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First Baptist Dallas Completes Largest Church Building Project in Modern History, Contributing to Ongoing Dallas Revitalization Historic Congregation Goes Against National Church Trend to Build New \$130 Million Downtown Campus

DALLAS, Feb. 1, 2013 – First Baptist Church of Dallas, led by nationally known pastor Dr. Robert Jeffress, will complete what is believed to be the largest church building campaign in modern history, opening a new state-of-the-art \$130 million campus on Easter Sunday, March 31.

“At a time when suburban megachurches are the norm and research shows that many people no longer feel the Church is relevant, First Baptist is committed to the Bible and to downtown Dallas,” said Jeffress. “People are hungry not for religion but for the Word of God. First Baptist Dallas is built on the Bible, and because of that we are growing.”



This growth prompted First Baptist Dallas to embark on a building campaign in 2009, during the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. Though the popular trend among many churches is to acquire and retrofit unused buildings or open smaller, satellite campuses in the suburbs, First Baptist chose to remain in the heart of Dallas – a place where it has been located since its founding in 1868 – in order to continue to serve the residents, business community and guests of Dallas and the surrounding Metroplex.

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The new First Baptist campus is part of an extensive and impressive ongoing revitalization of downtown Dallas, following the recent opening of several multimillion-dollar museums, theaters and parks.

“For more than 140 years – through cycles of both decline and growth – First Baptist has been steadfastly committed to the city of Dallas,” Jeffress said. “That dedication continues through this contribution of what we believe is the finest facility in the heart of downtown – a concert hall of worship that truly represents, and is dedicated to, the greatness of God.”

The new campus highlights the landmark sanctuary alongside a new 3,000-seat Worship Center, which includes the latest, high-tech features, such as a 150-foot-wide viewing screen. It stretches nearly two-thirds across the room and consists of seven high-definition projectors blended together, making it one of the largest viewing screens in any church in the world.

Connected to the Worship Center via a glass sky bridge is the five-story Horner Family Center, featuring children’s and youth classrooms, a gymnasium and three age-appropriate indoor playgrounds, and a seven-story parking garage. In addition, a high-impact cross-tower and fountain are surrounded by three-quarters of an acre of public community space.

The new 500,000-square-foot campus, designed by innovative Dallas-based architecture firm, The Beck Group, is united in function and design and easily identifiable as an iconic church. The entire campus is expected to attain silver certification by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System.

Jeffress has built on First Baptist’s reputation as a beacon of Bible teaching while aggressively working to improve its future legacy in Dallas. Under his leadership, First Baptist – which was once seen as a dying church – is now experiencing growth and embarking on a new beginning.

First Baptist will celebrate the grand opening of the new campus beginning Sunday, March 24, with the lighting of the cross-tower and fountain. On Sunday, March 31, the church will hold two morning services in the new Worship Center.

For more information, visit www.FirstDallas.org/newcampus.

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Editor’s Note: For additional media information, visit <http://www.firstdallas.org/pressroom>. To interview Dr. Robert Jeffress or to cover the First Baptist new campus grand opening events, contact Marchelle Michel at 972.267.1111 or marchelle@alarryross.com.

NEW CAMPUS

First Baptist Church is one of the largest property owners in downtown Dallas, covering six city blocks bordered by San Jacinto, St. Paul, Federal and Ervay Streets. Founded in 1868, the cornerstone of the historic sanctuary was laid in 1890. Over more than a century, First Baptist's campus was formed, consisting of a hodge-podge of buildings – many of them woefully inadequate for the needs of a growing church.



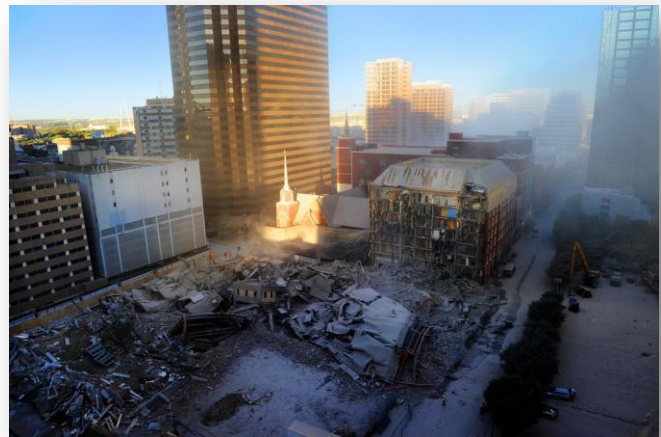
On Nov. 1, 2009, the leadership of First Baptist recommended to its congregation plans to build a new 21st-century campus, unveiling a proposed \$130 million project designed to be a re-creation, not a renovation, of the original campus.

