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THE *Story* OF *Christmas*

Presented by
FBC CHOIR & ORCHESTRA



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

The *Living Nativity*

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



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Dr. Darin Wood
Senior Pastor

This Sunday, December 10

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

"First Christmas" Part 3 - The Shepherds

Dr. Darin Wood

6:00 p.m.

Adult Choir & Orchestra Christmas Program

"The Story of Christmas"

From the Pastor

Dear First Family,

Grace and Peace today! Our children's choirs led off our Christmas season in a wonderful way last Sunday night! I hope you got to participate. In the event you didn't get to participate, your next chance is this Sunday night when our adult choir and orchestra will bless us with their musical. You will want to be a part of this wonderful event! Our Music Pastor Aaron Hodges has been working faithfully to prepare this Christ-honoring event. Meet me Sunday night at 6 PM for worship!

DECEMBER 17th - SWEATER SUNDAY!

In looking over our schedule, we decided we wanted to do something fun on a Sunday. With that in mind, we thought it would be fun to declare December 17th Sweater Sunday. Read that carefully. It doesn't say Ugly Sweater Sunday. It just says Sweater Sunday. Meet me that day with your favorite sweater and I'll be wearing mine!

December 17th will also be the last Sunday for David and Cathy Johnson. I'd like to express my gratitude to David for his kindness to me from the first day I walked in here. His unfailing encouragement, grace and strength have been a wonderful part of our life here. He will be greatly missed. We wish you God-speed and the Lord's richest blessings on the future God has planned for you and your family.

DECEMBER 24th & 31st SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve will be on Sundays this year. As such, we've chosen to adopt the same schedule for both Sundays. We'll have only two services on those two days, identical in content and style. We'll celebrate worship at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM both Sundays. There will be no Sunday School either week. Our Christmas Eve services will begin at 4 PM, 6 PM and 8 PM as has been our custom. There will be no Sunday evening service on December 31st. There will NOT be any child care either of those weeks either to allow our workers and volunteers the chance to celebrate with their families.

Blessings for a Merry Christmas,

Darin

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



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
NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 · 6:00PM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
Carol Sing with FBC Orchestra • Cookies, Cocoa & Cider
Cookie Decorating • Crafts for Children • A Special Christmas Story

Pray for FBC Direct Support Missionaries: Stacy & Ric Baccus in Midland, TX



Mission Agape is devoted to demonstrating God's love on this earth. We demonstrate this love by helping children and families who struggle with food insecurity. Our 3

core principles are Love People, Meet Needs, and Build Relationships. Our core programs are Community Food Pantry, Backpack Program, partnering with Community in Schools & a Mobile Outreach Program. See our complete story in the Jerusalem Partners section of your 2017 Missions Magazine.

FBC CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Christmas Store Set-Up

Saturday, December 9

FBC Adult Choir Program

Sunday, December 10

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

FBC Family Carol Sing

Sunday, December 17

Christmas Eve, Blended Morning Services

Sunday, December 24, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Sunday, December 24, 4:00, 6:00 & 8:00 p.m.



Merry Christmas to our First Family!

Sunday, December 24

BLENDED MORNING SERVICES

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9:00 & 10:30 A.M.

WE WILL NOT HAVE SUNDAY SCHOOL OR ON-CAMPUS
ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR CANDLELIGHT SERVICES



CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
4:00, 6:00 & 8:00 P.M.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC BEGINS 30 MINUTES PRIOR
TO EACH SERVICE · FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT FOR ALL

OVERFLOW WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE FBC CHAPEL



Volunteers are 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!

FIRST BAPTIST
MIDLAND

**NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20**

Prayer Meeting & Adult Choir
WILL meet at their regularly scheduled times.

FBC PRESCHOOL MINISTRY IS NOW HIRING!

Minister of Pre-School (Full Time)

For more information or to submit resume, please
contact LaNell Dean at 432.683.0615 or email
ldean@fbc-midland.org

Oilfield Christian Fellowship of the Permian Basin

Friday, December 15,
6:30-7:30am, Rock the Desert
Field House on FM 1788



Breakfast will be provided for free at this meeting and
free Bibles will also be available. Invite a co-worker to
join us! for more info please visit www.ocf-pb.org or
www.oilfieldchristianfellowship.org

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.

Our Deepest Sympathies to...

Donna Motta in the death of her father,
Kenneth Whitehorn.

Michael Smith in the death of his father,
Lonnie Smith.

Mary Blackwell in the death of her husband,
John Blackwell.

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.



