

# THE BANNER

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## **WHITE HARVEST FAMILY THANKSGIVING MEAL**

**This 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 still available for the family meal. Families may purchase tickets, Mon.-Fri. from Cindy Eoff in the Main Office & Sunday morning 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

# Hope for the Holidays

**This Sunday, November 18  
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.**



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Dr. Darin Wood  
Senior Pastor

## This Sunday, November 18

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

Knowing God Sermon Series

"The God who doesn't Change"

- Jeremiah 10:10; Psalm 90:2

**NO 6:00 p.m. Service**

Please join us at 5:00 p.m. for the White Harvest  
Celebration Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

### From the Pastor

Dear First Family,

Grace and Peace my beloved family. I know many of you will be leaving at the end of this week for your Thanksgiving travels so allow me to say "Happy Thanksgiving!" May we each take time to thank God for the many blessings we've received this year! Spend some time with Psalm 100. Read it aloud, read it to your family, pray it as a prayer and above all, take time to praise the God of all goodness who will carry us all the way home.

#### HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

As much as I love the holiday season, this one will be different than any I've had before. My mother loved Thanksgiving. Until I was 25, her side of the family always held a reunion on Thanksgiving Day. It was a highlight of the year, not just the fall. She looked forward to it as did we all. This will be her first Thanksgiving at Jesus' table. There's joy in knowing that but still a keen sense of loss. Maybe like me and my family, you've lost someone this year and are having a difficult time with it. This Sunday afternoon at 4 PM in our chapel, we'll honor those we've lost this year and share a service together. Larry Grimes (a licensed counselor as well our Business Administrator) will lead us in a talk about coping with that loss. Each family will receive a fantastic book called "Experiencing Grief" that has helped me and many others. We will be done before the Thanksgiving meal. No RSVP necessary for the service. Just come and share this time with us as we find HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

#### THANKSGIVING DINNER

One of the best parts of being a family is sitting down to meals together. I'm so excited to share this meal with my church family! I hope you've made plans to join us! We'll begin serving around 5 PM.

#### THE GIFT

I'm glad to tell you almost all of the children who needed to be adopted for THE GIFT have been picked up. We will have a few more this Sunday especially for our family in the Traditional Service (I'll be speaking there this Sunday by the way!). Some of you have asked what else you can do? December 2nd, at 3:30

PM in our fellowship hall, we'll hold a meeting for all who want to serve with THE GIFT. If you signed up through VOMO, we'll send you an email. If you didn't, come anyway. Currently, we have about 30 who have volunteered. We need about 170 not counting our drama friends in the chapel.

To clarify our plans, we've narrowed our efforts to December 8th only. We believe we can serve all our families in one day with 3 volunteer shifts. Each shift will last 3 hours. Beginning next Sunday, November 25th, in your Worship Guide you'll find a map and description of the plans for THE GIFT and a map of the work-flow of the building. We need lots of hands ready to serve and love people. Make this a part of teaching your children and grandchildren about serving Christ and His people, about missions and about reaching Midland. Build this into your schedule as a priority! You'll know the power and presence of Christ at Christmas best when you serve. This is your best chance. Meet us Dec 2nd to find out how.

Your Pastor,  
Darin



FBC members may sign up to volunteer via VOMO or in person on Sundays, November 18 & 25 in the Welcome Center. Childcare (Birth- 6th Grade) will be provided for all volunteers. 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:

##### Kenny Prewett in Arlee, Montana



##### Jocko Valley Baptist Church

Jocko Valley Baptist Church is a body of believers that meets in Arlee, MT on the Flathead Indian Reservation. JVBC exists to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

*FBC Church Council minutes, reports, and other information are available on the website at [www.fbc-midland.org/church-council](http://www.fbc-midland.org/church-council) or under the Resources tab on the home page.*



The FBC Worship Ministry presents

# THE KING IS HERE

A CHRISTMAS WORSHIP MUSICAL  
for Multi-Generational Choirs

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 • 6:00 PM • WORSHIP CENTER

## A HOLIDAY PARTY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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

Tickets are still available in your SS Dept. or in the Main Office through Wednesday, November 21!

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



**OPEN TO EVERYONE!**

Call Janna Boyd at 432.683.0653 for more info.

## 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

## 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!

## 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  
NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

To register, please go to: [bit.ly/2O80D7W](http://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.

## 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](mailto:gregjanwest@yahoo.com).



**MOPS • Dec. 7 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](mailto:shanna_arnold@hotmail.com) with more questions. Visit [www.fbc-midland.org/ministries/preschool/mops](http://www.fbc-midland.org/ministries/preschool/mops) to get a registration form!



