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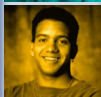
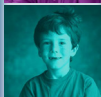
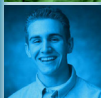
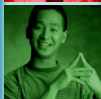
MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING & 2017 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR TEXAS MISSIONS

Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Philippians 2:1-4 (NAS)

SEPTEMBER 10-17, 2017 | FBC GOAL: \$36,000

LOVE IS FIRST



GOD LOVES KIDS
LOVE IS FIRST



MUSIC & MISSIONS



BEGINS SEPTEMBER 6!

Register online now: goo.gl/jQ5UxX !

For children who want to join Children's Choir, Mission Friends, GAs & RAs! Open to children ages 3 yrs old - 6th grade. Registration closes @ 5:00 p.m. Wed., Sept. 20

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Dr. Darin Wood
Senior Pastor

This Sunday, September 3

8:25 a.m. & 11:05 a.m.

"My time is ALL Yours, Lord!"

Psalm 139:15-16; Ephesians 5:15-16

6:00 p.m.

Dr. Wood will be preaching

From the Pastor

Dear First Family,

Grace and Peace today! My prayer for each of our family has been for the Lord's blessings to be upon you, showing you His kindness, mercy, gentleness and shelter. I've thought an awful lot about community this weekend given what we're seeing around us. I wonder if the Lord sent this hurricane to remind us just how much we really do need each other. It's easy to draw lines of difference. . . until there's a crisis and you need each other. Let's make certain we're using our time, energy and resources to draw people together in unity. Jesus delights when we are unified. Unity, my beloved, is a central feature of our calling.

HURRICANE RELIEF

As I write you, it's Monday. I've been in touch with several pastors and churches on the Texas coast / Houston area. The rain is continuing to fall so, as of Monday, we can't even say for sure what needs there are. My prayer is that by the time you receive this, we'll have mobilized ourselves to a plan to aid those suffering. I'll look forward to seeing you with that report this Sunday!

LABOR DAY

There's always a tinge of sadness for me when we get to this point. It means the summer is over. This year, however, as the summer closes, I'm thinking of all the things God did in and around me over the last three months. June 8th was my last chemo. July 6th was when they told me I was cancer free. And now, the end of August, I feel better than I have in a long time. Seasons change and each of them are blessed in their own special way, straight from the hand of God!

OUR BELL TOWER

So there I was at the Midland County Fair last weekend, checking out the amazing crafts, creations and photographs people had entered. There, among the winners, was a black-and-white picture of our bell tower! While we didn't get the ribbon, we sure did win! God's blessings on us are evident in little ways just like this.

Grateful God has called us together for this journey,
Darin

JOIN US EACH WEEK FOR DR. D'S STEWARDSHIP SERMON SERIES

I'm ALL Yours!



FBC Music Ministry: Open to Everyone!

The Music Ministry is looking for musicians. If you play an orchestra instrument, a band instrument, like to sing on praise teams, or like to sing in a fabulous choir, then we have a spot for you! You may look up on the platform each week and think we don't need anyone else because it looks full and all positions look filled, but that can't be further from the truth. We are always wanting as many people involved and serving as we possibly can--we are never full.

Have you been waiting for a permanent minister of music to get here? If so, wait no longer because Aaron Hodges has joined the Team. Aaron would love to talk with you and see where you fit in the music ministry the best. If you are interested, please email Aaron at ahodges@fbc-midland.org or Abigail at adavis@fbc-midland.org. The Music Ministry is excited to have more people join the team.

REMINDER: 1st Sun. Food Drive, Sept. 3!

We are still collecting food for the Baptist C.R.I.S.I.S. Center on the 1st Sunday of each month. There will be boxes around the church where you can drop off your items. If you need more information, please call the Missions Office at 683.0650 or 683.0623

FBC Church Council minutes, reports, and other information are available on the website at www.fbc-midland.org/church-council or under the Resources tab on the home page.

WEEKEND AT FORT DAVIS | OCTOBER 20-22 | \$65 | CONTACT JSCHANTZ@FBC-MIDLAND.ORG
 REGISTER ONLINE @ GOO.GL/MSXB2M | CLOSSES SEPTEMBER 15

RISE

A WOMEN'S RETREAT WITH JESUS



LIVE EVENT for 7-12 year olds on Modesty & True Beauty!

