

Sermon Series: Come Home for Christmas

**Today's Sermon:
"Come Home to Joy"**

Luke 2:8-16

- 1. God _____ joy. (Luke 2:9-10)
- 2. God _____ joy. (Nehemiah 8:10, John 15:11)
- 3. God _____ joy through Jesus. (Luke 7:31-34)
- 4. God's Spirit _____ joy. (Galatians 5:22)

Kids Worship Begins @ 10:45 AM

Kid's Church (1st - 6th Grade)
Kid's Church Jr. (3 Years - Kindergarten)
Two Year Olds
Babies - 23 Months

First Steps

Membership is open to anyone who has 1) placed their faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and 2) has been baptized by immersion by a body of believers of like faith and practice. We will be happy to assist you with these spiritual decisions. Text FIRST to (409) 215-0332 to be contacted or meet one of our Ministers near the platform after the service to discuss your spiritual decision.



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**Pursuing
Christ FIRST
in Life, Love and
Actions**

December 16, 2018



Song: Joy to the World
Artist: Various Artists



Song: How Great Our Joy
Artist: Various Artists



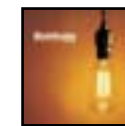
Song: Away in a Manger
Artist: Various Artists



Song: Good Christian Men, Rejoice
Artist: Travis Cottrell



Song: Let It Rise
Artist: Paul Baloche



Song: O Praise Him
Artist: David Crowder

Message

Dr. Robert Miller

"Come Home to Joy"

Luke 2:8-16

Deacon of the Week

Albert Crow

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This Week @ FBCTC

December 16 - 22

Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Band/Tech Rehearsal
- 8:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

- 5:00 p.m. Burgers, Etc. Bunch - Beyond Burger
- 5:15 p.m. Transitions - Joy in Christ Ladies Classroom
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer, Praise & Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. **JAM** - Youth
- 6:30 p.m. **KID JAM** - Children
- 7:30 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

- 10:00 a.m. Elmcroft Senior Living Service

Friday

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday

Ministry Staff

Dr. Robert R. Miller, Pastor
 John Talley, Associate Pastor, Worship & Administration
 Dennis Johns, Associate Pastor, Families
 Meschel Hara, Children's Minister



Worship services are streamed live on the internet each week from our website. Recent services are also available short term. Click on the livestream.

A Message From Dennis Johns

HOLY PRESENTS MISSION

Thank you to all who participated with our Annual *Holy Presents* Ministry. Some of you gave monetarily, some gave items for boxes throughout the year, some of you brought boxes full of blessings, and hopefully all of you prayed. Our trip to the Valley was a huge success. We partnered with River Oaks Baptist Church in Houston (Where Christian Johns is the Youth Minister) and delivered 350 boxes to the Valley Baptist Mission Education Center. We were able to participate in three different "gift distribution" sites; the first in a vacant lot in one of the Colonias where 60 children came out of thin air, next in three apartment complexes, and the last one at Templo Nehemias Community Church in San Juan, TX with Pastor Hector Iracheta.

I can't decide what the greatest blessing of the trip has been for me;

Getting to work alongside and minister in the name of our Father with great folks.

Assisting Valley Baptist Mission Education staff in organizing and prepping for future distributions.

Partnering with a great church in River Oaks Baptist in Houston.

Seeing the faces and hearing the voices of gratitude from those who really mean it.

Watching God's people interact and be "the church."

Experiencing the presence of God when over 60 children from distributions gave their hearts to Jesus. My heart overflows!

Thank you, Georgia Reed, Dianne Stanley, and Nelda Herndon for your presence and fellowship and thank you FBCTC to all who participated. Don't worry, you can go next year!

Attendance for December 9, 2018

Sunday School	163
Legacy Ministry Visits	23
Worship	293

Financial gifts for December 9, 2018

	Week	To Date
Financial Plan	21,021.78	777,805.86
Financial Receipt	25,187.25	685,643.74
World Missions	50.00	6,050.00
Glass Memorial Baptistry	55.00	56,117.17



CRISTA SERENI CELEBRATES 10 YEARS!

Last Sunday Crista Sereni celebrated her 10th year as choir accompanist and worship pianist at FBCTC! We are so thankful for the contribution she, and her family, make in our worship each week, as well as to the entire ministry of our church. We are grateful for her consistent talent and heart of worship she brings to God while playing and singing. I know you'll want to express your appreciation to her for her faithful leadership in worship over the last 10 years! Thank you, Crista!

Come Home for Christmas
 First Baptist Church Texas City
 @ Mall of the Mainland
Come Home on Sundays
 @ 10:45am for ...

December 2	Hope
December 9	Love
December 16	Joy
December 23	Peace

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 4:30pm & 6:00pm



Sing in the CHRISTMAS CHOIR this year!

1 REHEARSAL (12/19) @ 7:30pm
 3 SONGS

3 SUNDAYS (12/9, 16 & 23)
Sing Choirs of Angels!



SANTA'S HELPERS

We will be accepting donations for the next several weeks to help families that are experiencing a financial hardship this Christmas. Please contact the church office if you know of a family that needs assistance or if your family needs assistance this Christmas.

