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*Love*

**1 John 3:16**

Join us this Sunday, December 2 for the second sermon of  
Dr. Wood's Advent sermon series.

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*Gift*

**DRAMA PRESENTATION**  
**THIS SUN, DEC 2, 5:00 & 7:00PM, WORSHIP CENTER**

The First Baptist Family cordially invites you to join us for a very special presentation of "The Gift." Find out how the birth of an infant impacted the world, forever. . .and how He can impact your life, too. Admission is free & all are welcome, so please invite your family & friends to join us!

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Dr. Darin Wood  
Senior Pastor

## This Sunday, December 2

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

Advent Sermon Series begins

"LOVE" - 1 John 3:16

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

The Living Nativity - 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
in the Worship Center

### From the Pastor

Dear First Family,

Grace and Peace my beloved family! I trust your Thanksgiving celebration was as rich and full as ours was! God has been so good to us in 2018. While it's true that things weren't to our choosing, we can trust the God who has carried us this far to carry us on home. If you haven't already done so, take time now to thank God for His blessings in 2018 – no matter how well disguised they might be.

#### THE GIFT

Your response to The Gift has been overwhelming! Thanks for your vision for reaching our community for the Gospel! What we still need are volunteers. We're doing well for the first part of the day, but the 4-7 PM shift is where we really need some help. If you haven't already done so, let me encourage you to sign up to serve. I've said it repeatedly, but I'll say it again – you don't get any closer to Christ than when you serve others. THIS is your best chance to do so here and the need is high. Prayerfully consider your response and then choose to be like Jesus in John 13.

#### LIVING NATIVITY

This Sunday night, December 2nd, we'll do the Living Nativity at 5 PM and 7 PM for anyone in our community. Perhaps you struggle some to share your faith. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring your friends, neighbors and anyone you care about to hear the Gospel. Our actors have been working hard to prepare for it. I believe it's something that will engage people in a fresh way. We'll close our time together with a Gospel presentation, inviting people to respond to the Christ of the manger. I cannot imagine a better gift to give than to care about them enough to invite them to hear the Gospel presented in a fresh and dramatic way. Meet us this Sunday at 5 PM and 7 PM.

#### ADVENT GUIDES

Advent is an ancient Christian tradition, dating back into the 3rd century. When we celebrate it, we link hands and hearts with centuries of believers who have come before us. A part of that tradition is committing time each day toward preparing our hearts as well as our homes. We've provided an Advent guide, written

by our own Janet Denison, for you to pick up for your home. They're in our Welcome Center, free of charge. I'm told there will be a digital version available, but it's not been released yet. I'll post the link on our church website when it is.

Our Family Ministry (combined ministries of Family, Student, Children's and Preschool) have assembled "Advent Bags." These are only available in our Chapel Foyer. These bags are designed for families with children in the home with activities and themes designed for children. We invite each family with children at home to take one!

Praying for Christ's power in our Christmas,

Darin



You may volunteer via VOMO or in person this Sunday at the 3:30pm Volunteer Meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare provided (Birth – 6th Grade) for all volunteers.

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: Debbie Tran in Saigon, Vietnam



#### Champion Network International

My name is Debbie Tran and I am based in Saigon, Vietnam. I have been involved in different ministries since 2003. The ministry is called Champion Network Ministries International. My passion is to network with champions of different talents and anointings joining hands to advance The Kingdom of God from Jerusalem, to all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8 NIV) The last 4 - 5 years the Lord has been calling me into a more intense journey with my nation, Vietnam, and with different nations around the world. I have been constantly moving from one location to the next, to provide training for pastoral gatherings, Bible teaching, discipleship programs, and distribution of Christian literature, as well as hosting prayer meetings.



## THE GIFT Volunteer Meeting

There will be a meeting for all volunteers of THE GIFT this Sunday, December 2, at 3:30pm in Fellowship Hall 2.

**Childcare provided (birth-6th grade)**



Your gifts  
transform lives  
around the world.

**FBC GOAL \$175,000**

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LOTTIE MOON  
CHRISTMAS  
OFFERING



## CHILDREN'S CHOIR NIGHT • WED., DEC. 5

### PRESCHOOL PARENTS VISIT CHOIR NIGHT

6:00 pm - Children arrive in regular choir rooms

6:15 pm - Parents of PreK (3s) Choir join in Room A122 for a showcase of songs

6:30 pm - Parents of PreK (4s) & Kinder Choirs join in JAM Room for musical presentation

Refreshments afterward

5:45 pm - 1st through 6th Grade Choir children arrive at the **SANCTUARY** for rehearsal. Parents, please stay. Rehearsal begins with songs the children sing. They will be dismissed immediately following, around 6:30 pm.



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**

Watch the program at home December 24 on NOSA (MyTV) at 7:00 p.m. and December 25 on KOSA (CBS) at 6:00 a.m., NOSA (MyTV) at 8:00 a.m., or KWES (NBC) at 11:00 a.m.

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.

## PHOTOGRAPHER NEEDED, DECEMBER 9



We are in need of a photographer who will help take family pictures of guests prior to the Christmas music presentation, "The King is Here," Sunday evening, December 9. You will need to have your own digital camera. If you are interested, contact Robbie Boyd at the church 432.683.0692, ASAP.



