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Joy

Nehemiah 8:10

Join us this Sunday, December 9 for the third sermon of
Dr. Wood's Advent sermon series.

The FBC Worship Ministry presents

THE KING IS HERE

A CHRISTMAS WORSHIP MUSICAL

for Multi-Generational Choirs

THIS 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.

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Dr. Darin Wood
Senior Pastor

This Sunday, December 9

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

Advent Sermon Series begins

"JOY" - Nehemiah 8:10

6:00 p.m.

The King is Here: A Christmas Worship Musical
in the Worship Center

From the Pastor

Dear First Family,

Grace and Peace today and Happy Hanukkah! This week marks the beginning of the Festival of Lights known to us as Hanukkah. About 167 BC, Antiochus Epiphanes, a notoriously cruel ruler, had desecrated the Jewish Temple. A Jewish group known as the Maccabees – led by Judas Maccabeas – led a revolt to take the Temple back and cleanse it. They were successful in their revolt and celebrated by lighting the candles once again. Thus, the Festival of Lights was born. Why should you care if you're not Jewish? Because this is the winter festival Jesus and his disciples would have celebrated. Furthermore, the Festival of Lights helped to prepare the way for the Light of The World!

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

This past Sunday marked the beginning of the week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the official beginning of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. This offering is our annual opportunity to give directly to foreign missions. All of the funds received through Lottie Moon go to our missionaries serving around the world. Our church goal is \$175,000.

THE GIFT

After months of talking about it, The Gift is finally here! We are off to a great start – our volunteer meeting Sunday afternoon was exceptionally well attended! As we've gathered the gifts and food boxes, it's been amazing to see the love, generosity and passion of our people. Now, pray that we finish well. Saturday and Sunday are both big days for us. Pray for the opportunity to build relationships with our guests. Pray for the opportunity to connect them with the Gospel! Pray for the opportunity to share not only our goods but our very lives as well. THIS is the essence of missions – giving of ourselves first. Everything else will follow. Pray for Christ to be honored and for lives – all LIVES be they guest of members of the First Family - to be changed this weekend.

Expecting BIG things from the Lord in faithful obedience,
Darin

FBC Directory Distribution



The directories are available to pick up. 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.



PRAY FOR DIRECT SUPPORT MISSIONARIES:

Tracye Vaughn in Midland, Texas



Christmas in Action

Christmas in Action is based on James 2:14-17. "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds: can such faith save him? Suppose a brother is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?" The mission of Christmas in Action is to follow God's teachings by working together to preserve and revitalize houses and communities, assuring that low-income elderly and disabled homeowners live in warmth, safety, and independence. Christmas in Action is grateful to be given the opportunity to help the most vulnerable, and many times overlooked, members of our society. We are the only ministry in Midland that provides major home repair services for elderly and disabled homeowners.

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.

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 Your gifts  
 transform lives  
 around the world.  
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FBC GOAL \$175,000

imb | LOTTIE MOON
 CHRISTMAS
 OFFERING

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

Family Christmas Dinner
 Wednesday, December 12, 2018
 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Menu:
 Cranberry Chicken
 Herb Roasted Potatoes
 Seasoned Brussel Sprouts
 Tossed Green Salad
 Pumpkin Chiffon Pie

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.

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!

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.

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

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

Let's all pray together at the Chapel.

Every Thursday
Noon - 1:00 pm
 At the corner of
 "N" Street and Louisiana
come when you can, leave when you need to.

everyone welcome!

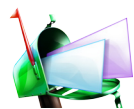
Joyful Congratulations to...

Mr. and Mrs. Christian Cotton who were recently married in the Chapel. Mrs. Cotton is the former Meghan Edwards.

Our Deepest Sympathies to...

John Reinert in the death of his father, William Reinert.

Claudia Lewis in the death of her stepmother, Mrs. LaVerne Mills.



Letters that Lift

A great rewarding & going-home time for "Chip". We can rejoice because we will see him again when we meet our Savior. Thanks again Church family, Joseph Department, and Janna, for your daily visits. The prayers, cards, food, visits, phone calls and love were so appreciated. Thanks, church family, for your support. I lost my husband, my best friend and my caregiver, but God showed me He is walking with me every step I take.

Bettye Hughes & family

FBC,

Thank you for your thoughtfulness & prayers during this difficult time in the loss of our father. We appreciate the gift to Buckner Children & Family Services in memory of Dad. Your love, prayers & kindness mean so much to our family. In His Hope,

The family of George Dunton

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH



Robert & Cortni
Wharton



Michael, Laurie &
Amelia Speir

Letter

Robert & Cortni Wharton

Michael, Laurie & Amelia
Speir

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.

Cancer Answers/Prayer Support Quarterly Informational Meetings



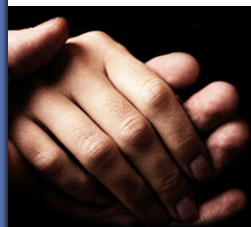
This group is for anyone who has dealt with cancer as a patient, caregiver, or family member. CAPS meets quarterly with informational speakers and support. Please contact Janna Boyd for more information at 432.683.0653 or jboyd@fbc-midland.org



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.



GRIEF SHARE®

BEGINS JANUARY 7, 2019
6:00-7:30 P.M. - 13 WEEKS
ROOM D100-102

A special weekly seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. Grief Share features biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics from many experts who are authors, counselors, speakers and pastors. To register or if you have any questions, call Mickey Trimble at 432-238-1239.

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.

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.

ARE YOU IN NEED OF PRAYER?

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

11:05 a.m. Contemporary Service Needs YOU

We need good, strong vocalists to help lead worship in the 11:05 contemporary service. The following are needs that we ask of you: willing to audition, must be able to match pitch, and able to learn harmonies. You must also love Jesus and love leading His church in worship. If you are interested in being a part of this wonderful opportunity, please contact Aaron Hodges, ahodges@fbc-midland.org.



SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45AM

Adults

Not Alone
Genesis 28:10-22

Preschool

Joseph Saved His Family
(Babies - Kindergarten)
Genesis 42-46; 50



Children

Angels Spoke to Mary & Joseph
(1st - 6th grades)
Luke 1:26-56; Matt. 1:18-24



Students

God is Near
(7th - 12th grades)
Genesis 28:10-22



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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

December 10 - Kevin Ashmore, FBC Royal Ambassador Director

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.

CHRISTMAS DINNER, DECEMBER 12

Entree: Cranberry Chicken, Herb Roasted Potatoes, Seasoned Brussel Sprouts, Tossed Green Salad

Dessert: Pumpkin Chiffon Pie

Sunday, December 2, 2018

Sunday School Attendance

◆ Main Campus	1138
◆ Mission Midland.....	98
TOTAL	1236

Week Day Bible Study

◆ Child Development Center	128
◆ Children's Day Out.....	108
TOTAL BIBLE STUDIES.....	1472

End of Month Report

November 2018

Offering	This Month	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 640,741	\$ 1,135,773
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 556,000	\$ 1,112,000
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ 84,741	\$ 23,773
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 12,282	\$ 23,632
Lottie Moon.....	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,300

Stewardship Report

December 2, 2018

Offering	This Week	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 147,363	\$ 1,283,137
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 278,646	\$ 1,390,646
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ -131,283	\$ -107,509
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 255	\$ 23,887
Lottie Moon.....	\$ 6,521	\$ 7,821

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FBC DIRECTORY

www.fbc-midland.org

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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



MOPS • January 19, 2019 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!



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

