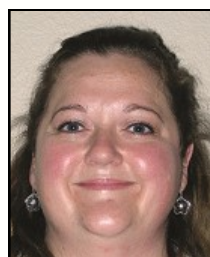


Welcome to the First Family

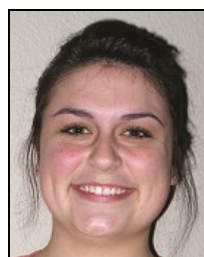
New Members: November 24, 2013



Wynter Lee



Aaron Lee



Laura Hill

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

Hearing Assistance Audio Feed

If you are having difficulty hearing our worship services in the SANCTUARY, you can tune to 95.5 FM to listen to a hearing assistance audio feed. Any inexpensive personal FM radio with ear buds or headphones will work. If you do not have one, there are some available at the Kokernot ASK ME desk .

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.fbcso.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@fbcso.org.

College and Single Adults Ministry Associate
(part-time)

résumé to dawn@fbcso.org

For full job descriptions go to fbcso.org/jobs

HIGHLIGHTS

December 1, 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)
International Worship (4 locations)
Bible Study (Venture)
12:30 PM Dedication for Prayer Room (Wolfson)
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 Hanging of the Green Service (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Bible Study

Luke 5: 12 - 26

Morning Worship

"Remarkable Things"

T. Don Guthrie, Preaching

6:00 PM

Hanging of the Green

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

Luke 7:1- 17

First Baptist Church of San Antonio

THIS WEEK ...

Monday, December 2 - Sunday, December 8

12/2
12/3
12/4 9:00 AM Ceramics (West Patio)
4:30 PM Library Opens (Kokernot)
5:00 PM Mid-Week Meal (Fellowship Hall)
5:45 PM Wednesday Evening Childcare
6:00 PM Wednesday Night Services
Music Friends Choir (Webb 201)
Music Makers Choir (Webb 203)
Young Musicians Choir (Webb 209)
Orchestra at First (Sanctuary)
Spanish Bible Study/Prayer (West)
Strategic Planning Meeting (Kokernot 302)
6:30 PM Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
6:45 PM Mission Friends (Webb 206)
RA's/GA's (Basement/Webb 301)
7:00 PM Prayer Groups
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Unity Hall)
12/5 9:00 AM Friendship (West)
7:00 PM Christmas at First Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
12/6 6:30 PM Parent's Night Out
7:30 PM Why Christmas? (Blanchard Lounge)
12/7 10:00 AM Children's Christmas Party (Unity Hall)
12/8 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)
New Member Orientation (Conference Rm)
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Baptism (Sanctuary)
Spanish Worship (Chapel)
International Worship (4 locations)
Bible Study (Venture)
4:00 PM A.B.L.E. (West)
4:30 PM Chapel Singers (Choir Suite)
5:00 PM Children's Choir (Chapel)
5:30 PM Christmas at First - Concert 1 (Sanctuary)
7:15 PM Christmas at First - Concert 2 (Sanctuary)



Christmas at Wolfson

Open House today!

12:30pm - 5:30pm

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

Hanging of the Greens

Tonight! 6:00pm

Annual tradition! Beginning of Advent Season. The service will culminate with a "Christmas Care Gift Processional" as we bring forward staple food items and financial offerings for those in need. Great teaching for young children. You are invited!

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 accepted through today, 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. For monetary donations go to fbcsa.org/christmascare

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)

Weekly Report

As of Sunday, November 24, 2013

Attendance:		SS	1,103	Worship	1,465
Tithes and Offerings		Year to Date		Year to Date Variance	
	Week	Year to Date	Budget	Prior Year	
Unrestricted	\$51,941	\$3,371,310	\$141,310	\$203,561	
Television	\$2,695	\$368,467	\$68,467	\$34,334	
Building Fund	\$1,506	\$1,048,579			
Other restricted	\$3,202	\$108,716			
Total	\$59,344	\$4,897,072	\$209,777	\$237,895	

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!

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.

Meet Me at the Manger

Annual Children's Christmas Party
Saturday, December 7

Activities, crafts, refreshments and story telling

Babies - 5th grade

Webb Foyer and Unity Hall

RSVP by December 3rd to kidlife@fbcsa.org or call Jan at 210.226.0363

Christmas Care Packing & Angel Tree Deliveries

Saturday, December 14

Help Needed!

To volunteer for packing and/or delivering call Rita in the church office at 210.226.0363

Youth Ministry

Girls Bible Study

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 Hanging of the Green - Chapel Singers sing

International Thanksgiving Celebration

This past Sunday over 400 Internationals met in the Coronado Room at the El Tropicano Hotel for a Thanksgiving Celebration and Praise for God's blessings. The worship time included congregational songs, special songs by various language groups, testimonies including one by special guest Naing Cing, Assistant Pastor at the Kalymyo Baptist Church in Myanmar, and a Thanksgiving message by Pastor Boun. We had one lady come forward to accept Jesus and request membership in FBC. Following the worship there was a great fellowship meal consisting of Thai food, Karen food, Karenni food, and American food (turkey and dressing). Everyone was blessed by the attitude of Thanksgiving and praise including the Americans who joined us.

New Winter Sermon Series

"LUKE - JESUS' PERSONAL TOUCH"

December - February

Luke is a record of Jesus and His interaction with individuals. Real. Honest. Disturbing. Life-changing encounters fill the pages of this "gospel to the Gentiles." Our 13-week study will introduce the Christ who knows and notices every person. You are invited!

Christmas Eve at FBCSA

Beautiful. Reverent. Families together at Christmas.
Candlelight Lord's Supper, 5:30 PM.
Memorial Service, 4:45 PM.
You and your family are invited!

2013 Year End Contributions

All year end contributions must be delivered to the Business Office by 5pm, Monday, December 30th or postmarked December 31st to be included in 2013 contributions. Please note that the Church Office will be closed all day December 31st. Thank you for your continued support in helping us build a church in the center of the city!

Totally His ... Hands, Heart, Voice

For more than 160 years, Southern Baptists have given themselves wholly to God by leaving their comfort zones to go out into the world with the Gospel. But even today, billions of people remain lost. The church was given the Great Commission, and we must take responsibility for taking the Good News to the unreached people groups of the world. Would you consider partnering with First Baptist in sending members to touch lost people groups with God's love? Would you support our Southern Baptist missionaries through mission's giving? Offering envelopes are available at the Ask Me Booths and the missions display in Unity Hall.



Wednesdays, Evenings

Fellowship Hall

Bible Study:

"The Glory of God in the Church:
Expository Studies in the Book of Ephesians"

Mid - Week Meal

Service begins at 5:00 PM

New Dinner Menu: December 4

Minestrone Soup

Salad

Garlic Bread

Dessert

Cost: \$5.00 Adults, \$3.00 Children
Credit Cards accepted

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)