Making way for the construction of the new campus required the removal of several original structures. On Oct. 30, 2010, experts imploded four facilities

– the Burt, Christian Education, Ruth Ray Hunt and Veal buildings – using 450 pounds of dynamite and 1,200 charges. The Truett and Mary C. buildings, directly attached to the historic sanctuary, were dismantled separately, with only the sanctuary and Criswell Center, built in 2006, remaining. The church officially broke ground on the new campus July 11, 2011.

Construction of the new campus will be complete in 2013, with the grand opening celebration to be held on Easter Sunday, March 31.

The new 500,000-square-foot campus, designed by innovative Dallas-based architecture firm, The Beck Group, will physically change the landscape of the Dallas skyline, galvanizing a clear presence of the church at the heart of the city. When completed, the campus will be united in function and design as well as open, accessible and easily identifiable as an iconic church.



Maintaining its historic roots, the new 3,000-seat Worship Center has been erected alongside the original sanctuary; together, the old and new are beautifully highlighted in the center of the new campus.



Capable of seating nearly twice as many individuals as the existing sanctuary, the Worship Center incorporates the latest, and some unprecedented, high-tech features to create an intimate experience with nearly one mile of pews, each designed to provide a natural line of sight to the pulpit.

A specially commissioned stained-glass cross, developed by renowned artist Roger Hogan, provides a backdrop for the walk-through baptistery prominently placed at the front of the auditorium.

Positioned behind the choir space is a 150-foot-wide viewing screen stretching nearly two-thirds across the room and consisting of seven large high-definition projectors blended together – one of the largest of any church in the world.

The overall design of the auditorium is intended to provide a concert hall of worship in the heart of the Dallas Arts District. Though a much larger facility, the last row of seating in the new Worship Center is close to the same distance as the pulpit in the original sanctuary.

The historic sanctuary's back wall, which faces St. Paul Street, has been reconstructed based on what is believed to be its original design, which was covered by the Truett building in the early 1900s. Stained-glass artist Hogan also developed complementary stained-glass windows on the new wall.



A sweeping glass concourse, including a sky bridge over St. Paul Street, connects the new Worship Center and Horner Family Center and Parking Garage. A high-impact cross-tower and fountain, with a separate baptism pool, are surrounded by three-quarters of an acre of community space for the whole city, creating a spiritual oasis in the middle of downtown. The pedestal,



which stands 68-feet high to the top of the cross, will flow water down to the pool and then to the edge, flowing over the text, “...whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.” The Scripture verse taken from John 4:14 is inscribed on the edge of the reflecting pool with stainless-steel lettering. The water flow, as well as undulating titan jets, can be coordinated and programmed to a custom orchestral score of hymns and spiritual songs.

The five-story Horner Family Center features a gymnasium; a theater for junior high and high school students; and indoor playgrounds for younger children. The building is dominated by glass, making it open, transparent and inviting to pedestrians and vehicular traffic passing by.

The new Horner Parking Garage, which follows the flow of the one-way streets surrounding the campus, features direct access to the Donald Preschool & Children’s Suite within the Horner Family Center and Worship Center via the sky bridge.

The entire campus is expected to attain silver certification by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System.

