, 9:30AM - 11:30AM

Series on Ruth/Esther starting January 14

Led by Jean Nystrand

Is God really sovereign? Can one woman make a difference for God? Their lives were separated by centuries of Old Testament history, and yet Ruth and Esther demonstrate God's faithfulness to women who choose to trust Him. Using the *LifeChange* Bible study material, we will learn together about these very special women.

Wednesday Evenings, 6:30PM - 8:00PM

Resolution for Women starting January 15

Led by Julie Reger

Real Women. Real Talk. Round Table discussion. We will encourage each other to be resolute in our faith; discussing what it means to be authentic Christian women, embracing satisfaction in our current season of life by focusing on what matters most in the midst of it.

Childcare for both by reservation.

Registration begins January 5th

Golf Schedule for 2013

December (No Tournament)

Ceramics Resumes

Wednesdays, 9:00am - 1:00pm

Ceramics classes in West Patio
\$25.00 per semester

January - May/June - December
All skill levels

Glazes and tools are available
Qualified teacher on hand

For information contact Betty Daniel at
bdaniel881@gmail.com or
Call Sharon @ 210.226.0363

The Gift of Generosity

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported **First Baptist Church** 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. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Please visit www.fbcса.org/giving or contact the church office for more information.

Save the Date! FBCSA Family Retreat

January 24-26, 2014

HEB Foundation Camp, Echo Valley, Leakey, Texas
Recreation Committee also looking for volunteers
for the retreat:

Lifeguard
Person (18 yrs. or older) with
First Aid/CPR certification

For information contact Sharon Whittington at
210.226.0363

Job Opportunities

Childcare Worker

(Sundays 8:45 - 12:30)

Applicants should submit a cover letter and
résumé to jan@fbcса.org.

For full job descriptions go to fbcса.org/jobs

HIGHLIGHTS

November 24, 2013

TODAY AT FBC

- 7:00 AM Pastor/Men's Prayer Time (Conference Rm)
- 8:00 AM Pastor's Class (Webb 212)
- 9:00 AM Bible Drill (Webb 301)
- 9:25 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 AM LOGOS Contemporary Worship (Chapel)
- Bible Study (Core, Spanish, International, Deaf)
- 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- Spanish Worship (Chapel)
- International Worship (4 locations)
- Bible Study (Venture)
- 12:05 PM Spanish Thanksgiving Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:00 PM A.B.L.E. (West)
- 4:30 PM Adult Handbell Rehearsal (Webb 210)
- Chapel Singers (Choir Suite)
- Joyful Sound (Webb 209)
- 6:00 PM Celebration of Gratitude Worship (Chapel)

Bible Study

2 Peter 1:16 - 2:3; 3:1- 18

Morning Worship

"Why I Believe Christ Will Come"
T. Don Guthrie, Preaching

6:00 PM

Celebration of Gratitude (Chapel)

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

Luke 5: 12 - 26

First Baptist Church of San Antonio

THIS WEEK ...

Monday, November 25 - Sunday, December 1

- 11/25
- 11/26 10:00 AM Senior Adult Lunch/Game Day-Cancelled
- 11/27 **Church Office Closes at Noon
No Evening Activities**
- 11/28 **Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed**
- 11/29 **Church Office Closed**
- 11/30
- 12/1 7:00 AM Pastor/Men's Prayer Time (Conference Rm)
- 8:00 AM Pastor's Class (Webb 212)
- 9:00 AM Bible Drill (Webb 301)
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- Chapel Singers (Choir Suite)
- Joyful Sound (Webb 209)
- 6:00 PM Hanging of the Green Service (Sanctuary)





FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SAN ANTONIO

Celebration of Gratitude Tonight!

Join us in the Chapel tonight at 6:00PM for our annual guided prayer and worship experience in preparation for Thanksgiving.

Last Day to Sign Up For Spring 2014 Area Fellowships

Sign Up through today

Spring Area Fellowships will meet on Friends and Family Night in March, April, and May.

If you participated in an Area Fellowship this Fall and would like to continue in the Spring, **you must sign up again.**

Sign-up options:

- Forms in worship bulletin (put in offering plate or take to Ask Me desk or church office)
- Ask Me desk
- In Sunday School departments
- Online at the church website: www.fbcsa.org/areafellowships
- With Kappie Coffee in the church office: 210.226.0363 or Kappie@fbcsa.org

PLEASE consider signing up to host. Forty members who signed up for Fall 2013 Fellowships could not participate because there were an insufficient number of hosts.

Christmas Care Donations

NEED YOUR HELP!

Christmas Care donations are down by about 2/3 of our normal inventory by this time of the year. Donations are still being accepted until December 1 for delivery to low-income families in the downtown area and our Internationals. Please donate this week!

