

## SEPT 6<sup>TH</sup>

- 9 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

3 VENUES:  
CONTEMPORARY  
TRADITIONAL  
FAMILY

## SEPT 9<sup>TH</sup>

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(RESERVATION REQUIRED)
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- 6 - 6:45 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR
- 6:45 - 7:30 PM R.A.'S, G. A.'S, & MISSION FRIENDS

## WELCOME CENTER

## SEPT 13<sup>TH</sup>

- 8:15 AM BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE  
(EXTENDED CARE 8:15 ONLY)

- 9:30 AM : SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

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# Dear Beloved First Family



Dr. Darin Wood - Senior Pastor

Grace and Peace today! God bless each of your homes, your families and our future. Spend some time today (or this week) with Isaiah 43. It's good news, like rain in the desert. Ask God to speak to you and listen well.

## LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE THIS YEAR, FBC CHANGES ARE ABUNDANT

Elsewhere in this Banner, you'll find a note from Susan Upham, one of our most faithful and longest tenured servants in the 135 yr history of our church. When Susan began to serve the Lord here at FBC, I was in high school. She has served faithfully through several pastors stretching back to Jim Denison in the late 1980s. For nearly 40 years, she has been a fixture of faithfulness and we're a far better place for having walked with her. As you'll find in her note, she has scheduled her retirement to begin on Sept 15th. We'll honor her and James with a reception on September 13th from 2:30 PM-4:00 PM. Her legacy here is deep and wide and I'm honored to have served with her (For those worried, yes, she has promised to help with the Golden Marriage banquet at Valentines!). Her kindness to me personally is most vivid in the days I was walking through cancer. Susan could see when I wasn't up to "doing life" that day, would invoke another minister to tell me (that sad duty fell to my friend Larry Grimes) and I'd be sent home where I needed to be. Her extraordinary service to Christ, His kingdom and this church – have left a deep impression on the lives of many.

Likewise, as you heard Sunday morning, our friend Larry Grimes has set a retirement date of September 30th. Our church is a better place for having been blessed with Larry's wisdom, leadership and grace. While we are saddened for our loss, we rejoice with our friends the Grimes in their new chapter of life. We will honor Larry and his wife Donna with a reception on Sunday, September 27th from 3:00 PM-4:45 PM, leading right up to our monthly church conference that night.

## OUR NEW SCHEDULE

I trust you're excited about returning to a more "normal" format on Sunday, September 13. REMINDER – we will STILL BE ON OUR CURRENT SCHEDULE THIS COMING SUNDAY. The burden of changing schedules is that it is yet another change – and haven't we had enough of THAT this year. The blessing is that we need this change to accommodate the number of worshippers coming to celebrate God's goodness! We will choose to thank God for the blessing and walk together as we find God's future for us.

## SEPTEMBER 9 - WEDNESDAY NIGHT RETURNS!

I'm so glad to tell you welcome back to Wednesdays! As you may remember, we've made a few changes to what happens on Wednesdays. First, if you plan to join us for supper, you'll need a reservation. Call our main number – 432-683-0600 to make a reservation. (We retracted the decision to make those pre-paid

since that would have necessitated everyone using a debit / credit card, a choice we didn't feel comfortable with). While the menu may not reflect a change, I've challenged them to improve the food they're using. I believe you'll be pleased. The salad bar WILL be open, albeit differently than when we left. You'll walk down the line with one of our kitchen staff on the other side of the bar serving you as you direct. Chick-Fil-A will again be served as will the always popular deserts. The price remains at \$6. I hope to see you beginning at 4:45 PM.

Children's Choirs will be 6:00 - 6:45 PM in their designated rooms. Youth activities will begin at 6 PM as well. Mission activities (RAs, GAs, Mission Friends) will begin at 6:45 PM and conclude at 7:30 PM.

In the Fellowship Hall, James Ervin and Katy Little will be leading a study. Several of our team members will rotate through to tell you about their work and ministry.

Choir and Orchestra will continue their rehearsals on Wednesday nights as well.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

On September 20th, we'll celebrate the Lord's Supper in each of our Sunday AM services. As we did previously, if you worship at home and you'd like to participate, we will provide you with the elements. Unlike last time, however (when we had a drive-through), we'll need you to contact our offices to let us know. You can call my office to request a "Lord's Supper to-go" package at 683-0604.

## QUESTION-AND-ANSWER PERIOD WITH ME

I'm looking for some help with a future series of talks. I wonder if you have a question that has plagued you we can try to answer for you. If you do, send me a note at [info@fbc-midland.org](mailto:info@fbc-midland.org) and let's work through them.

## ADOPT A TEACHER

Our friends at MISD have asked us to consider adopting a teacher! While this program isn't new, it's needed this year like few before it. I know there's a lot of need right now, but let me encourage you to consider joining in this, even if it is just to adopt one of the First Family's educators. Contact our offices for the next step.

