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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

3 VENUES:

CONTEMPORARY  
TRADITIONAL  
FAMILY

## SEPT 16<sup>TH</sup>

- 4:45 PM WEDNESDAY FAMILY MEAL  
(RESERVATION REQUIRED)
- 6 PM ADULT BIBLE STUDIES
- 6 - 6:45 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR
- 6:45 - 7:30 PM R.A.'S, G. A.'S, &  
MISSION FRIENDS

# Dear Beloved First Family



Dr. Darin Wood - Senior Pastor

Grace and Peace to you each today. May God's favor be upon you, your family and your home.

## OUR NEW SCHEDULE BEGINS THIS WEEK

For the first time in 6 months, we'll begin a two-service schedule beginning this week! As a reminder, please make note of the new times in this Banner. I know we've had more changes than we can count – thanks for your patience and your heart for being flexible in walking along with us on this road. I'll look forward to seeing you in the new schedule this week!

Likewise, a worship guide will be available for your use this week. While there will be no ushers to hand them to you, you can find them on the glass tables in both foyers and just outside the chapel on the table.

## SUSAN UPHAM'S RECEPTION

How does one properly honor service like Susan's? I'm not sure it's possible. She has invested so much of herself into the life and ministry of this church, most of it unseen. The task of helping the pastor stay on track is not for the faint of heart – Susan has served with excellence and longevity on a remarkable level. I know many of you will want to speak a word of peace to her and James and we want you to have that opportunity. However, due to our current environment and for their protection (as well as yours), we'll be keeping the Uphams behind the receptionist desk as you pass them. If you'd like to place a card or write a letter, we will provide a basket for them on the glass table in the center of the Welcome Center.

## VALET PARKING RETURNS THIS WEEK

With the return of our two-service model, we welcome you back to Valet Parking. Our valets will be wiping your steering wheel down when you drop your vehicle with them. As is our protocol, they'll be wearing masks and will do their best to keep their distance. If you are one that has mobility issues, please consider using their service. These extraordinary servants are passionate about serving people. They'll be ready for you at our west door on Sunday morning where we have historically had that service.

## NEW CHILD CHECK-IN PROCEDURES BEGIN THIS WEEK AND THE RETURN OF CHILDCARE FOR THE 8:15 SERVICE

As you will notice, we'll begin new procedures for checking in First Family children this week. Our hope is that this will be a service to you and your family.

Likewise, extended session classes will return this week as well. At the 8:15 service ONLY, we'll be glad to welcome children 4 yrs old (PreK) and down in our Preschool hallway.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

September 20th, we'll celebrate the Lord's Supper at all of our services. When you arrive, you'll find the Lord's Supper elements set out on tables in the foyer areas. Both elements are packaged together with the cup. The wafer is sealed atop the cup. We ask that you take what you need for your family when you arrive as those elements will not be passed.

God's grace will sustain us,

Darin

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**



**Sunday Worship • 8:15 AM**

- Blended Worship Service in Worship Center (extended care 8:15 only)
- Overflow in Chapel
- Live Streaming on our [Church Online](#) and [Facebook](#).

**Sunday School • 9:30 AM**

**PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

**A NEW Step-by-Step Guide for FBC Elementary and Preschool Families, beginning SEPTEMBER 13TH:**

- Enter at the Fish Tank if arriving to check in kids before early service (preschool only) and/or Sunday School. Screeners are available from 7:45-8:15 AM (preschool) and 9:00-9:30 AM (preschool and elementary). If attending early service with children, you can screen for Sunday School in the Chapel Foyer from 9:15-9:30 AM (immediately following worship).
- Stop to get a temperature check. (By checking your child in, you are affirming that your child has been symptom-free for 24 hours and free from known exposure for 14 days. Please see the posted sign for details.)
- Complete a security tag for all children 6th grade and younger.
- Parents who have been temperature checked and completed a security tag will be allowed into the preschool/children's areas and may escort their child(ren) to class.
- It would be best if only one parent entered the hallway, but we also trust you to use your best judgment. Please do not linger in the hallway or common areas. We want to limit traffic flow as much as possible to maintain a healthy and safe environment.
- As soon as Sunday School (or Music/Missions on Wednesday evenings) concludes, please return to your child's classroom with the security tag.
- Worship at 11:00am will be available 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!) Preschool classes are not available during this service time.

**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.

**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)

**Sunday Worship • 11:00 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](#).

**Wednesday September 13th**

**PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Music 6:00-6:45pm, Missions 6:45-7:30pm (3 yrs by 9/1 — 6th grade)  
Wednesday night screening and check-in will occur in the Fish Tank area only. Please arrive between 5:30-5:45 and follow steps 2-6 from Sunday's "step-by-step" guide.

**Weekly Bible Study**

**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.

**LADIES PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY**

**Thursdays through 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 - [Kliddle@fbc-midland.org](mailto:Kliddle@fbc-midland.org) or call - 432-557-9768.

**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.

### JOYFUL SOUND CHOIR

A Ministry for Adults 55+

Come join us as we begin a new choir year on Thursday, September 17 at 10:30 AM.

Call James Ervin for more information 683-1053

### MISSIONS

#### Baptist ESL English and Citizenship Classes

Thursday, September 10th at 6:30-8:15 PM

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)

### 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)

### WMU PRAYER LUNCHEON

September 14, 2020 at 11:30 AM to 1 PM in D100/102

Lunch WILL NOT be provided, please bring a sack lunch to enjoy as we hear prayer requests and praises from our FBC Missionaries and Ministries.

