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WELCOMING

JOHN-DAVID CULBERTSON
YOUTH MINISTER



Doris McSparran

50

Years
ANNIVERSARY

HONORING

DORIS MCSPARRAN
MUSIC MINISTER ASSOCIATE / ORGANIST

From The Pastor



Dr. Darin Wood - Senior Pastor

My beloved First Family,

Grace and Peace today! God bless you each with kindness and mercy from our Savior Jesus Christ!

JUNE 28th

Did you know June 18, 1970, was a special day? That was the day our friend Doris McSparran began her term of service as our organist! 50 YEARS THIS MONTH! Wow! That's a lot of services played, weddings played, funerals played, countless rehearsals and practices and even more planning. In looking through our church records, we reflect that Doris is our longest tenured servant in the history of our church. To honor that service, we've set aside a night to honor her and Don. It's my privilege to invite you to join us for a concert on June 28th at 5 PM. Doris will lead the concert joined by several others. This is our opportunity to honor her service. While we humbly recognize it's not enough, it's a start. Doris would want me to make clear – this isn't a retirement service! She plans to continue playing. But it is our chance to honor her service and thank her for her long tenure, her faithfulness and her passion for Christ, His kingdom and music. We invite you to set that night aside and join us. Knowing that some might desire to be here but have plans for that night, we've arranged for it to be live-streamed and recorded as well. On the night of the concert, you can find it on our Facebook page, our website and fbcmidlandlive.online.church/.

FX WORSHIP

This Sunday, we'll experiment with a new type of service during our worship hour at 10 AM. Cory and Amy Brand and Sarah Arrambide will lead a service aimed at families with children. We're calling it "FX" as an abbreviation for "Family Experience" of worship. We've never tried something like this and it's exciting! We'll do this Sunday June 14 and June 28. For those of you with children at home, this isn't the same thing we've been doing – I encourage you to join us at any one of our three venues this weekend!

PRAY FOR OUR NATION

Over the course of the last two weeks, we've witnessed some of the worst moments of the American experience in my lifetime. Like you, I've wept and prayed for our nation. I've struggled to find the words to explain this moment to our son. I've struggled with how we, as a church, can help our community and our nation heal. To that end, this past Sunday, I attended two different racial conversations with our African-American brothers and sisters. I've engaged in numerous other one-to-one conversations with some of our African-American pastors and asked them how we can help them. As I write this to you, the answer I've come to is begin with prayer. But we need to do more and we will. Please pray for our nation, for our community and for healing to come to us quickly. But don't let that be the extent of it. As a nation, we need to grow through this moment, learn from it and become wiser and more unified through it. Be watching for the next step for FBC in this process. I spoke with our Deacon Body about it at our meeting on Monday night.

Why is this moment so pivotal? I'm not certain of that, but I'm struck that perhaps this moment is akin to the moment Dr. Martin Luther King Jr wrote about in his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" when the church needs to be who she is called to be in a new way. I read it in college and then again in the early 1990s. A friend recently recommended it to me again and I took it up once more. It challenges me more NOW than it ever did then. If you have never read it, I challenge you to do so today. Written to the ministers of the white churches, Dr. King seeks to explain how he got to where he was and why this moment was so vital. We would do well to listen instead of speak. Join me in praying for Christ's return (which will make ALL things right) and for clarity in being a Christ-follower in this difficult season.

Come Quickly, Lord Jesus,
Darin



FX LIVE – FAMILY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Come experience worship like you've never experienced it before!

- High Energy Worship!
- Games for all ages!
- Family Prayer Times!
- A Message just for you, as families!

Join us at 10:00am on June 14th and June 28th in the Fellowship Hall for an exciting and meaningful time together!

AROUND THE CAMPUS

SUNDAY WORSHIP

- 10 AM on campus (on our website and Facebook Live)

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

Preschool Families, one way for you to continue to disciple your kids is by accessing our weekly Sunday School materials at home! Through Lifeway, you can access a weekly video session, download an activity page, and have some great conversation starters for your whole family.

