



# The Banner

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LOVE IS FIRST



## SPEAK FREEDOM TEXAS

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Join us this Sunday, November 5 for  
**SPEAK FREEDOM SUNDAY**

with Special Guest, Dr. Randel Everett,  
Founder/President of 21st Century Wilberforce Initiative  
& former FBC Midland Pastor



TEXAS BAPTISTS



## Send Good News and Great Joy!

**Deadline  
is November 12**



## Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gifts

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations, worldwide, through gift-filled boxes and the Good News of God's love. Boxes for packing are located in the Welcome Center, Chapel Foyer, north end Art Wall area and Fish Tank entrance. Please return your packed OCC shoe boxes to the Welcome Center fireplace next Sunday, November 12. For more information, please call 432.683.0623 or email [cjacobs@fbc-midland.org](mailto:cjacobs@fbc-midland.org)

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Dr. Darin Wood  
Senior Pastor

## This Sunday, November 5

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

Speak Freedom Sunday

Dr. Randel Everett, Founder/President of  
21st Century Wilberforce Initiative

6:00 p.m.

Dr. Wood will be preaching

## From the Pastor

Dear First Family,

Grace and Peace today! God bless you and your very happy November! I've always loved Thanksgiving. When I was growing up, my mother's side of the family held their annual reunion on Thanksgiving Day. My happiest memories of Thanksgiving are celebrating with my extended family. It was a great reminder of all that I had to be thankful for. I hope you'll take time to prepare your heart as well as your home for this wonderful time!

### TOOLS TO HELP YOUR FAMILY



I neglected to mention Sunday we've got two tools to help your family. In the picture, you'll see them. "It Starts at Home" is a book about the priority of the home in God's design for our development. The second one, "Just Add Family", has a collection of family devotional cards with Scripture passages, activities and suggestions for making your family worship time more meaningful. These are ESPECIALLY good if you have children at home! Find them and use them! You'll find them both in our FIT center in the Welcome Center.

### SPEAK FREEDOM TEXAS

This Sunday, we'll honor Speak Freedom Sunday remembering the persecuted church. Millions of believers around the world are persecuted for their faith each and every day. Hebrews 13:3 calls us to remember them and stand with them as if we were in their place. Religious liberty is a wonderful blessing that must be cultivated and guarded. It can slip away a nickel at a time. That's why we're doing this - both to hear a report on the persecuted church AND to remind ourselves to guard this precious gift carefully. I've invited our friend Randel Everett to return and speak to us about the work the Lord is using him to do in both areas.

Your servant,

Darin



## Raising Awareness of Religious Persecution



PRAY

LEARN

ENGAGE

Speak Freedom Texas is a state-wide opportunity in partnership with the 21st Century Wilberforce Initiative and Texas Baptists to shed light on people who live in countries suffering conflict, religious persecution and horrific humanitarian crisis. With three-quarters of people in the world living under religious persecution and discrimination, we challenge you and your church to stand with those impacted by international religious persecution.

November 4-5, 2017

Go to [SpeakFreedomTexas.org](http://SpeakFreedomTexas.org) for Free Resources

## FBC Pre-Christmas Volunteer Work Day



Tuesday, November 7, there will be a jewelry-making workday from 10:00 a.m.-noon in Fellowship Hall 2. Volunteers will assemble charm bracelets to be donated to the FBC Christmas Store for the upcoming Holiday season. Come share your time in the spirit of the Christmas!

## SAVE THE DATE!

# WHITE HARVEST CELEBRATION

Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes,  
and see that the fields are white for harvest. -John 4:35

## WHITE HARVEST CELEBRATION

Sunday, November 19 at 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall • \$6/person or \$23/family

MENU: Turkey, Cornbread Dressing, Giblet Gravy, Green Beans, Honey Wheat Roll,  
Cranberry Sauce, Pecan or Pumpkin Pie

### WHITE HARVEST FOOD BASKETS

If you have your food boxes packed, please bring them to the White Harvest Celebration and leave them at the north entrance or in the Fellowship Hall. : Boxes for packing and instructions will be located at the Art Wall, Welcome Center and Chapel foyer beginning November 12.

## PRESCHOOL NOW HIRING! JOIN OUR TEAM!

### Ministry Assistant (25 hr/wk)



For more information call Shane  
Dockrey, 432.683.0627 or email  
[sdockrey@fbc-midland.org](mailto:sdockrey@fbc-midland.org)

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





# WORSHIP CONCERT

## Thursday, November 16 7:00 p.m., Worship Center

The Singing Men of West Texas comprised primarily of ministers of music, pastors, other church or associational staff members, and laymen actively involved in the music ministry of their churches who love to offer worship and praise to the Savior through singing and music. Come worship with FBC's own Aaron Hodges & the other inspiring men of West Texas!



Cookies/homemade goodies are needed for snack bags, which are delivered to MMH hospital rooms for family and friends of those hospitalized. Please put about 4 in each baggie and put the type of cookie and the date baked on the bag. They will be frozen until they are needed. Please deliver the cookies to Janna Boyd's office.



