
The **BANNER**

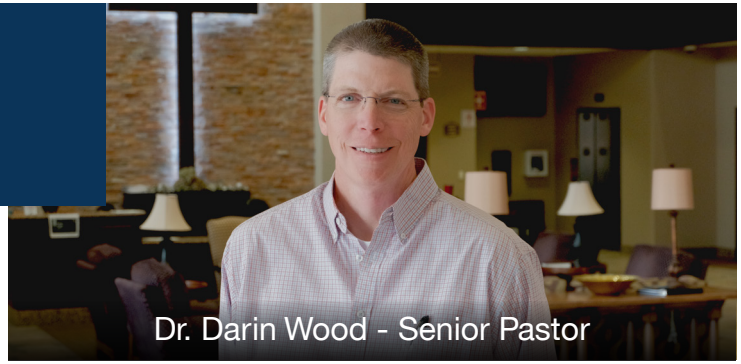
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happy
Mother's
day

∴ May 10th ∴

From The Pastor



Dr. Darin Wood - Senior Pastor

Hi First Family,

Grace and Peace! God bless you and your home today! HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO THE LADIES IN OUR LIVES! At the bottom of my article, I've placed a few words about the two ladies who have graced my life.

Thanks for your partnership in responding to our survey. As of Monday, May 4th, we've received more than 440 responses. If you have not already done so, we'd love to hear from you. We will keep our survey open until Friday of this week. Here's the link to it: <https://bit.ly/fbcsurvey-0429>

In next week's Banner, I'll provide for you the responses from it so you'll know what we, as a church, have said about how we feel about returning.

I've heard from many of you offering a word of encouragement and support for our direction. Likewise, I've heard from some who are disappointed and frustrated. I'm grateful to hear from both. The truth is usually somewhere between those two. As I mentioned in last week's note, this plan is not perfect. But it's a starting point. And right now, that's more than what we have. I ask for your patience and partnership as we move ahead. If you'd like to speak to these choices, I welcome your response. Please drop me a note at dwood@fbc-midland.org.

REGISTRATION FOR SERVICES ON MAY 17

Thanks to each of you who have taken time to register for our services on May 17th. Just as a reminder, the 10 AM service in the auditorium is not available to reserve right now. On Tuesday, May 12th, we'll open that service to registration after our graduating seniors and their families have had the opportunity to register. In next week's Banner, I'll do my best to detail our plans for our first Sunday back. You can find our registration link on our church website.

WILL WE USE THE SAME SCHEDULE FOREVER?

No. For right now, however, we're planning the same schedule for May 24 and 31. We're waiting for our Governor's speech on May 18th to make further decisions. If there's not a spike in cases of the virus, he's likely to expand his recommended guidelines from 25% to 50% of capacity. We will re-evaluate and return to you when we have done so. It's my desire to return to regular meetings as soon as possible, but to do so with wisdom and safety guiding us. Please pray for that as we proceed.

THE JOY OF THE JOURNEY

An aspect of life I've asked the Lord to help me embrace is finding the joy in life Paul commands us to in Philippians 4 and 1 Thessalonians 5. I don't want to just survive these days. I want to find joy in them! Even when circumstances are difficult and cause fear and anxiety, I want the Lord to teach me – *especially then* – how to find joy! One way I've seen the Lord do that is in spending time focused on building life in others. While that's most certainly not true for everyone, I want to invite you to ask the Lord to show you how to find that joy, even when circumstances aren't of my choosing and when I can't tell if the light ahead is the one at the end of the tunnel or an oncoming train. My prayer is that you'll embrace the joy God intends to give you and begin today by asking Him to reveal it to you, in you and through you.

I miss seeing your faces, hearing your laughter fill the building and in growing together in our walk together. I know many of you pray for me daily and I'm deeply grateful for it. I wanted you to know I pray for you and can't wait to have you back in our church building once again. My

Survey:
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prayer is that God will make that day soon!

LADIES OF MY LIFE

My mom was a most remarkable lady. She demonstrated it over and over in my life, but none more so evident than on my 6th birthday. First, you must know that my mom hated baseball. Always. "Too slow!", she'd complain anytime I asked for her to play with me or to watch it. But she loved her son. She asked me what I wanted for my birthday when I was turning 6. I told her I wanted a baseball. She gave me much more than that. On May 7, 1974, she and my dad took their brand-new 6 yr old (and his two sisters, 4 and almost 2) to see the Texas Rangers play at the old Arlington Stadium. The Rangers were playing the New York Yankees. Doc Medich. Thurmon Munson. Lou Pinella. The Ranger greats – Jim Sundburg and Toby Harrah - I would know those names better later, but for that day, I was just glad to be at the game. I can still remember how incredible that day was. We ate hot dogs, peanuts, ice cream and drank Dr Pepper – all after 5 PM! Was this Heaven? It sure felt like it! Thus began a tradition. Every year, on or near my birthday (depending on the Rangers schedule), my mom would take me to see the Rangers. Finally, I got old enough to take myself and to the best of my knowledge, she never went again. But her son will never forget the great love a mother showed her son. I may have forgotten a lot of things, but not her love for me. She encouraged my studies, my work as a minister and, finally, as a pastor. She was one of two people who actually thought I could do this job I now have. The other one? Julie.

