

**Congratulations**



**GRADUATING  
CLASS  
of 2020**

# From The Pastor

Hi First Family,  
Grace and Peace in our Lord Jesus Christ today! May God grant us His kindness and favor today!

## OUR FIRST SUNDAY BACK

This past Sunday was the first in Phase II of “Welcome Home First Family”, our plan to return to a “normal” schedule. We had a wonderful gathering at both 8 AM and 10 AM! While we did our best to practice good social distancing and avoiding contact, there were some who couldn’t help themselves. And after 10 weeks apart, I can’t say that I blame them. This has been a long and challenging season. Speaking only for myself, I was thrilled to be back with our church family.

If you didn’t come, please understand that we pass no judgment nor do we seek to critique anyone who chooses not to come. We love each of our church family and want them to choose the path that best serves them and their families. That’s why we will continue our TV and online broadcasts without interruption. Be blessed to know that regardless if you are worshiping in person or online, we rejoice with you that we can worship Christ all together in the same Spirit irrespective of geography.

## SUNDAY MAY 24

As you may have heard, on Monday, our Governor expanded capacity of worship gatherings to 50%. While the restrictions related to childcare still apply (more on that below), this change allows us to modify our schedule yet again. For the next two Sundays, in the interests of preserving our 10 AM time AND in response to the numerous requests we got about protecting Sunday School times, we’re going to offer just one time slot this Sunday – 10 AM. Registration will begin for these two services on Tuesday, May 19. The service at 10 AM will be blended service in three locations – Worship Center, Chapel and Fellowship Hall. The Fellowship Hall service is designed for those with children who need a little extra space. We request that those 65 and older attend the chapel service, but that is only a request.

## SUNDAY MAY 31

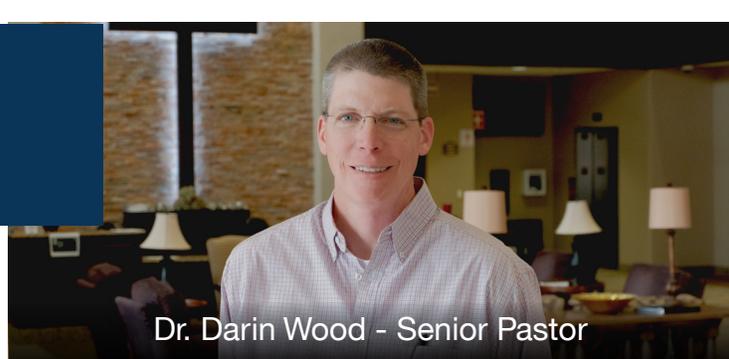
On May 31, we’re going to do it differently again. We will have the three venues and will again ask you to register. On May 31, however, the services will not be identical. The service in the chapel will be a traditional service led by our friend James Ervin. Aaron will lead the contemporary service in the Worship Center and our “Family Service” in the Fellowship Hall will be live-streamed from the Worship Center. Registration for May 31 will open on Tuesday, May 25.

## CHILDCARE

As you also may have heard, Governor Abbott opened up childcare when he spoke. While this is wonderful news, we at FBC aren’t quite ready for that yet. We still must meet the CDC guidelines given to us. I’ve asked Amy Brand, our preschool minister, to assemble a plan that allows us to balance those two elements – our responsibility to Christ to protect his people AND our desire to partner well with our government. Expect a plan by the end of May for opening Childcare at FBC.

## A WORD OF CLARIFICATION REGARDING GOVERNMENTAL INPUT

I’ve had this question a few times and I wanted to answer it here. No one – and I do mean NO ONE – from any governmental office at any level has ever called us and demanded our participation under threat of penalty. That simply didn’t happen. Our participation is voluntary. When Mayor Payton called me on March 13, it was with a request, friend to friend, not a demand from the mayor to a pastor. The government is our partner, not our master. If / when the time comes for us to part ways with them on



Dr. Darin Wood - Senior Pastor

our voluntary participation, I’ll be the first to say so. If they were to tell us “You cannot meet” I’ll be the first one to tell them “if the wall of separation divides the church from influencing the state, then the street runs the other way as well. The state can ASK the church to participate, but has no right to demand it.” I know these are trying times and people’s “hackles” are up about governmental overreach, but for us, that’s not the case here. We are doing our best to combine our Gospel mandate with the commands of Romans 13 to obey governmental authorities.

So why ask people to register then? To avoid overfilling our facilities. We aren’t handing those lists to anyone. To the best of my knowledge, those lists are destroyed once the service is concluded. It’s my hope that on June 1, we no longer need to register but please bear with us as we find our way.

## YOUTH MINISTER IN VIEW OF A CALL. . . . FINALLY!

I’m proud to tell you June 7th, we’ll have our Youth Minister candidate here in view of a call. As has been our practice, on Saturday, June 6th at 2 PM, we’ll hold our parent / student question and answer period with the candidate. I’m excited about him coming and I believe you will be too.

A specially called conference will be held on June 7 to vote on his calling. 5 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

## SUNDAY NIGHT

In keeping with the Memorial Day weekend, we will dismiss Sunday evening this week.

