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Please join us next Sunday, March 17 at 8:25 & 11:05
a.m. for the beginning of Dr. Wood's Lenten sermon series

WICKED

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT
Friday, Mar. 22, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

\$5 per child or maximum of \$15 per family
1st-6th Grades-Activities Building • Preschoolers-A Hallway

**REGISTRATION ENDS
THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 17**

To register, please go to: bit.ly/2HI2SFa
For more info, contact Allison Ashmore at
aashmore@fbc-midland.org or call 432-683-0611

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Dr. Darin Wood
Senior Pastor

This Sunday, March 17

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

Dr. Wood begins "WICKED"
sermon series

5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Evening Bible Study
The Lord's Supper

From the Pastor

Dear First Family,

Grace and Peace in abundance to each of you. Below, you'll find the message I offered our family on Sunday. It was a message like none I've ever brought you. I know many of us are scattered out with Spring Break this week thus I wanted to share it with you here. Please hear the heart behind it – I want us to lead the way for our community in this.

To my beloved First family and our Midland community. Our community has experienced a tremendous tragedy. The events of this last week have been overwhelming for all of us. Our sense of loss is great and the path forward is hazy at best. How, then, do we move ahead? What will we do? That's the beginning point – there's nothing to do that will make this any easier or better. Instead, we must see to BE who God has called us to BE. BEING is the source for doing, not the other way around. There is no "fake it till you make it" in circumstances like these. We must stand clear and firming in BEING. Thus, we will see to BE before we see to do.

WE WILL SEEK TO BE LIKE CHRIST IN CARRYING EACH OTHER'S BURDENS.

Gal. 6:2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

The events of this last week have given us a chance to give feet to this verse a bold new way, a way perhaps we wouldn't have found otherwise. These last days have evoked strong emotions in numerous directions. These last days could fracture and divide – I believe that's what the enemy is trying to do! We must BE different than that. Our opportunity to bear one another's burdens was on full display Friday. I was overwhelmed at the response of our church and our community. People went out of their way to care for those who were grieved. That is BEING who we're called to be looks like. We will need more of that in the days to come.

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.

WE WILL SEEK TO BE MORE UNIFIED THAN TO BE PROVED RIGHT

John 13:34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 13:35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

At the last supper, Jesus offers a word to His disciples, a word of directive and clarity about who they are to be and how others will recognize them. His word is impossible for us to "fake" for to fulfill this command demands a whole-hearted approach. To BE who we're made to BE means that we must love as freely and confidently as we've been loved. As sacrificially. As passionately. As selflessly. This kind of love demands I put myself and my opinions on a lower level and elevate the needs of the beloved. I will seek to meet THEIR needs before my own. Such selflessness flies against the grain around us, but that's exactly Jesus' point. To BE who we're called to BE demands that we BE more like Jesus and less like everyone else.

WE WILL SEEK TO OFFER MERCY INSTEAD OF JUDGEMENT

James 2:12 Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, 2:13 because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment!

The temptation to use our mouths to critique and judge others is overwhelming. But to BE who Jesus has called us to BE demands that we offer mercy first. There's a time and a place for judgement and that will taken care of in due course. Such judgement, however, is reserved for those to whom it has been appointed, not the wagging tongues of social media or the prevailing opinions of those around us. Our calling is to offer the same kind of mercy we've received. Mercy is different than grace. Grace is getting something I didn't deserve. Mercy is NOT getting something I did deserve. These two are complementary, but when mercy is needed – and we definitely need it now! – then it's up to us to offer it.

SPEAK CONFIDENTLY ABOUT YOUR CONVICTIONS, BUT CAREFULLY ABOUT YOUR OPINIONS

Psa. 141:3 Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips.

Eccl. 5:2 Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God.

God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few.

There are certain elements that are crystal clear in my thinking. These things I call convictions. Here's a

few of mine: God's word is absolute and true, a guide for life for all time. Jesus is the fulfillment of God's word and it's best expression. Jesus was born holy, lived a sinless life and died a sinner's death he did not deserve, all to purchase my freedom. Jesus was buried in borrowed tomb but was raised victoriously back to life three days later. As for me, I had sold myself to sin through my own broken choices. But because of Jesus' actions on my behalf, he purchased me back, ransoming me from my own sin. One day, Jesus will return for me and all those who have trusted Him as their Savior, judging the world and bringing an end to this era. Those are some of my core convictions that are iron-clad.

Opinions are different. I can think something and you agree with me or not. Like a car show I was at recently. Someone brought a 1975 AMC Gremlin. I have no idea why. In my opinion, those cars are hideous! It's embarrassing to me that they even allow themselves to be called cars! But that's my opinion. You can drive one and I won't berate you for it even if I disagree.

To BE like Christ, I must stand firm on my convictions and stand lightly on my opinions. I will shout boldly about my convictions but speak softly about opinions. That's the essence of using my tongue well to BE like Christ.

WHEN IN DOUBT, BELIEVE THE BEST

1Cor. 13:4 *Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.*

1Cor. 13:5 *It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.*

1Cor. 13:6 *Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.*

1Cor. 13:7 *It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*

1Cor. 13:8 *Love never fails.*

Whenever there is a gap between my expectations for life and my life experience, I'll fill that gap with something. What I fill the gap with determines where I go with it from there. Essentially, I have two choices: believe the best or assume the worst. Even if I start with the same set of facts, I can do only one of those. If I assume the worst, I'll allow every thread of evidence to be combined into a vast conspiracy driving animosity, enmity, bitterness and rage. To be like Christ however, I must believe the best about people, just as he did.

ARE YOU IN NEED OF PRAYER?

