

TODAY: DECEMBER 28, 2014

7:00 AM

- PASTOR/MEN'S PRAYER TIME (CONFERENCE RM)

8:00 AM

- PASTOR'S CLASS (WEBB 212)

9:25 AM

- WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)

9:30 AM

- LOGOS CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP (CHAPEL)
- BIBLE STUDY (CORE, SPANISH, INT'L, DEAF)

11:00 AM

- WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)
- SPANISH WORSHIP (CHAPEL)
- BIBLE STUDY (VENTURE)

NO PM SERVICE

THIS WEEK: DEC. 29 – JAN. 4

MONDAY DEC. 29

TUESDAY DEC. 30

WEDNESDAY DEC. 31

- 12:00 PM CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

THURSDAY JAN. 1

- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY JAN. 2

- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY JAN. 3

SUNDAY JAN. 4

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- 11:00 AM WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)
- 6:15 PM REFUGE OLYMPICS (GYM) FRIENDS AND FAMILY NIGHT - NO PM SERVICE

WEEKLY REPORT

As of Sunday, December 21, 2014

Offerings	Weekly Attendance:		YTD Budget Variance over (under)
	Week	Year to Date (YTD)	
Unrestricted	\$120,307	\$3,926,812	\$116,812
Television	\$7,024	379,490	(10,510)
Total	\$127,331	\$4,306,302	\$106,302



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CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

...since 2003

In the spring of 2003, Pastor Don Guthrie and his staff decided on a new Bible Study for our church entitled Christianity Explored (CE). This 10 week DVD course with Study Guide was first offered October 2003 with participants of all ages. The following May, we were honored to have the author of CE, Rico Tice and his staff, spend a long weekend to launch CE in Texas and Rico preached in both Sunday services. CE has now become a foundational course for FBCSA members and others curious about the Christian faith.

Christianity Explored is an important component of our ministry to Burmese refugees. Five years ago, Tera Kouba and her father saw the value of CE and translated both courses into the Burmese and Karen dialects. A select group of Burmese high school students piloted the translation with great success. Bilingual students have been trained to lead the course and are now "reproducing themselves" as more students are growing in their faith and language skills.

This study is for anyone no matter where they are on their spiritual journey. Last August a graduate of CE registered her high school senior for CE because she wanted to prepare him spiritually before he entered college in 2015. He is now registered for January's offering of Discipleship Explored.

Registration for Christianity Explored and Discipleship Explored is available online at fbcsa.org/christianityexplored or Sunday mornings in Unity Hall.

WHAT IS IT?

Using the book of Mark as a text, Christianity Explored answers these crucial questions:

- Who is Jesus?*
- Why did He come?*
- What does this mean to me?*

Graduates of CE are eligible to take the follow-up course, Discipleship Explored (DE). Using Paul's letter to the Philippians, DE provides tools for continued growth in the Christian life.

MORNING WORSHIP

9:25 Traditional Worship
T. Don Guthrie
"Stay"
John 8:30-36

9:30 LOGOS Contemporary Worship
T. Don Guthrie
"Stay"
John 8:30-36

11:00 Traditional Worship
T. Don Guthrie
"Stay"
John 8:30-36



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SAN ANTONIO

FBCSA WISHES EVERYONE...

A SAFE & HAPPY NEW YEAR

MISSIONS MARKET OPEN

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO VISIT DISPLAY IN UNITY HALL

Stop by our Missions Market Place to discover First Baptist's mission opportunities for 2015. There are adventures available for all ages, all skills, and all callings. Sign up to be an active missionary, a prayer partner, or to help support a trip.

TRIPS PLANNED FOR 2015

ETHIOPIA • POLAND
ROMANIA • THAILAND
MALAYSIA • DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
HARLINGEN, TEXAS
JEMEZ, NEW MEXICO
SOUTH AFRICA...
[WHEREVER GOD CALLS](#)

CHRISTMAS CARE AND ANGEL TREE THANK YOU!

This year we packed 272 boxes of food with the help of 160 volunteers. Workers included little ones, teenagers, senior adults and our International family. We delivered food boxes to Lamar, Cable and Briscoe student families. We furnished Angel Tree gifts and food boxes to the prison ministry and Baptist Children and Family Services. Thank you to everyone who donated their time, talents and treasure. We could not have done it without each of you.

TV MINISTRY SPECIAL OFFERING

THANK YOU for all of your financial contributions to the TV Ministry in 2014. We have had another great year of giving and are so blessed. We are getting close to meeting this year's Special Offering goal of **\$420,000**, with only **\$40,510** left to go! Please pray and consider a gift today to this vital outreach ministry.

FIRST KIDS – TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Ezra - The verses in chapter 3 tell of the rebuilding of the Lord's altar and temple. Chapter 6 highlights the celebration of the Passover Feast, another time of great joy. The overall theme for this lesson is worship and praising God in many different ways.

IMAGO

ARTS FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Registration is open for spring semester music lessons and art classes. Through our Arts for Christmas program, you can give a beautiful gift certificate for a semester of music lessons or art classes to someone you know. Or you can donate to the scholarship program to help provide an arts education for someone in financial need.

