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## HONORING LARRY GRIMES

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RETIREMENT RECEPTION  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH  
FROM 3 - 4:45 PM  
IN THE WELCOME CENTER

September 22nd marks the beginning of Fall.  
Thank you Lord for the beauty in your creations.



# Dear Beloved First Family



Grace and Peace in abundance today! May God's kindness and favor rest on each of you today and dwell in your homes!

## LARRY GRIMES RECEPTION

I'm sorry to say this is my friend Larry's last Sunday as our Business Administrator. His work has been nothing short of extraordinary. His faithful service to the Lord and this church has made an eternal difference and I'm delighted we got to come along for the ride. From 3:00 - 4:45 PM this Sunday, please join me in the Welcome Center for a retirement reception.

## CHURCH CONFERENCE

Immediately following the reception, please join us for our monthly church conference. This is our means of practicing stewardship over the blessings God has generously given to us. Make plans to share Sunday evening with us, beginning at 5 PM.

We'll have a guest speaker this Sunday night, but not really a guest at all. Our friend Shelden Kinnison will be bringing a word from the Lord and I'm excited to hear him! Please make plans to join me this Sunday night at 5PM to share the joy of God's Word with Shelden and me!

## NATIONAL SEASON OF PRAYER

If we as a nation have ever needed prayer, it's NOW! That's why we're participating in Dr. Franklin Graham's prayer emphasis beginning this week. From September 24, it's 40 days till Election Day. Below, please find a prayer and action plan to carry us through the next 40 days.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Pray for those who are currently in elected office, whether it be city hall, Austin or DC. Romans 13 commands us to pray for them and to honor their service. Such a commandment is not limited to those we voted for or agree with.

Pray for engaged and prepared voters. By way of assisting in that, we're planning to have a voter registration table in our Welcome Center the next two weeks. Studies have shown far too many Christ-followers don't vote. Use the God-given opportunity to express your voice.

Fast one meal or an activity for the day as a means to cleansing your heart and mind.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Pray for those running for office. Running for office – no matter what the office might be – isn't easy or for those who wilt quickly. Pray for their families in this challenging season.

Fast one meal or activity for the day, using that time to ask God's favor on our nation and our future.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Pray for those in law enforcement, our first responders and their

families. The job they have is difficult on its best day and that's not now. Pray for their protection and for encouragement for them.

Fast one meal or an activity for the day for those who serve in dangerous positions.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Pray for the election judges and the numerous volunteers who work tirelessly in preparing for an election. For most of us, we walk in, vote and leave. But for those who work or volunteer there, when we walk out, they're just beginning. We've seen recently how important their work can be in a difficult election. Pray for strength, wisdom and patience.

Fast one meal or an activity for the day, asking God's favor over all those who will serve with the election.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Pray for our military. While they are not elected, they aren't civilians either. Pray God's protection for those who are serving far from home. Pray for their families. Pray for their safe return. God is using their service and we would do well to remember that.

Fast one meal or an activity for the day in prayer for our friends in the military.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

Pray for our nation. As a nation, we are as divided now as I've ever seen us. This cannot remain and us continue as the "United States." Where there is no agreement, there can be no unity. Pray with me for our nation to see the divisions between us for what they are – tools Satan uses to distract and destroy us. Pray for peace, grace and that we begin to believe the best about each other instead of the worst. While there is reason for natural pessimism, I want us to choose to trust our God to do big things – like bring a revival to our land.

Fast one meal or an activity for the day in consecration for a revival to sweep across this great land and for the future of our nation.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Pray for the election to be clear, decisive and expedited. If a winner is declared that night, then praise the Lord for His goodness, even if it's not your candidate. Pray that God's healing for our divisions will begin to heal that very day!

I'm convinced this is a season that will turn our nation, one way or the other. I believe it firmly. With that in mind, I don't want to look back and say, "If we had only called out to the Lord!" Whether you use this plan or your own, let this be the moment you call on God's hand to come to our nation. We need Him now like we never have before.

