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2019 HAPPY NEW YEAR

||| HAVE A BLESSED 2019

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF WOULD
LIKE TO WISH YOU & YOURS THE MOST JOYFUL
OF BLESSINGS IN THE NEW YEAR.

ENCOUNTER · EQUIP · ENGAGE

GRAB YOUR CAMERA AND GET READY FOR WILD ENCOUNTERS!



AMAZING ENCOUNTERS
WITH JESUS
— JOHN 20:31



SAVE THE DATE
FOR
FIRST BAPTIST
MIDLAND

VBS 2019
MONDAY-THURSDAY
JUNE 3-6 • 9AM-12PM

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Pray about how God can use your talents and abilities.
Sign up to help in VOMO or call 432-683-0609 to
volunteer in Grades 1-6 or 432-683-0611 to volunteer in
the Preschool area.



Dr. Darin Wood
Senior Pastor

This Sunday, January 6

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

Cory Brand will be preaching

6:00 p.m. Service

Bryan Pinson will be preaching

From the Pastor

Dear First Family,

Grace, Peace and Happy New Year! If you missed this past Sunday, we talked about our “silver bullet” for 2019. Here it is: “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” 1 Samuel 3:10 contains this phrase. The Prophet Samuel was just a boy and had no idea what his willingness to listen and obey would mean. But obey he did and the Kingdom of God is better for it. We’ll be talking in January about hearing from God and obeying His directions. Let’s pray together for the same willingness that Samuel had to ask the Lord to speak and then hear him willingly and obediently.

OUR BIBLE READING PLAN

One of the most foundational pieces to a healthy spiritual walk with Christ is spending time daily in the Word of God. On Sunday, I challenged our church to read two books this year – The Gospel of John and Proverbs. That sounds too easy and perhaps it is, but if we actually did read it, then perhaps we’d find the simple things make the biggest difference! Join me in reading through these two books this year. If you’d like to take it a step further, then read three chapters a day, starting the in the Gospel of Matthew. By Easter, you’ll have completed the New Testament. If you start in Genesis at that time, by the end of 2019, you’ll have completed the Bible.

Perhaps you need a more thematic approach. The best method I know of is found online at Youversion.com. There is an app for your phone – regardless as to iPhone or Android – called simply “Bible.” There, you’ll find more themed reading plans than you can imagine. With your permission, they will send you daily reminders to help you along. The bottom line is simple – no matter how you do it, spend time with the Bible in 2019. It makes a difference in your life!

THIS SUNDAY

As I write to you, Julie, Josh and I are spending the week with Julie’s parents in Baton Rouge. You’ll be under the capable leadership of Cory Brand on Sunday morning and Bryan Pinson this Sunday evening. I’ll be back in place on Sunday, Jan 13. God bless you and your family as you begin the new year!

Your servant,

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:

Stephen & Jackie in Asia



Frontiers (Missions Mobilization)

Our goal is to see multiplying house churches planted among each Muslim group represented here in the Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill area of North Carolina. This area is home to 3 large universities (Duke, UNC and NC State) and the lucrative bio-tech industry. It draws thousands of Muslims from all over the world: Africa, North Africa (Libya, Egypt, Morocco), the Middle East (Syria, West Bank, Jordan, Iraq), and from central Asia (Afghanistan and Pakistan). We hope to see many of these new believers return to their homes overseas to multiply their faith as well. While reaching Muslims in our city, we will also be training others to do the same. The more of us working and loving the Muslim community, the better!

We have had the honor of receiving support from FBC Midland starting in 2008. After spending 7 years as missionaries in the Middle East, seeing God transform lives and plant a church, my wife and 4 kids have returned to the U.S. to continue as missionaries to Muslims right here in America. With 3.3 million Muslims here in our heartland and few believers focusing all of their time and energy toward seeing Muslims come to faith, a viable witness for Christ is more important than ever before.

Our Deepest Sympathies to...

Ralph Gassiott in the death of his wife,
Joanna Gassiott.

Betty Taylor in the death of her son, Forrest Taylor.
And to Perry Taylor in the death of his brother.

Kenya Interest Meeting

January 13, 2019 7:00pm in E102

Jim and Trena Mroczko will be sharing about their
work and our Mission Trip this Summer.

Please join us!

**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.

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.

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.

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

January 7 - Make-a-Wish Foundation

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.

RESUMES JANUARY 9

Entree: Chicken Tetrizzini, Green Beans, Tossed Green Salad, Garlic Bread

Dessert: Lemon Meringue Pie

Stewardship Report

December 23, 2018

Offering	This Week	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 311,953	\$ 2,090,919
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 278,646	\$ 2,226,585
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ 33,307	\$ -135,665
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 250	\$ 24,462
Lottie Moon.....	\$ 31,071	\$ 76,758

Stewardship Report

December 30, 2018

Offering	This Week	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 366,407	\$ 2,457,327
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 278,646	\$ 2,505,231
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ 87,761	\$ -47,904
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 600	\$ 25,062
Lottie Moon.....	\$ 3,888	\$ 80,646

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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

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



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 now offers the opportunity for online giving using your smart phone, tablet, or home computer. Its Fun, 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 (ie. \$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 Smart Phone 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.