Visit www.fbcsa.org/imago for more information or call Suzie Rocha at 210-249-2505.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED SPRING 2015 SCHEDULE

Sunday Mornings: January 18 - March 22
9:30AM – 10:45AM • Webb 210
Wednesday Nights: January 21 - March 25
6:15PM – 7:45PM • Webb 210

Christianity Explored is for anyone who wants to investigate Christianity informally with a group of other people. Whether you have previous experience of Church, Christians and the Bible, or none at all, this course is for you. Everyone is welcome - from the most sympathetic Sunday Schooler to the convinced atheist. You may sign up to take Christianity Explored online at fbcsa.org/christianityexplored or by contacting Kappie Coffee in the church office at 210.226.0363 or kappie@fbcsa.org.

PRAYER WALK

PREPARE YE THE WAY
JANUARY 3, 2015, 9:00 AM
WOLFSON HOUSE

Prepare the Way for God's Presence. Join us on the 1st Saturday of each month to Prayer Walk the area around our church. Make it a family affair!

YOUTH MINISTRY

REFUGE OLYMPICS

JANUARY 4, 11 & 18, 2015
Surprises for those who bring friends. Meet in the youth lounge at 6:00 pm.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WOMEN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study begins a study of 1 Corinthians. The morning ladies Bible study will begin a 16-week in-depth look at this important part of God's Word. Class begins January 6 at 9:30 in Webb 212. Register at fbcsa.org or in Unity Hall December 21, 28 or January 4. Childcare is available by reservation. Cost of the workbook is \$8.00.

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 1, 2015 ECHO VALLEY

The retreat is for all ages. Meals are provided, outdoor games and activities, campfire, group and individual devotion time, dorm style sleeping arrangements. Sign-up will begin January 4th in Unity Hall or you can call the church office at 210.226.0363 to register

PARENTS NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, JANUARY 9 6:30 PM - 10:30 PM COST STARTS AT: \$12.00

We offer Parents Night Out once a month to all members and non-members. The program is designed to provide a safe and loving atmosphere where you can leave your child in order to have a date night or just free time with friends. The last day to sign up is Wednesday, January 7. Please visit fbcsa.org/parentsnightout to register.

MOPS

(Mothers of Preschoolers)
JANUARY 8, 2015 • 9:00 AM
Applications can be found at: fbcsa.org/mops. Contact Tiffini Greer at: mops@fbcsa.org or Jimmy Gunn at 210.226.0363.

MEN'S FREEDOM GROUP ALL YEAR MINISTRY

We are a Christ-centered, 12-step, self-help group providing a safe and confidential setting (apart from other H2H groups) for men recovering from sexual addiction. Our goal is to provide you with the support of fellow recovery travelers with weekly meetings. Through the 12 steps we will provide the following for your success over sexual addiction:

- Videos by Dr. Weiss
- Exercises and other materials
- Group accountability
- Weekly contact phone group

Join us as we seek God's will in our recovery! To register <http://heart2heart.dreamhosters.com/our-groups/mens-freedom-group>

MEN'S GOLF MINISTRY

JANUARY 18, 2015
FORT SAM GOLF COURSE
FBC Golf Ministry promotes fellowship among Christian golfers, provides relationship building opportunities to encourage and strengthen the believer, and provides an environment for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. If you would like to participate golfers are asked to sign up in advance so that groups can be organized at: golf@fbcsa.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

IMAGO FACULTY RECITAL SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 3:00 PM

Come for an afternoon of collaborative music and art provided by our teachers.

FIRST FINE ARTS SINGING MEN OF SOUTH TEXAS

JANUARY 15, 2015 • 7:00 PM
This group is composed of Ministers of Music and church musicians from Baptist churches in South Texas. The chapter, one of six statewide chapters, draws members from Georgetown to McAllen and Del Rio to Port Lavaca. Jay Ghormley, Minister of Music & Worship at Shearer Hills Baptist Church in San Antonio, began directing the choir in the fall of 2013. To learn more about this ministry please visit smot.org.

MISSION TEAM PRESENTATION

JANUARY 21, 2015 • 6:00 PM
FELLOWHIP HALL
The Ukraine mission team will be sharing what God is doing in an ever-changing city like Kiev, and how they were impacted on the trip.

THE GIFT OF GENEROSITY 2014 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 (including electronic) must be received by the Business Office by noon, Wednesday, December 31st, or postmarked December 31st to be included in 2014 contributions. Thank you for your continued support in helping us build a church in the center of the city!

I WANT TO SERVE

FIRST KIDS MINISTRY BABIES - 5TH GRADE

We need heroes in the First Kids ministry! Help us raise up the next generation to know and love God passionately! There are many ways that you can be a hero - help prep rooms for Sunday morning classes, distribute snacks for preschoolers, lead worship, help run a sound booth for the elementary large group gathering on Sundays, help kids learn about missions on Wednesdays, and the list goes on! See Jimmy Gunn or contact the First Kids Ministry office at 210.226.0363 or by emailing firstkids@fbcsa.org.

INTERNATIONAL NEEDS KITCHEN ITEMS!

The International ministry is in need for kitchen ware. We have several new families that have arrived in the last two months. They are in need of plates, bowls, glasses, cups, silverware, cooking pots and pans, kitchen knives, and any other kitchen utensils. If you have any of these that you would like to donate to our International ministry please contact Tera at the church office at 210.226-0363 or Wayne Williams at 210.749-3805. At the present time we are not receiving clothing. We also have some need for furniture such as sofas, beds, and tables. For furniture donations contact Htoo Aye at the church office.

FBCSA HOLIDAY HOURS

December 31, 2014

8:00 am - 12:00 Noon

January 1-2, 2015

Closed All Day