



THE BANNER

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Join us this Sunday for the beginning of
Dr. Wood's Advent Series

FIRST
CHRISTMAS
STORIES FROM
the Birth
OF CHRIST

Advent devotionals for your family will be available in the Welcome Center & Chapel Foyer

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS
DECEMBER 3-10, 2017



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Dr. Darin Wood
Senior Pastor

This Sunday, November 26

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

"First Christmas" Advent Series begins

Dr. Darin Wood

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Dr. Wood will be preaching

From the Pastor

Dear First Family,

Grace and Peace to each of you today and HAPPY THANKSGIVING! My prayer for each of you is for a very blessed celebration. May we remember that our blessings are not in the things we surround ourselves with but in the people God has blessed into our lives. Take time during your celebration to speak those words of blessing we talked about Sunday.

DAVID AND CATHY JOHNSON OFFERING

Many of you have asked about giving to the love offering for the Johnsons. We invite you to do so! We'll receive that offering until their final Sunday with us, December 17th.

REPORT FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING OF TEXAS BAPTISTS

You'll be pleased to know that our annual meeting of Texas Baptist has come and gone without incident. That's not always the case so I'm quite grateful when it is. Ten percent of our annual receipts are given to cooperative causes and this is meeting is our only chance annually to speak a word of stewardship into that process. Furthermore, many of our partners from around the state and the southwest came to offer a word of greeting and kindness while we were there. Like many of these type of conferences, it's a little bit business and a little bit family.

ADVENT BEGINS

This Sunday, we'll begin our celebration of Advent. Yes, Advent - already. I'd be lying if I said anything less than this Christmas is a special one for us as I know it is for many of you as well. God's goodness to us is a remarkable and beautiful thing.

When you arrive at church this week, you'll find in our foyers a small Advent guide entitled "A Christmas letter from Paul." A wonderful daily devotional, its a wonderful way to make sure our Christmas celebration is centered around our Savior and not our stuff. We invite you to take a copy free of charge and use it in your home.

Pleased to celebrate with my First family,
Darin

MONTHLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

Wednesday, November 29

at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Approval of minutes

Approval of new members

Grant Church letters

Reports

1. Church Council Chairman
2. Finance Committee Chairman

New Business

- Surplus Recommendations – Randy Cotton
- Safety and Security Committee Members – Tom Scott (CH), Perry Taylor (VC), Sid Vanderland, Wes Lewis, Andy Cobb, Choc Harris, Leonard Trout, and Ben Maxey

Adjourn

Hopes for the Holidays

THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

4:00pm

in the FBC Chapel

This is a time of worship offering
comfort & hope to all FBC
families who have experienced
the loss of loved ones.



Thank you, First Family, for your gifts to
Operation Christmas Child 2017!

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THE Story OF GLORIA!

PRESENTED BY FBC CHILDREN'S CHOIR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 | 6:00 PM | FBC WORSHIP CENTER
Please bring a brand new toy for the Christmas Store to leave at the fireplace in the Welcome Center

Three on a String



Tuesday,
December 5
6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
FBC's 55+ Adults
Tickets \$12/person

Tickets will be available on Sundays in Sunday School Depts. During the week they will be available in the Welcome Center or the offices of Cindy Eoff and Janna Boyd.

Tickets will be on sale until Sunday, November 26

THE Story OF Christmas

Presented by
FBC CHOIR & ORCHESTRA



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017
6:00 P.M. - FBC WORSHIP CENTER
FREE TO THE PUBLIC

Missions Ministry: Thank you Midland Christian H.S. Students

Thank you to Midland Christian High School students for packing our Food2Kids Bags



The Living Nativity

DECEMBER 12, 13 & 14
7:00 - 8:00 P.M.
CORNER OF "N" ST.
& CUTHBERT AVE.



FIRST BAPTIST
MIDLAND



FIRST FAMILY CHRISTMAS

A Celebration for All Ages

DECEMBER 17 • 6:00PM • FELLOWSHIP HALL

Carol Sing with FBC Orchestra • Cookies, Cocoa & Cider
Cookie Decorating • Crafts for Children • A Special Christmas Story

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.

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH



Ollie Teel



Chad & Jen Sullivan w/ Braun, Johnnie & Raleigh



Colt Cearley

Letter/Statement
Chad & Jen Sullivan
w/ Braun & Johnnie
Ollie Teel

Profession of Faith/
Requesting Baptism
Colt Cearley

Requesting Baptism
Raleigh Sullivan

Our Deepest Sympathies to...