## FBC's Starting Point Course



Starting Point is a prerequisite to elected service, unless a member has already been elected before July 1998. Everyone interested in an FBC ministry is encouraged to complete this course.

Now available: [www.fbc-midland.org/starting-point](http://www.fbc-midland.org/starting-point)

## 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.

## WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH



Alexis Sanchez-  
Alvarez



Devin  
Friar



Justin  
Morce



Norma  
Drennon



Libby  
Samaniego



The Weger family



Sawyer  
Austin



Braxton & Lauren  
Ward



Lance & Mendy  
Caviness

### Letter

The Weger family  
Braxton & Lauren Ward  
Lance & Mendy Caviness  
Devin Friar

### Baptized in Christ:

Libby Smaniego

### Profession of Faith & Requesting Baptism

Justin Morce

## ARE YOU IN NEED OF PRAYER?

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

## FBC Artists Needed to Display Paintings



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.

## 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 would not have to go every week and would always have a partner with them. If you want to help or have questions, call Louise Goode at 432.683.0656 and leave a message.



## Letters that Lift

Dear First Family,

We are in awe of the outpouring of love & support to our family in the home-going of our son, Reece. You have eased our pain & warmed our hearts in this sad chapter in our lives, & we praise God for the blessings, comfort & peace He showers on us each day. The beautiful, triumphant Celebration of Life service was the "icing on the cake" for our son's being called home to Jesus. Reece, who had a very tender heart, would be honored & pleased by your lovely gift to Buckner Children & Family Services, & so are we. Thank you again for all of the food, flowers, calls, texts & prayers you have so generously provided. Love,  
*Bob & Kay Bivens; Missy, Jay, Taylor & Addison Floyd*

The family of Thelma Louise Traweek acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you all for the thoughts, prayers & loving gestures from so many dear ones.

*Mary Miller*

## FBC Greeter Ministry

Scripture tells us to "Practice Hospitality"  
-Romans 12:13

Remember when you were new at FBC? We have a large building and many ministries to help people find. FBC needs you to help us in our effort to greet guests each Sunday during all hours! Everyone can do this ministry and help guests know we are glad they are here. Training will be provided. Contact Larry Grimes lgrimes@fbc-midland.org



## 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



To see and sign up for the different areas of volunteer service available at First Baptist Church, visit [www.fbc-midland.org/vomo](http://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!



### Pastoral Care Ministry: Hospital Visits



Robbie Boyd, FBC's Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care will be making hospital visits. If you or a family member are going into the hospital, please contact Susan Upham at 432.683.0604 in advance. This will ensure your name will be on our hospital list.



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.

### New Testaments to New Moms

Would you like to help share the Good News of Christ with new mothers? Volunteers are needed to help handout New Testaments to mothers at MMH who have just had a baby. Please contact Susan Upham at 432.683.0604 for more information.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45AM

#### Adults

With Submission  
James 4: 6-17

#### Preschool

Jacob & Rachel  
(Babies - Kindergarten)  
Genesis 29-31



#### Children

Hezekiah & the People Worshipped  
(1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades)  
2 Chronicles 29



#### Students

Submit to God  
(7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades)  
James 4:1-7



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## KINGDOM WOMEN

Connecting women who seek first His kingdom



### WMU Prayer Lunch

Monday, December 3, 2018

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

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

November 19 - Carra Roye:

Ministry in Thailand (and Wherever God Leads)

For more info, contact Dave Percy (432) 528-4221, or see [www.fbc-midland.org/men](http://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 21

No Wednesday Night Meal - Happy Thanksgiving!

## Sunday, November 11, 2018

Sunday School Attendance

◆ Main Campus .....	1040
◆ Mission Midland.....	101
TOTAL .....	1141

Week Day Bible Study

◆ Child Development Center .....	128
◆ Children's Day Out.....	108
TOTAL BIBLE STUDIES.....	1377

## Stewardship Report

November 11, 2018

Offering	This Week	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 139,831	\$ 827,616
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 139,000	\$ 834,000
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ 831	\$ -6,384
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 557	\$ 12,467

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## FBC DIRECTORY

[www.fbc-midland.org](http://www.fbc-midland.org)

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

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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](http://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

"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](http://www.fbc-midland.org/ministries/worship)

## OMEGA HANDBELLS NEEDS YOU!



If you can read music and you would like a fun and exciting way to participate in worship, then Omega bells is the place for you. We meet on Tuesday mornings from 12:00 to 1:00 in Room E-111. Call Sharon Humphreys @432.425.6836, if you need any additional information.

## 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](http://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.

