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The **Banner**

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HONORING

Sunday in our 11 AM service, we will honor our local Law Enforcement officers for their extraordinary service... *(Pastor Letter)*

Dear Beloved First Family



Dr. Darin Wood - Senior Pastor

Grace and Peace in Christ our Savior today! Thanks be to God for delivering us through the first three quarters of this year! With confidence, we look forward to God's kindness in the new year to come!

FAITH AND BLUE SUNDAY

This week in our 11 AM service, we will honor our local Law Enforcement officers for their extraordinary service to Christ and to each of us they protect. Both Midland PD and Midland County Sherriff's Office has accepted our invitation. If you're one who frequents this service, may I ask you to greet our guests in blue with your usual kindness and grace? We will recognize them in our service, offer our thanks for their service, pray over their respective leaders and provide them with a gift card following the service. Why do this? Because in Romans 13, we're commanded to pray for those in authority over us. Not just those we agree with or like, but all leaders. The front line of these leaders are the officers who patrol our city and county. On the BEST day, they have a difficult job. We will pray for their protection, for their families and for peace in our nation. These are difficult days to be in law enforcement. I want our guests to know at least ONE church respects and appreciates what they do.

THE SOLID ROCK DINER IS BACK OPEN

This is a shameless plug for the diner we have in our Activities Building. May I invite you to come share a luncheon with our diner? They have a new menu and new drink choices as well! And, of course, their pies are still the same! As I write this, it's Monday afternoon. I just came from the diner and it was awesome!

FAMILY FEST – OCTOBER 31

As October 31 approaches, we will indeed hold a fall festival. While it will most certainly not be "business as usual," (such as the time! We'll be doing this from 3-5 PM) our staff wanted to provide something for families. Elsewhere in this Banner, find notes about our event!

COVID ISN'T OVER

As we expected, we've had the opportunity to use the COVID protocols we established earlier in the year. There have been people who came to events / church who were COVID positive but didn't know it until after they had been on our campus. I need to ask something I never dreamed I'd need to. If you are even the slightest bit ill, I need you to stay home. Don't come to church that Sunday. Even if you're absolutely sure your runny nose is allergies, recognize the danger that exists if it isn't. For those who accidentally brought it to church, they genuinely believed it was nothing more than just run-of-the-mill stuff. I'm imploring you to recognize COVID isn't over. Please continue to protect yourself and don't let your guard down. We can win this fight by doing it together. That's what families do! They come together to fight a common enemy! Help us by staying home when you're even slightly sick.

Serving Christ,
Darin

Happy Retirement!

We want to say *thank you*, Larry Grimes, for the impact you made on this church and the people. We wish you and Donna happiness in what God has in store for you in the next chapter of life.



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

Sunday Worship • 11:00 AM

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

Wednesday October 14th

WEDNESDAY FAMILY MEAL

- Brisket
- Pinto Beans
- Potato Salad
- Tossed Green Salad
- Mexican Cornbread
- Banana Pudding

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

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.

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 or call - 432-557-9768.



1st Family News

D.M.A. LUNCHEON

October 22, 2020
11:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
Cost: \$6
Performing: Faithful Men

Please RSVP in your Sunday school class or contact Rhonda Carroll, 432-683-6012.

FAMILY FEST

October 31, 2020, 3:00 - 5:00 PM
FBC Midland - North Parking Lot

Families, come join us for an exciting time filled with carnival games, a trunk-or-treat with lots of great candy, some exciting prizes, and even some cool cars for Mom and Dad to check out! Everything is free, and all are welcome!

North Parking Lot of First Baptist Church (Garfield and Cuthbert).

Volunteer: Assistance is needed from booth operations to clean up. Also need 8 decorated cars for trunk or treat. Contact Nathan Wennerlind at (432) 288-5747 for details.

UPWARD BASKETBALL

Registration coming soon! Online or in person registration, at the Activities Building, will begin November 2nd. Registration is \$90 and spots are limited! If you have any questions you can email avanderveer@fbc-midland.org or call 432-683-0648.

JOYFUL SOUND CHOIR

A Ministry for Adults 55+

Come join us for our new choir year every other Thursday at 10:30 am in the choir room.
Call James Ervin for more information. 432-683-1053

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

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.

SEPTEMBER

- Maria Howard By Statement
- Neil Howard By Statement
- Mike Morgan By Letter
- Trina Morgan By Letter
- Kelly Xie By Baptism

Serving Opportunities

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

- Adolfo and Alma Chavez in the death of their brother-in-law, Beto Rodriguez
- Kay Kolb in the death of her brother-in-law, Jim Logan
- Billie Henry in the death of her husband, Jim Henry.