## ONE FINAL WORD

We're starting a new series this week: "Finding Peace When I'm not OK." What do you do when the world swirls and you're seasick? Meet me this Sunday morning and let's talk about it.

Praying for us to be sustained by God's kindness and mercy,

Darin

## Week of September 6th

### Sunday School • 9 AM

#### PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We have put in place a procedure to make returning to church campus as safe and simple as possible.

#### Step-by-Step Guide to Sunday mornings for FBC Elementary and Preschool Families:

- Print and complete a [screening form](#) prior to arrival, if possible. (Paper copies will be available on site if needed.)
- Pack diapers/wipes/clothing/bottles in a Ziploc bag and label with your child's name. (No fabric bags, kid's purses, or Bible covers, please.)
- Our water fountains are temporarily shut down to prevent the spread of germs. We ask that if your elementary-aged child may get thirsty during Sunday School, you provide a water bottle for them to drink out of. Please label the bottle. (Preschool classes have disposable cups and water pitchers in classrooms.)
- Arrive between 8:30-8:45. Enter at the Fish Tank doors only.
- Stop at the right screening station with your form for a temperature check, or the left screening station to complete a form and get a temperature check.
- Proceed to the table in the fish tank area to complete security tags for children birth-6th grade and to use hand sanitizer.
- If you have elementary children, they may head upstairs at this point (Volunteers will be manning the stairs and hallways). Preschoolers will be walked to their classrooms by volunteers (using buggies or a wagon if needed).
- Parents may head to the right to access the elevator or stairs by the CDC for adult Sunday School classes.
- Return to the landing at the top of the stairs (elementary) or fish tank area (preschool) with your security tags immediately following Sunday School at 10:00. Give us your children's names, and wait patiently for a volunteer to retrieve them from class.
- Head to worship at 10:30 in the Worship Center, Chapel, or Fellowship Hall. (The Fellowship Hall will still be set up as a family-friendly worship environment with tables and activities!)
- Enjoy a well-deserved Sunday afternoon nap!

#### FAMILY MINISTRY

After checking in your preschoolers and elementary kids in the fish tank area, you can use the elevator or stairs by the C Hall to go directly to your classroom. Please return to pick up your kids immediately following Sunday School.

#### STUDENTS

To protect our students and provide the safest possible environment, student's temperature will be checked at the classroom door. Students will wear masks for the duration of the class.

If your student has had exposure to anyone with COVID within the last 14 days or has run a fever in the last 48 hours, please have them stay home.

#### Midpoint

**Wednesdays 6:30-7:30p in the Chapel Aug. 19-Sept. 2.**

#### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

#### ADULT 55+

- David Department – Chapel
- Stephen Department – Church Parlor (E Hall)
- Thomas Department – E112/114
- Bar-Simon Department – E111
- Joseph Department – E102
- Grace Department – D219
- Rachel Department – D217
- Peter Department – D203
- Gabriel Department – D205
- Ezekiel Department – Fellowship Hall 3
- Andrew Department – D218 & Zoom

### Sunday Worship • 10:30 AM

- Worship Center • Contemporary & Live Sermon
- Chapel • Traditional with simulcast sermon
- Fellowship Hall • Families with simulcast service
- Live Streaming on our [Church Online](#) and [Facebook](#).

### Weekly Bible Study

#### LADIES PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY

**September 3rd to November 18th  
9 AM in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Cost: \$20**

Precept Upon Precept Ladies' Bible Study Studying Kings and Prophets: The History of Israel and Judah.

Contact Katy Little to sign up:

Email - [Klittle@fbc-midland.org](mailto:Klittle@fbc-midland.org) or call - 432-557-9768.

#### WE THE CHURCH: YOUR PLACE IN THE FAMILY

**September 9th - November 18th  
6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

Speaker: Dr Darin Wood - The Heart of our Pastor

Come prepared to hear from our pastoral shepherds, find out how you can connect with the ministries of the church, and spend time in prayer with the church family.

#### SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

**September 9th - 30th  
6 pm in room E102**

Led by: Bryan Pinson

Timeless practices to grow deeper.

**Starting Sept. 9th  
WEDNESDAY  
FAMILY MEALS**

Wednesday Family Meal service  
begins at 4:45pm in the Fellowship  
Hall. All meals include one dessert  
and beverage.

[more details](#)

[fbc-midland.org/first-family-member/wfm](http://fbc-midland.org/first-family-member/wfm)



## 1st Family News

### FBC AT HOME

Our on-line worship guide is located at the following link.

[www.fbc-midland.org/fbcathome](http://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.

### DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE)

September 24, 11:45 AM

Guest - Mayor Patrick Payton

Fellowship Hall \* Lunch cost is \$6

Sign up in Sunday School or call Rhonda Carroll at 432-686-0612 to make your lunch reservation.

### HONOR OUR TROOPS

We are collecting items for this ministry. Lists are available in Sunday School and we ask you to bring these items to church no later than Thursday, September 24. These items will be used to send to our troops, and we may have the opportunity to help pack the boxes.

