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Peace

Ephesians 2:14

Join us this Sunday, December 16 for the fourth sermon of
Dr. Wood's Advent sermon series.



Join us
for
**Christmas
Sweater Sunday**



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

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Dr. Darin Wood
Senior Pastor

This Sunday, December 16

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

Dr. Wood's Advent Sermon Series
"PEACE" - Ephesians 2:14

6:00 p.m.

Dr. Wood will be preaching.

From the Pastor

Dear First Family,

Grace and Peace this morning! May God's joy fill your life!

THE KING IS HERE

What an amazing job Aaron Hodges, our choir, our orchestra, our youth choir and our children's choirs did with our Musical Sunday night! The music, the voices, the multimedia! I was so blessed by the spirit of the evening and that it was – truly – a worship experience. If you missed it – or if you'd like to see it again! – we've arranged to have it broadcast several times over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Below, please find our broadcast schedule.

Dec 24 -10:30pm - Christmas Eve Service – KWES (NBC)

-7:00pm - The King is Here – NOSA (MyTV)

Dec 25 -6am -The King is Here – KOSA (CBS)

-8am - The King is Here – NOSA (My TV)

-11am - The King is Here – KWES (NBC)

THE GIFT

While we will bring a full report later, let me say thanks to each of you who served so faithfully, passionately and selflessly this last weekend! While the weather made it more challenging than we planned, we were able to bless so many people! These guests of ours are our new friends and – for some – new family. Thanks for your vision for reaching and serving our community. We had at least 25 professions of faith and many more renewed their connection to Christ. Thanks to each of you who served so faithfully and selflessly.

A SPECIAL WORD OF GRATITUDE

I'd like to take time to express our church's gratitude to Donelle Slentz from Graham's Pharmacy for the kind and generous gift of our new life-sized Nativity Set. You'll find it in our Fellowship Hall, standing prominently on our stage. This beautiful and exquisite display was granted to us recently and is a lovely addition to our church! Thanks Ms Donelle and Graham's Pharmacy!

ONE LAST NOTE . . .

This Sunday, Dec 16th, we invite you to wear your favorite Christmas sweater. I was asked if this was

supposed to be an "ugly" Christmas sweater or just normal. I guess that's up to you! I'll see you Sunday wearing my sweater!

Your pastor,
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. To view the FBC Directory online, please visit mobiledirectory.lifetouch.com/172360/first-baptist-church.



PRAY FOR DIRECT SUPPORT MISSIONARIES: Beth England in Oregon City, Oregon



Northwest Collegiate Ministries

Northwest Collegiate Ministries is a ministry of local Southern Baptist Churches, and is a campus club on 5 different college campuses in the Portland Metro Area. Our desire is to love God, reach out to all people, and disciple students in Jesus Christ to develop into mature Christians who impact our campus, community, and the world. Each campus carries out this mission in various ways including on-and-off campus Bible Studies, community service projects, discipleship activities and mission trips. Your church provides funding specifically for Clackamas Community College, as well as special events for the other campuses. Your generosity enables us to touch many lives. Thank you so much for your partnership!

Notice from Sunday Parking Ministry

Due to no Sunday School, December 23, we will not have valet parking services available.

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.

The FBC Worship Ministry presents

THE KING IS HERE

A CHRISTMAS WORSHIP MUSICAL

for Multi-Generational Choirs

Watch the program from the comfort of 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.



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.

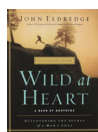


MOPS · Jan. 18 at 9:00 a.m. in D101-103
Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) registration is open for 2018-2019! MOPS meets on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month from 9-11:00AM! Contact Shanna Arnold at 254.396.4247 or shanna_arnold@hotmail.com with more questions. Visit www.fbc-midland.org/ministries/preschool/mops to get a registration form!