NEW CAMPUS – INTERESTING FACTS

Worship Center

Inside Features

- ❖ The Worship Center is built on the second floor – the same level of the sky bridge connecting to the Horner Family Center and Parking Garage.
- ❖ The Worship Center seats 3,000 people – nearly double the historic sanctuary – and includes 1,700 seats on the main floor and 1,300 seats in the balcony.
- ❖ Seating in the Worship Center consists of one mile of pews made in New Holland, Pa.
- ❖ The spaces between each pew are wider than most churches, promoting comfort and facilitating ease of movement in and out without disrupting others.
- ❖ Kneelers for prayer have been installed in the lower-floor pews of the Worship Center, continuing the tradition that started in the original sanctuary.
- ❖ The shape of the Worship Center room provides each individual with a natural line of sight to the pulpit.
- ❖ The distance from the pulpit to the rear wall of the Worship Center is approximately the same length as in the original sanctuary, providing an intimate worship experience in a room nearly twice as large.
- ❖ Cutbacks in the balcony over the lower-floor entrances provide an open feeling and view of the magnificent ceiling elements for those arriving into the Worship Center.
- ❖ The Worship Center contains a stainless-steel baptistery and is adorned with custom stained glass including a crystal luminescent cross created by stained-glass artist Roger Hogan, which utilizes the faceted edge of the glass to create a unique light reflection.



Technology

- ❖ Nine high-definition video cameras, including a jib and a 12-foot-tower robotic, are placed throughout the Worship Center to capture all program elements.
- ❖ The expansive 150-foot, IMAX-quality screen located in the Worship Center uses seven projectors sweeping across the length of the platform and is unparallel to any in the world.
- ❖ A movable wall located behind the pulpit eliminates distractions during the pastor's sermon but can be lowered to provide full view of the 200-seat choir during the worship program.
- ❖ The pit for the 50-piece First Baptist orchestra rises and falls six feet.
- ❖ Each wood band along the walls surrounding the Worship Center contains LED strips of light that can be programmed to different colors, creating ambiance with lighting in the room.
- ❖ A 3-D model of the entire room is duplicated on a conceptual computer so leaders can fully see how individuals in the Worship Center experience the various technological, musical and worship elements.
- ❖ The Worship Center is a finely tuned instrument, making it the concert hall of worship in downtown Dallas.

Outside Features

- ❖ The new Worship Center is adorned with an exterior "crown" made up of 33,000 congruent stainless-steel tiles – 20,000 of which can be seen on the outer layer.
- ❖ While at first glance the tiles of the exterior "crown" appear to each be a different color, every piece is exactly the same, having been oxidized for equal amounts of time.
- ❖ The oxidation of the stainless-steel tiles in the "crown" creates a forever finish, which is symbolic of the everlasting life given through Jesus.
- ❖ Installation of the stainless-steel tiles took over 70 days and had to be done by hand with gloves so as to not disturb the oxidation. In addition, to fit the curved nature of the "crown," every seventh row of tiles had to be custom cut.

Historic Sanctuary Incorporation

- ❖ The Truett Building had covered the north side of the historic sanctuary facing St. Paul Street since the early 1900s and because no original photos or blueprints were found, architects reconstructed it according to what is believed to be the original facade.
- ❖ Three styles of stained glass exist on the historic sanctuary, one being consistent with its original construction in the 1890s and additions in the 1920s and 1950s. Stained-glass artist Roger Hogan, pulled influences from all three to create additional stained-glass windows now featured along the reconstructed back wall.
- ❖ A clear image of the historic sanctuary can be seen in the reflection of westward facing windows of the new campus.



Fountain Plaza

- ❖ Water will rise up the pedestal of the fountain, spilling over the structure's walls in a way that emulates white-water movement before creating waves in the base's pool. The water will calm prior to floating over the edge inscribed with John 4:14, which states: "whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."
- ❖ Several custom orchestral score of hymns and spiritual songs were created to coordinate with the flow of the fountain and jets.
- ❖ The pool at the base of the fountain includes a separate heated baptistery, which congregants sitting inside the Worship Center will be able to view via video shown on the Worship Center screens.



Horner Family Center

- ❖ The Horner Family Center is a five-story, 100,000-square-foot building with classrooms, a gymnasium, junior high and high school theaters, and indoor playgrounds.
- ❖ Brick taken from the Veal building, one of the four structures imploded to make way for new construction, has been repurposed and used in the youth areas of the Horner Family Center.
- ❖ There are three floors dedicated to children's ministry within the Donald Preschool & Children's Suite, each containing a different theme and age-appropriate play structure, designed by DillonWorks out of Seattle, Wash. – The Cove for newborns through two year olds, Kid's Town for preschoolers and Transporting the Gospel for grade-school children.