## MEMORIAL DAY

While this year has been anything but normal, it’s good to have some moments we retain. Like Memorial Day. Whereas some use this weekend as a good excuse for a cookout (and it is that too), this weekend is one we, as a nation, have set aside to remember those who died to preserve our freedom. Their sacrifice has secured our freedom. For me, this one is different in more ways than one. In September 2019, I was privileged to lead a funeral service for a friend at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA. At the conclusion of the service, my attending officer, a Lt Colonel, invited me to march with him, the casket and the entourage to the burial site. For one who has always held our military in high regard, I wasn’t going to miss that chance! From the chapel to the burial site was a little more than a mile. It didn’t seem that far. As we marched along, past rows and rows of markers, I’ve never felt more small and insignificant. The marching band ahead of us played and the cortege behind us gave off the familiar “clip-clop-clip” of the horse hooves. As we moved through the cemetery, tourists rushed to take pictures as we passed. I’ve done LOTS of funerals, but I have never – ever – had people run to be a part of it. At the graveside, at the request of the chaplain, I was asked to offer a prayer and I did. As I finished and stepped back, I watched the military honors provided to our well-deserving friend. I thought of the thousands of others who laid around us. Memorial Day came to mind and I whispered a quiet “thank you” as I looked around me – thank you to each who have served. With that in mind, let me say a special word of gratitude for those who paid the ultimate price and most certainly their families. This weekend, we remember.

Your servant,

Darin



# FBC - 1ST FAMILY'S CLASS OF 2020

**GRADUATING FROM:**  
ANDERSON HOME HIGH SCHOOL

**PLANS TO:**  
ATTEND MIDLAND COLLEGE FOR A FEW YEARS, THEN HEAD TO HOWARD PAYNE UNIVERSITY WHERE HE PLANS TO BECOME A MINISTER OF MUSIC.



*Caleb Anderson*

**GRADUATING FROM:**  
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

**PLANS TO:**  
ATTEND UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS PERMIAN BASIN TO STUDY BUSINESS OR LANDSCAPE DESIGN.



*David Beebe*

**GRADUATING FROM:**  
MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL

**PLANS TO:**  
ATTEND TEXAS A&M STUDYING ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING.



*Evan Chavez*

**GRADUATING FROM:**  
MIDLAND CLASSICAL ACADEMY

**PLANS TO:**  
ATTEND UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING TO STUDY FINANCE AND ECONOMICS.



*Cass Covert*

**GRADUATING FROM:**  
MIDLAND LEE HIGH SCHOOL

**PLANS TO:**  
ATTEND MIDLAND COLLEGE IN THE FALL WITH EVENTUAL PLANS TO ENLIST IN THE US NAVY.



*Isai Diaz*

**GRADUATING FROM:**  
MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL

**PLANS TO:**  
ATTEND MIDLAND COLLEGE FOR BASICS, THEN TRANSFER TO A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE TO RECEIVE HER BACHELOR'S OF SCIENCE IN NURSING.



*Liana Diaz*

**GRADUATING FROM:**  
HOME SCHOOL

**PLANS TO:**  
ENLIST IN THE MILITARY.



*Bianca Drebenstedt*

**GRADUATING FROM:**  
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

**PLANS TO:**  
ATTEND BAYLOR UNIVERSITY TO STUDY BUSINESS.



*Daniel Elliott*

**GRADUATING FROM:**  
RIFT VALLEY ACADEMY IN KIJABE, KENYA

**PLANS TO:**  
ATTEND TEXAS WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY IN DENTON, TX TO STUDY NURSING.



*Bailey Games*

**GRADUATING FROM:**  
MIDLAND LEE HIGH SCHOOL

**PLANS TO:**  
ATTEND TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY TO MAJOR IN FINANCE AT THE MAYS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS.



*Hayden Hall*

**GRADUATING FROM:**  
MIDLAND LEE HIGH SCHOOL

**PLANS TO:**  
ATTEND EAST TEXAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY TO PLAY LACROSSE, MAJORING IN KINESIOLOGY, AND MINORING IN BUSINESS.



*Izac Okginn*

**GRADUATING FROM:**  
MIDLAND LEE HIGH SCHOOL

**PLANS TO:**  
ATTEND UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA, STUDYING PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY, INVOLVED IN TRACK AND FIELD.



*Paige Low*

**GRADUATING FROM:**  
MIDLAND LEE HIGH SCHOOL

**PLANS TO:**  
ATTEND TEXAS TECH TO MAJOR IN BUSINESS AND PLAY FOOTBALL.



*Trent Low*

**GRADUATING FROM:**  
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

**PLANS TO:**  
ATTEND TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY IN THE FALL TO STUDY LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE.