IRON MEN STUDY

Wild at Heart: Discovering the Secret of a Man's Soul by John Eldredge



Every man has dreams, big dreams, dreams of being the hero, of beating the bad guys, of doing daring feats and rescuing the damsel in distress. Walk with us in this journey to recover our masculine heart, defined in the image of a passionate God. \$10. Led by Berry Simpson; beginning January 10th, 6:30am, Room D101.



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!

Ladies Lunchtime Bible Study: (\$6 optional lunch)

No Other Gods: The Unrivalled Pursuit of Christ by Kelly Minter



This study will challenge women to evaluate the modern-day idols in our culture and embrace deeper, more meaningful relationship with God. Often, idols are obvious --money, power, fame. But subtler idols can sometimes take the form of sweet loved ones, Instagram-able interiors, and busy seasons of ministry. But if your heart is prioritizing any of those pursuits before God, they are taking up space meant for Him alone. In this 8-session study, learn to identify the functional gods you are serving daily and the lies they tell. Only when you learn to dethrone modern-day idols can you pursue a deeper, more meaningful relationship with Jesus. Led by Kristie Garnett. \$15. Begins Thursday, January 10, 11:30 am in Room D101-103.

Our Deepest Sympathies to...

Mike Mayer in the death of his mother,
Mrs. Marie Mayer.

Community Bible Study (CBS)



This interdenominational Bible study is made up of 200+ ladies of all ages from a variety of backgrounds. Schedule includes both large and small group time. Limited space in the children's program for 0-5 years available; register in advance. For more information, contact Nancy Spear at 853-9925 or nancy@spearbrothersgroup.com. or visit midland.cbsclass.org. Begins January 9, 9:15-11:30am in the Chapel. \$35

I'm a Christian Now



This class, for all 1st – 6th grade children, will help them understand what it means to be a Christian, the importance of baptism and the Lord's Supper, their role as church members, and getting started in daily Bible study and prayer. Contact Sarah Arrambide at 683-0607 or Crystal Nickolaus at 683-0609 for information. Saturday, February 9th, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm in Room A213.

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

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.

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.



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.

REMINDER: 1st Sun. Food Drive, Jan. 6

We are still collecting food for the Baptist C.R.I.S.I.S. Center on the 1st 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.

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

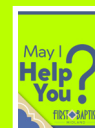
JAIL MINISTRY NEEDS MAGAZINES!

We are in need of any issues of *Guideposts* & other Christian magazines for our Jail Ministry. If you currently subscribe or have subscribed in the past, please consider donating any current or past issues you may have. All donations will be appreciated! Please bring all copies to the Missions Office or to the church office for the Jail Ministry. For more details or questions, please call Louise Goode at 683.0656

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



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

Family?
Genesis 29:16-30

Preschool

Jesus was Born
(Babies - Kindergarten)
Isaiah 9; Luke 2



Children

Mary Visited Elizabeth
(1st - 6th grades)
Luke 1:39-56



Students

Broken People
(7th - 12th grades)
Genesis 29:16-30



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KINGDOM WOMEN

Connecting women who seek first His kingdom



WMU Prayer Lunch

Monday, January 7, 2019

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

December 17 - Christmas Party with the David Class in Fellowship Hall

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.

NO MEAL DECEMBER 19 & 26
Merry Christmas!

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Sunday School Attendance

◆ Main Campus	1104
◆ Mission Midland.....	94
TOTAL	1198

Week Day Bible Study

◆ Child Development Center	128
◆ Children's Day Out.....	108
TOTAL BIBLE STUDIES.....	1434

Stewardship Report

December 9, 2018

Offering	This Week	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 292,656	\$ 1,575,793
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 278,646	\$ 1,669,292
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ 14,010	\$ -93,499
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 175	\$ 24,062
Lottie Moon.....	\$ 13,440	\$ 21,261

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1st Sunday Food Drive

A reminder! We are still collecting food for the Baptist C.R.I.S.I.S. Center on the 1st 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 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

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.

