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Doris McSparran

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HONORING

DORIS MCSPARRAN MUSIC MINISTER ASSOCIATE / ORGANIST JUNE 28TH • 5 PM



From The Pastor

My dear First family,

May God's immeasurable Grace and boundless peace be upon you, your family and your home today.

DORIS MCSPARRAN DAY

Please plan to join us (either in person or on live-stream) this Sunday night at 5 PM in the Worship Center for a concert to honor our friend and servant of Christ, Doris McSparran. She has served us faithfully for the last 50 years! We've invited her to assemble an hour-long service of music of her choosing. I'm excited about it and I believe you will be blessed by it! We'll have a small, socially-distanced reception to follow.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

In advance of the concert, we'll hold our monthly church conference in the chapel at 4 PM. I invite you to join me for some important matters of church business. Elsewhere in the Banner, you'll find the agenda for our meeting. I pray you'll join us as we honor Christ with good stewardship over his blessings to us.

CHURCH-WIDE SURVEY

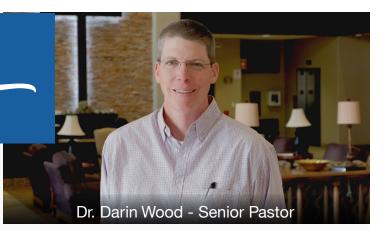
I had planned and hoped to release our survey in this week's Banner, but we're not quite ready for it yet. Please bear with us as we want to make sure we ask the questions that will help us hear you well. I've been asked if there will be a "comments / questions you didn't ask but I want to answer anyway" section. Yes, that will be included.

WHY DO A SURVEY?

I wanted to speak briefly explaining my thought patterns. As we emerge from the last three+ months, we've been given a great gift – the chance to reimagine how we do any and everything as a church. Are there things we WERE doing we need to stop? Are there things we WEREN'T doing we need to start? It's almost as if we're a new church start and we've got a great facility to use well. THAT is why we're doing the survey. As your shepherds and pastors, we have had more than a few conversations about what that might look like, but shepherds desperately need to listen well. I ask that you take this survey with our love for you and your family in mind.

CHILDCARE and FBC

As promised in last week's Banner, I wanted to talk with you about childcare at FBC. When we re-open Sunday School on August 9th, the most substantive change to be observed will be with our preschool and children's ministries. Per best practices of other churches and in cooperation with the CDC guidelines, we'll implement a new sign-in procedure. While not convenient, it is for the protection of our children and families as well as our volunteers. Here's a brief run-down:



- At the Fishtank entrance, all children will be screened coming into the children's ministry areas. This screening will include a non-contact temperature check and a medical form each family will need to complete for each child (available online via our website later in July).
- Parents / Guardians will be asked to release their children at the Fishtank to our volunteers. Children's ministry volunteers will assist children up the stairs if need be and preschoolers will be delivered to their classes by volunteers. While preschool has long been restricted access, we'll be limiting access to the children's hallway as well. Thus, if you're not a volunteer in these areas but you're accustomed to using the upstairs A-hallway on your way to your adult class, we will kindly ask you find another route to your area of the building.
- For children's ministry we will ask that anything accessory wise made of cloth (purses and Bible covers included) be left in your vehicles. For infants and toddlers, we'll ask that you leave your stroller in the car and send what your child needs in a disposable bag.
- Our leaders will be appropriately trained (if you're a children's / preschool volunteer, you'll be asked to attend a training session in July) and properly equipped to protect each child. For example, for the infant / toddler area, our volunteers will be wearing new smocks to shelter our children who need to be held.
- Each area will be disinfected regularly to the very best of our capacity.
- In the classrooms, we will do our best to maintain social distancing in both areas.
- Pick up will be back in the Fishtank area on a metered basis. As you arrive, we'll call for your child / children and they'll be returned to you at the Fishtank.

These are the basics of our plan. For some, this will seem like overkill. For others, it will be deemed insufficient. For me, given how little we still know / understand about this virus, caution seems wise and thus a cautious plan. As your pastor and friend, I trust you'll walk with us through this season as we find our way as a family.

As always, I stand ready to serve Christ and His people.