When Julie and I were planning to get married in 2000, the day we chose for our wedding was May 6. It wasn't that we WANTED to get married near my birthday. It was just that May 6th was the best day for us so we chose it. If I'm honest, when we selected that day, I was thinking, "I won't get my baseball game this year, but it's okay." But my Julie knew my tradition. When we settled on Boston for our honeymoon destination, she looked at me and smiled. She said, "Darin, are the Red Sox at home while we're there?" If I hadn't already proposed, I would've right then! Julie has not only continued the baseball tradition my mother started, but expanded it to include parks all over the US. We've been to Boston, Minnesota, LA, Seattle, Miami and San Diego. In our 20 years, we've missed only one year of being somewhere in a ballpark – 2012 when Josh was too small to travel. Her love for me sustains me, encourages me, challenges me and inspires me. I would not be here without her.

As we approach Mother's Day this weekend, make sure you take time to express your love for the ladies in your life. Tell them you love them. Tell them thanks for making so many sacrifices and showing us the love of Christ.

From your pastor, ladies, let me say HAPPY MOTHERS DAY.

Your servant,
Darin

ONLINE ACTIVITIES WEEK OF MAY 10

GENERAL

Sunday (on our website and Facebook Live)

- 10 AM Worship Service
- 1 PM Worship Service (Español)
- 5 PM Table Talk with the pastor

SUNDAY SCHOOL: ADULTS

Class led by Vernon Stokes available online Sunday at 9am at: fbc-midland.org/resources/sunday-school-lesson

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

FBC families, we are EXCITED to help equip you to continue discipling your kids at home! LifeWay Kids at Home Digital Pass experience is a resource to supplement Sunday School from home. There are lessons available for both Preschool and Elementary students. There is a video session with a downloadable Activity Page and One Conversation Sheet.

- To get the Digital Pass and access LifeWay Kids at Home, please follow these steps:
- *Go to my.lifeway.com/redeem
- *Register if you are a new user or log in if you already have an account (most of you are likely a new user!)
- *Enter this redemption code: VZMD4SSQ38
- *Click "ACCESS" (if prompted to sign in again, sign in) and then click "MY DASHBOARD," and go to "LIFEWAY KIDS AT HOME."
- *Download your Activity Page and One Conversation Sheet to use as you watch the video session (including a video lesson, mission video, and Gospel presentation)!

CHILDREN MINISTRY

On May 10th only, Sarah will teach the Sunday School lesson on her [personal Facebook page](#) at 9:00AM rather than 1:00PM

STUDENTS

Katy will be sending a link via e-mail on her plans for:

- Online Midpoint on Wednesday at 7pm on our YouTube channel – FBC Midland Students.
- This Sunday, each Student Sunday School class will be meeting by Zoom! Katy and your Sunday School leaders will be contacting each class with more information.

Contact Katy in the Student Ministry office if you do not receive the link - 432-683-0610

FAMILY MINISTRY

All opportunities to connect will be on our **FBC Family Ministry Page on Facebook**.

- Daily:
One way to pray for your kids – Every day at 4:00pm (Beginning May 1st)
- Wednesday at 7:00pm: (NEW TIME!!!)
Building Happy Families (message to parents/families)
- Thursday:
Downloadable 'At Home' Date Night – posted at 1:00pm

Sunday School (contact your leader for details.)

Meeting via Zoom

- As One
- Compass
- Luke
- Evermore
- Andrew
- Stephen

Facebook Live

- Song of Solomon
- Isaac

ADULT 55+

- Grace SS Department
San Smith sends a recording by email link.
- Andrew SS Department
Will meet via Zoom
Contact leader for details.

GRADUATING SENIOR SUNDAY WILL BE MAY 17!

If you have not received information about how to get your graduating senior involved, contact Katy Little.

klittle@fbc-midland.org ASAP!

MARTHA ADAMS WMU SCHOLARSHIP FOR FALL 2020

Open to FBCM members for help with college tuition. Pick up applications and guidelines in the welcome center. Return completed application by **Sunday May 17, 2020** to the welcome center desk.



1ST FAMILY NEWS

FIRST FAMILY PARADE

May 7th, 5 PM - 6:30 PM

- Drive by and honk or wave at FBC Staff.
- Be sure to stop and pick up a gift for Mother's Day.