Letters that Lift

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the gift given in the name of my mother, Luella Roam, to Buckner Children & Family Services. She lived a great life of 95 years and is now living a pain-free life in the presence of our Lord & Savior, enjoying the family & many friends she outlived (in many cases, by many years). We are relatively new to FBC Midland, but the outreach & expressions of condolence have been remarkable. From our Sunday "pew partners" to friends & associates who are members of FBC there, we have received many sympathies. As Dr. Wood often says, "FBC is a family." I can't think of a better beneficiary than Buckner. They special to our family & a charity that does wonderful work & a regular recipient of our own charitable giving. Again, thank you for the memorial gift given in the name of my mother. Yours truly,
John Roam

Dear First Family,
Thank you for your gift to Buckner Children & Family Services in honor of our mother, Frances Coats. We are touched by your kindness during this sad time. In His love,
Lamar & Roberta Coats

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.



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

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

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.

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness..." ~Psalm 100

WORSHIP

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP TEAM REHEARSALS

Orchestra, 6-7:30 p.m. • Choir, 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesdays
Meet in the Sanctuary/Choir Room

For more info contact Worship Ministry @ 432.683.0618
www.fbc-midland.org/worship



**Friday, Dec. 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! 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

Bereavement Meal Ministry

One way FBC ministers to a family, upon the death of a loved-one, is by offering to prepare a meal for them the day of the funeral. We have a wonderful group of volunteers who set up the meal, serve the family, & then clean up afterward. If you would like to volunteer to receive training, or just want more information about this ministry, please contact Susan Upham at 432.683.0604

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45AM

Adults

Misguided Worship
Acts 14:8-20

Preschool

Angels, Mary & Elizabeth
(Babies - Kindergarten)
Luke 1 & Matthew 1



Children


Angels, Mary & Elizabeth
(1st - 6th grades)
Luke 1 & Matthew 1



Students

Jesus Teaches
(7th - 12th grades)
Mark 4:1-9



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MEN'S LUNCHEON

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

December 11 - Josie Campbell,
"The Night Before Jesus Came"

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 CHRISTMAS MEAL

5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
\$6/person or \$23/family

DECEMBER 13

Entree: Bacon - Brown Sugar Pork Tenderloin, Sweet Potato Casserole, Spinach Souffle, Tossed Green Salad, Wheat Roll

Dessert: Christmas Cheesecake

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Sunday School Attendance

◆ Main Campus	1225
◆ Mission Midland	103
◆ Media	6
TOTAL	1334

Week Day Bible Study

◆ CDC	124
◆ CDO	139
TOTAL BIBLE STUDIES	1597

Stewardship Report

December 3, 2017

Offering	This Week	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 177,076	\$ 1,445,037
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 264,269	\$ 1,488,269
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ -87,193	\$ 43,232
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 995	\$ 13,834
Lottie Moon.....	\$ 15,855	\$ 33,246

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

End of Month Report

November 2017

Offering	This Week	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 658,359	\$ 1,267,961
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 544,000	\$ 1,224,000
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ 114,359	\$ 43,961
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 2,775	\$ 12,840

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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

Bible Correspondence Prison Ministry

If you are looking for a way to share your faith with people who have deep spiritual, personal, and family needs, we invite you to join the Bible correspondence PRISON MINISTRY here at FBC. At present, our ministry has 1,000 students with more being added each week! If you are interested, please call Ruth Ann Riek: 432.699.1555, Cindy Marshall: 432.687.0209, or Louise Goode: 432.683.0656

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

Scholarship for Children with Autism

The Brotherhood and the Royal Ambassadors encourage FBC families to collect clean slick & colored paper that can be brought to FBC & deposited in MARC containers located around FBC. Accepted recycle items: newspaper, copy paper, magazines, completed Sunday School lesson quarterlies, worship guides & outlines, junk mail (opened or unopened), used envelopes, telephone books & semi-confidential documents, etc. Please, NO cardboard, Styrofoam or Christmas paper. PLEASE BAG ALL SHREDDED MATERIALS! Questions? Call Dr. Gene Spires, 432.682.8401. Please do not call church office. **LOCATIONS OF MARC CONTAINERS:** North doors at Fellowship Hall, Valet Parking entrance on Garfield, in the Art Gallery.



FBC now offers the opportunity for online giving using your smart phone, tablet, or home computer. Its Fun, Simple, and Secure.

To Give via the FBC Website:

- On your computer browser, visit www.fbc-midland.org/how-to-give
- Click on the "Give Online" link
- Fill out the information requested as either a first time giver or as a registered user

Text to Give:

- In your smartphone SMS window, text FUNDS to 432-201-3327. You will receive a list of fund names available for donations.
- Text the amount + fund name (ie. \$10 Lottie Moon) where you want your gift attributed
- First time donors are prompted to visit a secure URL to register and provide debit card information.
- Once completed the donations will be processed and you will receive a confirmation text.

ShelbyNEXT Giving Smart Phone App:

- Visit the Apple or Google Play store to download the ShelbyNEXT | Giving App
- Search for our organization by name (First Baptist Church Midland) or by zip code (79701)
- Select our church and create and account if a first time user...otherwise, enter your login information
- Click the "Give Now" option at the top of the app.

