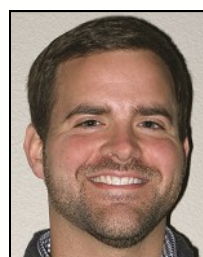


# Welcome to the First Family

New Members: December 8, 2013



Emily Benesh



Matthew Benesh

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

## Children's/Preschool Bowling Party It's a New Year!

Celebrate with friends, fun and fellowship at our annual Children's Bowling Party

### Kinder - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

January 12, 2014 1:00 – 2:30

RSVP/Paid by January 5th

### 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

February 2, 2014 1:00 – 3:00

RSVP/Paid by January 24th

\$10 Includes pizza, drink, bowling and shoes

University Bowl, 12332 IH 10 West (behind Krispy Kreme)

Register online at [www.fbcса.org/bowling](http://www.fbcса.org/bowling)

## 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

## 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 2103 Year End Contributions

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported FBCSA 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 by visiting [fbcса.org/giving](http://fbcса.org/giving). Otherwise, 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. Thanks you for your continued support in helping us build a church in the center of the city!

## First Fine Arts

Isabelle Demers, Organ  
January 19, 2014  
FBCSA Sanctuary 3 PM

Hailed as a "diminutive dynamo", this Julliard trained organist heads the organ studio at Baylor University. Her programs, performed entirely from memory have received rave reviews from the New York Times and the Chicago Tribune.

## Job Opportunities

### Childcare Worker

(Sundays 8:45 - 12:30)  
Applicants should submit a  
résumé to [jan@fbcса.org](mailto:jan@fbcса.org).

### College and Single Adults Ministry Associate (part-time)

Please submit a résumé to [dawn@fbcса.org](mailto:dawn@fbcса.org)

For full job descriptions go to [fbcса.org/jobs](http://fbcса.org/jobs)

# HIGHLIGHTS

December 15, 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)  
History Committee Meeting (Library)
- 9:25 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 AM LOGOS Contemporary Worship (Chapel)  
Bible Study (Core, Spanish, International, Deaf)
- 10:30 AM Baptism Orientation (Pastor's Office)
- 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)  
Baptism (Sanctuary)  
Spanish Worship (Chapel)  
International Worship (4 locations)  
Bible Study (Venture)  
FABS Party (Wolfson)
- 2:00 PM Yes, Lord! Leadership Mtg (Conference Rm)
- 4:00 PM A.B.L.E. (West)  
Committee on Committees (Conference Rm)  
Missions Committee (Kokernot 305)  
Adult Handbell Rehearsal (Webb 210)
- 6:00 PM Joyful Sound/Children's Choirs Christmas Concert

Bible Study  
Luke 10: 25 - 37

Morning Worship

"Will You Be My Neighbor?"  
T. Don Guthrie, Preaching 11:00

Evening Worship  
Children's Choirs & Joyful Sound Concert

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

Luke 12:13 - 34

First Baptist Church of San Antonio

## THIS WEEK ...

Monday, December 16 - Sunday, December 22

- 12/16
- 12/17 11:45 AM WOM Luncheon (Blanchard Lounge)
- 12/18 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 (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)
- 12/19 9:00 AM Friendship (West)
- 12/20
- 12/21
- 12/22 7:00 AM Pastor/Men's Prayer Time (Conference Rm)  
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4:00 PM A.B.L.E.  
5:30 PM Church Conference (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00 PM Carols and Candlelight (Sanctuary)



**Baptism Orientation**  
Today! 10:30 AM - Pastor's Office

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

**FBCSA Christmas Schedule**

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

- 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!

**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.fbcса.org/theearlychurch](http://www.fbcса.org/theearlychurch)

**Weekly Report**

As of Sunday, December 8, 2013

Attendance:		SS	1,132	Worship	1,507
Tithes and Offerings		Week	Year to Date	Budget	Prior Year
Unrestricted	\$93,050	\$3,536,117	\$106,117	\$224,790	
Television	\$12,738	\$384,884	\$64,884	\$34,885	
Building Fund	\$5,059	\$1,062,770			
Other restricted	\$14,934	\$140,294			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$125,781</b>	<b>\$5,124,065</b>	<b>\$171,001</b>	<b>\$259,675</b>	

**WOM Christmas Party**

Tuesday, December 17th

11:45-1:30  
Blanchard Lounge  
Bring-A-Dessert-To-Share  
Cost: \$5.00  
RSVP by Dec. 13th 210.226.0363

**"Christmas At First" Thanks You!**

Thank You to everyone who attended this year's performances, making it the highest attended "Christmas at First" to date. We hope that you will continue to come each year and bring more of your friends and family. In order to make that possible we are considering more performances next year. We invite you to participate in an offering to assist in that goal. If you would like to make a monetary donation go to [fbcса.org/christmasatfirst](http://fbcса.org/christmasatfirst).

Re-broadcast December 25 at noon on KSAT 12

**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](http://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!

**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!

**Youth Ministry**

Girls Bible Study  
Thursday evenings at the home of Sandi Faulk.

Youth Christmas Activities

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.

**Building Fund 2014 – New Proposal**

With confidence in the leadership of the Lord and gratitude for His blessings in 2013, in the New Year the FBCSA family will consider a new building fund focus. Multiple phases are being proposed which will include 1<sup>st</sup> floor West Hall renovations for senior adults, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor West Hall Music Ministry space, a new two-story building with a choir rehearsal room, a new front door, and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor West Hall renovations, and visitor center areas in Kokernot Hall. More details to come. This is only a proposal for now! Much prayer and consideration still ahead. Thank you for your prayers and your help as we move forward together on these important additions to our facilities and ministries. We will begin these projects only as the funds become available.

**Proposed Schedule:**

- Finance and Building & Property Meeting – January 12
- Church Presentation – January 26
- Church Approval – February 23

**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

**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 18

Ham

Sweet Potatoes, Corn

Green Beans, Roll

Dessert

Cost: \$5.00 Adults, \$3.00 Children

Credit Cards accepted

**Why SOUTH AFRICA?**

October 2014; Cape Town (Pollsmoor Prison), Johannesburg, and Port Elizabeth; Christian Unity Ministries and FBCSA

We know when, where, and who but if you want to know why we go, join us January 11 from 10AM-12PM at the Wolfson House. We'll talk about plans for next year and provide ways you can begin preparing if you are interested in going on this mission trip. Sign up for this January 11 Information Session by contacting [kappie@fbcса.org](mailto:kappie@fbcса.org).

**FBC Scholarship Applications**

Due by January 6, 2014

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".