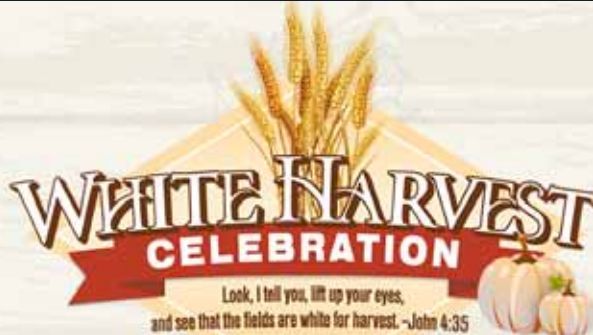


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WHITE HARVEST FAMILY THANKSGIVING MEAL

Next Sunday, November 18 at 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall • \$6/person

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

Advance tickets are available for the meal. During the week families may purchase tickets from Cindy Eoff in the Main Office & Sunday mornings in the Welcome Center from Cindy Langley.

WHITE HARVEST FOOD BOXES

****Food boxes will be available for pick up at the Family Thanksgiving Meal, November 18 ****

Both Christmas gift/toys & food boxes are to be dropped off at the Fellowship Hall on the following days & times:

**Saturday, December 1, 10:00am-5:00pm, Sunday, December 2, 8:00am-12:00pm & 4:00pm-7:00pm,
Monday, December 3 & Tuesday, December 4, 3:00pm-7:00pm**

Any questions, please contact the Missions Office at 432.683.0623

DENVER & THE MILE HIGH ORCHESTRA

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2018 · 7:30 PM
WORSHIP CENTER · FREE TO THE PUBLIC**



Dove Award winning Denver and the Mile High Orchestra bring high energy, horn driven sound to Midland performing big band hymns, inspirational original music, as well as a stirring tribute to all of our fine veterans on this Veteran's day weekend.

2104 W. Louisiana
Midland, TX 79701

Phone: 432.683.0600

Fax: 432.683.0660



Dr. Darin Wood
Senior Pastor

This Sunday, November 11

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

Knowing God Sermon Series

"The God who is POWERFUL" - Jeremiah 32:7

6:00 p.m. Service

Dr. Wood will be preaching

From the Pastor

Dear First Family,

Grace and Peace in Christ today! I'm so glad the Lord gave us the chance to celebrate life together this Sunday!

VETERANS DAY THIS WEEKEND

As the grandson of a WWII vet and the son of a Vietnam vet, let me say THANK YOU to our veterans. We'll take time in our services Sunday to acknowledge and honor your sacrifice and service.

THANKSGIVING DINNER IS ONE WEEK AWAY

November 18th at 5 PM, we'll celebrate our First Family Thanksgiving. You can get a ticket for \$6 at church this weekend. Purchasing a ticket in advance really helps our kitchen staff prepare well for the event.

THE GIFT

The response we had Sunday to adopting children for "The Gift" was overwhelming! We adopted EVERY CHILD AVAILABLE! I know this is a different way of doing our Christmas outreach, but thanks for jumping in with us just the same. I thought I'd take my article today to explain all of these moving parts.

Why are we doing "The Gift"?

To proclaim the gracious gift of Christ to the Midland community. Giving them gifts is ancillary to our missional purpose.

What are the dates of "The Gift"?

December 7-8 are the dates when we will present the gifts to the families.

Where are we doing "The Gift"?

We are holding this event in the Fellowship Hall.

What about "White Harvest" boxes? Are we still doing those?

Yes. Beginning Sunday, November 18th, we'll have the "White Harvest" boxes set out for you to pick up and pack. The list of contents hasn't changed – it still should be around \$30 to fill it according to our prescribed list. Those boxes – as always – will be given to the families receiving gifts.

Are we still doing the "Living Nativity"?

Yes. We have moved it inside and have added dramatic monologues to it. Our vision is to give people a better understanding of what they're seeing. The Living Nativity

presentation will conclude with a Gospel presentation inviting people to respond to Christ.

Why aren't we doing "Living Nativity" for the community?

We are – on Sunday, December 2, before we do the presentations for our guests with "The Gift", we'll welcome the community to see the performance at 5 and 7 PM in the auditorium. We need YOUR help to get people there.

How will "The Gift" work for our guests? What is our process for getting the gifts into their hands?

Our guests will be assigned a time for Dec 7 or 8. When they arrive, they'll begin at the "Living Nativity" in the chapel. The presentation will last about 45 minutes, ending with a Gospel presentation. From there, they'll be escorted down the hallways to the Fellowship Hall. The children will be taken to the D-hallway for a "Happy Birthday Jesus" party. The adults will be taken to the Fellowship Hall to have their gifts wrapped. My vision is for our guests to hear the Gospel again from their gift-wrappers unless there is a language barrier. Once their gifts are wrapped, they'll be reunited with their children and helped out the door where they'll receive their White Harvest box.

