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FREE CONCERT SATURDAY

7PM (DOORS OPEN 6PM)

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REQUIRED - BACK COVER



Grace and Peace – it was such a joy to be back with you on Sunday! And didn't our Rec Team do a wonderful job! Tommy Beebe's message was on track and on point, speaking to the confidence we can have all because of our faith in Christ. Pray for them as they move forward with their future calling.

#### AS I MENTIONED SUNDAY MORNING....

The invitation for our Rec Team to lead was a deeply personal one for me. In April 1985, I was 16 yrs old. My home church, FBC Joshua (now Northpointe Church), held what we called "Youth Sunday" where teenagers taught the Sunday School lessons and led in worship, much like this previous Sunday, I was invited to be the preacher that Sunday. Preaching out of Daniel 1, I did my best but Tommy did a far better job Sunday than I did then! And yet my church, lovingly and patiently, discipled me, encouraged me and corrected me. And I'm a better man for it. Their love for me set me on the course I still walk today. And that's why discipleship works. We're planting and watering trees we will never sit under but believing God will grant fruit to them in due season.

### MATTHEW WEST CONCERT AND AUGUST 9TH

After a long and fruitful conversation with our Staff and our Church Council, I wanted to let you know we intend to proceed with our plans for the Matthew West Concert on August 1st and our planned reopening of Sunday School on August 9th. While both of these events will look remarkably different than at other times (check back in next week's Banner for more details on both Sundays), I believe we can proceed with wisdom and safety.

#### ARE THERE THINGS WE ARE DOING TO INSURE YOUR SAFETY WHEN YOU COME TO CHURCH?

As your shepherds, the Lord has charged us (your church staff) with protecting the First Family. We're seeking to do exactly that. I thought it might be beneficial for you to know some of the ways we are doing so. While none of these efforts are guaranteed to prevent someone from catching the virus, these reflect our best efforts to protect our Family.

- 1. At the conclusion of every service, our awesome custodial crew wipes down every pew and surface. After which, a misting spray is applied to smother the virus as much as possible.
- 2. When you arrived this past Sunday, you may have noticed signs on the doors proclaiming "This property protected by the Germinator." No, that's not a new superhero, but rather a method for sterilizing a building. This process utilizes a one-time spray application neutralizing and



destroying the virus on contact surfaces for up to 90 days. While it's definitely not a permanent solution, it's a good start.

3. A more long term solution, recommended by our Maintenance / Expansion committee and approved this past Sunday by our finance committee, will be installed. A device known as the "Phenomenal Aire Cold Plasma Generator Technology" will be installed in our auditorium HVAC systems soon. These generators use molecular technology to purify the air as it moves through our HVAC units, destroying the virus as it does so. These are used in hospitals and other facilities to protect the air. We believe this represents our best long-term solution available to us.

#### CHURCH CONFERENCE SUNDAY NIGHT

Our regularly scheduled church conference will be Sunday night at 5 PM in our Fellowship Hall. I trust you'll make plans to join us.

#### ASSOCIATE MINISTER TO SENIOR ADULTS AND WOMEN'S MINISTRY IN VIEW OF A CALL THIS SUNDAY!

Even in this challenging season, we're pressing forward! Sunday morning, in all three locations, you'll hear a word from our candidate. She's no stranger to us. I believe you'll be pleased at this transition and receive her enthusiastically.

#### THERE'S NOTHING MORE BORING THAN HEARING ABOUT SOMEONE ELSE'S TRIP.

Hearing about someone else's trip is as dull as dishwater. I won't dare bore you with it here. But if you'd like to hear about it, feel free to ask. We had a wonderful time and made memories that I hope will last a lifetime. A special thanks to you, our First family, for granting us the chance to catch our breath. It's been a challenging year for all of us, hasn't it? But our God is too good to be unkind and too faithful to forget us. He WILL bring victory for us through even THIS season.

### **MY PRAYER FOR THESE DAYS**

In 2 Chronicles 5, King Solomon is nearing completion on the Temple. It's glory and splendor are still unmatched. And yet, for all of it's beauty, the best part is saved till the end of the chapter. As the worship service begins, 2 Chron 5:14 says, "the glory of the Lord filled the house of God." THAT is my prayer for you, for your home, for our church and for our shared future. May the glory of the Lord fill each of us today! Darin

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### SUNDAY WORSHIP

- 10 AM In person and streaming on our website and Facebook Live.
- 5 PM Church Conference

#### 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

The Children's Ministry Sunday School lesson can now be viewed on the church Facebook page, Vimeo and the All Star Kids Facebook page, at 1:00PM each Sunday.

