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THE *Story* OF GLORIA!

PRESENTED BY FBC CHILDREN'S CHOIR



THIS 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

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



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING
YOUR GIFTS *at work* • **FBC's GOAL: \$160,000**

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LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING*



Dr. Darin Wood
Senior Pastor

This Sunday, December 3

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

"First Christmas," Part 2 - Elizabeth

Dr. Darin Wood

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Children's Choir Christmas Program

"The Story of Gloria"

& Christmas Store Toy In-Gathering

From the Pastor

Dear First Family,

Grace and Peace to each of you today. Merry Christmas! We'll get started in earnest this week with our Christmas programs!

PARENT DEDICATION THIS SUNDAY

In our 11:05 contemporary service this Sunday, we'll celebrate the dedication of some families with children! I love doing this during the Christmas season! What a wonderful time to celebrate the arrival of the Christ child by celebrating the birth of children in our church. Please pray for the families bringing their children forward. Whereas we once called this "Child Dedication", we've corrected it now to truly reflect what we're really doing - committing parents to raise their children in a Christ-honoring way.

CHRISTMAS STORE & THE LIVING NATIVITY - DECEMBER 12-14

Of all the mission opportunities we do as a church, the most fun is our Christmas store! If you haven't already signed up to volunteer for one or both of them, let me encourage you to jump in! What a wonderful opportunity to use our skills to bless our community!

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING BEGINS THIS WEEK!

With the arrival of December means the launch of our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Our goal this year is \$160,000. This offering is the only one we do that goes strictly to overseas missions. Let me challenge you to prayerfully consider your gift to this offering.

NEW MISSIONS MAGAZINE

In conjunction with our Missions Offering, our 2017 Missions magazine will be available for you to pick up beginning this Sunday. This magazine features our direct link mission partners. Each of these partners has a link directly to us and we support them out of our annual budget under the leadership of our missions committee. Let me encourage you to grab a copy and prayerfully read over it. If you've made a gift to FBC this year, you've already given to them. Here's your chance to learn more about who our partners are, what they do and even some of how we can partner with them.

Blessings on your Christmas season,

Darin



Please pray for the Personnel Committee and the Search Sub-Committee (Jayna Hobby, Richard Jolly and Holley Pinson) as they search for our new PreSchool Minister.

Baby Recognition & Family Dedication



This Sunday, December 3
during the 11:05 a.m. Service
in the Worship Center

Come welcome
our newest additions
to the First Baptist Church family!

For questions and more information on
this service, please call Shane at
432-683-0627

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!**



THE
Story
OF
Christmas

Presented by
FBC CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

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

REMINDER: 1st Sun. Food Drive, Dec. 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 432.683.0650 or 432.683.0623

See the back page for a complete list of items to donate!

The Living Nativity

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



FIRST BAPTIST
MIDLAND

Family Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, December 13, 2017
5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Menu:
Bacon - Brown Sugar Pork Tenderloin
Sweet Potato Casserole
Spinach Souffle
Tossed Green Salad
Wheat Roll
Christmas Cheesecake




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

B. H. Carroll
THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

'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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The Holidays are here!

Christmas Store Volunteer Registration

NOW - Wednesday, December 3

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...**



Volunteers are Needed for 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!



FBC's Starting Point training course
is now available on the FBC website at
www.fbc-midland.org/starting-point

Our Deepest Sympathies to...

Kay Givens in the death of her father, Pete Phillips.

Skippy Malone in the death of her son,
David Malone.

Stephen & Shanna Arnold in the death of their
infant daughter, Aubrey Nell Arnold.

Pray for FBC Direct Support Missionaries: Nabeeh & Ruba Abbassi in Middle East & N. Africa



Arab Women Today Ministries

Founded by Nabeeh and Ruba Abbassi in 1998, ARAB WOMAN TODAY or AWT is an international, evangelical ministry of Christar as well as the indigenous, outreach arm of ACCTS (Arab Center for Consulting & Training Services), a Jordanian non-governmental organization. AWT is well-positioned within Jordanian society to address the spiritual, emotional, social, and professional needs of least-reached Arab women throughout the Middle East and North Africa.