Horner Parking Garage

- ❖ The Horner Parking Garage is 220,000 square feet and seven stories high.
- ❖ Unlike most urban churches where individuals walk great distances outside, at First Baptist Dallas, members and visitors will stay inside as they walk from the Horner Parking Garage to the Worship Center.

Green Building Features

- ❖ The new campus has opened three-quarters of an acre of public space to downtown Dallas.
- ❖ As a part of design and to help keep energy costs down, the building was designed to face north, incorporating expansive windows to let light in.

Overall Features

- ❖ The sky bridge over St. Paul Street expands 30 feet wide, making it appear as an extension of the building and allowing adequate room for fellowship as individuals pass from one service to another.
- ❖ Off the Worship Center is one of the largest freight elevators in Dallas, which will allow visiting bands and guests to move equipment in and out easily to the second floor Worship Center.

Design Preparation

- ❖ Dallas-based architecture firm, The Beck Group, designed the new campus.
- ❖ To hone in on the necessary design features, members of the First Baptist Planning & Development Committee, in conjunction with The Beck Group, visited various churches around the nation as well as iconic cultural and historical structures to determine features to be incorporated into the new campus.

Construction

- ❖ Manhattan Construction Group was the General Contractor for the new campus.
- ❖ From March 7 to Sept. 19, 2011, Manhattan Construction poured over 16,000 cubic yards of concrete and fabricated and erected over 800 tons of steel – all in 138 working days.
- ❖ During construction there were more than 500 workers on the site at once.

DR. ROBERT JEFFRESS

Dr. Robert Jeffress is the pastor of the 11,000-member First Baptist Church of Dallas, which he has served since August 2007.

Dr. Jeffress' bold, biblical and practical approach to ministry has made him one of the country's most respected evangelical leaders. Vision America honored him in 2006 with the Daniel Award for his steadfast commitment and boldness in proclaiming the uncompromising Word of God.

He has made more than 800 guest appearances on various radio and television programs and regularly appears on major mainstream media outlets, such as Fox News Channel's "Fox and Friends," "The O'Reilly Factor" and "Cavuto on Business;" ABC's "Good Morning America;" CBS' "This Morning;" HBO's "Real Time with Bill Maher;" CNN "Anderson Cooper 360" and "John King USA;" MSNBC "Hardball with Chris Matthews;" and Fox Radio.



Dr. Jeffress is also host of the "Pathway to Victory" radio program, which is heard nationwide on more than 750 stations, including those in six of the top 10 markets. His weekly television program can be seen on 1,200 television stations and cable systems throughout the nation and in 28 countries around the world.

He is the author of 19 books including "The Solomon Secrets" (a 2002 Gold Medallion finalist), "Hell? Yes!," "When Forgiveness Doesn't Make Sense," "Clutter-Free Christianity: What God Really Desires for You," "Twilight's Last Gleaming: How America's Last Days Can Be Your Best Days," and his most recent book, "How Can I Know? Answers to Life's Seven Most Important Questions."

Dr. Jeffress is currently leading the congregation in a \$130 million campaign to re-create its downtown campus. The largest church building program in modern history, the new campus, opening Easter 2013, will create a "spiritual oasis" in the heart of downtown Dallas.

Dr. Jeffress earned a D.Min. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, a Th.M. from Dallas Theological Seminary, and a B.S. degree from Baylor University. In May 2010, he was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree from Dallas Baptist University and received the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year award from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in June 2011.

Dr. Jeffress and his wife, Amy, have two daughters, Julia and Dorothy, one of whom is married.

DOWNTOWN DALLAS

Dallas' downtown, once virtually dead after business hours and on weekends, is experiencing a revival.

Downtown Dallas, a nonprofit organization working to revitalize the area, confirmed in its 2008 annual report that the heart of the City now has more than 150 shops and restaurants. And with dozens of aging buildings converted into residential housing as well as new high-rise condos being built, the population has risen; the 2010 census report shows that more than 6,000 people now reside in downtown. Since 2002 more than \$2.3 billion of development and reinvestment has taken hold in downtown, according to the Dallas Morning News.