Darin

June 28th

SUNDAY WORSHIP

- 10 AM on campus (on our website and Facebook Live)
- 4 PM Church Conference in the Chapel •
- 5 PM Honoring Doris McSparran in the Worship Center

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

Beginning Sunday, June 28th and every Sunday thereafter, Sarah will be teaching on the church Facebook page at 1:00PM. This week's lesson is titled, "Jesus Heals a Blind Man". Hope to see you there!

Hey families!

Grab a Take Out Church Summer Resource bag located in the Chapel foyer or the Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, June 28th. Take Out Church Bags are for families to use while on vacation or at home this Summer. In the bag are ways your family can fellowship with others, praise God, pray, give thanks, serve others and remember Jesus.

STUDENTS

On June 24, Midpoint will be held from 6-9 pm at Shane and Elizabeth Jobe's house - 1208 S County Road 1127. If you aren't able to make it, the lesson will also be shown on our YouTube Channel starting at 7 pm. Starting July 1, Midpoint will be back at church in the Student Hallway, 6:30-8 pm.

Student Sunday School is being held in different locations and times by class. Watch your emails to find out when and where your class is meeting. For more info, email Katy at klittle@ fbc-midland.org.

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

Facebook Live

In Person

Evermore

As One • Compass • Song of Solomon

- Isaac
- Luke

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Nehemiah

ADULT 55+

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



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 10:00 AM on June 28th in the Fellowship Hall for an exciting and meaningful time together!

RESPONSES FROM JUNE 14TH FX LIVE

The FX Live service was a great fit for our family! The kids were more familiar with the songs and danced to the music. The message was something both parents and kids could relate to, even our 5 year old commented on Cory's lesson days later.

Jason and Bethany Nikodym

Any parent who desires for their children to have a biblical and inspiring encounter with Jesus should attend FX Live. The music was engaging, the activities were captivating, and the sermon was biblically sound. FX Live is a true view of what church is as far as glorifying Jesus, pursuing sanctification, and engaging the entire family to fulfill the Great Commission's purpose of Matthew 28! We absolutely love FX Live and can't wait to take our family back for another session!

Shelden and Claudia Kinnison

The FX Live service was wonderful! It was so great to worship and study God's word with our children in a relaxed and easy-going environment. It was so engaging and we loved the different activities for all ages!

Jonathan and Cassey Cotton

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**

1st Family News

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.

UPCOMING CAMPS

Registration began June 22 and is open to the first 40 registrants for each camp.

BASKETBALL CAMP, JULY 13-17

1st – 3rd grade 9:00 am – 11:00 am 4th – 6th grade 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Cost is \$60

DAY CAMPS

July 20 – 24 & July 27 – 31 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Cost is \$100

Sign up at the Activities Building. Questions call 683-0648 or email:

avanderveer@fbc-midland.org

MOPS

MOPS Registration is open for 2020-2021! We meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month, September through May. Please contact us for more information! We look forward to meeting you!

MOPS is looking for MOPS Kids Volunteers! If you are interested in helping minister to our moms, please volunteer to watch these sweet babies while the moms study, fellowship, and bond with one another.

mopsfbcmidland@gmail.com

HOMETOUCH MINISTRY

Thank you to the volunteers who delivered Father's Day presents to FBC dads who live in independent housing. Debbie Norton was one of the volunteers who participated in this ministry. We have many FBC members who are no longer able to be actively involved in the life of our church family, and we need more people to join our ministry team.



Please pray about this opportunity! These precious people have had a

great impact on the Kingdom of God and our church family. Call James Ervin at 683-0653 or Rhonda Carroll at 683-0612 to find out more information.

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

THANK YOU

You have always been my family in times of joy and sorrow. I have appreciated your prayers, call and cards during my daughter's 4 year battle with cancer. Though I miss her so much, I am thankful for the hope and promises in Christ our Lord. Robin grew up among the loving care of members at FBC, Midland. She made her profession of faith when Daniel Vestal was pastor and was married to Tom by Pastor Jim Denison.

Our conversations always included the current happenings at FBC, Midland. She and I always loved our mission endeavors and fellowship.