THANK YOU

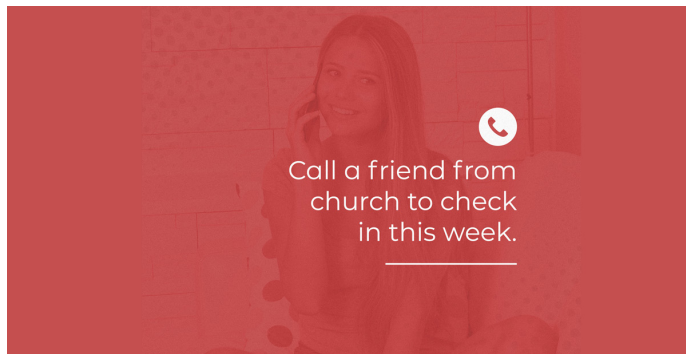
"Thank you very much, I am so grateful that God has blessed me to have you (First Baptist Church) in my life.

I am truly grateful and thankful for all you have done for me and I pray God continues to bless you so you can help others. May your store basket never go empty."

Yalanda

BEREAVEMENT

- Sympathy to Clark Butts in the death of his mother Mary Lee Butts.
- Sympathy to Diane Upchurch and her family. Her mom, Virginia Carter passed away.



MEN
RECENTLY UNEMPLOYED OR STRESSED ABOUT EMPLOYMENT

TUESDAY, MAY 19TH @ 7AM
NEW ZOOM CLASS

- "LOSING CONFIDENCE"
- "QUESTIONING CAREER CHOICES"
- "DOES GOD HEAR MY PRAYERS?"

Study & discussion of the book
The Bumps Are What You Climb On'
by Warren Wiersbe

All are welcome, but sign up:
lgrimes@fbc-midland.org
ceoff@fbc-midland.org
432-683-0600

CONTACT US

If you're not receiving any communications from the church or a Sunday School leader.

432-683-0600 or
receptionist@fbc-midland.org



It was in 1914 that President Woodrow Wilson set aside the second Sunday in May as a day to honor our mothers. Days and weeks have been set aside, designated, recognized and proclaimed as a designated period of time to honor, observe and memorialize everything from soup to hay. We have Presidents Day, Veterans Day, Memorial Day, New Years Day and Groundhog Day. We have Flag Day, May Day, Citizenship Day, St. Patrick's Day, Independence Day along with Children's Day, Father's Day and a time set aside to celebrate Dog days. We never miss an opportunity to have a function that calls for a party or a holiday. These events are certainly worthwhile and the recognition is warranted – but only one of these events stands out above all others.

The Presidents have worked hard using other people's brains and money to do a job that they asked for. The veterans gave their time and energy and did a wonderful job defending our country, but only for a time. Groundhogs do nothing for less than 5 minutes and are given huge amounts of publicity and praise. Some sort of recognition is deserved by the people or things that have been mentioned to honor – but there is only one that has truly spent most of their lives working twenty-four seven with no paycheck and too little recognition. Mothers deserve much more than one day!!!

Like God, Mothers show unconditional love. There is no greater love than the love of a Mother. The life of a mother is simple in a very complicated way. She brings a child into this world with no instructions and yet she knows how to be a mom. Just a look or a whimper and Mothers already know the problem and how to fix it. She has the mind of a Doctor, Engineer, Lawyer, Scientist and Theologian. She is the banker, the baker and the candlestick maker. Mothers have eyes in the back of their heads; they know

what you did yesterday and know what you are going to do tomorrow. She can fix anything with a screwdriver, a butcher knife, a bobby pin and duct tape. She can coach any sport, run the best taxi in town and have the best parties ever. Mothers love the clang of noise made by drums, cymbals, kazoos and horns. She is an expert critic of pictures scrawled on sidewalks and bedroom walls. She is a caretaker of all animals including frogs, snakes and mice. She has been known to officiate the last rites of cats, fish and tadpoles. She can speak any language and can work any kind of a math problem. Designing and making a costume at the last minute is no big deal. You can bet, if it needs to be done, Mom can do it. We take Moms for granted. Whenever they are needed – they are always there. Sometimes they are there when they are not needed. They are just being Moms. That is their job.

Mom makes a house a home; she makes a group of kids, including her husband, a family. She makes a boy, a man and a girl a lady. Mother's day has been set aside to honor a very special person. What would we be without them? Thanks Mom – we love you

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For

Judy Rouse
Life Center



- Pray that we will reach more abortion-considering clients
- Pray that the truth we teach in schools will be sealed in the hearts of our youth
- Pray that the staff remain healthy and strong – cover our families in prayer
- Pray for 2 RN's to join our staff

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Join us in giving online at our church

- Must add your name for your year-end report.
- Must use a new browser: Windows Edge, Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox

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Sunday Service Streamed Online

10:00 AM

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Sunday Service Televised 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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

May 03, 2020

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 44,832	\$ 5,736,758
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 135,000	\$ 4,822,082
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ -90,168	\$ 914,676
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 0	\$ 18,688
Annie Armstrong.....	\$ 324	\$ 31,353

END OF MONTH REPORT

April 2020

Offering	Monthly	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 515,985	\$ 5,691,926
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 540,000	\$ 4,687,082
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ -24,015	\$ 1,004,844
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 1,225	\$ 18,688
Annie Armstrong.....	\$ 8,123	\$ 31,029