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FIRST FAMILY CHRISTMAS

A Celebration for All Ages

**THIS 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**



*Merry Christmas from
the FBC Team to you & yours*

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Dr. Darin Wood
Senior Pastor

This Sunday, December 17

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

"First Christmas" Part 4 - Joseph

Dr. Darin Wood

6:00 p.m.

First Family Carol Sing
Fellowship Hall

From the Pastor

Dear First Family

Grace and Peace today! God bless you this week and your Christmas season!

I'm glad to tell you our friend Sonny Eckert who fell ill during Sunday morning's service is doing well. For those in the 8:25 am service, thanks for your patience and prayers. God has blessed us in so many ways but the most significant way is blessing us with each other. The power of the family and the power of a unified spiritual family is an unstoppable force! I'm glad we are here together, serving Jesus and loving him and one another.

SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 24 and 31

Please allow me to call attention to our schedule changes for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. At 9:00 am and 10:30 am, we will have two identical services. There will be no childcare or valet parking. We're doing this to allow our numerous volunteers - who serve so selflessly week after week - to enjoy Christmas with their families. Our regular schedule will return on January 7th. Thanks for your partnership in this wonderful time of year.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

As is our custom, we will celebrate Christmas Eve with our annual candlelight services at 4 pm, 6 pm and 8 pm. It means so much to share this time together and we invite you to join us for that special evening together.

May God bless your special Christmas season with His kindness and His Peace.

Darin

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.

Dear FBC Family,

Thank you for the wonderful reception, the kind words and hugs, the beautiful flower arrangement in our honor on Sunday and the generous Love Offering. We are retiring to spend more time with family, so we will use the gift to get away with our children and grandchildren and make some sweet memories! Your words of love and affirmation are much kinder than I deserve, but I will accept them in the same loving spirit with which they were given! (Someone once told me to go ahead and accept the credit for things you didn't do because you'll also be blamed for things you didn't do!)

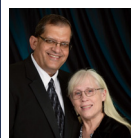
Thank you for the privilege of serving here and for making me feel so much a part of your own individual families. Although we will be leaving Midland soon, we will not be leaving the memories or the sweet relationships we have built with you! We wish each of you God's very best.

Sincerely,

David & Cathy Johnson



Pray for FBC Direct Support Missionaries: Debbie & Jim Walterhouse in Big Spring, TX



Jim and Debbie are both deaf, and their prior experience as missionaries to the deaf in Mexico has given them a unique perspective on how to reach deaf young people with the Gospel and how to train them to go and disciple others. The primary ministry of Blessed Hands Baptist Deaf Church is to the deaf community of Big Spring and to the students at the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID), where they are ministering to deaf from around the USA as well as to students from several foreign countries.

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. CHILDCARE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.



No Parking Valet Ministry 12/24 & 12/31

Because there will be no Sunday School December 24 & 31, valet parking services will not be available those Sundays.

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



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

FIRST BAPTIST
MIDLAND

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

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

FBC CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

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!

B.H. CARROLL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

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.

For more information, go to www.bhcarroll.edu, call 972.580.7600, or contact Dr. John Copeland at: 432.269.0151 or copelandjiii@yahoo.com

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

HAPPY *New Year*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017
Blended Morning Services
9:00 & 10:30 A.M.

*We will not have Sunday School, on-campus activities or an Evening Service. Childcare available for birth-3 yrs

THE FBC OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED JANUARY 1, 2018

Our Deepest Sympathies to...

Keith Kyle in the death of his father,
Rev. Ardis Dallas Kyle, Jr.

"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

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.

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.



First Baptist
WORSHIP



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

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



SENIOR ADULTS' GAME DAY

Thursday, January 4, 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.

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

FBC Artists Needed to Display Paintings



Please visit the Art Gallery near the Fellowship Hall to see the paintings of featured FBC artist, Mary Lambeth.

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!

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.

Bible Correspondance 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



**Friday, Jan. 19 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

Available to All
Acts 15:6-11, 24-31

Preschool

Birth of Jesus
(Babies - Kindergarten)
Luke 1 & Luke 2



Children


Birth of Jesus
(1st - 6th grades)
Luke 1 & Luke 2

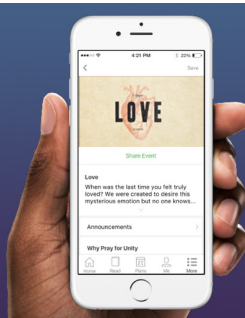


Students

Jesus Rules
(7th - 12th grades)
Mark 4:35-41



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We're in the Bible App.



Download the latest version of the Bible App.

MEN'S LUNCHEON

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

December 18 - Getaneh Getaneh,
Watch & Pray Ministry 2017

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 20 & 27
No Dinner or On-Campus Activities

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Sunday School Attendance

◆ Main Campus	1229
◆ Mission Midland	102
◆ Media	6
TOTAL	1337

Week Day Bible Study

◆ CDC	124
◆ CDO	139
TOTAL BIBLE STUDIES	1600

Stewardship Report

December 10, 2017

Offering	This Week	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 268,072	\$ 1,713,109
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 264,269	\$ 1,752,537
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ 3,804	\$ -39,428
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 13,100	\$ 26,934
Lottie Moon.....	\$ 15,410	\$ 48,656

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

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Family Ministry - 683.0612
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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

OUTCAST

finding our place in God's kingdom

2018 IMPACT WEEKEND

SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 16-18

FIRST BAPTIST
—STUDENT MINISTRY—

for students 7th - 12th grades

Scholarship for Children with Autism

The Brotherhood & Royal Ambassadors encourage FBC families to collect clean, slick & colored paper that can be brought to FBC & deposited in MARC containers located around FBC. 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.