What are our needs?

We need gift-wrappers. We need parking lot delivery people. We need people who can help with the "Happy Birthday Jesus" party. Most of all, we need people passionate about connecting our community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ that they can celebrate Christmas in a way they never have before.

Is there something to invite our "Gift" friends to at the end?

Yes – our Christmas musical "The King is Coming" is Sunday, December 9th at 6 PM.

Why did we make all these changes?

Our vision was to improve on what we were already doing and to simplify December. It might not look like it, but as we (The Gift leadership committee led by Linda Freeman and your ministry team) looked at the December calendar, it was bloated and crowded. While the week of "The Gift" will be busy, it will be our last major weekend until Christmas Eve, leaving our departments and classes plenty of time for fellowships and parties.

We also wanted to be able to communicate the Gospel more effectively in all areas. For example, with the "Living Nativity," we once could count on a general understanding of the Christmas story and the characters involved. That's sadly not true anymore. Our desire is to keep this wonderful tradition alive and compel it forward by clarifying the Christ of Christmas in drama.

All told, please know my heart. We wouldn't make these changes just to confuse or complicate things. My passion is for people to connect with Christ (not just at Christmas, but especially then!) and see their lives changed by Him. Will you pray with me to this end?

Your pastor,

Darin

Hope for the Holidays

Next Sunday, November 18 at
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.



CHRISTMAS 2018
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MIDLAND

FBC Families will be able to adopt a child to purchase toys
for The Gift's Christmas Store on the following days:
November 11, 18 & 25. The adoption tables will be located
in the Welcome Center.

Both Christmas gifts, toys & food boxes are to be dropped off at
the Fellowship Hall on the following days & times: **Saturday,**
December 1, 10:00am-5:00pm, Sunday, December 2,
8:00am-12:00pm & 4:00pm-7:00pm, Monday, December 3 &
Tuesday, December 4, 3:00pm-7:00pm

PRAY FOR DIRECT SUPPORT MISSIONARIES: Chad Clark in Midland, Texas



Fuel the Fire Ministries

Fuel The Fire Ministries' mission is to bring revival to the Church and awakening to the lost. We believe the only hope for America and the individual is the life-saving, transforming power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In short, Fuel the Fire is All About Jesus.

The ministry has three key areas of focus: evangelism to large groups of people, typically outside the walls of a church, a 4-week training course to train others to share the gospel with people where they work, live, shop, etc., and "ministry while we sleep," using videos on social media, along with the development of the "Good News Card."



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

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, Nov. 30, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

\$5 per child or maximum of \$15 per family
1st-6th Grades-Activities Building • Preschoolers-A Hallway

REGISTRATION ENDS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

To register, please go to: bit.ly/2O80D7W
For more info, contact Allison Ashmore at
aashmore@fbc-midland.org or call 432-683-0611

Limited Space. Walk-ins not accepted.
Pre-registration only, no late/day-of registrations will be accepted.

Baby Recognition & Family Dedication



December 2, 2018
during the 8:25 & 11:05 a.m. Services
in the Worship Center

Be sure to come & welcome the newest
FBC members to our family!

For more info, contact Allison at
aashmore@fbc-midland.org or
432.683.0611

FBC Men's Ski Trip

Winter Park, Colorado • March 23-27, 2019

For \$750 the package includes 3-day lift tickets, rentals, three dinners & transportation. The cost is \$675/per person if you have your own skis/rentals. If you would like to come to enjoy fellowship and not ski, the cost will only be \$450. \$200 is due by November 14 and balance is due January 31, 2019. Call the Activities Building, 432.683.0648, if you have questions or to sign up.



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 2019 semester and must be turned in by December 15.

Our Deepest Sympathies to...

Jason Nikodym in the death of his father,
Duane Nikodym.



MOPS · Nov. 16 at 9:00 a.m. in D101-103

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) registration is open for 2018-2019! MOPS meets on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month from 9-11:00AM! Contact Shanna Arnold at 254.396.4247 or shanna_arnold@hotmail.com with more questions. Visit www.fbc-midland.org/ministries/preschool/mops to get a registration form!



Letters that Lift

First Baptist SONshine House,

Thank you for letting us sleep in your home. My children and I had been homeless for weeks waiting for our application at Midland Fair Havens to finalize. At the point of entering your home, we were tired. Tired from traveling. Tired of bouncing from place to place, sometimes without portable water. I hadn't realized how tired we were until arriving. The house was amazing. We put our stuff down, showered and went straight to sleep. We had not slept so deeply in at least a month. Your home was so peaceful and inviting, we just rested. Our bodies, spirits and minds were at peace for the first time in quite a while. Resting in your home gave us the strength to keep going forward. Thank you, *Jackie & Girls*

Dear First Baptist,

Thank you for your gift to Buckner Children & Family Services in memory of my step-son, Al Spinks. Al was a thoughtful, generous, God-fearing man. In his formative years, this church was instrumental in shaping him into the man he was. Thank you for your generosity.