Join us  
for  
**Christmas  
Sweater Sunday**



Wear your favorite sweater  
& join us for Worship  
Sunday, December 16

## FBC Directory Distribution



The directories will be available beginning December 2nd. You may pick up your copy at the reception desk in the Welcome Center before and after each Sunday morning service. Copies of the directory will be available for \$5.00 to those who did not have their picture made, after those who did participate pick up their directories. Look for upcoming information on installing the mobile app for the new directory as well.



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!



## 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)



# CHRISTMAS EVE

## CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

MONDAY, 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

WATCH THE SERVICE AT HOME ON KWES (NBC9) AT 10:30 P.M.



### 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.



**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 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 Lost and Found

If you have lost any personal items at church over the past few months please stop by the FBC Welcome Center and check with our Lost & Found.

### REMINDER: 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. Food Drive, Dec. 2

We are still collecting food for the Baptist C.R.I.S.I.S. Center on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. There will be boxes around the church where you can drop off your items. Please see the Sunday School Dept. donation list on the back page of this issue.

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.

### Our Deepest Sympathies to...

Cathy Meeks in the death of her father,  
Edwin Stuart.

Debbie Sparks in the death of her stepfather,  
Brother Ken Ashlock.

Billie Taylor in the death of her husband, Ed Taylor.

## Precious Memories Singers CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-A-LONG

**MANOR PARK GREATHOUSE BUILDING**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11 AT 10:00 A.M.**

MEET THERE AT 9:45 OR THE FBC BUS BARN AT 9:30 A.M.

*Come Sing with Us!*

For more info, Janna Boyd may be reached @ 432.683.0653

### FBC Artists Needed to Display Paintings



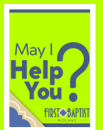
The art displayed on the FBC Art Wall (near the Fellowship Hall) is for any FBC artist. It is enjoyed by our entire membership. If you wish to participate by showing your paintings, please contact Janet Haney at 432.528.5717 or Doris McSparran at 432.683.0618.

### 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



# 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).

## ARE YOU IN NEED OF PRAYER?

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

## 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

December 3 - Tracy Austin, Exec Director, American Red Cross, Permian Basin

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

## SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45AM

### Adults

The Deceiver  
 Genesis 27:18-29

### Preschool

Joseph Sent to Egypt  
 (Babies - Kindergarten)  
 Genesis 37



### Children


Prophets Told About Jesus  
 (1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades)  
 Isaiah 6-7; Micah 5:2-4



### Students

Free Grace  
 (7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades)  
 Genesis 27:18-29



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## 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 5

Entree: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Tossed Green Salad, Biscuit

Dessert: German Chocolate Cake

## Sunday, November 18, 2018

Sunday School Attendance

◆ Main Campus .....	982
◆ Mission Midland .....	101
TOTAL .....	1083

Week Day Bible Study

◆ Child Development Center .....	128
◆ Children's Day Out.....	108
TOTAL BIBLE STUDIES.....	1319

## Sunday, November 25, 2018

Sunday School Attendance

◆ Main Campus .....	925
◆ Mission Midland .....	96
TOTAL .....	1021

Week Day Bible Study

◆ Child Development Center .....	128
◆ Children's Day Out.....	108
TOTAL BIBLE STUDIES.....	1257

## Stewardship Report

November 18, 2018

Offering	This Week	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 118,172	\$ 945,789
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 139,000	\$ 973,000
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ -20,828	\$ -27,211
Hope 1:8 .....	\$ 285	\$ 12,752
Lottie Moon.....	\$ 500	\$ 550

## Stewardship Report

November 25, 2018

Offering	This Week	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 171,542	\$ 1,117,331
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 139,000	\$ 1,112,000
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ 32,542	\$ 5,331
Hope 1:8 .....	\$ 10,880	\$ 23,632
Lottie Moon.....	\$ 625	\$ 1,175



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# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Food Drive

**A reminder!** We are still collecting food for the Baptist C.R.I.S.I.S. Center on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 432.683.0623

- 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, Bar-Simon..... 1-2 lb. dry rice, 1 lb. flour
- Andrew ..... 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 ..... dry milk (10 pack boxes), meaty soups
- Stephen, David ..... 1 lb. sugar, liquid cooking oil, canned tomatoes
- Barnabas ..... dry milk (10 pack boxes), cooking oil
- Ezekiel..... 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, Refine, As One ..... 1 lb. flour, 1 lb. corn meal, canned tomatoes



## FBC NOW HIRING RECEPTIONIST - FULL TIME

For more information contact LaNell Dean, 432.683.0615 or email [ldean@fbc-midland.org](mailto:ldean@fbc-midland.org)

Check out our website for complete job descriptions:  
**[fbc-midland.org/about/employment-opportunities](http://fbc-midland.org/about/employment-opportunities)**  
Also visit our Facebook page: **First Baptist Church of Midland (FBCM)**

## 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
- 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](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*

## 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 and account if a first-time user...otherwise, enter your login information
- Click the "Give Now" option at the top of the app.

