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Christ

Luke 2:1-11

Join us this Sunday, December 23 for the fifth sermon of
Dr. Wood's Advent sermon series.



Merry Christmas from
the FBC Team to you & yours

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Dr. Darin Wood
Senior Pastor

This Sunday, December 23

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

Dr. Wood's Advent Sermon Series
"CHRIST" - Luke 2:1-11

No 6:00 p.m. Service

From the Pastor

Dear First Family,

Grace, Peace and Merry Christmas! As we draw near to Christmas, I want to say how glad I am to serve this great church family. God has blessed me and my family so much during our time here and I'm deeply grateful for it. Thanks for allowing us the privilege of being a part of what God is doing here.

DECEMBER 23

Just as a reminder, we will be having two identical services this Sunday at our regular times. We will dismiss our Sunday School hour for this week. We invite you to join us as we light the Christ candle and celebrate God's goodness to us expressed through Christmas.

DECEMBER 24

Our Christmas Eve services are always a highlight for me. I hope you'll include us in your Christmas Eve plans. Our services are at 4 PM, 6 PM, and 8 PM. I'll look forward to celebrating with you that night.

May God bless your family with a Merry Christmas!

Darin

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.

FBC End of Year Contributions

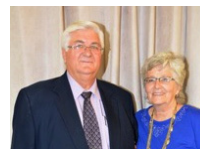


All contributions for 2018 must be in the Finance Office by 5 pm on December 31. If you are mailing your gifts, the postmark on the envelope must be on or before December 31. Thank you for your gifts. If you have any questions you may call the Business Office at 432.683.0613 or 432.683.0615. See other ways to give on the back page of this issue.



The FBC Offices, Solid Rock Cafe, Missions & Activities Buildings will be closed Monday, December 24 & Tuesday, December 25 for the Christmas Holiday. Merry Christmas from our families to yours!

PRAY FOR DIRECT SUPPORT MISSIONARIES: DK & Brenda Hale , Alberta, Northwest Territory, Yukon Territory, Canada



Midwest Baptist Association

I do a lot of one-on-one witnessing to lost people, counseling individuals, couples, and working with pastors, their families, and churches during crisis and/or conflict. We minister to families who are battling terminal diseases. Some of those families are strong Christians who just need us to walk with them through this "...valley of the shadow of death." There are others who do not know the Lord Jesus and I try to use EVERY opportunity to lead them to a life-changing eternity re-directing encounter with Jesus! We do all we can to encourage the new church planters, as well as other pastors and their families. DK serves as a trustee for the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary and College. As the Midwest Baptist Association's MSC Regional Missionary, my ministry area includes Alberta, Northwest Territory, and Yukon Territory.

FBC MEDIA MINISTRY NOTICE

We will not have an issue of *The Banner* the week of December 24. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas & will see you back in print January 2.

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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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.

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.

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. But what happens to those dreams when we grow up? Walk into most churches, have a look around, and ask yourself: What is a Christian man? God designed men to be-dangerous, passionate, alive, and free! Walk with other men in this journey as they recover their masculine heart, defined in the image of a passionate God. \$10 Led by Berry Simpson; begins January 10th, 6:30am, Room D101.



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!



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 a 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. 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.



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.

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 roles 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.

Our Deepest Sympathies to...

Juanice MacDonald in the death of her husband, Lloyd MacDonald.

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

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 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 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

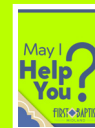
JAIL MINISTRY NEEDS MAGAZINES!

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 makes the First Baptist Church family hospital visits in Midland and Odessa.

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.



NO SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Please see Lessons Plans for 12/30 below

Adults

Home!
Genesis 31:2-16

Preschool

Moses was Born & Called
(Babies - Kindergarten)
Exodus 1-4



Children

Wise Men Visited Jesus
(1st - 6th grades)
Matthew 2:1-12



Students

Unearned Favor
(7th - 12th grades)
Genesis 31: 1-16



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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 24 & 31 - No Meeting, Happy Holidays!

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 26
Merry Christmas!

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Sunday School Attendance

♦ Main Campus	1064
♦ Mission Midland.....	94
TOTAL	1158

Week Day Bible Study

♦ Child Development Center	128
♦ Children's Day Out.....	108
TOTAL BIBLE STUDIES.....	1394

Stewardship Report

December 16, 2018

Offering	This Week	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 203,173	\$ 1,778,966
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 278,646	\$ 1,947,938
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ -75,473	\$ -168,972
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 150	\$ 24,212
Lottie Moon.....	\$ 24,426	\$ 45,687

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Student Ministry - 683.0603
Family Ministry - 683.0612
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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



1st Sunday Food Drive

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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 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.

