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**MATTHEW
WEST**

**AUG. 1ST CONCERT • 7PM
AUG. 2ND WORSHIP • 10AM**

**AUGUST
9TH** | **SUNDAY SCHOOL • 9AM
WORSHIP SERVICE • 10:30AM**



**FINALLY,
SUNDAY MORNING
TO MYSELF!**

Dear Beloved First Family



Dr. Darin Wood - Senior Pastor

Hi First Family!

Grace and Peace to each of you today! May God's kindness and favor guide you and your home. May His comfort and strength sustain you. May God's Word find a prominent place in your life and home and may today be the day you reach out to God in prayer asking for His Holy Spirit to fill you.

MATTHEW WEST THIS WEEKEND

Our friend Matthew West is returning to us this weekend! He was our guest in 2018 as well and served us so very well, we brought him back for a return visit. If you're not familiar with Matthew's music, go to www.matthewwest.com/ and check him out!

I wanted to talk with you briefly about this weekend and what you might expect.

SATURDAY NIGHT at 7 PM

If you choose to join us for the concert, be aware that we will be limiting seating to 50% of our auditorium (about 450) and providing overflow in the chapel (where we can seat another 175 or so). We will restrict access to the building to our Welcome Center Doors only. Those attending will be asked to fill out a brief contact form (one per family) in the event of a virus outbreak, so we can contact you. Our Music Pastor Aaron Hodges has armbands to indicate those who will be admitted to the concert. If you do not have an armband, you will not be allowed entry. First come, first served. When the arm bands have been distributed, we've reached our capacity. I trust you'll recognize that and make plans to come early if you desire to come.

SUNDAY MORNING at 10 AM

Matthew will lead our worship time. For our preaching time, I'll be interviewing Matthew about Christ's role in his life, his passion for connecting people with Jesus through music and a new song he recently released called "Walking Miracles." As always, our services will be livestreamed, but due to copyright issues with Matthew's music, only the spoken portion will be re-broadcast. If you want to participate in Matthew's worship leading, you'll need to do so live or livestream.

AUGUST 9 – A NEW SCHEDULE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS!

Woohoo! Sunday School returns! Promotion Sunday as well! AND we also will begin our interim schedule! To create space for our Sunday School hour, Sunday School will be 9-10 AM. Worship time will follow at 10:30 AM. Beginning August 9th, we'll begin a familiar schedule: Worship Center will host our contemporary service, the Chapel will host a traditional service and our Fellowship Hall will host a service for families. Preschool Extended Session classes (during worship) WILL NOT RETURN until further notice.

THE FUTURE OF THE BANNER

Beginning next month, the Banner (in this form) will drop back to twice a month. Given how little we're doing on a week-to-week basis, there just isn't enough new information to warrant continuing weekly. However, we will be adding a smaller, single page publication including a note from me, our financial report and our Sunday School report. Expect to receive that on the weeks the full Banner is not printed.

RE-BROADCAST SCHEDULE

One of the opportunities we have is to share our worship services more than just on Sunday morning. Beginning in the next couple of weeks, we'll begin a re-broadcast schedule (find it elsewhere in this Banner) and let worship fill your week!

A PERSONAL WORD

At the end of June, I had my most recent PET Scan. As I was writing this, the doctor's office called to tell me I was all clear! I don't need to see the doctor till next summer! Praise the God who heals! Thanks for your faithfulness in supporting and encouraging my journey back to health.

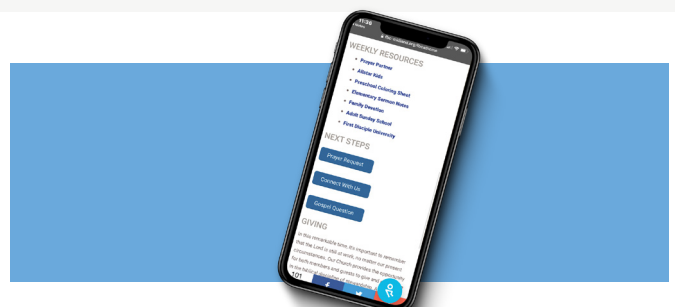
Your servant,
Darin

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.