### FBC ADULT SINGLE DEPARTMENT LUNCHEON

The FBC Adult Singles Department will gather for food and fellowship at our Fall Luncheon on Sunday, September 27th at 1:00 PM in the Church Parlor (E118). We cordially invite you to join us. Please RSVP to Lise Thomas by text or voicemail at 432-294-1488. Please enter through the north doors facing Garfield near the small parking lot. We hope that you will join us!

### 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.

### Acknowledgments

#### BEREAVEMENT

- The family of Bea Fenner in her recent death.
- Dan Wennerlind in the death of his wife, Peggy Wennerlind. And to Nathan Wennerlind in the death of his mother.

#### THANK YOU

*Thank you so much for the donation to Buckner Children and Family Services in sympathy of Travis. It was very kind of you to extend your sympathy this way. I am so fortunate to have such a loving church family.*

Denise Beckham

*Thank you for your recent gift to Buckner Children & Family Services in memory of my father, Paul Weddle. Dad spent his life ministering to children and families as a school administrator/counselor and Baptist ministry so this gift truly is a beautiful reflection of his life. Your remembrance of him in my time of loss is deeply appreciated.*

Thank you,

Becky Greenleaf

*Thank you so much for the gift to Buckner Children & Family Services in memory of my husband George Snapp. He loved kids and family was very important to him. I also want to thank everyone for all of the prayers, calls, cards and visits during this difficult time. Our church was very important to us.*

Prayers for all,

Joyce Snapp

### 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)

# What does your worship smell like?

*Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.*  
*John 12:3 (NKJV)*

The scene in John 12 consisted of a dinner where there was Mary. Mary took a pound of very expensive oil extracted from a plant grown in India and poured it all over Jesus' feet. She then began wiping His feet with her hair. It was a beautiful scene, but you could have cut the tension in the room with a knife. Martha was busying herself and not engaged in the worship. One of the disciples, Judas Iscariot, was questioning Mary's motive. And then there was Jesus with an opportunity to use this sacrifice to bring Himself glory. It is so cool how Jesus put everything in perspective. After being questioned by Judas about the financial aspect of the offering and knowing that He would soon be betrayed by Judas, Jesus took that question and said, "For the poor you have with you always but Me you do not have always."

We can take many things from this encounter. First, don't get so busy that you forget to worship the Lord. We spend so much time in ministry preparing for the work of the Lord that sometimes we forget to do that for which we are preparing. Worship the Lord!

Second, we need to offer our best to the Lord every day. Does our worship have an aroma like the finest of perfumes or does it have a scent that is not so sacrificial? Make every effort to offer your best to the Lord at all times in everything you do.

And finally, don't miss any opportunity to worship your Savior. Don't let public opinion sway you from what God has created you to do. There are so many times when you may think to yourself, "What are others going to think of my worship?" Do yourself and the Lord a favor by only concentrating on what pleases God and not what pleases man.

- A. What does my worship SMELL like?
- B. What can I do to make my worship a pleasing aroma to the Lord?

*Lord Jesus, may my worship be a pleasing aroma to you. Keep my mind focused on You as I serve you and lead others in worship. In the precious name of Jesus, Amen.*

*Aaron Hodges  
Minister of Music*





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### Prayer Partners

## PRAYER

Our Missionary  
in  
Holts Summit, MO



Tricia Alberts  
Sports Crusaders

- Pray that God will provide the missionaries for our program among the growing concern of the Corona Virus. With colleges closed, recruiting time has been cut short and now it is all in God's hands as it always is.
- Pray for discernment for the "expansion of our territory" through additional common ground approaches of ministry.
- Pray for our staff as they boldly share the Gospel in the many different facets of ministry.

## 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

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Prayer Line - 432.683.0683

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| Missions Ministry        | 683.0623 |
| Music & Worship Ministry | 683.0618 |
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| Media Ministry           | 683.0622 |
| Membership               | 683.0616 |
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| Library                  | 683.0625 |

### Sunday

Sunday School at 9:30 AM • Worship Services at 8:15 am & 11:00 AM

Worship Services Online

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

### WEEKLY COUNT

September 6, 2020

Sunday School Groups Attendance

Adults.....351

Preschool, Children, & Students.....161

Online Programing

Live Views .....211

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

September 6, 2020

| Offering                   | Weekly  | Year to Date |
|----------------------------|---------|--------------|
| First Baptist..... \$      | 136,708 | \$ 7,728,097 |
| Budget Requirement..... \$ | 135,000 | \$ 7,252,082 |
| Over/Under Budget..... \$  | 1,708   | \$ 476,015   |
| Hope 1:8..... \$           | 355     | \$ 25,033    |
| Mary Hill Davis..... \$    | 460     | \$ 2,484     |

### END OF MONTH REPORT

August 2020

| Offering                   | Monthly  | Year to Date |
|----------------------------|----------|--------------|
| First Baptist..... \$      | 475,372  | \$ 7,591,389 |
| Budget Requirement..... \$ | 675,000  | \$ 7,117,082 |
| Over/Under Budget..... \$  | -199,628 | \$ 474,307   |
| Hope 1:8..... \$           | 3,140    | \$ 24,678    |