Love in Christ, Yvonne Black Hughes

Thank you for remembering my mom, our grandmother and great grandmother, Mary Lee Butts, with your gift to Buckner Children and Family Services. She would be very pleased -- just as we are. We miss her, but we are so thankful for the years we shared and we look forward to a grand reunion in heaven. We have been very touched by the calls, cards and encouraging words. Thank you, First Family.

Clark Butts

BEREAVEMENT

- Yvonne Hughes in the death of her daughter, Mrs. Robin Bolander.
- Larry Singletary in the death of his mother, Mrs. Jean Singletary.
- Louise Goode in the death of her husband, Boots Goode.
- Tina Riley in the death of her father, Bill Luce.
- Dan Wennerlind in the death of his mother, Mrs. Shirley Wennerlind.
- Keith Jones in the death of his mother, Mrs. Jolene Day.
- Randy Cotton in the death of his father, Robert Cotton.
- Juli Poe in the death of her sister, Mrs. Tracy Davis.

Prayer Partners



- Pray that during these troubled times we will see unity within our community.
- Pray that the Peace of God would flow and be evident in our lives and in our community.
- We pray for our brothers and sisters to walk by faith and not by sight in these unprecedented times.
- We have been praying this over our students and families: We pray for peace over you and your families' lives that He would guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. That He would provide for your needs and that He would fill your hearts with everlasting joy. That no matter what happens that you will have God and each other for eternity. In Jesus name we pray that His love would overflow in your life, with your heart filled with thankfulness. We concluded in our prayer for you that you would draw near to God and one another. Let's get to know God and one another, In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Church Conference

June 28, 2020 at 4:00pm Approval of minutes (May 31, 2020 & called meeting, June 7, 2020)

- 1. Approval of new members
- 2. Grant Church letters
- 3. Reports
 - Church Council Chairman
 - Personnel Committee Chairman
 - Associate Minister to Senior Adults and Women's Ministry
 - Finance Committee Chairman
 - Nominating Committee WMU leadership
 - WMU Director Kay Kolb
 - WMU Missions Education Coordinator (new position) Stephanie Fuentes
- 4. Old Business
- 5. New Business
 - Capital expenditure for camera replacement and relocation
 - Capital expenditure from Maintenance and Expansion Committee
- 6. Other Business
 - Bylaw change regarding electronic church conferences (only when FBC cannot meet in person).
- 7. Adjourn

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

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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 to 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

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

Timeless practices for Christ followers to grow a deeper spiritual life. You will gain a biblical understanding and practical how-tos in listening and obeying the Holy Spirit. Led by: Bryan Pinson

July 8th to 29th (4 weeks) Wednesdays at 7 PM - 8 PM Cost: Free



Looking Forward



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Missions Ministry	683.0623	
Music & Worship Ministry	683.0618	
Administrative Office	683.0616	
Activities Ministry	683.0647	
Business Office	683.0615	
Children's Ministry	683.0609	
Preschool Ministry	683.0611	
Child Development Center	683.0638	
Children's Day Out	683.0632	
Student Ministry	683.0610	
Family Ministry	683.0612	
55+ Ministry	683.0612	
Media Ministry	683.0622	
Membership		
Duplication Services	683.0626	
Library	683.0625	

Sunday Service on Campus and Streamed Online 10:00 AM

• fbc-midland.org • facebook.com/fbcmidland • 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

Employment Opportunities

Part-Time Children's Ministry Assistant.

Contact Sarah Arrambide at 432-683-0607 for more information.

- 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

Part-Time Children's Day Out Director.

Contact Amy Brand at 432-683-0627 for more information.

- Required:
 - High School Education
 - Experience with children
 - Teamwork minded
 - Strong organization and communication skills
- Preferred:
- Database input
- Leadership experience
- Teaching experience

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Must use a new browser: Windows Edge, Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

June 21, 2020			
Offering	<u>Weekly</u>	Ye	<u>ear to Date</u>
First Baptist\$	106,650	\$	6,582,921
Budget Requirement\$	135,000	\$	5,767,082
Over/Under Budget\$	-28,350	\$	815,839
Hope 1:8\$	185	\$	20,068