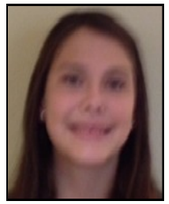
Welcome to the First Family

New Members: December 8 & 15, 2013



Karen Cox

Donna Bowman

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, have fun and enjoy fellowship at our annual Children's Bowling Party

Kinder - 2nd Grade
January 12, 2014 1:00 – 2:30
RSVP/Paid by January 5th

3rd - 5th 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.fbcsa.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 fbcsa.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. Thank 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@fbcsa.org.

College and Single Adults Ministry Associate
(part-time)
Please submit a résumé to dawn@fbcsa.org

For full job descriptions go to fbcsa.org/jobs

HIGHLIGHTS

December 22, 2013 — **First Baptist Church of San Antonio**

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)
	Baptism (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)
4:00 PM	A.B.L.E.
5:30 PM	Church Conference (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 PM	Carols and Candlelight (Sanctuary)

Bible Study
Luke 12: 13 - 34

Morning Worship
"First Things"
T. Don Guthrie, Preaching 11:00

Evening Worship
Carols and Candlelight

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

Luke 13: 10 - 17

This Week ...

Monday, December 23 - Sunday, January 5

12/23		
12/24		Church Offices Closed
	4:45 PM	Memorial Service
	5:30 PM	Candlelight Lord's Service
12/25		Church Offices Closed
12/26	9:00 AM	Friendship (West)
12/27		
12/28		
12/29	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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		Bible Study (Venture)
		No PM Service
12/30		
12/31		Church Offices Closed
1/1		Church Offices Closed
1/2		
1/3		
1/4		
1/5	7:00 AM	Pastor/Men's Prayer Time (Conference Rm)
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	4:00 PM	A.B.L.E.
		No PM Service
		Friends and Family Night

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SAN ANTONIO

Church Conference

Tonight! 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

Join us tonight in Church Conference at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall, just prior to Carols and Candlelight at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

FBCSA Christmas Schedule

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

December 22
Carols and Candlelight; 6:00PM Sanctuary

December 24
Christmas Eve Candlelight Lord's Supper; 5:30PM Sanctuary (Memorial Service 4:45PM)

Christmas At First

"Emmanuel...Grant Us Peace"
Performance Rebroadcast
December 25 – Noon on KSAT 12

If you missed this year's perfomances or would like to see it again, we will be rebroadcasting "Christmas at First - Emmanuel Grant Us Peace" on Christmas Day at Noon on KSAT 12. Please tell your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors!

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!

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 15, 2013

Attendance: SS 1,134 Worship 1,495

Tithes and Offerings	Week	Year to Date	Year to Date Variance Budget	Year to Date Variance Prior Year
Unrestricted	$198,636	$3,734,753	$204,753	$329,387
Television	$27,016	$411,900	$81,900	$57,311
Building Fund	$21,773	$1,084,542		
Other restricted	$65,809	$206.103		
Total	**$313,234**	**$5,437,298**	**$286,653**	**$386,698**

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".

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

Why SOUTH AFRICA?

Information Session January 11

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 from10am-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 Information Session by contacting kappie@fbcsa.org.

Youth Ministry

Girls Bible Study is taking a break for the Holidays.
We'll resume in January.

Youth Christmas Activities

Tonight - 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.

Expanding International Ministries Staff

As the International Ministries activity expands and as we seek to be better at our ministry among the refugees and other internationals, we have seen the need for additional part-time staff. The 2014 church budget includes provisions for a part-time (16 hours per week) administrative assistant dedicated to the International/Asian ministry. The new budget also provides funds for a part-time transportation coordinator to make sure all of our internationals are able to attend the activities of interest to them happening at FBC. This person would be responsible for coordinating the use of our resources both physical (buses, vans, etc) and personnel (drivers both paid and volunteer) to provide the most effective use of those resources. For more details see the job postings on the FBC website. Be in prayer that God will lead us in the selection of these important leaders.

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 1st floor West Hall renovations for senior adults, 2nd floor West Hall Music Ministry space, a new two-story building with a choir rehearsal room, a new front door, and 3rd 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 Committee 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

2013 Christmas Care

Friday and Saturday we packed 240 boxes of food with the help 125 volunteers, from little ones to senior adults. We had 10 team leaders, who recruited their teams and delegated delivery assignments.

Our first group was Baptist Children and Family Services. They moved all of the food we had collected from west hall to the fellowship hall. Then they helped unload the truck and set up all the food in the packing area. They packed 60 boxes and with 85 Angel Tree gifts delivered them on Friday.

Friday night we had a group come in and pack all of the food boxes for Angel Tree, Spanish, deaf and Maintenance Staff.

Early Saturday morning we had two teams pack chickens in their boxes and coordinate their boxes with the 88 Angel Tree gifts and deliver them.

Next two teams came in to pack and deliver boxes to two elementary schools areas. Lamar (the school where FBC mentors and supplies backpacks) and Cable (a very poor area on the Westside of SA). The counselors and teachers had put together lists of their neediest families.

Last but not least, our International congregation came in and packed and delivered boxes to their newest families. Wayne Williams assisted in getting four teams of Burmese men.

None of this would have happened without support of the First Baptist congregation, bringing in food items or donating money to Christmas Care. Thank you for all of your support of Christmas Care and Angel Tree.

Best of all – one team told me of delivering a box to a family, where three small children lived – one little boy was so excited he announced "they brought us a box of food".

Totally His … Hands, Heart, Voice

December Missions Emphasis

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.