SUNDAY WORSHIP

- 10 AM In person and streaming on our website and Facebook Live.
- Table Talk 5 PM (Online Only)

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**LEMON CHALLENGE!!**

Hey Kids!

Be sure to tune in to the August 2nd Sunday School lesson to hear about the upcoming Lemon Challenge! If you participate, your name will be put in a drawing to win a \$25 Visa gift card. We will give away two cards, one for a boy and one for a girl. Join Mrs. Sarah at 1PM, on her personal Facebook page, the church Facebook page and the church's Vimeo page to find out what you need to do to be in the drawing!!! Hope to see you there!!!

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

FAMILY MINISTRY

Sunday School (contact your leader for details.)

Meeting via Zoom

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

Facebook Live

- Song of Solomon - In person as well.
- Isaac

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

STAY CAMP

August 9th-12th

Four days of worship, rec and missions for 7th-12th grade students – Incoming 7th graders are welcome!

Registration link:

<https://myfirstfamily.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/78/responses/new>

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES**MISSION FRIENDS**

Mission Friends is needing volunteers to help teach the prekindergarten and kindergarten students. Each week they will learn about a missionary family, do a craft, have a snack and memorize a Bible verse.

If you are interested in helping please contact Stephanie Fuentes at larrysteph@gmail.com or Allison Ashmore at 432-683-0611.

GIRLS IN ACTION (GA'S) LEADERS NEEDED

We are looking for GA leaders who would be willing to teach first through sixth grade girls about missions. In this role, you will help girls grow in their spiritual development as they learn the biblical basis of missions and discover their part in God's plan. Please call Hillary Lovell (432.770.8153) or Sarah Arrambide (432.683.0607) if you are interested in serving in this capacity.

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

NEW MEMBERS

The First Baptist Family welcomes these new members. We are delighted you chose FBC as your church family and we look forward to serving with you and growing together in faith

JUNE

- Savannah Rice by Profession of Faith/Requesting Baptism
- Mr. Greg McClendon by Statement
- Mrs. Susan McClendon by Statement
- Ms. Whitnee Wade by Letter
- Mr. Boyd Johnson by Letter
- Mrs. Sheran Johnson by Letter
- Mr. Eddie Ingram by Statement

JULY

- Mr. John David Culbertson by Letter
- Mrs. Connie Olsen by Letter
- Mr. Craig Matthews by Letter
- Mrs. Cindy Matthews by Letter
- Kim Matthews by Lettered In
- Ms. Gloria Chen, Profession of Faith/Requesting Baptism

BEREAVEMENT

- Jake Young in the death of his wife, Barbara.



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

P91

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

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

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.

On our website at www.fbc-midland.org/resources/media-library you will find a search button. Click it for information of what is available at the library.

