

THE BANNER *Letter*

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Hi First Family,

Grace and Peace in Christ our Savior today! What a joy it is to be blessed with the cooler weather and the rain that our God so generously sends our way!

I wanted to say a word of thanks to each of you who came to honor our friend Susan Upham at her retirement reception. Her faithful service has been a constant at FBC for so long! Her presence in our offices is already missed.



Thank goodness she's not leaving altogether! Thanks Susan and James and God bless this new chapter of life for you.

One slight correction to what I said in last week's Banner – while we have two service TIMES – 8:15 AM and 11 AM – we are still

offering more than two services. Our traditional service in the chapel continues at 11 AM as does our FBC En Espanol services at 11 AM (in the Youth worship area on E hallway) on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

THE LORD'S SUPPER – THIS SUNDAY!

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper this Sunday in a new and wonderful way! Our entire service is constructed around preparing you for the Lord's Supper and for you to connect with God. As you arrive for worship this Sunday, you'll find in the Welcome Center and the Chapel foyer tables set out with small cups. Please take one cup for each member of your family who will participate in the Lord's Supper. Each cup contains a wafer and some juice. If you'd like to spend some time in advance of Sunday preparing your heart and mind, spend some time praying through 1 Corinthians 11 about the Lord's Supper. Meet me Sunday at the Lord's table.

FX SERVICE

In addition to the Lord's Supper, our FX Service is back this Sunday! For those who missed it, FX stands for "Family Experience" of Worship! The service is at 11 AM only and in our Fellowship Hall. It's a service aimed at families with children. If that's you, know that our Family Pastor Cory Brand, our Preschool Pastor Amy Brand, and our Children's Pastor Sarah Arrambide are ready to welcome you!

LARRY GRIMES RECEPTION

With sadness, we invite you to join us September 27 from 2:30-4 PM for a reception honoring our friend Larry Grimes and his retirement. Like Susan, he's earned the honor he's due. His faithful service has been a blessing to this church and to the Kingdom of Christ. Please make plans to join us that afternoon.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Following Larry's reception, we'll hold our monthly church conference at 5 PM in the Fellowship Hall. I trust you'll make that a priority. Practicing wise and prudent stewardship over the Lord's blessings is another way we honor the Lord!

40 DAYS

You've heard me say often, "I'm a citizen of Heaven FIRST" but I'm also an American. Next week, on September 24th, it will be 40 days till Election Day. I don't think it's a stretch to say this election is the most consequential of our time. I want to invite you to join me on an adventure of prayer and fasting over that 40 day span. In next week's Banner, I'll include the plan. Look for it and let's pray, prepare and focus our hearts on God's path for our nation.

Your servant,

Darin

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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/FX Live

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

4:45 PM Wednesday Family Meal (reservation Required)
6 PM "We The Church" Your Place in the Family
Discipleship Class: "Spiritual Practices"
6 - 6:45 PM Children's Choir
6:30 PM Mid-Point for students (in Chapel)
6:45 - 7:30 PM R.A.'s, G.A.'s, & Mission Friends

CHURCH EVENTS

Stay informed of current and coming soon events.
fbc-midland.org/events

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

September 13, 2020

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 129,013	\$ 7,857,110
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 135,000	\$ 7,387,082
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ -5,987	\$ 470,028
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 100	\$ 25,133
Mary Hill Davis.....	\$ 6,970	\$ 8,632

WEEKLY COUNT

September 13, 2020

Sunday School Groups	Attendance
Adults	545
Preschool, Children, & Students/College	261
Online Programing	
Live Views	229