

Hi First Family,

Grace and Peace in Christ's precious name! Thanks for allowing me a couple of days last week to go visit with my dad and sisters. I hadn't gotten to see my dad (other than Facetime) since May. Since I'm his barber as well as his son, he was eager for me to come! He needed a haircut! I wouldn't volunteer for cutting someone else's hair, but as far as barbering goes, I'm a passable pastor!

### NEW SCHEDULE COMING SEPTEMBER 13

For the last few Sundays, we've been thrilled to welcome you back on campus. And you came! We're so very glad to have you back! At the same time, we've been bordering (and even exceeding) the social distancing capacity of our spaces. The last thing we want is to create a negative environment for safety and hygiene. Thus, after much prayer and discussion internally, I'm pleased to tell you we're returning to a two-service format, albeit not quite like we had before. See the new schedule below, scheduled to begin Sept 13:

- **8:15 AM - 9:15 AM: Blended Service**
- **9:30 AM - 10:30 AM: Sunday School**

The longer block for Sunday School time will allow for transitions in / out of the preschool / children / students area. Pickup time has been rather slow, bordering on 30 minutes.

• **11 AM - 12 PM: Contemporary Worship** (in Worship Center), Traditional Worship (in Chapel), and Family Service (in Fellowship Hall).

Until September 13, we'll continue with our existing schedule. Thanks for your flexibility and Christ-like maturity in walking through these changes.



### SEEING CLEARLY IN 2020 – BIBLE READING PLAN

Had enough bad news? Take time TODAY to spend time with God's Word! If you've been reading along with our Bible reading plan, here's good news – we're more than halfway home! You're in Job and you've just started 2 Corinthians! You've read all of the Psalms and are on your second trip through them! You've read more than 21 chapters of Proverbs! KEEP GOING! This is where some begin to slide off as the summer gives way to fall. Don't let that happen to you! Finish strong!

Perhaps you're new to us or you didn't know about our reading plan. You can find it at

[fbc-midland.org/resources/bible-365/](http://fbc-midland.org/resources/bible-365/) to download it. You need not wait till January to launch it – jump in now! Maybe you're not up for that, but you'd like to spend some time in God's word. Beginning Sept 1, there are 121 days remaining this year. Given that there are 270 chapters in the New Testament, you can read a little more than 2 chapters a day and finish the entire New Testament before the end of the year.

I've been asked several times why I continue to encourage people to read their Bible on their own. I believe reading the Bible on your own is the single greatest spiritual catalyst one can find. It costs nothing but your time and pays eternal dividends! As your pastor and your friend, I implore you to prioritize your Bible reading, especially as we're bombarded with bad news. The Bible will cut through that darkness and lead you to the Author! There is power to be found in His presence and I want you to find it! Let's grow together.

### CHURCH CONFERENCE THIS SUNDAY NIGHT

I want to invite you to join me for our monthly moment of stewardship this Sunday night. You'll find our agenda elsewhere in this Banner. We'll partake in a study of Romans 8:26-39, some of the best parts of Romans! Meet me Sunday night at 5 PM in the Fellowship Hall!

Your pastor and servant,  
Darin

### CHURCH CONFERENCE AGENDA

**August 30, 2020 In Fellowship Hall at 5 PM**

- Approval of Minutes (July 26, 2020)
- Approval of new members
- Grant Church Letters
- Reports:
  1. Church Council Chairman
  2. Personnel Committee Chairman
    - Commissioning of Amy Brand
  3. Finance Committee Chairman
    - Finance Report
    - FBC Campus Royalties Plan
- Old Business
  1. Vote on approving Budget 2020/21
  2. Vote on changing Bylaw regarding electronic church conferences
- New Business
  1. Committee on Committees nominations for 20/21 committee positions (vote)
  2. Committee on Committees charter change (info and questions) - Chairman
  3. Change in Family Assistance Fund Policy (info and questions) - Deacon Chairman (changing per family max to \$15,000)
  4. General Nominating Committee nominations for 20/21 (vote)
- Other Business
- Adjourn

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

August 23, 2020

	Weekly	Year to Date
Offering		
First Baptist..... \$	104,056	\$ 7,507,134
Budget Requirement..... \$	135,000	\$ 6,982,082
Over/Under Budget..... \$	-30,944	\$ 525,052
Hope 1:8..... \$	255	\$ 24,648

### WEEKLY COUNT

August 23, 2020

	Attendance
<u>Sunday School Groups</u>	
Adults	445
Preschool, Children, & Students/College	251
<u>Online Programing</u>	
Live Views	306