Businesses are returning to the downtown area as well. In 2008, according to Downtown Dallas, more than 40 companies relocated there, adding 6,500 jobs and making it home to a predominant business center of 2,500 businesses representing a variety of industries. The Dallas Convention Center hotel, a \$500 million facility that opened in 2012, has brought additional employment opportunities.

"We've made some enormous inroads and progress," said former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert. "All of a sudden, you have a lot of the vitality you want."



The Dallas Arts District is one of the shining accomplishments of downtown revitalization. Established in 1983, this 19-block neighborhood now includes world-class facilities, such as the Dallas Museum of Art; the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center; the Nasher Sculpture Center and the Dallas Center for the Performing Arts. In addition, the Perot Museum of Natural Science, opened in December 2012, has since experienced overwhelming ticket sales.

The Arts District and the rest of downtown are connected to Uptown by Klyde Warren Park, a 5.2-acre deck of lawn, trees, fountains and public spaces that spans the freeway between Pearl and St. Paul streets, opened in October 2012.

Already, downtown has more than 20 parks or plazas, according to Downtown Dallas. The most ambitious is the Trinity River Corridor Project, which is being billed by the organizers as “one of the most monumental public works and economic development projects ever attempted.”

The project will cost about \$2 billion with much of the work expected to be completed by 2014. It will transform the area into a giant urban park while protecting against flooding and improving transportation through downtown. The project will be highlighted by bridges on Interstate 30 and the proposed Woodall Rodgers Extension designed by famed Spanish engineer/architect Santiago Calatrava.

And now First Baptist Church is contributing economically, aesthetically and spiritually to the continued growth of Dallas’ re-born city center by making a grand statement in the revival of downtown. The beauty and elegance of the new world-class First Baptist Dallas building design, which will open Easter 2013, will enhance the city’s aura with its distinctive appeal and artistry, contributing to Dallas’ eclectic blend of historical sites and architectural wonders.

The new campus will provide three-quarters of an acre community space accessible at all times to those downtown. In addition, this space will act as a passageway for those walking from N. Ervay to St. Paul Street, helping to make downtown Dallas more pedestrian friendly.

The sweeping glass concourse structure, including a sky bridge over St. Paul Street, connects the new Worship Center and Horner Family Center and Parking Garage. A high-impact cross-tower and fountain, suitable for baptisms, are surrounded by the community space, creating a spiritual oasis in the middle of downtown. The design is intended to provide a concert hall of worship in the heart of the Dallas’ Arts District that will project how great God is.

The new campus is aiding in the revitalization of downtown Dallas and providing a re-birth of the church, thriving with new energy.

MINISTRY PHILOSOPHY

A recent Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life study found that individuals with no religious affiliation, or “nones,” are on the rise. Because of this, many pastors, in an effort to attract those of all beliefs and lifestyles, choose to avoid hot-button biblical issues, which might offend.

First Baptist Church of Dallas, a church built on the Bible, is going against this tide.

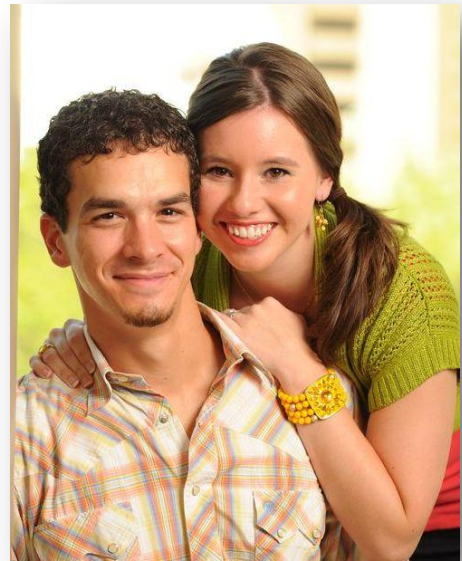
First Baptist, a growing congregation in the heart of downtown Dallas, is led by pastor Dr. Robert Jeffress, who is known for his bold, biblical and unequivocal commitment to preaching the Word of God.

With a mission of transforming the world with God’s Word one life at a time, First Baptist is built on the core values of truth, excellence, connection and influence. First Baptist remains committed to equipping individuals to worship, serve and influence the community, the city and the world for Christ.

Founded in 1868, through the years, First Baptist had built a hodge-podge of buildings on its Dallas campus. Because many were becoming inadequate, the church felt a need to expand and improve its campus in order to fulfill its ministry calling.

