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Living with Joy in Uncertain Times

A study in 1 Thessalonians

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DISCIPLE UNIVERSITY
CHURCH CONFERENCE**

From The Pastor



Dr. Darin Wood - Senior Pastor

Dear First Family,

Grace and Peace today in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I trust you had a blessed long weekend.

OUR SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY

As I referenced in last week's Banner, we're using an unusual schedule this weekend. Our services will be at 10 AM and registration is still required. The offerings, however, will be various. In our Worship Center and in our Fellowship Hall, our services will be contemporary. Our Chapel service at 10 AM will be traditional. We invite you to join us for either of these! The registration link is already available – find it on our website.

Just in case you're trying to make plans for June, we intend to use this same service plan for the first three Sundays of June. After Father's Day, we'll reevaluate and see where we go from there.

THE RETURN OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Over the last two Sundays, I've gotten this question a lot: "When is Sunday School coming back?" It's a good question but one that I cannot answer right now. I hope it will be sometime this summer, but we have no plans to bring it back soon. As difficult as it may be, let me plead with you for patience. Right here in Texas, in the last month, we are seeing churches open up to a "normal" schedule only to have the virus strike them and force them to retreat. I don't want to do that. My desire is when we bring Sunday School back, we can do so with confidence and clarity about our future. I know it's difficult and I've been made keenly aware that many other churches are indeed returning to small groups and Sunday School. But I ask for your patience just the same.

The question is intricately interwoven with childcare. How we approach re-opening childcare depends on our volunteers, many of whom fall into the "vulnerable" category. I've heard from some of our passionate and enthusiastic volunteers – I've heard from some of you quite clearly. I understand your passion and your desire to return to "normal" but I'm not convinced that we're ready for that yet. PLEASE – I plead with you – let us not lose our focus on why this moment is important. Our desire is to protect lives – ALL LIVES – as you would hope shepherds would do. Know that we love you and long to welcome you back to a regular schedule. Please join me in praying we can do so safely and responsibly in the near future.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

These are challenging days for those who fall ill with anything and have to be hospitalized. Until further notice, the hospital is not allowing visitors. However, for those of us with hospital credentials, we can visit those who are at MMH – if we know about it. Elsewhere in today's Banner, our friend and Senior Adult Pastor James Ervin has written a note about making sure you contact us when you or a loved one is hospitalized. Many times, we learn about a First family member who has been sick only AFTER they've returned home. We'd certainly like to call

on those who are ill. Jesus in Matthew 25 says to do that very thing. James 5 does too. Help us by making sure we know you are there.

YOUTH MINISTER IN VIEW OF A CALL

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.

THE ROCKS ON WHICH WE STAND

At the close of my talk Sunday, I referenced a list of 10 "rocks" on which you can stand. As I promised then, here they are. Please do yourself a favor and hold on to these, especially during this challenging and dark season.

- The Bible is the revealed Word of God. It is our singular source of truth.
- Jesus is the Fullest Expression of God's love for people.
- Jesus is the only means to salvation.
- I'm incapable of good, fully and completely sinful. Until I accept Jesus as my Savior, I'm hopelessly dead.
- God's grace can't be earned – it must be received as a gift.
- Receiving God's gift transports me from death to life!
- I'm redeemed by Jesus' blood and sanctified by His grace.
- While sin still lurks in my life, my sanctification is still in process because of God's grace.
- I have a hope in Heaven with Jesus after I die so death doesn't scare me.
- Anchored to Jesus and his hope for me, I must share the hope and joy I have found.

Honored to serve Jesus here,
Darin

HOSPITAL VISITS

James Ervin, our pastor to Adults 55+, is making the FBC family hospital visits. If you or a family member are going into the hospital or have been admitted to the hospital, please contact James at 325-203-2332 or Rhonda Carroll at 432-683-0612.

This will allow us to minister to you or your family member.

ONLINE ACTIVITIES WEEK OF MAY 31

GENERAL

Sunday (on our website and Facebook Live)

- 10 AM Worship Service

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

This Sunday at 1 PM, Sarah will teach the Sunday School lesson on her Facebook page at: facebook.com/sarah.arambide

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 - In 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

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.
- Stephen
Meet via Zoom

1ST FAMILY NEWS

FIRST DISCIPLE UNIVERSITY



We want you to discover your calling in life and how you can live out that calling everyday 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.

All Class registrations at: fbc-midland.org/resources/fdu

LOVE AND RESPECT

Want to experience marriage the way God intended? Then why not try some Love and Respect.
June 1 - Aug 3 (10 weeks) Mondays 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Cost: Free

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

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

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A Men's Bible study for recently unemployed or stressed about employment.
Tuesdays at 7:00 AM

DIVORCE CARE

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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

When we're struck with fear, where do we turn? Katy Little leads the study "Fear and Faith" by Trillia Newbell.
June 25 to July 30 on Thursdays (6 weeks) 7 PM - 8 PM
Cost: Free

Trailer: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/content/series/191050?episode=Trailer>

WAINSCOTT/ LACY SCHOLARSHIP

For students attending a Baptist college, university, or seminary in the Fall 2020.

Contact: supham@fbc-midland.org

APPLICATIONS DUE 07/15/20

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Family Ministry	683.0612
55+ Ministry	683.0612
Media Ministry	683.0622
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Sunday Service on Campus and Streamed Online
10:00 AM

• 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

BEREAVEMENT

- Sarah Arrambide in the death of her father, Rev. Leonard Gallegos.
- Gloria Youngblood in the death of her brother, Joel Lloyd.
- Mike Dobe in the death of his mother, Mrs. Tresa Dobe.

THANK YOU

Dear FBC Family,

You will never know what joy filled our hearts when we saw the Mother's Day sign in our flower bed. Proverbs 31 has always been a guiding light in my life - not that I qualify as a Proverbs 31 woman - but I've studied the passage and attempted to pattern my life after these words from our Father. Thank you for sharing such inspiring words for the women of FBC Midland. We appreciate all the work you are doing to remember and encourage those of us in our golden years.

Peace and blessings to you!
Shirley and Frank Smith

CHURCH CONFERENCE

May 31, 2020

Approval of minutes (February 23, 2020)

Approval of new members

Grant Church letters

To be dropped from roll

Reports

1. Church Council Chairman
2. Personnel Committee Chairman
 - Associate Minister to Senior Adults and Women's Ministry job description (Point of information)
 - Calling of Student Pastor (Info only)
 - Intern for summer Pastoral 10 weeks (Info only)
3. Finance Committee Chairman

Old Business

New Business

- Contingency fund added to budget from royalties

Other Business

- Bylaw change regarding electronic church conferences (only when FBC cannot meet in person)

Adjourn

PRAYER PARTNERS

Greater Ideal Baptist Church, Dr. George Bell



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

May 24, 2020

Offering	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
First Baptist.....	\$ 114,587	\$ 6,119,169
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 135,000	\$ 5,227,082
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ -20,413	\$ 892,087
Hope 1:8	\$ 50	\$ 19,418