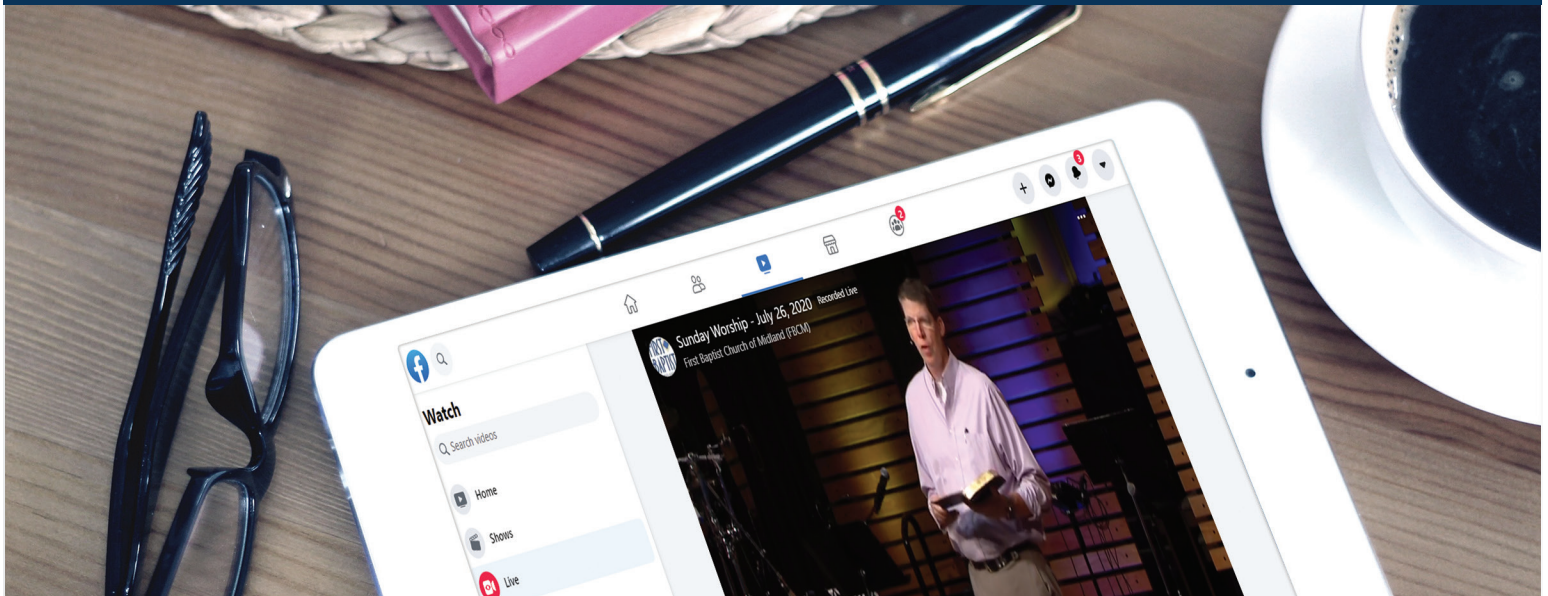
Run a search by:

- Keyword
- Title
- Author
- Subject
- Series

Media Library Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00 am - Noon

SERMONS ON DEMAND SCHEDULE



Starting August 2nd, previously recorded messages will be available, on our Facebook page and fbcmidlandlive.online.church, for you to revisit. Dr. Wood has chosen these messages for your spiritual growth. Also, it is an outreach to people on social media so that they may know Jesus and to navigate these trying times.

SUNDAY

- 10AM - Sunday Worship
- 3PM - Sunday Worship (Rebroadcast)
- 5PM - FBC Table Talk
- 8PM - Sunday Worship (Rebroadcast)

MONDAY

- 12PM - Previous Series Message
- 7PM - Previous Series Message

TUESDAY

- 12PM - FBC Table Talk (Rebroadcast)
- 7PM - FBC Table Talk (Rebroadcast)

WEDNESDAY

- 6PM - WEBS

THURSDAY

- 12PM - Previous Series Message
- 7PM - Previous Series Message

FRIDAY

- DAY OFF

SATURDAY

- 10AM - Sunday Worship (Rebroadcast)
- 8PM - Sunday Worship (Rebroadcast)



Age

By Dean Rippetoe

Age is a fascinating thing. When we are young, we want to be old; when we get old, we want to be young. Some are old and don't know it, some are old and try to act young, some are young and tell people they are older than they really are, and some even go so far as to acquire fake identification. Not many really act their true age. A government study revealed that birthdays correspond with age – it seems that 94% of the people who have had the most birthdays are the oldest!! The statistics were somewhat distorted since several women participated in the study group. I knew a woman who never lied about her age – she just lied about her husband's age and said that she was 5 years younger.

Since the beginning of time, people searched for something to keep them young. Eve looked for it in an apple. In the Gospel of John, we find the story where Jesus heals a man at the Pool of Bethesda. The pool was crowded all the time with people seeking additional life. These folks were not looking to get younger; they just wanted to keep on getting older. Tales of the secret of youth have been recorded across the world for thousands of years, from biblical times to the present. Some look for it in their diet, some exercise, others have cosmetic surgery, some take to organic foods, many use makeup and some revert to drugs. The search continues with little success.