According to a December 2012 New York Times article titled, “Building Congregations Around Art Galleries and Cafes as Spirituality Wanes,” younger pastors are less willing to try to finance multimillion-dollar church building programs at the risk of accruing debt. Instead, many are opting for creating smaller satellite campuses in the suburbs, which are easier to maintain. This is especially true of urban churches, where high building costs and little land often play a factor.

Yet in November 2009, in the midst of the worst economic recession since the Great Depression, Dr. Jeffress announced a vision for building a new \$130 million campus in the heart of downtown Dallas – the largest church building project in modern history, according to church fundraising experts. At the time of the announcement, First Baptist had already received more than \$62 million in commitments toward the campaign.



Now, a little more than four years later, the First Baptist project nears completion with the opening of a new 500,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art campus Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013, marking a year of new beginnings.

Despite population loss in Dallas and economic hardship in recent decades, First Baptist has remained committed to downtown Dallas, having been located in the heart of the city for more than 140 years.



“God has put First Baptist Church of Dallas at the center of the nation’s fastest-growing city in the heart of America,” said Dr. Jeffress in 2009. “Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones recently unveiled a new \$1.2 billion ‘temple to sport’ in our area. In these tough economic times, why can’t we use our gifts to build a church that provides a spiritual oasis and seeks to match the splendor and majesty of God?”

Rather than follow the national trend to move the First Baptist campus to a suburban area, the church chose to keep its urban focus, setting its sights on building a concert hall of worship that truly represents the greatness of God and serves the city of Dallas.

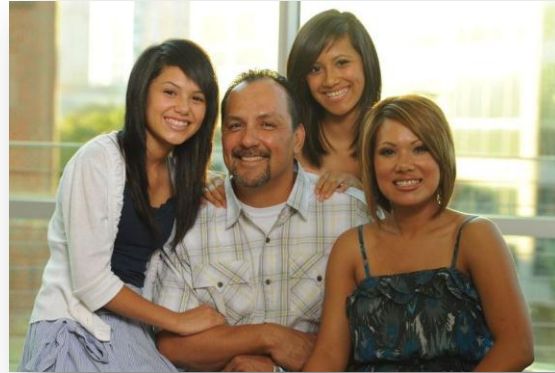
First Baptist is one of the largest property owners in downtown Dallas. Prior to the demolition of several buildings, First Baptist consisted of a hodge-podge of structures constructed over more than a century. When its new campus is complete, it will cover six city blocks and transform the Dallas skyline, galvanizing a clear presence of the church.

The new facility is a re-creation, not a renovation, of the original campus, that highlights the historic sanctuary among a new 3,000-seat Worship Center. Connected via a glass sky bridge is a five-story Horner Family Center and seven-story Parking Garage. In addition, a high-impact cross-tower and fountain are surrounded by three-quarters of an acre of open and accessible community space available to the whole city.

The completion of the new campus and opening on Easter weekend 2013 symbolizes a rebirth of a church that was once considered dying. First Baptist has come back to life remaining firmly committed to biblically based teachings and remaining a testimony to God’s love and truth in the heart of Dallas.

MINISTRIES

First Baptist Church of Dallas has a diverse congregation made up of individuals of all ages, races and cultures. As a downtown church, First Baptist seeks to minister to its own members as well as the plethora of people who live, work and play in Dallas. Meeting people where they are is one of the hallmarks of First Baptist's ministry; its new 21st-century campus will allow the church to continue to serve people daily in downtown Dallas.



Downtown Residents, Businessmen and Guests



Unlike the former buildings, which acted as a closed-off fortress, First Baptist's new campus is accessible to the downtown community. Overall, more than three-quarters of an acre of open space will be added with the completion of the new campus. A cross-tower and fountain, which is programmed to an original orchestral score of hymns and spiritual songs, will be a source of relaxation and meditation for those looking to escape the hustle-and-bustle of downtown. Surrounded by outdoor tables and seating and conveniently located near

First Baptist's St. Paul Café, this area is available for residents, businessmen and guests of Dallas to enjoy daily.