*Riley Manley*

**GRADUATING FROM:**  
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

**PLANS TO:**  
ATTEND MIDLAND COLLEGE TO MAJOR IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT.



*Brent Martin*

**GRADUATING FROM:**  
MIDLAND LEE HIGH SCHOOL

**PLANS TO:**  
ATTEND TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HONORS COLLEGE TO STUDY BIOLOGY.



*Edton Meeks*

**GRADUATING FROM:**  
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

**PLANS TO:**  
ATTEND TEXAS A&M TO STUDY ARCHITECTURE AND RUN TRACK.



*Eaden Norris*

**GRADUATING FROM:**  
TEICH ACADEMY HOME SCHOOL

**PLANS TO:**  
GO TO WORK AFTER GRADUATION.



*Jackson Pond*

**GRADUATING FROM:**  
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

**PLANS TO:**  
ATTEND UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS PERMIAN BASIN TO STUDY COMPUTER SCIENCE.



*Matthew Samaniego*

**GRADUATING FROM:**  
MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL

**PLANS TO:**  
ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN MAJORING IN NUTRITION, WITH A CAREER IN THE MEDICAL FIELD.



*Savannah Shiller*

**GRADUATING FROM:**  
MIDLAND LEE HIGH SCHOOL

**PLANS TO:**  
ATTEND MIDLAND COLLEGE, THEN TEXAS TECH TO STUDY ARCHITECTURE.



*Megan Spotts*

**GRADUATING FROM:**  
HOME SCHOOL

**PLANS TO:**  
ATTEND MIDLAND COLLEGE TO STUDY NURSING.



*Raleigh Sullivan*

**GRADUATING FROM:**  
MIDLAND LEE HIGH SCHOOL

**PLANS TO:**  
PLAN TO STUDY AND BECOME A FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGIST.



*Liberty Taylor*

**GRADUATING FROM:**  
MIDLAND LEE HIGH SCHOOL

**PLANS TO:**  
ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA TO STUDY FORENSICS AND BIOLOGY.



*Olivia Wanderveer*

**GRADUATING FROM:**  
MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL

**PLANS TO:**  
ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA TO STUDY NEO-NATAL NURSING.



*Hannah Ware*

Pray for these young men and women as the venture out in the world. May they remember what was poured out into them and the leaders who gave of their life to share God's wisdom. May they all go out to show and share God's love to all they come in contact.

**WAINSCOTT/LACY | FALL OF SCHOLARSHIP 2020**

Attending Baptist College, University, or Seminary in Fall 2020.

Contact: [supham@fbc-midland.org](mailto:supham@fbc-midland.org)

Applications due by July 15, 2020

# ONLINE ACTIVITIES WEEK OF MAY 24

## GENERAL

Sunday (on our website and Facebook Live)

- 10 AM Worship Service
- 1 PM Worship Service (Español)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL: ADULTS

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

Sarah will teach the Sunday School lesson on her [personal Facebook page](#) at 1:00 PM May 24.

## 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: Prayer Challenge at 4:00pm (one way to pray for your kids each day)
- Wednesday - On break. June we resume with a "Love and Respect" Zoom class for engaged or married couples. Be watching for sign ups

**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.

## 1ST FAMILY NEWS



### FIRSTDISCIPLE UNIVERSITY

We want you to discover your calling in life and how you can live out that calling every day so that you can experience a full life in Christ. Online discipleship classes are organized in such a way where you can be on a growth track to following Christ.

**Register for FirstDisciple Zoom classes at [www.fbc-midland.org/resources/fdu](http://www.fbc-midland.org/resources/fdu)**

### P91

Recently Unemployed or Stressed about Employment  
Tuesdays at 7AM

### LOVE AND RESPECT

Want to experience marriage the way God intended? Then why not try some Love and Respect.  
June 1st - Aug 3rd (10 weeks) Mondays 7pm - 8:30pm  
Cost \$10

### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Take control of your money with Financial Peace University.  
June 2nd - Aug 4th (9 weeks) Tuesdays 6:30pm - 8:00pm  
Cost \$75

### DIVORCE CARE

Don't go through separation or divorce alone.  
June 3 - Sept 2 (13 weeks) Wednesdays 7:30pm-9pm  
Cost - \$20

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# PRAYER

Our Missionary  
in  
Nakuru, Kenya



**Jim & Trena Mroczko**  
His Cherished Ones

- Pray that God would provide families for our babies; that He would bring the families that He has already ordained and created for these little ones to be loved by.
- Pray that God would continue to teach and strengthen the hearts of those we minister to within our HCO family; that they would grow in a personal relationship with Him, constantly moving between culture and head knowledge to the depths of their hearts; that they would take their passion for the work He does in their lives into their own homes, families and communities.

## FBC DIRECTORY

[www.fbc-midland.org](http://www.fbc-midland.org)

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Duplication Services .....	683.0626
Library.....	683.0625

Sunday Service Streamed Online  
10:00 AM

• [fbc-midland.org](http://fbc-midland.org) • [facebook.com/fbcmidland](https://www.facebook.com/fbcmidland) • [vimeo.com/fbcmidland](https://www.vimeo.com/fbcmidland)

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*

## FIRST BAPTIST MIDLAND

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

# fbc-midland.org

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## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

May 17, 2020

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 117,731	\$ 6,004,582
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 135,000	\$ 5,092,082
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ -17,269	\$ 912,500
Hope 1:8 .....	\$ 160	\$ 19,368