Michelle Cobb

Dear Janna, Robbie, Dr. Wood & Staff,

The family of Richard Gordon Klempnauer acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Our family cannot say "thank you" enough to the staff & wonderful people of FBC. We know Dad was well taken care of by FBC & that meant alot to our families. Thank you,
Craig, Linda, Barry & families

ARE YOU IN NEED OF PRAYER?

Call the First Baptist Prayer Line @ 432.683.0683 & rest assured someone is praying for you, today.

Heart of the Bride Update and Appreciation Fellowship

**Friday, November 16, 6:30 PM at Greg & Jan
West's House, 6410 Sequoia Dr.**



Join us for a light dinner and hear about the work God is doing through your support of HOB Ministries in Haiti and in other parts of the world. If you have supported HOB in the past, are a current supporter, or, are interested in hearing more about the ministry, we would love for you to come. RSVP to Jan at 432.638.0811 or email gregjanwest@yahoo.com.



SHOPPING SPREE AT MISS CAYCE'S

FBC LADIES & DISCOUNT
COUPONS FOR MISS CAYCE'S!

TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 13

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 ladies by baking cookies for us! Contact Janna for more info, jboyd@fbc-midland.org or 432.683.0653

A HOLIDAY PARTY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

\$10 Dinner begins at 6:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall

Please get your tickets in your SS Dept. or in the Main Office by Friday, November 23!

DR. DENNIS SWANBERG,
Motivational Speaker, Preacher, Teacher, &
Christian Comedian



OPEN TO EVERYONE!

Call Janna Boyd at 432.683.0653 for more info.

Oilfield Christian Fellowship of the Permian Basin

Friday, November 16, 2018

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Rock the Desert Field House
2000 FM 1788, Midland, TX 79706

FREE LUNCH - FREE BIBLE - BRING A FRIEND!

THANK YOU



Thank you to the Silent Friends Dept. for packing the Operation Christmas Child boxes.



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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45AM

Adults

With Control
James 2:14-26

Preschool

Jacob & Esau
(Babies - Kindergarten)
Genesis 27-28



Children


Joash & the People Gave Offerings
(1st - 6th grades)
2 Chronicles 24:1-4



Students

Redeem Our Words
(7th - 12th grades)
James 3:1-12



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MEN'S LUNCHEON

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

ALWAYS A CHRISTIAN PROGRAM • FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL AGES • COME WITH A PRAYER REQUEST • PRAY WITH OTHER PRAYER WARRIORS • REJOICE IN GOD'S MIRACLES

November 12 - Renee Morris, The Well Outreach in Odessa

For more info, contact Dave Percy (432) 528-4221, or see 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 14

Entree: Roast Beef, Roasted Potatoes & Carrots
Broccoli, Tossed Green Salad

Dessert: German Chocolate Pie

Sunday, November 4, 2018

Sunday School Attendance

◆ Main Campus	990
◆ Mission Midland.....	105
TOTAL	1095

Week Day Bible Study

◆ Child Development Center	128
◆ Children's Day Out.....	108
TOTAL BIBLE STUDIES.....	1331

End of Month Report

October 2018

Offering	This Month	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 495,032	\$ 495,032
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 556,000	\$ 556,000
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ -60,968	\$ -60,968
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 11,350	\$ 11,350

Stewardship Report

November 4, 2018

Offering	This Week	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 192,753	\$ 687,785
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 139,000	\$ 695,000
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ 53,753	\$ -7,215
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 560	\$ 11,910

NON-PROFIT ORG.

U.S. Postage

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FBC DIRECTORY

www.fbc-midland.org

Main Phone - 432.683.0600 Main Fax - 432.683.0660
Prayer Line - 432.683.0683

Pastoral Ministry - 683.0604
Missions Ministry - 683.0623
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

"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, 7-8:00 p.m., Wednesdays
Meet in the Sanctuary/Choir Room

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

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



To see and sign up for the different areas of volunteer service available at First Baptist Church, visit www.fbc-midland.org/vomo. The link will take you to FBC's VOMO (Volunteer Mobilization) page where you can easily connect to service opportunities throughout the year. Try it out today!

FBC offers the opportunity for online giving using your smart phone, tablet, or home computer. It's convenient, 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 (i.e. \$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 Smartphone 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 an account if a first-time user...otherwise, enter your login information
- Click the "Give Now" option at the top of the app.