Dannah Gresh's Secret Keeper GIRL THE PURPLE PARTY! TOUR

- Modesty Fashion Show
- Mom & Daughter Time
- Biblical Teaching
- Interactive Games

The Most Fun A Mom & Daughter Will Ever Have Dipping into God's Word!

Tuesday, September 26 • 6:30-9:00 p.m. • FBC Worship Center
 Tickets are available online at goo.gl/MMSv5w

TBT™ LEVERAGE

TBT Leverage exercises are accessible for all fitness levels. You will push, pull, lift and lower your body using your bodyweight, external weight, gravity and leverage. Leverage uses the Tabata protocol for a head to toe workout that focuses on achieving optimal muscle strength, endurance, balance, flexibility and calorie burn. Leverage workout is 35 minutes and has 6 stations from warm-up to core & cool down. This time-efficient fat-torching workout is not only scientifically proven, but delivers true fitness magic. Contact The AB to sign up or if you have any questions, 432.683.0648 or email avanderveer@fbcmidland.org. The cost is \$45 a session/month. Join us each month! Start dates: September 5, October 3, November 3 & December 5

DAVE RAMSEY'S **FINANCIAL Peace** UNIVERSITY

BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13!

Taught by Jason & Jenny Sims. This incredible Dave Ramsey course will be offered Wednesday evenings. If you'd like to reserve your spot now, contact Cindy Eoff at 432.683.0612 or ceoff@fbc-midland.org.

Pray for FBC Direct Support Missionaries: Dan & Carmen Hale in Iran



From the beginning, Elam Ministries' passion was to train and equip Iranian Christians to reach and disciple their countrymen. In 1990, six emerging leaders arrived in England from Iran to begin their fulltime ministry training. They lived in a small, two-bedroom flat and used the kitchen as a classroom. Since then, Elam has seen many years of God's faithfulness. By God's grace, the ministry is growing and is being used to strengthen and expand the church in the Iran region in a significant way.

DECISION TEXAS
 THE LONE STAR TOUR with FRANKLIN GRAHAM

Change can begin anywhere—let it start with you.

FIRST FAMILY NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR **DECISION TEXAS 2017**
 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 | 7:30-9:00 PM | FBC CHAPEL

Learn more about the tour at DecisionTexas.com

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT
 Friday, Sept. 22 • 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

\$5 per child or maximum of \$15 per family
 1st-6th Grades-Activities Building • Preschoolers-A Hallway

REGISTRATION IS OPEN! ENDS SEPT. 17

To register: click on the link sent via email from FBC. If you haven't received this link, email braley@fbc-midland.org in order to receive the registration link.

Limited Space. Walk-ins not accepted.
 Pre-registration only, no late/day-of registrations will be accepted.



LADIES LUNCHTIME BIBLE STUDY

"Open Your Bible" by Rachel Myers & Amanda Bible Williams

Open Your Bible, a 7-session study from the women behind She Reads Truth, will leave you with a greater appreciation for the Word of God, a deeper understanding of its authority, and a stronger desire to truly know the Bible inside and out.. Led by Kristie Garnett. \$15. 11:30 a.m., Room D101-103. (\$6 optional lunch)



WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH



Alan Russell



Enih & Michael Asanga



Joshua Morris

Requesting Baptism:

Alan Russell

Statement

Enih & Michael Asanga

Letter

Joshua Morris

Rededication:

Sonya Hopkins

Children's Ministry Assistant Position Available



NOW HIRING - Part-time Ministry Assistant.

This position provides administrative support to our Children's Minister. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-12:30 and 2 hours on Sunday. Applicants must have computer skills with Microsoft Word and Publisher. Computer knowledge of InDesign and Church Database desired, but not required. Position requires some secretarial duties and hands-on with Sunday morning preparation and Sunday morning functioning. For more information contact Sarah Arrambide at 432.683.0607 or sarrambide@fbc-midland.org

Sunday Morning Greeters Wanted!