A MINISTRY OF FBC SERVING SAN JACINTO JR. HIGH

**1 TO 1** is a free after school tutoring program that was started in 2014 for Midland High School and has quickly grown to four MISD schools. In the Spring of 2017, FBC launched the program for San Jacinto Junior High. In order to help students in need, we need volunteer tutors, greeters and snack providers. Subjects include Math, English/Writing, Science, Social Studies and Spanish.

**Tuesdays, 4:05 - 5:30 p.m. • San Jacinto Junior High**

For more information, contact Melissa Ware 432-638-1073 or [melissaware@gmail.com](mailto:melissaware@gmail.com).



**Friday, Nov. 3 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! We 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](mailto:mopsmoppetts@gmail.com)



Congratulations to the FBC CDC for being named Favorite Preschool in 2017. Thank-you Mary Schultz, Janie Riley, & Brooke Raley for your faithful service to FBC and dedication to providing a Christian learning opportunity for children.

### Cancer Answers/Prayer Support

**Thursday, November 9, Noon, FH2  
Guest Speaker: Dr. David Watkins, Tx Oncology  
"Beyond Cancer"**



Dr. David Watkins is board certified in medical oncology and internal medicine.

This group is for anyone who has dealt with cancer as a patient, caregiver, or family member. CAPS meets quarterly with informational speakers and support. Please RSVP to Janna Boyd by Monday, November 6 at 432.683.0653 or [jboyd@fbc-midland.org](mailto:jboyd@fbc-midland.org)



### Missions Ministry: GAs of the Week

Thank you to 2nd & 6th Grade GA's for packing our Food to Kids bags these last two weeks. These bags will be delivered to Sam Houston & Lamar Elementary.



FBC's Starting Point training course is now available on the FBC website at [www.fbc-midland.org/starting-point](http://www.fbc-midland.org/starting-point)

## WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH



Alayna & Justin  
Reyes

Letter/Statement  
Alayna & Justin Reyes  
Rob Jones



Rob  
Jones

Requesting Baptism:  
Janet Miller  
w/ Jake & Lucy

### Our Deepest Sympathies to...

Ronnie Aguirre in the death of his father,  
Robert Aguirre.  
Della Neal in the death of her husband, Joe Neal.



### Letters that Lift

Dear Friends,  
Thank you for your generous gift toward our trip to Italy. Thank you for partnership with us as we share our lives and the gospel with single soldiers, isolated in a different country, new to military & far from home. We continue to raise the rest of our monthly support. Also, we are working on getting the visas we need. Thank you,  
*Carol & Mark Kohl*

Dear First Baptist Family,  
Thank you so much for the donation to Buckner Children & Family Services in memory of my sweet brother. Your prayers, cards, & phone calls meant so much to all of us. Love in Christ,  
*Wilma Roberts*

Dear FBC Family,  
The family of Betty Moreland wish to thank you for the gift to Buckner Children & Family Services in memory of our mother. We are thankful for all of the love & support of our church family during the time of our loss. From David Johnson & Janna Boyd leading the service, the wonderful support & love of the John Dept., & many cards, calls, & acts of love, we were blessed by our First Family. Thank you all again.  
*Roland & Nancy Moreland & the Moreland Family*

### 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.

DON'T MENTION AGE

# D.M.A.

A SENIOR ADULT GROUP

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, FH 2

Singing begins at 11:45 • \$6 Lunch begins at Noon  
**Reserve your space by Noon, Fri. November 10**

**Cathy & David Johnson,  
" Hymns & Humor  
w/ David"**

Call Janna Boyd at 432.683.0653  
or Cindy Eoff  
(ceoff@fbc-midland.org)  
432.683.0612 for more info.



## H.O.T.

HONOR OUR TROOPS

**FBC Senior Adults' Packing Day - Nov. 30**  
Leaving the FBC Bus Barn at 12:30 p.m.  
Returning to Midland by 3:30 p.m.

If you can't go with us but would like to contribute items for the care packages, please bring any of the following to Janna Boyd's office: *cheese/peanut butter crackers, Q-tips, vienna sausages, gum, baby wipes, chapstick, foot powder, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes, razors, large-sized white cotton socks, trail mix, magazines (cars related, sports related, "People," "Guns & Ammo," etc.), hot chocolate*

**Call Janna Boyd at 432-683-0653 for a reservation**

*Precious Memories Singers*  
**CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-A-LONG**

**MANOR PARK - HELEN GREATHOUSE BUILDING**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28 AT 10:00AM**  
**MEET THERE AT 9:45 OR CATCH FBC BUS AT 9:20 (BUS BARN)**

*Come Sing with Us!*

For more info, Janna Boyd may be reached @ 432.683.0653

Would you give one hour a week to help a student at Sam Houston Elementary School? Call Bill Burchard to volunteer with Sam Houston Trail Partners 432.684.4635





# B. H. Carroll

THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

## Acts - Dr. Darin Wood

Thursdays 6:00—8:40 p.m. in Room E-102. Classes begin January 11 & end March 1.

## Old Testament Introduction - Dr. John Copeland

Tuesdays 6:00—8:40 p.m. in Room E-102. Classes begin January 9 & end February 27.