Karen Lea in the passing of her mother,
Allene Knight .

BIRTHDAY PARTY for JESUS

with the Preschool/Children's Ministries & their families



Sat., Dec. 2, 10:00-11:30AM, F.H.

There will be crafts, games & a re-enactment of the Christmas story. We will end by singing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus & eating birthday cake.

Bring the whole family to celebrate Jesus' birthday with a morning of fellowship and fun !



SHOPPING SPREE AT MISS CAYCE'S

FBC SENIOR LADIES & DISCOUNT
COUPONS FOR MISS CAYCE'S !

DECEMBER 6

Miss Cayce's
Christmas Store
Holiday, Home Decor & More
Midland, Texas

We will meet at the bus barn 9:40 a.m. then shop from 10-11 a.m. We'll have refreshments at Miss Cayce's. They're blessing our Seniors by baking cookies for us! Contact Cindy for more info, ceoff@fbc-midland.org or 432.683.0612

Precious Memories Singers CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-A-LONG

**MANOR PARK - HELEN GREATHOUSE BUILDING
TUESDAY, 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

Cancer Answers/Prayer Support Quarterly Informational Meetings



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 contact Janna Boyd for more information at 432.683.0653 or jboyd@fbc-midland.org

Precious Memories Singers CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-A-LONG

**POLO PARK ESTATES • 2100 CASTLEFORD
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 AT 11:15 A.M.**

MEET THERE AT 11:00 OR CATCH FBC BUS AT 10:45 (BUS BARN)

Come Sing with Us!

For more info, Janna Boyd may be reached @ 432.683.0653

H.O.T. HONOR OUR TROOPS

FBC Senior Adults' Packing Day - Dec. 11

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



Friday, Dec. 1 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

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 do not have to go every week & will always have a partner with them. If you want to help this Christmas season or have questions, call Louise Goode at 432.683.0656 and leave a message.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45AM

Adults

Various Studies
SS Depts.

Preschool

A Couple Helps Elisha
(Babies - Kindergarten)
1 Kings 4:8-37



Children


A Couple Helps Elisha
(1st - 6th grades)
1 Kings 4:8-37



Students

Andrew: Active Witness
(7th - 12th grades)
John 1:35-42; 12:20-26



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Wainscott/Lacy Scholarship

If you are attending a Baptist College, University or Seminary, you are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Applications are in Susan Upham's office for the Spring 2018 semester and must be turned in by December 15.



WMU Prayer Lunch

Monday, December 4, 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 27 - Jeremy Gengler, FBC Student Pastor

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

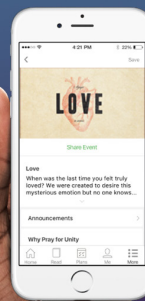
Salad Bar \$3.50/ Family Plan \$23

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

NOVEMBER 29

Entree: Brisket, Pinto Beans, Baked Potato Casserole, Tossed Green Salad, Wheat Roll

Dessert: Coconut Cream Pie



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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 - 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



Volunteers Needed for FBC Christmas Store & The Living Nativity! Sign up today!

Volunteers are needed to help with this year's Christmas Store and The Living Nativity. We need people to help with wrapping packages, counseling, store shopping, and other roles for the Christmas Store and we need shepherds, wise men, and angels for the Nativity. Both events have spots for three days.

Sign up at any of the tables in the Welcome Center, Chapel Foyer, or Art Wall at Fellowship Hall. Don't miss out on your opportunity to serve our community this Christmas.

Sign up Sundays or Wednesdays!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Holidays are Quickly Approaching

Christmas Store Volunteer Registration

Now through Wednesday, November 29

FBC Children's Choir Program & Christmas Store Toy Ingathering

Sunday, December 3, 6:00 p.m.,
Worship Center

Christmas Store Set-Up

Saturday, December 9

FBC Adult Choir Program

Sunday, December 10, 6:00 p.m., Worship
Center

Christmas Store Event

Tuesday, December 12 - Thursday, December
14

FBC Family Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, December 13

FBC's Living Nativity

Tuesday, December 12 - Thursday, December 14, 7:00 p.m.
Corner of "N" Street & Cuthbert

FBC Family Carol Sing

Sunday, December 17, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall



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

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'ACTS' With Dr. Darin Wood - Save the dates: Thursdays
January 11- March 8, 2018

Auditors may attend FREE

Contact : Dr. John Copeland 432.269.0151 or go online to
www.bhcarroll.edu for more info