

Welcome to the First Family

New Members: December 29, 2013



Carol Gerza Brown



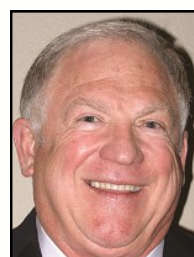
Carroll Brown



Charles Brown



Nedra Thornton



Dr. Bill Thornton



Richard Arthur



Susan Arthur



Shawn Arthur



Blake Arthur



Grace Arthur



Faith Arthur

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

Sharon Whittington Retiring

Please join us in thanking Sharon Whittington for over 22 years of service at First Baptist! During her tenure, Sharon has faithfully and joyfully served as Receptionist for the past 11 years, and before that, as an Administrative Assistant for the Youth, Recreation, and Singles Ministries. Sharon and her husband, David, have been active Church members since 1984. They have served on the Youth Committee, taught Youth Sunday School, and volunteered for the Aging and Prayer Ministries. Sharon will retire in January, and David just recently retired from AT&T. Sharon plans to learn quilting, take a cooking class, and visit the many friends she has made over the phone who are homebound or in nursing homes. Thank you Sharon for representing the Church and Christ so beautifully! We are grateful for you!

ASK ME Team

Are you a new member? Have you joined a service team? Want to? Don't want to, but know you should? One of the best ways to get to know FBCSA and its members is to join the ASK ME team. We ask that you volunteer only one Sunday a month. Sweet looking polo shirts are provided, with a name tag and you will be included in the ASK ME Table Group where you will be informed of the latest at FBCSA.

Interested? Contact Kappie, 210.226.0363 or email Kappie@fbcsa.org.

Deacon Ordination & Officers

Sunday, January 26

This will be a unique experience as we will be ordaining 4 gentlemen from our International congregation for the first time. 9 gentlemen in all will be inducted. We will also be assigning the roles of officers at this time. Please come and congratulate these men who will help grow this church according to God's plan.

Job Opportunities

Office Receptionist/Administrative Assistant

(Full-Time)

Please submit a résumé to application@fbcsa.org

Graphic Designer

(Part-Time)

Please submit a résumé to communications@fbcsa.org

College and Single Adults Ministry Associate

(part-time)

Please submit a résumé to dawn@fbcsa.org

Childcare Worker

(Sundays 8:45 - 12:30)

Applicants should submit a résumé to jan@fbcsa.org.

For full job descriptions go to fbcsa.org/jobs

HIGHLIGHTS

January 5, 2014

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)
- 9:30 AM LOGOS Contemporary Worship (Chapel)
- Bible Study (Core, Spanish, International, Deaf)
- 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- Baptism (Sanctuary)
- International Worship (4 locations)
- Bible Study (Venture)
- Friends and Family Night

Bible Study

Luke 14:25 - 35

Morning Worship

"Thinking It Through: Considering the Costly Way of Jesus"

R. Bryan Richardson, Preaching

No Evening Worship

Friends and Family Night

{Re:Verse}

A Unique First Baptist Design for Bible Study

Luke 18:9-17

THIS WEEK ...

Monday, January 6 - Sunday, January 12

- 1/6
- 1/7
- 1/8
 - 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)
 - Strategic Planning Cmte Mtg (Kok 305)
 - Spanish Bible Study/Prayer (West)
 - 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)
- 1/9
 - 9:00 AM Friendship (West)
 - 11:00 AM Prayer Meeting (Parlor)
- 1/10
 - 6:30 PM Parents Night Out
 - 7:00 PM PSC Candidate Meet & Greet (Blanchard)
- 1/11
- 1/12
 - 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)
 - 12:15 PM Sanctuary Choir Officer's Mtg (Conference Rm)
 - 1:00 PM Children's Bowling Party (Away)
 - 3:30 PM Personnel Committee Mtg (Kok 304/306)
 - 4:00 PM A.B.L.E.
 - 4:15 PM Committee Orientation (Blanchard Lng)
 - 4:30 PM Called Business Conference (Fellowship Hall)
 - Chapel Singers Rehearsal (Choir Suite)
 - 6:15 PM Lord's Supper (Wilson Chapel)
 - Refuge (Fellowship Hall)
 - 7:00 PM Finance/Building & Property Cmte Mtg (Kok 305)



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SAN ANTONIO

Preschool/Children Search Team Invites Candidate In View of a Call

On January 12, and with great enthusiasm, the First Baptist Church Preschool/Children Search Team will present Jimmy Gunn with a unanimous recommendation that he be called to join the FBC staff as Preschool and Children's Minister. (More information on side panel of bulletin).

FBC Scholarship Applications

Due by January 6

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

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 on Saturday, 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 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 Information Session by contacting kappie@fbcsa.org.

Weekly Report

As of Sunday, December 29, 2013

Attendance: SS 1,009 Worship 1,339

Tithes and Offerings		Year to Date Variance	
Week	Year to Date	Budget	Prior Year
Unrestricted	\$72,737	\$3,910,147	\$180,147
Television	\$27,070	\$444,980	\$94,980
Building Fund	\$10,388	\$1,097,478	\$217,426
Other restricted	\$6,515	\$217,426	
Total	\$116,710	\$5,670,031	\$275,127

Children's/Preschool Bowling Party

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 today, 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

Decorating Service Team Needs Your Help!

January 11, 9am - 3pm

30 willing people are needed to help with this task and the more that come the faster it will go! No experience necessary, on-the-job training available. Will you help "un-decorate" the church?

Strategic Planning Session

Saturday, January 18

9:00AM - Noon, Webb 212

The 2014 Strategic Planning Committee invites your participation in its annual Saturday Listening Session (*Continental breakfast provided*). We want to hear from you to better understand the state and direction of the Church before we begin crafting the 2014 Strategic Plan. You are the Church and your perspective is vital as we serve together to forge a new future for ministry in the heart of San Antonio!

Childcare will be provided by reservation only, email lindy@fbcsa.org

Youth Ministry

Girls Bible Study, Home Groups
and McCullough Academy
will resume soon!

Refuge will resume on Sunday, January 12!

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 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 today, January 5th in Unity Hall or online at fbcsa.org/womensbiblestudy

First Fine Arts

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

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

New Winter Sermon Series

"LUKE – Jesus' Personal Touch"

Now through 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!



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: January 8

Beef Enchiladas

Rice, Beans

Roll

Dessert

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

Founders Day Banquet

Sunday, January 19

On Sunday, January 19th, we will celebrate our 153rd year of worship in the Heart of San Antonio. The FBC Foundation will host a banquet to celebrate the heritage and history of the Church.

The 2014 Cadwallader Award winner will be announced, honoring a member who has made a lifelong contribution to the Church. Milestones in church history will be highlighted, and stories told of families who have established an enduring legacy through their gifts to the Foundation.

FBCSA All-Church Retreat

Friday, January 24-26

Join us at the Echo Valley, H-E-B Encampment in Leakey, Texas for fellowship and fun. Meals are provided, outdoor games and activities, camp fire, group and individual devotion time, dorm style sleeping arrangements. Sign-up in Unity Hall or call the church office at 210.226.0363.

Recreation Committee is looking for volunteers for the all-church retreat: Lifeguard (18 yrs. or older) with First Aid/CPR certification