THANK YOU

FBC Family,

Thank you so much for the many expressions of love toward us at the reception Sunday. We have been so blessed to serve God with you. As we enter a new season in our journey with the Lord, we will not forget our FBC family.

His,
Larry & Donna Grimes

*First Baptist Church friends & employees,
Thank you so much for the lovely flowers in honor of my mom, Peggy Wennerlind. We're happy to know that she's finally where she always wanted to be in the first place, in the presence of her Savior. Your prayers, kindness and love towards our family have been felt deeply.*

Thanks again,
Angie, Matt, Nathan and Dan Wennerlind

*First Family,
To say that I am blown away by your generosity is an understatement. You all have blessed us more than you will ever know. The camp hasn't had an overnight guest since March 15th and we currently don't have anyone on the books until the end of January. Your gift allows us to keep our doors open. We are working hard to get the camp ready for the 2021 camping season. Your gift helps ensure that we will be able to make it to summer 2021 without having to take on any debt or laying off any full time staff.*

We are looking forward to see what God has in store for summer 2021 and beyond. We can't wait to serve your GA's next year at camp! Thank you!

Brian Colbath
Circle Six Baptist Camp

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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WEDNESDAY FAMILY MEALS



Wednesday Family Meal service begins at 4:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All meals include one dessert and a beverage. Credit and Debit cards are accepted.

Adult Meal \$6 / Hamburger \$4 / Salad Bar \$3.50 / Family Plan \$23

MONTHLY MENU PLAN

You have your choice of Chick-fil-a Sandwich with Waffle Potato Fries and a cookie or the menu listed below. The Chick-fil-a meal is in limited amounts and is available to first come first serve.

WEDNESDAY, 10/7

- Chicken Fried Chicken
- Mashed Potatoes / Gravy
- Broccoli
- Tossed Green Salad
- Biscuit
- Chocolate Chip Pie

WEDNESDAY, 10/14

- Brisket
- Pinto Beans
- Potato Salad
- Tossed Green Salad
- Mexican Cornbread
- Banana Pudding

WEDNESDAY, 10/21

- Chicken Fajitas
- Pinto Beans
- Mexican Rice
- Tossed Green Salad
- Tres Leche Pina Colada Cake

WEDNESDAY, 10/28

- Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
- Green Beans
- Tossed Green Salad
- Garlic Bread
- Italian Cream Cake

RSVP EACH WEEK

Online, at fbc-midland.org/events in the Wednesday Family Meals tab.

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Prayer Partners

PRAYER

Our Missionary
in
Democratic Republic of Congo



Stephen and Ruth Hale
Mission Aviation Fellowship

- We praise the Lord for the arrival of our 3rd child, Evelyn Marie on March 16th. Please pray for our family as we adjust to being a family of 5!
- Please pray for our team in Kinshasa as they face the realities of COVID-19 and the international response. Due to the travel restrictions and quarantines put in place, many of our regular partners and ministry flights are on hold. That being said, MAF has a long history of faithfully serving the Congo through various epidemics, including multiple Ebola outbreaks and an ongoing measles epidemic. Our prayer is that the Lord will use MAF in Congo to be a light and witness through the remainder of this unusual year.
- Pray also for our partnerships with the national church in Congo. We had the exciting opportunity to fly with Bible translators, Sunday School trainers, and pastors over the course of the last year. We are encouraged to be a part of these efforts to strengthen and encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ, and our hope is to be increasingly involved in the life of the local church in Congo.

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Sunday

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

Worship Services Online

• 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

October 04, 2020

Sunday School Groups Attendance

Adults..... 473

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

Online Programing

Live Views 440

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

October 04, 2020

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
First Baptist..... \$	181,708	\$ 181,708
Budget Requirement..... \$	127,000	\$ 127,000
Over/Under Budget..... \$	54,708	\$ 54,708
Hope 1:8..... \$	165	\$ 165

END OF MONTH REPORT

September 2020

Offering	Monthly	Year to Date
First Baptist..... \$	508,055	\$ 8,099,445
Budget Requirement..... \$	540,000	\$ 7,657,082
Over/Under Budget..... \$	-31,945	\$ 442,363
Hope 1:8..... \$	620	\$ 25,298
Mary Hill Davis..... \$	12,470	\$ 13,672