Serving Christ,

Darin

## 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.

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

September 23rd at 6 PM

6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Speaker: Katy Little - Discipleship and Women's Ministry

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.

### FBC ADULT SINGLE DEPARTMENT LUNCHEON

September 27th at 1 PM

Fellowship Hall

The FBC Barnabas Class, for single adults, will gather for food and fellowship at our Fall Luncheon. We cordially invite you to join us. Please RSVP to Lise Thomas by text or voicemail at 432-294-1488.

We hope that you will join us!

### MARRIAGE NIGHT

Simulcast Event

October 2nd from 6 - 9:30 PM

Cost is \$15 per person

Marriage Night is a one-night event for married and engaged couples to laugh and learn as they hear from marriage experts and discover how to honor God through their relationship. The speaker lineup includes Matt and Lauren Chandler, Conway and Jada Edwards, Les and Leslie Parrott, and comedian Michael Jr. Mark your calendar and plan to attend—it'll be worth your time.

Register at: [events.rightnowmedia.org/attendee/site/4009](http://events.rightnowmedia.org/attendee/site/4009)

### JOYFUL SOUND CHOIR

A Ministry for Adults 55+

Come join us for our new choir year each Thursday at 10:30 am in the choir room. Call James Ervin for more information. 683-1053

### 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)

## 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

- Justin Dockrey in the death of his sister, Lori Dockrey
- Family of Barbara Loyd
- Family of Bettye Hughes.

### THANK YOU

*Thank you for the gift to Buckner Children and Family Services in honor of my father, Jim Gentry. My parents enjoyed their friends at First Baptist and the James Dept. Our family appreciates all the nice things that the members have done for us in our time of sorrow.*

Sincerely,  
Family of Jim Gentry

*Your gift to Buckner Children and Family Services in memory of Skeet's dad, Hyle Doss, could not have been more appropriate or loved. Hyle was known all over town as the man who "pulled quarters out of children's ears". He never met a kid he didn't love! Thank you for your gift and the thoughts and love that came with it. We've been overwhelmed with cards, prayers, gifts and love from each of you. May God bless each of you in return.*

His love & ours,  
Nancy & Skeet Doss



## WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27TH

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

- 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 • 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](#).

### Sunday Evening

- Retirement Reception: Larry Grimes 3 - 4:45 PM in Welcome Center
- Church Conference: 5 PM in Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday September 30th

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

6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Speaker: John Elliott - "Why does God need a gym? Opportunities for Outreach"**

**Opportunities for Outreach**

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.

#### 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 2-5 from Sunday's "step-by-step" guide.

### Weekly Bible Study

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

### Coming Soon

#### MOMENTUM YES

Wednesdays

October 14th - November 18th

Led by Bryan Pinson

Every Wednesday evening in room E 102

Cost: Free

MomentumYes invites everyday people to rethink God's mission, the call of the Church, and their individual roles.



September 27, 2020 In Fellowship Hall at 5 PM

- Approval of Minutes (August 30, 2020)
- Approval of new members
- Grant Church Letters
- Reports:
  1. Church Council Chairman
  2. Personnel Committee Chairman
    - Media Ministry Assistant (information only)
    - Report on Search Committees
  3. Finance Committee Chairman
    - Finance Report
- Old Business
  - Committee on Committees charter change
  - Change in Family Assistance Fund Policy (changing per family max to \$15,000)
- New Business
  - Committee on Committees nominations for 20/21 (vote)
  - General Nominating Committee nominations for 20/21 (vote)
- Other Business
- Adjourn



*Sunday Mornings*

**DON'T FORGET YOUR WORSHIP GUIDE**

**PICK UP AT TABLE IN FOYER**

WELCOME CENTER  
Week of Sunday, September 11 - 18, 2020

**This Week**  
 Today  
 • Reception for Susan Upham  
 2:30 - 4:00 PM

**Wednesday**  
 Schedule to include  
 • Meal @ 4:00 PM  
 • We The Church @ 6 PM  
 • Spiritual Practices @ 7 PM  
 • Kids Music & Missions @ 7 PM  
 • Children @ 8 PM  
 • Choir @ 7 PM

**Thursday**  
 • Priced Class @ 9 AM

**Service Notes**  
 Speaker: Dr. Darin Wood  
 Special Service: Finding Peace, When I am not okay.  
 Sermon Title: God's Peace in my Pain - 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

1. My God can raise me up again  
 2. Vision about what was  
 3. Revelations of the Divine



*Voter Registration*

A voter registration booth will be set up in the **Welcome Center at 8am-12:30pm, on Sunday Sept 27 & Oct 4.** Voter registration cards must be received at the County Annex by October 5.