Looking for a place to serve? Do you genuinely love people? Then we have a place for you! Every Sunday morning we have people who serve as FBC Greeters stationed at every main entrance to welcome our guests and our members. A smiling face and a friendly greeting is the first impression that most people receive at FBC each Sunday morning. Unfortunately we have some entrances unattended at 8:10am – 8:40am; 9:30am – 10:00am and 10:45am – 11:15am. If you have an interest to serve in this ministry area, please contact Cindy Eoff (ceoff@fbc-midland.org) at 432.683.0612



FBC Lost and Found

If you have lost any personal items at church over the past few months please stop by the FBC Welcome Center and check with our Lost & Found.

SENIOR ADULTS' GAME DAY

Thursday, September 7, 2-4:00pm

The AB's Solid Rock Café



Join us for fellowship, games and fun! Bring a snack to share and your favorite board or card game.



H.O.T.

HONOR OUR TROOPS

H.O.T. representatives will be on our campus

Sunday, September 17

for you to sponsor care packages for U.S. soldiers. Watch "The Banner" & Worship Guide for more details

Jail Ministry Needs Ladies to Volunteer



The Jail Ministry is looking for ladies to help hold Sunday School at the local jail from 8:45-10:30 Sunday Mornings. Female volunteers would not have to go every week and would always have a partner with them. If you want to help or have questions, call Louise Goode at 432.683.0656 and leave a message.

PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT BOOK OF HEBREWS

BEGINS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AT 9:15-11:30 A.M. IN ROOM E102 (SAMUEL DEPT).



Are you interested in being involved in a deep study in the Book of Hebrews? There is an ongoing Bible study of Hebrews available to you. We will review Part I and then begin with Chapter 5, Workbooks are \$20 each. For more info call Gail Storrrie at 432.682.2447 or email storrie@grandecom.net

Let's all
pray together
at the Chapel.

everyone welcome!

Every Thursday
Noon - 1:00 pm
At the corner of
"N" Street and Louisiana
come when you can, leave when you need to.



Come enjoy lunch with us in the Solid Rock Café, weekdays from 11:30am-1:30pm all year. Our staff is friendly & our menu is versatile. We look forward to serving you this summer & all through the school year!



**Friday, Sept. 15 at 9:30am
in the Fellowship Hall**

Questions? Please call
Jenny Leonard @ 432.853.1890

Please keep MOPS in your prayers all year long!



Our Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) ministry is growing, but we need

your help! Once school begins, we will need volunteers to share God's love with our little ones (newborn to 5 yrs) for 2-4 hours/month while we reach out and share the ministry with even more local mothers. Can you help us? If so, please contact Ashleigh Murphey at 254.716.2037 or at mopsmoppetts@gmail.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45AM

Adults

Stewardship of Time
Genesis 2:7; Dan. 5:23; Psalm 90:12;
James 4:13-14

Preschool

God Created the World
(Babies - Kindergarten)
Genesis 1:1 - 2:3



Children

God Created the World
(1st - 6th grades)
Genesis 1:1 - 2:3



Students

The Great Dragon
(7th - 12th grades)
Revelation 12:7-12



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KINGDOM WOMEN

Connecting women who seek first His kingdom



WMU Prayer Lunch

**Monday, September 11, 2017
11:30am to 1:00pm in D100/102**

Hear the latest prayer requests and praises from our FBC Missionaries and Ministries, and enjoy sweet fellowship (\$6 lunch is optional).

MEN'S LUNCHEON

MONDAYS, 11:45AM-1:00PM • \$6 FOR LUNCH

September 3 - No Meeting, Labor Day Holiday

For more information on the Men's Luncheons, please contact Dave Percy at 432.528.4221 or see our web page: www.fbc-midland.org/men

WEDNESDAY FAMILY MEAL

Adult Meal \$6/ Hamburger \$4

Salad Bar \$3.50/ Family Plan \$23

Wednesday Family Meal service begins at 4:45pm in the Fellowship Hall. All meals include one dessert and beverage.