### MISSIONS

#### Baptist ESL

#### English and Citizenship Classes

Every Thursday beginning September 3rd - November 19th

6:30-8:15 PM

2 classes being offered "in-person" (First Year English and Citizenship)

Pray for our teachers and students as we navigate this new season in BESL. Pray for the health of all involved and pray especially for the Gospel to be shared clearly with those who choose to attend our classes this Fall.

See details at [fbc-midland.org/events](http://fbc-midland.org/events)

#### Mary Hill Davis Offering

Our State Missions Offering Goal

This year's goal of \$36,000 has been set at 10% higher than the amount we gave as a church last year. Would you prayerfully consider increasing your family's gift by 10%? Or if you were not able to give last year, would you prayerfully consider giving this year? The MHDO offering for Texas missions helps a wide variety of missions endeavors around our state. Let's work together to reach this goal.

Our State Missions Offering runs September 13th thru 20th

### MOPS

MOPS Registration is open for 2020-2021! We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings 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](mailto:mopsfbcmidland@gmail.com)

### MUSIC AND MISSIONS

#### for 3 yr olds - 6th grade

Online Registration is Open!. To register online, please go to: [www.fbc-midland.org](http://www.fbc-midland.org)

All activities will begin Wednesday, September 9th

### 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.

#### August

- Gloria Chen
- Sammye Douglas and Andrew Cockrell
- Aubrey & Avery Hennessy
- Michael Hudek
- Chisholm & Samantha Lindsey
- Savannah Rice
- Monica Rico
- Hannah Ware

## Serving Opportunities

### MISSION FRIENDS LEADERS NEEDED:

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](mailto: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.

### BEREAVEMENT

Gail Sneed in the death of her brother-in-law, Rodney Landreth

### THANK YOU

*Thank you for the gift to Buckner Children and Family Services in memory of my father. I really appreciate all the prayers and support during a difficult time. You have made our loss much more bearable. Thank you again for the gift in memory of my father.*

Randy Cotton

*Thank you so much for helping meet the needs for kids and families going back to school. In the words of my foster kiddo, "it was awesome".*

*Buckner Dress 'Em and Bless 'Em 2020*



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A  
*retirement*  
RECEPTION



HONORING  
**SUSAN UPHAM**  
36 YEARS OF SERVICE AT FBC

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH**  
**2:30-4:00 PM**  
**IN THE WELCOME CENTER**

I thank God for the opportunity to share His love and joy at FBC. My prayer is that my life has been a daily witness to His grace and goodness. Hebrews 6:10 (NASB) "For God is not unjust as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints." During my 36 years at FBC I have served with 5 pastors, ministry assistant to 4 pastors and 2 interims. I am often asked "How do you adjust to the different pastors?" My reply is always "They have to adjust to my personality too."

It is time to close this chapter that spans over half my life and begin the new chapter called "Retirement". I do not cry because it is over, but I smile because it happened! I will always cherish my time on staff at FBC and the many friendships over the years with the church family. I will continue to share God's love teaching preschoolers and now into my 38th year I am rewarded with teaching the second generation of several families.

May God's richest blessings be yours!

Susan Upham

## Happy Birthday!



**Fredda Thompson**  
August 8th



**Lola Kerr**  
September 6th



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### Sunday

Sunday School at 9 AM & Worship Services at 10:30 AM

Worship Services Online

• [fbc-midland.org](http://fbc-midland.org) • [facebook.com/fbcmidland](https://facebook.com/fbcmidland) • [vimeo.com/fbcmidland](https://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

## Prayer Partners

**Pioneers** – No Names/Location Due to Security Concerns

- Pray that God would raise up full-time, non-Western teammates to serve with us in this multicultural training community
- Pray that new churches would start among the unreached in this global city as the result of our team's disciple-making training community

## Employment Opportunity

### KIDS KARE EMPLOYEES:

FBC Kids Kare is looking for additional paid part time workers for childcare events. Must be at least 18 years of age to apply. It is preferred that you have previous childcare experience with children of all ages. If you are wanting to join the Kids Kare team or have any questions please contact Allison Ashmore at 432-683-0611 or email [aashmore@fbc-midland.org](mailto:aashmore@fbc-midland.org)

FIRST BAPTIST  
MIDLAND

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

**fbc-midland.org**

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### WEEKLY COUNT

August 30, 2020

<u>Sunday School Groups</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Adults .....	458
Preschool, Children, & Students .....	250
<u>Online Programming</u>	
Live Views .....	235

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

August 30, 2020

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Offering		
First Baptist .....	\$ 82,335	\$ 7,589,469
Budget Requirement .....	\$ 135,000	\$ 7,117,082
Over/Under Budget .....	\$ -52,665	\$ 472,387
Hope 1:8 .....	\$ 20	\$ 24,678