Gain access: www.fbc-midland.org/article/lifeway-access

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Tune in Sunday, June 14th for Sarah's lesson, "Jesus Healed in this week's lesson, we will see that by healing the woman and raising the little girl from the dead, Jesus showed His power as the Messiah. Jesus died on the cross and rose again to save people from sin and death. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sins and changes us to be more like His Son.

See you at 1:00PM on the All Star Kids Facebook page and on Sarah's Facebook page.

STUDENTS

Some Student Sunday School classes will begin meeting in person at homes this week, while others will be on Zoom. Watch your emails to find out what your class is doing and join in.

This week on Midpoint Online, join us for a lesson from Philippians 3:17-21. You follow what you give your attention to, and the consequences are life-changing. What will you focus on? Find us on our YouTube Channel, FBC Midland Students, at 7 pm on Wednesday.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Class led by Vernon Stokes will be available, online, for Sunday at: www.fbc-midland.org/resources/sunday-school-lesson

FAMILY MINISTRY

Sunday School (contact your leader for details.)

Meeting via Zoom

- As One
- Compass
- Luke
- Nehemiah

Facebook Live

- Song of Solomon
- Isaac

In Person

- Evermore

ADULT 55+

- Grace SS: San Smith sends a recording by email.
- Andrew SS & Stephen SS: Will meet via Zoom. Contact leaders for details.

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:

www.fbc-midland.org/resources/fdu

P91

A Men's Bible study for recently unemployed or stressed about employment.

Tuesdays at 7:00 AM

Cost: Free

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 (6 weeks) Thursdays 7 PM - 8 PM

Cost: Free

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TUESDAY AT 7AM
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fbc-midland.org/resources/fdu

MEDIA LIBRARY

The Media Library is another large part of our outreach. Our library has over 16,000 printed books, CD (audio) books and DVDs available for people of all ages and interests to check out. Library resources, in print, audio and video format are also available for teaching and discipleship as well as entertainment.

Digital resources, both audio and video, are also available for teaching and discipleship as well as entertainment.

Media Library Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00 am - Noon

WELCOMING

JOHN-DAVID CULBERTSON

John-David is the newest ministerial staff member to join FBC as the Minister of Students. He will begin June 28th.

John-David grew up in Andrews, TX in a christian home. His mom at one time worked at his home church and his dad continues to serve there as a deacon. At the age of 9, under conviction of the Holy Spirit, he committed his life to follow Jesus as Lord and Savior. What a great blessing to have heard the Gospel taught at home as well as church! God called him to full-time ministry his junior year of high school. He attained a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies from Dallas Baptist, an Advanced Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Master of Business Administration/ Master of Arts in Leadership from DBU.

He loves student ministry even more now than when he started almost 10 years ago. Students are in a unique position to grow spiritually and reach others with the gospel. He wants to partner with students and their families as they grow and mature through the radical changes and pressures of adolescence. It is his desire to help students learn to be leaders in ministry as well as participate in the life of the local church. The prayer of his heart is to see families, schools, and communities transformed by the Gospel.



HONORING

DORIS MCSPARRAN

Ministry in a church is not a sprint. It's a marathon that one needs to keep on running and achieve one blessing after the other. Doris McSparran has been one of those steady and faithful pillars of the music ministry for 50 years. Doris's talent is amazing, but more than that, her personal touch in ministry has impacted FBC for so many years.

Help us celebrate this milestone by joining us on Sunday, June 28 at 5:00pm in the worship center. Doris will be presenting a concert that evening and we would love to have as many people there as possible to celebrate.

Also, it will be available on our Facebook page, our website at: www.fbc-midland.org.