Canned Vegetables: mixed vegetables, beans, corn, peas, potatoes

Canned Meats: tuna, chicken, chili, Spam, sardines

Meat Substitutes: macaroni & cheese, dried beans, peanut butter

Staples: flour, sugar, cornmeal, rice, soup

Canned Fruits and Juices

Please bring **ONLY** items listed. Snack foods, candy, homemade items cannot be utilized.

Weekly Report

As of Sunday, November 17, 2013

Attendance:		SS	Worship	1,066	Year to Date Variance	
Tithes and Offerings		Week	Year to Date	Budget	Prior Year	
Unrestricted	\$54,659	\$3,319,369	\$154,369	\$233,655		
Television	\$1,997	\$365,772	\$70,772	\$33,070		
Building Fund	\$564	\$1,047,073				
Other restricted	\$827	\$105,454				
Total	\$58,047	\$4,837,668	\$225,141	\$266,725		

40 Days of Prayer

Now through January 1

The congregation is invited to unite in prayer in support of leaders and Christians, near and far. On the FBCSA Blog, theeverydayprayer.com, we will teach on prayer, name a person or group and how we can pray for them. Are you willing to help? Great way to prepare for the New Year!

Senior Adult Games Day Cancellation

The November games day has been cancelled! We will resume on January 28, 2014.

Christmas at Wolfson

Open House on Sunday, December 1

12:30-5:30pm

Blessing of Esther's Garden Prayer Room at 4:00pm

Christmas at First

Due to popular demand, all tickets have been released. Fortunately, we do have a waiting list! Go to fbcsa.org/christmasatfirst to sign up.

Youth Ministry

Girls Bible Study

Will not meet on November 28 but will resume on Thursday, December 5th Watch for more info.

Youth Christmas Activities

Saturday, December 14 Youth Family "Throwback Christmas Ball" at the Dean's, 6:00 to 8:30PM

Sunday, December 22 - A.C.T.S. 7:30 to 9:30PM for the Youth Family and their families

After Church To Scott's

See *The Challenge* for more info.

Chapel Singers & Joyful Sound

Rehearsal today at 4:30 pm
Chapel Singers in Choir Suite
and Joyful Sound in Webb 209
6:00 pm Sing for the Evening Worship

Welcome Donna Bowman

FBCSA has a new TV Chaplain/Pastoral Care Associate who will help continue the ministry of caring for the gathered congregation and the TV congregation. You are invited to hear her testimony tonight in the Chapel at 6:00 PM.

International Ministry Highlights

We are proud to announce that First Baptist Church has elected four deacons from our International congregations. They are Nor Nor and Eh Thay from the Karen congregation and Pha Reh and Khoe Reh from the Karenni congregation. We look forward to having them serve alongside our other deacons in service for the Lord's Kingdom.

New Horizons...New Hope Annual Commitment Campaign

Through the month of November

OUR GOAL: Unity and enthusiasm of our church family as we prepare for a new year of service together.

The life of the church is only as strong as its HOPE. Hope is what holds us together. It is what inspires us to serve. New opportunities and the steady growth of our church are presenting new horizons and new hope for FBC. We have dreams that were not possible a few years ago! What is your hope? For yourself, your family, our church?

Every year we ask all church members to recommit themselves by signing and turning in a commitment card. Turn yours into the offering plate, Ask Me booth or go to fbcsa.org/commitment to fill one out online.

Thank you for being a part of the FBC family at this exciting moment.

You Are Invited to A Night With An Author Friday, December 6

Author Barbara Reaach will lead an information session on her Christmas book of devotions, **WHY CHRISTMAS?**

This book will be a wonderful tool to help parents, grandparents and anyone who would like to have a more meaningful celebration of this special holiday in their home.

7:30 to 9:00pm in Blanchard Lounge
Dessert and Coffee

(Parents Night Out available upon reservation through Church Office)



Wednesday, November 27
No Evening Activities

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught and overflowing with thankfulness.

Colossians 2:6-7

Christmas Care & Angel Tree Deliveries

Saturday, December 14

To volunteer for a delivery team, call Rita in the church office at 210.226.0363

FBCSA Christmas Schedule

"It is a beautiful paradox. God's Son is born homeless and every home is to celebrate it."

December 1

Wolfson Open House 12:00-5:30PM, Hanging of the Green; 6:00PM Sanctuary

December 8

"Christmas at First" Concerts; 5:30PM and 7:15PM Sanctuary

December 13/14

Christmas Care/Angel Tree

December 15

Joyful Sound and Children's Choirs, Christmas Concert; 6:00PM Sanctuary

December 22

Carols and Candlelight; 6:00PM Sanctuary

December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Lord's Supper; 5:30PM Sanctuary (Memorial Service 4:45PM)