#### Hey families!

Get your Take Out Church Summer Resource bag. Call Sarah Arrambide at 432-683-0633, if you would like one.

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

Wednesday Night: We'll meet for Midpoint over Zoom. Jr. High at 6:30 and High School at 7:30. We'll have Bible study, Games, Worship, and a drawing for a free lunch with John-David!

Sunday School: Watch your emails to find out when and how your class is meeting!

#### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

**Facebook Live** 

Isaac

Song of Solomon - In person as well.

### FAMILY MINISTRY

Sunday School (contact your leader for details.)

#### Meeting via Zoom

- As One
- Compass
- Luke
- Nehemiah
- Evermore In person as well.

## ADULT 55+

- Grace SS: San Smith sends a recording by email.
- Andrew SS & Stephen SS: Will meet via Zoom. Contact leaders for details.
- Rachel Department: Monday nights at 6:30; call Connie Staton for more information, (432) 559-7705
- Peter Department Call Mike Fain for more information, (432) 557-2702

# **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

#### 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

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

#### Tuesdays at 7:00 AM - Ending Aug 4 **Cost: Free**

#### 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.

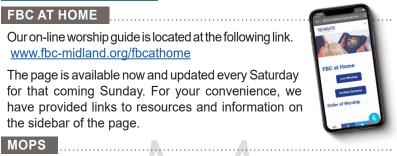
June 25 to July 30 (6 weeks) Thursdays 7 PM - 8 PM **Cost: Free** 

# **1st Family News**

#### FBC AT HOME

Our on-line worship guide is located at the following link. www.fbc-midland.org/fbcathome

The page is available now and updated every Saturday for that coming Sunday. For your convenience, we have provided links to resources and information on the sidebar of the page.



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

#### BEREAVEMENT

- Joyce Snapp in the death of her husband, George.
- Skeet Doss in the death of his father, Hyle Doss.

#### THANK YOU

Thanks FBC for the gift sent to Buckner Children and Family Services in memory of my mother Shirley Wennerlind. She loved children and would have been blessed to know of your generous gift. We pray for FBC pastors and leaders during this difficult time.

Blessings & Prayers, Dan & Peggy Wennerlind NON-PROFIT ORG. U.S. Postage PAID First Baptist Church Midland

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#### Sunday Service In Person & 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

# **Church Conference**

#### JULY 26, 2020

- In Fellowship Hall at 5 PM
- Approval of minutes (June 28, 2020)
- Approval of new members
  - Grant Church letters
- Reports
  - Church Council Chairman
  - Personnel Committee Chairman
    - Associate Minister to Senior Adults and Women's Ministryview of call candidate.
  - Finance Committee Chairman
- Old Business
- New Business
  - Budget 2020/2021 Presentation
- Other Business
  - Bylaw change regarding electronic church conferences (only when FBC cannot meet in person).
- Adjourn

# **Prayer Partners**

#### MIDLAND BAPTIST CRISIS CENTER

- Pray as we interview potential candidates for the Executive Director.
- Pray for volunteers to come and minister to those walking through our doors.
- Pray for the families we minister to.

# From the Cover

#### MATTHEW WEST

FBC is grateful and honored to host Matthew West in concert on August 1st at 7 PM (Doors open at 6 PM)

Enter the Worship Center from the west parking lot.

Seating is limited, but even more restrictive due to COVID-19 safety protocol.

A limited number of wristbands will be distributed to each person entering the worship center. Once wristbands have been completely distributed, participants will gather in the Chapel to view the concert simulcast from the Worship Center.

All participants are asked to bring and wear a mask.

#### Sunday, August 2nd

Matthew West will join us during Sunday's worship.

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#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

July 19, 2020				
Offering	<u>Weekly</u>	Year to Date		
First Baptist\$	123,351	\$	6,996,374	
Budget Requirement\$	135,000	\$	6,307,082	
Over/Under Budget\$	-11,649	\$	689,292	
Hope 1:8\$	820	\$	21,538	