



HIGHLIGHTS

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

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.fbcsa.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

**Tickets will go on sale Sunday, December 29 in
Unity Hall**

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@fbcsa.org.

College and Single Adults Ministry Associate
(part-time)

Submit résumé to dawn@fbcsa.org

For full job descriptions go to fbcsa.org/jobs

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 .

The Early Church

Wednesdays, starting January 8, 2014

We will be offering on four Wednesday evenings the DVD series "The Early Church" by Ray Vander Laan. Ray states 'for Christians today, faith in God can sometimes seem to be a cerebral choice. For the early church, it was the difference between life and death. Come and discover the passion and commitment early believers displayed as they claimed Jesus in the face of fierce consequences and powerful adversaries. Come!

The course will be from 6:15 PM until 7:45 PM in Webb 210. Please register your interest by contacting Kappie 210-226-0363 or online at www.fbcsa.org/theearlychurch

Golf Results

November 23, 2013

Winning Team:

Don Aldridge, Wally Dickson, Bill Fox, Ed Schuetze

Longest Drive:

Bill Fox (twice)

Closest to the Pin:

Bill Fox, Ed Schuetze

There is no golf tournament in December. Please watch the Highlights for the 2014 golf schedule.

December 8, 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)
- New Member Orientation (Conference Rm)
- Bible Study (Core, Spanish, International, Deaf)
- 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 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)

Bible Study
Luke 7: 1 - 17

Morning Worship
"Power from God"

R. Bryan Richardson, Preaching, 9:25

"Authority"

T. Don Guthrie, Preaching 11:00

Evening Worship
Christmas at First Concerts

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

Luke 10: 25 - 37

First Baptist Church of San Antonio

THIS WEEK ...

Monday, December 9 - Sunday, December 15

- 12/9
- 12/10
- 12/11 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)
- FBC Foundation (Conference Rm)
- Disaster Relief Training (Kokernot 305)
- 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)
- Christmas Care Box Making (Blanchard/Fellowship Hall)
- 12/12 9:00 AM Friendship (West)
- 7:00 PM Deacon's Christmas Party
- 12/13 5:00 PM Christmas Care Packing
- 6:30 PM Sunday School Party Night
- 12/14 7:30 AM Christmas Care Packing/Delivery
- 12/15 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)
- History Committee Meeting (Library)
- 9:25 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 AM LOGOS Contemporary Worship (Chapel)
- Bible Study (Core, Spanish, International, Deaf)
- Baptism Orientation (Pastor's Office)
- 10:30 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 AM Baptism (Sanctuary)
- Spanish Worship (Chapel)
- International Worship (4 locations)
- Bible Study (Venture)
- FABS Party (Wolfson)
- 4:00 PM A.B.L.E. (West)
- Committee on Committees (Conference)
- Missions Committee (Kokernot 305)
- Adult Handbell Rehearsal (Webb 210)
- 6:00 PM Joyful Sound/Children's Choirs Christmas Concert



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Christmas at First Offering

You are invited to participate in an offering to assist in the continuation of the gift of this concert. Envelopes are available and can be returned to the office or in the offering plate or online fbcsa.org/cafoffering.

Christmas At First

"Emmanuel...Grant Us Peace"

December 8, 5:30 PM & 7:15 PM

If you do not have a ticket we encourage you to come to the 7:15 performance. In years past, unused tickets are turned in at the door and we have been able to seat everyone.

Return any tickets (to the ASK ME Booths) that will not be used so others will be able to attend.

Helpful information for the performances:

5:30 PM

Parking – AT&T Lot

4:15 Lot A, Lot B, and Avenue B opened for handicap and special needs parking

5:00 Childcare begins – Use the McCullough door (enter through breezeway) for drop-off and pick-up.

4:30 Pre-concert reception

4:45 Doors to the Sanctuary are open (no late seating)

7:15 PM

Parking - River lot

6:55 Childcare begins – Use Webb Foyer door for drop-off and pick-up.

4:15 Lot A, Lot B, and Avenue B opened for handicap and special needs parking

5:30 Pre-concert Reception

6:50 Doors to the Sanctuary open (no late seating)

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!

Weekly Report

As of Sunday, December 1, 2013

Attendance:		SS	1,091	Worship		1,586
Tithes and Offerings		Week	Year to Date	Budget	Year to Date	Variance
				Prior Year		
Unrestricted	\$71,758	\$3,443,067	\$113,067	\$223,443		
Television	\$3,679	\$372,146	\$62,146	\$32,047		
Building Fund	\$9,132	\$1,057,711				
Other restricted	\$16,644	\$125,360				
Total	\$101,213	\$4,998,284	\$175,213	\$255,490		

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 Care 2013

Christmas care has almost reached our goal for the year. If you would like to send a monetary donation go to fbcsa/christmascare so we can buy the remainder of the items still needed. Christmas Care is still looking for volunteers to pack and deliver the donations to the low-income families in the downtown area and to our international families in need. Packing will be on **Friday, December 13 at 6:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall and again **Saturday, December 14 at 9:00 AM**. Once everything is ready the deliveries will begin! To volunteer call Rita 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 evenings at the home of Sandi Faulk.

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

4:30pm Chapel Singers - Choir Suite
5:00pm Joyful Sound - Chapel

Internationals Helping in Christmas Care

Since they began arriving, the International community has been receiving Christmas Care boxes. Last year only the newer families received boxes and we had several of the young internationals assist in the packing of the boxes. This year the role of the Internationals is expanding. They will primarily be responsible for the delivery of the Christmas care boxes to the Internationals in the Nob Hill, Winbury, and Ingram Ranch apartments as well as several families in the Kirby and North Star Mall areas. It is exciting to see these folks becoming more involved in the broader ministries of FBC.

FBCSA Christmas Schedule

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

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)

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!

Baptism Orientation

Sunday, December 15

10:30 AM – Pastor's Office

All those considering this important step of Christian discipleship are invited to meet with the Pastor Sunday, December 15 at 10:30 AM in his office. Informational meeting. No obligation. You are invited to attend.

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 11

Tamales

Rice, Beans

Tortillas

Dessert

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

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!

FBC Scholarship Applications

Do you know about FBC's Bowles or Seminary Scholarship Funds? Since 1966, FBC has been able to assist students who have committed to Christian vocation. If you, or your student, have made that commitment and are in need of assistance, please contact Jenica Lee in the church office for an application and additional information. Applications for the Spring 2014 semester are due by January 6th.

Contributions are welcome and needed to continue the support of our committed students. Mark your envelope "Bowles Scholarship" or "Seminary Scholarship".