First Baptist Church of Fannett

Bro. Robert Wenner, Pastor

17019 Hwy. 124 • Beaumont, Texas 77705 • (409) 794-2251

November 7, 2017

First Baptist Midland
2104 Louisiana Avenue
Midland, Texas 79701

Dear First Baptist Midland:

Please allow this letter to serve as a receipt for your 15000 gift to help with our Hurricane Harvey recovery. Our church received substantial flooding and your donation is very much appreciated and will go toward putting our church buildings back in working order.

May God Bless you,

Brandi Puente
Ministry Assistant

"Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice"

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.



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

SHOPPING SPREE AT MISS CAYCE'S

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

DECEMBER 6

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

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

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.

KINGDOM WOMEN

Connecting women who seek first His kingdom



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).



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!

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45AM

Adults

The Gospel Message
Acts 13:26-39

Preschool

People Told About Jesus/ Mary
Heard Good News
(Babies - Kindergarten)
Isaiah 6-7; Mica 5:2-4; Luke 1:26-56



Children


Prophets Told About Jesus
(1st - 6th grades)
Isaiah 6-7; Micha 5:2-4



Students

Jesus Calls
(7th - 12th grades)
Mark 1:14-20



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MEN'S LUNCHEON

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

December 4 - Curtis Helms:
"The Well That Never Runs Dry"

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.

DECEMBER 6

Entree: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Steamed Broccoli, Toss Green Salad, Wheat Roll

Dessert: Lemon Fluff Pie

Sunday, November 26, 2017

Sunday School Attendance

◆ Main Campus	994
◆ Mission Midland.....	98
◆ Media.....	6
TOTAL	1098

Week Day Bible Study

◆ CDC.....	124
◆ CDO.....	139
TOTAL BIBLE STUDIES.....	1361

Stewardship Report

November 19, 2017

Offering	This Week	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 224,374	\$ 1,171,172
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 136,000	\$ 1,088,000
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ 88,374	\$ 83,172
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 405	\$ 12,485

Stewardship Report

November 26, 2017

Offering	This Week	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 62,896	\$ 1,234,068
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 136,000	\$ 1,224,000
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ -73,104	\$ 10,068
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 255	\$ 12,740

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www.fbc-midland.org

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Pastoral Ministry - 683.0604
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Music & Worship Ministry - 683.0618
Administrative Office - 683.0616
Activities Ministry - 683.0647
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

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

1st Sunday Food Drive

A reminder! 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

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

FIRST BAPTIST
Rockport



November 3, 2017

Dear First Baptist Midland,

First, let me just say, thank you!

Your recent donation means that you understand just how devastating Hurricane Harvey was here on the coast.

But let me tell you what we have been able to do with the resources you and others have provided.


- More than 30 families in our church have either lost their home or been displaced while repairs are being made. Because of you, we are able to help all of these families overcome the financial burden of losing their home.
- We have provided VISA gift cards to church families and local school employee families to help with their recovery.
- We have provided resources to help establish a volunteer and help center for our community to connect those in need and those who want to help.
- We have supplied food, water, cleaning supplies, toiletries, chainsaws, air conditioners, generators and more.
- We have also received funds dedicated to helping us with the restoration of our building. These funds have been enough to cover our insurance deductible.


Although these services may seem small compared to the overall destruction of Harvey, you know that they are not. That's why you gave, and we are full of gratitude for your generosity.

Donors like you help make it possible to overcome the effects of the storm. Your prayers, thoughts, donations and help have been an inspiration to those serving here at First Baptist, Rockport.

Again, thank you! We appreciate you and your support.

In Him,


Jeff Lanningham
Executive Pastor

*Thanks you so much
for your personal interest
in us and your desire to
help us stand.* 

P.S. If you are ever in our area, please stop by our church so we can say thanks in person.