In addition, First Baptist offers a variety of other ministries to those in the community including regular Career Solutions workshops, sports and fitness classes, and various services through the Pathways Counseling Center, such as Celebrate Recovery weekly meetings; DivorceCare support groups for adults and kids; and GriefShare sessions. First Baptist also supports the Downtown Pregnancy Center, which offers practical amenities and resources regarding unplanned pregnancy, sexual health and needs of a growing family.

Children and Families



First Baptist is committed to helping parents lay a firm biblical foundation in their children's lives and at home. Understanding the importance of ministering to families, the church offers a variety of programming for children, newborn through the sixth grade, including two hours of Sunday School on Sunday mornings, children's worship arts classes on Sunday evenings and AWANA discipleship on Wednesday nights.

Safety and security is a top priority for First Baptist. The new campus design intentionally places the Donald Preschool & Children's Suite, housed within the Horner Family Center, between the Parking Garage and main Worship Center, allowing parents to conveniently sign their children into age-appropriate ministry activities using state-of-the-art security check-in. In addition, the

new St. Paul Street sky bridge means families no longer have to cross busy street traffic when moving from the Horner Family Center to the Worship Center. Play facilities within each secured children's hallway provide a protected environment for kids and parents to engage with others.

Pre-teens and Teens

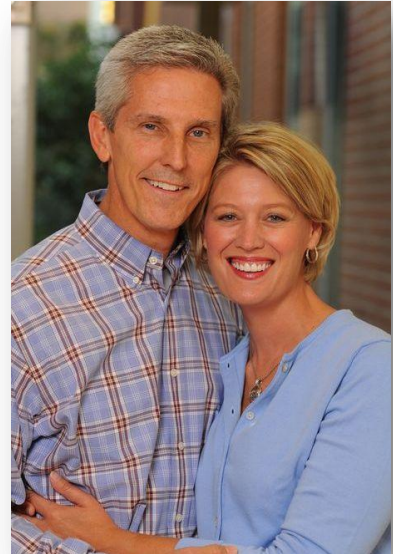
First Baptist desires to encourage students to be Christ followers, worshippers and lovers of God's word. Consistent with its reputation of being built on the Bible, the First Baptist pre-teen and teen ministry uses biblical, practical teaching during Sunday-morning and Wednesday-evening large and small group worship to help students grow and equip them with the truth. In addition, summer camp, junior high and high school mission trips as well as student worship choirs and orchestras give teens opportunities to share their faith around the nation.

The fifth floor of the Horner Family Center on the new campus is customized for teen and pre-teen members of First Baptist. Designed around the theme "The places you will go," both middle school and high school youth will build lasting relationships with Christ in an urban-loft setting fully equipped with a worship auditorium, lounge area, study rooms and gymnasium.

Adults

First Baptist offers a number of discipleship, worship and service opportunities for adults of all life stages – from college to senior adults.

Currently Sunday mornings offer both contemporary and blended worship services, which combine traditional and modern worship styles, hymns and praise songs. More than 50 Sunday School classes, including one specifically designed for individuals with mental handicaps, are offered for adult discipleship. Adults can join Discipleship University on Sunday evenings, which include Bible courses taught by various seminary professors within the First Baptist congregation. Other ministries include Thursday night college-student worship, “nearly-wed” seminars for engaged couples, women’s retreats and weekday Bible studies, and senior adult fellowships. The First Baptist new campus allows for easy access to classrooms for adult discipleship.



Seeking to serve the Dallas community, as well as those around the world, First Baptist is active in local, national and world missions. The church supports multiple mission churches in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex with the hope of extending its ministry to local communities. Twenty-one of its mission chapels have become autonomous churches. In addition, the church supports several missionaries and sends its own teams to serve in other states and countries.

Local and National Influence

First Baptist is committed to spreading the Gospel message to the ends of the earth. As a part of this, the church owns and operates KCBI-FM, a listener-supported Christian radio station, which broadcasts biblical truth found in the Word of God throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex.

In addition, First Baptist produces “Pathway to Victory,” a broadcast ministry of its pastor Dr. Robert Jeffress, which helps viewers and listeners dig deep into God’s Word. The “Pathway to Victory” radio show is heard every weekday on more than 700 stations and in six of the top 10 U.S. markets.

For further information, visit <http://www.firstdallas.org>.