Please contact Dr. John Copeland 432.269.0151 for more information.

*FBC members may audit at no charge.*

## FBC Artists Needed to Display Paintings



The art displayed on the FBC Art Wall (near the Fellowship Hall) is for any FBC artist. It is enjoyed by our entire membership. If you wish to participate by showing your paintings, please contact Janet Haney at 432.528.5717 or Doris McSparran at 432.683.0618. If you know of someone who should be showing their artwork, contact us and we will call them. This is open to artists of any age!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45AM

### Adults

Various Studies  
SS Depts.

### Preschool

God Gave Elijah Food  
(Babies - Kindergarten)  
1 Kings 17:8-16



### Children


God Cared for Elijah  
(1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades)  
1 Kings 17:8-24



### Students

Barnabas: Ongoing Encouragement  
(7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades)  
Acts 4, 9 & 11



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# KINGDOM WOMEN

Connecting women who seek first His kingdom



## WMU Prayer Lunch

Monday, November 6, 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

November 6 - Morris Burns,

"Horizontal Drilling and Hydraulic Fracturing"

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](http://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.

## NOVEMBER 8

Entree: Beef Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Tossed Green Salad

Dessert: Chocolate Silk Pie

## Sunday, October 29, 2017

Sunday School Attendance

◆ Main Campus .....	1076
◆ Mission Midland .....	100
◆ Media .....	6
TOTAL .....	1182

Week Day Bible Study

◆ CDC .....	124
◆ CDO .....	139
TOTAL BIBLE STUDIES .....	1445

## Stewardship Report

October 29, 2017

Offering	This Week	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 101,722	\$ 604,136
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 136,000	\$ 680,000
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ -34,278	\$ -75,864
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 3,205	\$ 10,065

*Budget numbers adjusted to reflect the actual increase in budget along with a 53 Sunday fiscal year.*

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## FBC DIRECTORY

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Music & Worship Ministry - 683.0618  
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Children's Ministry - 683.0609  
Preschool Ministry - 683.0627  
Child Development Center - 683.0638  
Children's Day Out - 683.0632  
Student Ministry - 683.0603  
Family Ministry - 683.0612  
Senior Adult Ministry - 683.0653  
Media Ministry - 683.0616  
Membership - 683.0616  
Duplication Svcs - 683.0626  
Library - 683.0625

Live and On-Demand  
streaming of Sunday's  
message is available at  
[www.fbc-midland.org](http://www.fbc-midland.org)

Sunday Morning Services at 8:25 a.m. & 11:05 a.m.  
Childcare available for birth - 4 years  
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 MyTV, Channel 16 (or DirectTV Channel 40)  
Televised services are on a one-week tape delay

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Food Drive

**A reminder!** We are still collecting food for the Baptist C.R.I.S.I.S. Center on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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

Preschool .....	macaroni & cheese boxes, canned tuna
Grades 1-4 .....	meaty soups, canned pork 'n beans
Grades 5-6 .....	1 lb. corn meal, canned tomatoes
Grades 7-10, Compass .....	1-2 lb. dry pinto beans, canned tuna
Grades 11-12, College .....	1-2 lb. dry pinto beans, canned tomato sauce
GAP, Bartholomew .....	1-2 lb. dry rice, 1 lb. flour
Andrew, Daniel, David .....	1 lb. sugar, canned pork 'n beans
Song of Solomon, Philip, Rachel ...	1 lb. sugar, 1-2 lb. dry rice, canned tuna
Thomas, Isaac, Peter, Samuel.....	dry milk (10 pack boxes), meaty soups
Simon, Stephen, John, .....	1 lb. sugar, liquid cooking oil, canned tomatoes
James, Barnabas .....	dry milk (10 pack boxes), cooking oil
Ezekiel, Eden .....	dry macaroni, meaty soups, macaroni & cheese boxes
Gabriel, Silent Friends .....	1-2 lb. dry rice, 1-2 lb. dry pinto beans, canned tomato sauce
Marcos, Compass, Grace .....	dry milk (10 pack boxes), 1-2 lb. dry pinto beans
Nehemiah .....	macaroni & cheese boxes, canned tuna, cooking oil
Joseph, Luke, Jordan, As One.....	1 lb. flour, 1 lb. corn meal, canned tomatoes



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### The Holidays are Quickly Approaching

#### Operation Christmas Child

Shoe boxes available now!  
Return Sunday, next November 12

#### White Harvest Food Boxes

Available for pick up next Sunday, November 12  
Return Sunday, November 19 - December 3

#### White Harvest Celebration

Sunday, November 19

#### Christmas Store Volunteer Registration

Sunday, November 12 - Wednesday,  
November 29

#### FBC Children's Choir Program

#### & Christmas Store Toy Ingathering

Sunday Evening service, December 3

#### Christmas Store Set-Up

Saturday, December 9

#### FBC Adult Choir Program

December 10

#### Christmas Store Event

Tuesday, December 12 - Thursday, December 14

#### FBC Family Christmas Dinner

December 13

#### FBC's Living Nativity

Tuesday, December 12 - Thursday, December 14



**Keep your eye on *The Banner!* More details to come...**