SEPTEMBER 6

Entree: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Green Salad, Biscuit, Gravy

Dessert: Millionaire Pie

Sunday, August 27, 2017

Sunday School Attendance

◆ Main Campus	1112
◆ Mission Midland.....	105
◆ Media.....	6
TOTAL	1224

Week Day Bible Study

◆ CDC.....	124
◆ CDO.....	Begins Next Week
TOTAL BIBLE STUDIES.....	1348

Stewardship Report

August 27, 2017

Offering	This Week	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 64,191	\$ 7,534,652
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 134,500	\$ 7,219,336
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ -70,309	\$ 315,316
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 91	\$ 348,740

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Main Phone - 432.683.0600 Main Fax - 432.683.0660
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Activities Ministry - 683.0647
Children's Ministry - 683.0609
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Child Development Center - 683.0638
Children's Day Out - 683.0632
Student Ministry - 683.0610
Adult Ministry - 683.0612
Senior Adult Ministry - 683.0653
Young Adults & Single Adults Ministry - 683.0612
Media Ministry - 683.0608
Membership - 683.0616
Tape Ministry - 683.0626
Library - 683.0625

Live and On-Demand
streaming of Sunday's
message is available at
www.fbc-midland.org

Sunday Morning Services at 8:25 a.m. & 11:05 a.m.
Childcare available for birth - 4yo
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. (all ages)

Sunday Evening Service at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Activities 6:00 p.m.

Service Televised weekly at 7:00 a.m. on KOSA (CBS), Channel
7 & 10:00 a.m. on KWES (NBC), Channel 9 or MyTV, Channel 16
Televised services are on a one-week tape delay



Letters that Lift

Thank You....Thank You....Thank You. I could never say it enough. You have loved Kim, Caitlin, Grayson and me in more ways than can be counted. Your prayers, smiles, hugs, kind words and gestures, have been an encouragement to us each and every day. To be frank, you and I didn't really want to walk this path in the manner in which it was laid out before us. We prayed George would be healed but God welcomed him home instead. In that void, God built a great team of folks who just stepped up and stepped in. They didn't always ask, "How can I help?" They just saw ways to serve and did. They prayed, yes but they also became hands and feet. Doris, Abigail, Carol, Kari, Charlotte, Becca, Retha, Michelle, Cyndi, Art, Andy, Mike, the choir, the Praise Team, the Praise Band, the orchestra and a host of others just....served. They practiced, prepared, took roll, created folders, copied music, took robes to the cleaners, passed out music, took up music, picked up robes from the cleaners, filed music, created click tracks, arranged chairs, created song slides, ran screens, created printed materials, assigned seating, moved equipment, made phone calls, organized, re-organized, re-re-organized, sang, played, cried, laughed....sometimes rested, sometimes worn-out but always joyful. That's what God asks of us. Sometimes our season of service is more difficult. Sometimes it's longer and scarier than we expected but that doesn't change the fact that we're ALL called to serve. And now a new season begins as God has blessed us with Aaron and his family. I look forward to the amazing work God is going to do through Aaron's ministry. So, when it comes to serving, I leave you with these last Music Ministry related words. Don't sit if you can sing and don't plop down in a pew if you can play....serve.

Rabon

Dear Dr D and First Baptist family,

There are no words to express our gratitude for your kindness. We trust the scholarship fund in George's name will enable Believers to further their education and experiences through attending college and mission trips as they grow in their Kingdom assignments. The additional mission house we trust will provide a haven for people in need. May those who give towards each of these two funds be blessed beyond measure with God's favor. Dr D, thank you for your thoughtful and kind words on Sunday.

Until the moment George moved to his Father's house he served, loved, and lived passionately on this earth to share the love of Jesus. We pray both the scholarship and the house will carry on that legacy for God's glory. The plaque is so very thoughtful of you as well. Thank you.

George loved the Church genuinely, loved each of you, and it gave him great joy to serve you. It means so much to hear and read stories of how God touched you and made eternal differences in countless lives through His grace lived out in George's journey, authentic in both the dark and the joy-filled seasons. His heart's desire was to bring glory to God alone and to share the love of Jesus. Thank you for these kind ways of sustaining that legacy... Soli deo Gloria.

With love and deep gratitude,

The George Koehl family
Eph 3:20-21