**Be sure to vote on Nov 3!**



**WEDNESDAY FAMILY MEALS**

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

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

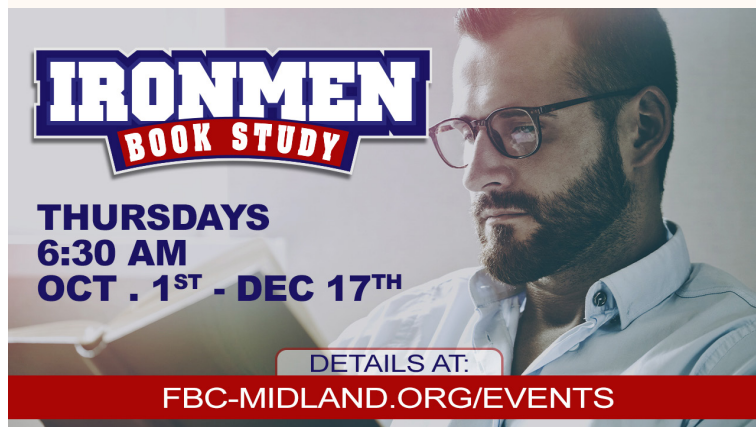
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*We The Church*

Find your place in the family.

**WEDNESDAYS AT 6 PM**



**IRONMEN BOOK STUDY**

**THURSDAYS 6:30 AM**  
**OCT. 1<sup>ST</sup> - DEC 17<sup>TH</sup>**

DETAILS AT:  
[FBC-MIDLAND.ORG/EVENTS](https://www.fbc-midland.org/events)



**HOSPITAL VISITS**

James Ervin, our pastor to Adults 55+, is making the FBC family hospital visits. If you or a family member are going into the hospital or have been admitted to the hospital, please contact James at 325-203-2332 or Rhonda Carroll at 432-683-0612.

This will allow us to minister to you or your family member.

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### Prayer Partners

# PRAYER

Our Missionary  
in  
Helena, MT



**Caleb Groteluschen**  
Capstone Church

- Pray for our Second Service, that it would be a great avenue for our church to further minister to our community
- Pray for more contacts in schools to develop. Though great effort has been made to develop relationships, very little progress has been made with our schools
- Pray that our Leadership team would continue to grow. We need leadership for our Kids Ministry as well as our First Impressions ministry

## FBC DIRECTORY

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

Main Phone - 432.683.0600 Main Fax - 432.683.0660

Prayer Line - 432.683.0683

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Missions Ministry .....	683.0623
Music & Worship Ministry .....	683.0618
Administrative Office .....	683.0604
Activities Ministry .....	683.0647
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Children's Ministry .....	683.0609
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Child Development Center .....	683.0638
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Student Ministry .....	683.0606
Family Ministry .....	683.0612
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Media Ministry .....	683.0622
Membership .....	683.0612
Duplication Services .....	683.0626
Library .....	683.0625

### Sunday

Sunday School at 9:30 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

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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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### WEEKLY COUNT

September 20, 2020

Sunday School Groups Attendance

Adults..... 473

Preschool, Children, & Students..... 254

Online Programming

Live Views ..... 226

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

September 20, 2020

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
First Baptist..... \$	97,764	\$ 7,954,873
Budget Requirement..... \$	135,000	\$ 7,522,082
Over/Under Budget..... \$	-37,236	\$ 432,791
Hope 1:8..... \$	28,514	\$ 53,647
Mary Hill Davis..... \$	1,405	\$ 10,037