Ponce de Leon was searching for the Fountain of Youth when he traveled to what is now Florida in 1513. He did not find it, but thousands of old folks travel to Florida annually in constant search to find this treasured pool.

The hard facts of life tell us that if we live long enough, we will become old. Like it or not. Many become old while they are still young, and others stay young when reaching what some classify as old. Age may be physically measured in years, but it can also be mentally measured in thought. We are just as old as we feel and we are just as old as we think. In reality, a person is not old until regrets take the place of a dream.

There does not seem to be a problem identifying “teenagers” and “young people” but when we cross over the magic “55”, we hit rough water. The 55 and 60 year

olds certainly don't want to be associated with the 85 year olds and the generation gap continues in the mature population. Divisions are now made between the “pre-old, the crossovers, the young old, the middle old, the old old and the ole geezers.” This also causes a problem because chronological age does not correlate well with functional capacities. The values of each age group are somewhat different and that causes a gap of understanding and creates difficulty in the ability to communicate. So, rather than mingle with all ages, we tend to stay in our comfort zone and associate with people in our own age group. By doing so, we are missing out on many opportunities.

Some folks will not admit to being 55, but will start taking senior discounts at 40. Some 80 year olds are insulted if offered a “senior” discount but will use their AARP card liberally. It is no wonder that some want to put us in the Home just for their convenience. Some contend that age is really “Mind over Matter” – If you don't mind – it doesn't matter.

Jesus was on earth for a short 33 years – Methuselah lived 969 years and died 7 days before the flood. Of the two, who accomplished the most? We remember Methuselah for how long he lived – we remember Christ for what he did in His short period of time on earth. Life is not measured by years – it is measured by what we do with the years we are given.

There are many areas that the different age groups disagree and find little common ground. There is, however, common ground for every born again Christian, regardless of age. The playing field is level at the foot of the cross and we can all agree on that. And this should be the base of our fellowship, not the age group. Maybe we should spend less time on our differences and concentrate on the glue that holds us together. We all have a purpose, a God given talent to be used for His Glory. We may have many differences, but these differences are small compared to our common denominator found in Jesus Christ.

Regardless of your age, you are special and have a significant role in life's puzzle. If you don't know where you fit – Ask God – He knows exactly where you should be!!!

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AGAPE MINISTRIES

DAVID WALL – JUAREZ, MEXICO

- In the two weeks that we have been working with Mobil Manna in Times of the Pandemic, we have passed out 1,200 breakfasts to children and 900 to adults, making it a total of 2,100 people served. We have made 3,000 flour tortillas, the amount of meat has been 300 kilos (661 pounds), 2,110 bags for the food, 18 kilos (40 pounds) of each of the following: hot peppers, tomatoes, and onions, 6 sacks of potatoes, 2,100 juices or drinks, 2,100 desserts, 8 boxes of aluminum containing 500 individual sheets each, along with condiments needed for flavor, 2,500.00 (\$112.00 US dollars) for gasoline and other small expenses. Volunteering during this work are 16 direct persons and many more working indirectly, among these are our supporters. This program has been planned to continue for two months, three days a week. When we are done we will have served 8,400 people. We will have made 12,000 tortillas and bought 720 kilos (1,587 pounds) of meat.
- Please pray for the Pastors in Juarez as they work during this COVID pandemic.
- In each bag of food, we include an evangelistic tract with the address of one of the churches closest to their home. Pray that these tracts will lead people to the Lord and that they will visit the churches in their area.
- Finally, we thank you for the many masks that were made and purchased on behalf of our ministry here. The children will now have a mask of their own to wear to help protect them from the COVID virus.



FBC DIRECTORY

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Sunday Service In Person & 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

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

July 26, 2020

Offering	Monthly	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 75,367	\$ 7,072,011
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 135,000	\$ 6,442,082
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ -59,363	\$ 629,929
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 0	\$ 21,538