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

PRAY FOR DIRECT SUPPORT MISSIONARIES:

**Robert & Bobbie Grimes,
Rift Valley Academy, Kenya**



Africa Inland Missions

- Pray for our family to have opportunities to share the love of Christ with both students and with our Kenyan neighbors and that we would be obedient to Him in whatever He asks of us.
- Pray for revival here on campus.
- Pray for the students that struggle here, whether from homesickness or not feeling like they fit in.



FBC GOAL: \$50,000
GOAL TO DATE: \$20,110

SAFETY TRAINING

March 24th, at 4:30 pm in the Chapel



This is your opportunity to learn what our Safety and Security team is doing and how you can be involved.



Meals@Home

Begins Sunday, March 24
12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Family meals provide a place to belong, a sense of identity for children and a rhythm for healthier lifestyles. At FBC, we want to encourage families to spend time together at the dinner table. The Meals@Home campaign is designed to challenge families to create a habit of eating meals together at least 3 times a week. Join us for lunch Sunday, March 24, 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and help your family create a habit of eating meals together three times a week. FBC will provide all the resources you need to be successful at making Meals@Home a regular part of your family routine.

THANK YOU



Thank you for packing our Food2Kids bags & blessing so many!

MEDIA MINISTRY TRAINING (BASIC CAMERA OPERATIONS)

March 23 starting at 9:30am
Includes lunch
• Call Jeff (683-0622) or Dallas (683-0696) to sign up



Letters that Lift

Dear FBC Midland Family,
I can't begin to thank you enough for supporting me though seminary. Through your generous and faithful support, I was able to have theological education that did not only challenge me academically, but more so spiritually. Through the examples of professors and interactions with fellow theologians I got to learn that in ministry you should solely depend on the Lord, while never ceasing to learn the Word diligently, and to love others as Christ loved us. In Christ,
Jenny Kim, Nobles Fund Seminary Recipient

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the donation to Buckner Children & Family Services in memory of my Dad, Edwin Stuart. Special thanks to our beloved Nehemiah family. You have walked with & sustained us through your love, prayers, calls, cards, texts, messages, meals & flowers. While we will miss Dad every day, we are thankful he is healed & home. We are grateful for the promise we will see our loved ones again. In Christ,
Cathy, Stacy, Hunter, Dakota & Colton Meeks

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

Statement:
Arthur Mata

Martha Adams WMU Scholarship



Scholarship applications & guidelines are available at the Welcome Center Reception Desk. This scholarship is open to any college student attending any college or university, but may be received only once. Completed applications will be accepted all through the month of April. **The deadline to turn in applications is Sunday, May 5.** No application will be accepted after the May 5 deadline. Please pick up & return all completed applications to the Welcome Center Reception Desk. Designated gifts and memorials may be given to this scholarship fund allowing more students to benefit. Awards are determined by committee each spring.



PRAYER TIMES AT FIRST BAPTIST

FBC Midland Prayer Room (located just north of Welcome Center), Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

FBC Midland Chapel, Thursdays at Noon

Open to everyone who would like to be in prayer for specific people & intentions.



NOW HIRING!

MISSIONS MINISTRY - P/T Ministry Assistant

Required Skills: High School Education, ability to maintain filing system, basic computer skills- Microsoft Office Suite. **Preferred Skills:** Database experience, Social Media skills, Bilingual English/ Spanish w/ English reading & writing.

Please contact Bryan Pinson @ 432.683.0628 or email bpinson@fbc-midland.org

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



FBC's Starting Point training course is available on the FBC website at www.fbc-midland.org/starting-point

Our Deepest Sympathy to...

Nathan and Glendene Heidelberg in the death of their son, Nathan 'Hayden' Heidelberg.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 A.M.

Adults

Unites
Marks 3:23-35

Students

Friend of Sinners
(7th - 12th grades)
Mark 3:31-35

Children

Mary & Martha
(1st - 6th grades)
Luke 10:38-42

Preschool

Balaam & Balak
(Babies-Kindergarten)
Numbers 22-24



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



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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

March 18 - Blair Koonce, Africa Missions

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.

MARCH 20

Entree: Salisbury Steak, Baked Potato, Green Peas, Tossed Green Salad, Wheat Roll

Dessert: Pecan Pie

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Sunday School Attendance

♦ Main Campus	827
♦ Mission Midland.....	104
♦ Alaska Mission Trip.....	26
TOTAL	957

Week Day Bible Study

♦ Child Development Center	128
♦ Children's Day Out.....	108
TOTAL BIBLE STUDIES.....	1193

Stewardship Report

March 10, 2019

Offering	This Week	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 147,182	\$ 3,860,677
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 139,000	\$ 3,895,231
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ 8,182	\$ -34,554
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 680	\$ 30,210
Annie Armstrong.....	\$ 18,366	\$ 20,110

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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 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
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



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Pastoral Epistles with Dr. Darin Wood
A Study of 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus

March 12 - May 9 • Tuesdays & Thursdays • 11:30 AM-1:00 PM • E102

Bring your lunch!

Adult Sunday School Teachers:

This will be the Lifeway Explore The Bible Material for Summer Quarter 2019

Diploma Level Course (Undergraduate Level) Must be an enrolled BH Carroll student to receive credit. Let us help you enroll! Readers are welcome! A Reader is a Non-Credit student who attends the lectures, but the course work is optional. All FBC Members can attend as a Reader at no cost! Non-Members' price is \$40.

All students must register. Email for registration information: FBC.Midland@bhcarroll.net. For more information contact: Heidi Mayers 432.413.4351, Patrick Mayers 432.528.9346 or Lazaro Diaz 432.889.2358.

Look for us on Facebook: BH Carroll – FBC Midland

"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

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