1ST FAMILY NEWS

MISSION MINISTRY

Our Church has partnered with the Midland Soup Kitchen to help provide meals during their scheduled lunch time. Main dishes are prepared by our kitchen staff and taken to Midland Soup Kitchen on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and then a side dish is prepared on Thursdays. An estimated 150 people are fed each day for lunch. We are meeting a great need since they have had difficulty getting ingredients and volunteers.

HOMETOUCH MINISTRY

We want to thank Cooper and Chapman Sims for ministering to our homebound folks who live independently. Last week these young men began a ministry of singing favorite hymns to our folks who are no longer able to attend worship at FBC. These guys truly are excited to minister using their music gifts.



How about you? Is God calling you to join this ministry team? These days of shelter-in-place and social distancing have been tough on all of us. Imagine if this was your situation on a permanent basis and you could not attend church and worship with your church family. Perhaps you have time to call, send a card, or visit one of these special folks on a regular basis. I can promise you that the Lord will bless you in a mighty way. Call James Ervin or Rhonda Carroll and let us help you use your gifts in the HomeTouch ministry. 683-0600

ACTIVITY MINISTRY

June 1st – 26th

Activities Building will be open Monday – Friday from 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM to FBC Members only.

The cardio equipment, weight room equipment and game room will function with limited capacity.

The basketball court will be used only for walking or jogging. No basketball games will be played.

The Solid Rock Café, playground and skating rink will remain closed.

BOY SCOUT TROOP #232 SUMMER CAMP

JUNE 18-21

For ages 11-18 years. For more information please call Steve Blaylock at 432.553.1055 or Jack Hood at 432.559.6817.



THANK YOU

Words are inadequate to express our appreciation for the many ways you expressed your love and support at my dad's passing. Every single prayer, call, text, hug, flower, meal, and gifts to Buckner and to Watch and Pray brought much comfort to our family. While we miss dad/Lolo more than words can express, we are ever so grateful that he is no longer suffering and is now completely healed and rejoicing in the presence of our Lord! It is a blessing to be part of a church who loves so well.

Sarah Arrambide and family

We would like to express our sincere thanks for the donation to Buckner Children and Family Services. It means a lot to have our brother, Pat Mayo, honored in this way.

Susan Reed

Thank you so much for putting on Senior Sunday. It was truly special and it is something I will never forget. I am extremely blessed for your continued support for the entire graduating class and I.

Hayden Hall

Thank you for the special gift to Buckner Children & Family Services in memory of my mom, Wylma Madden. I was blessed to have a Godly mother who encouraged me with her actions, words and obvious faith. I can't wait to hug her in Heaven. She would have loved your thoughtfulness and choice to help children and families.

Gary D Madden, MD

NEW MEMBERS

- Savannah Rice by Profession of Faith/Requesting Baptism
- Greg & Susan McClendon by Statement

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Johnson who were recently married in the Chapel. Mrs. Johnson is the former Grace Ballard.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Fitzgerald who were recently married in the Chapel. Mrs. Fitzgerald is the former Sara Eakerns.

BEREAVEMENT

Suzy Arnold in the death of her brother-in-law, Larry Sturgess.

WAINSCOTT/ LACY SCHOLARSHIP

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

Contact: supham@fbc-midland.org

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Sunday Service on Campus and 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

PRAYER PARTNERS

PRAYER

Our Missionary
in
Toronto, Ontario

Matt Hess
Fellowship Pickering



Please pray for many to be saved in the midst of this pandemic.

Pray for deeper unity, love, and care for one another amongst our church body.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Part-Time Children's Ministry Assistant:

- Required
 - High School Education
 - Ability to maintain filing system
 - Basic computer skills using Microsoft Office Suite 7-10
 - Work Sunday morning
- Preferred:
 - Database input
 - Bi-Lingual Spanish and English
 - Experience working with children

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.



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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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

June 07, 2020

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 138,728	\$ 6,350,465
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 135,000	\$ 5,497,082
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ 3,728	\$ 853,383
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 265	\$ 19,683