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HONORING

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

retirement

RECEPTION



HONORING

ROBIN HOKE

19 YRS AS WMU DIRECTOR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

4:00 PM

IN FELLOWSHIP HALL ATRIUM

COMING SOON

OCTOBER 31ST

SATURDAY

3 - 5PM



Dear Beloved First Family



Dr. Darin Wood - Senior Pastor

Grace and Peace in Christ our Savior today. May God's kindness be shown to you and your family this week in a clear and powerful way!

THIS SUNDAY - ROBIN HOKE RETIREMENT RECEPTION

This Sunday afternoon, we'll honor our friend and longtime WMU director Mrs. Robin Hoke. For the last 17 years, Robin has served as our Women's Missionary Union director. A faithful and passionate servant, her work has taught many, many children about missions and has blessed the lives of too many families to count. The Bible is clear – Honor is due to the one who has served well. Robin most certainly qualifies. Join us as we honor her and her husband Gary this Sunday afternoon beginning at 4 PM. She and her husband Gary are moving to New Braunfels to be near family.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING – SUNDAY NIGHT AT 4 PM

Our Safety and Security Committee, led by our friend Andy Cobb, will be leading an Emergency Preparedness training this Sunday evening at 4 PM. I encourage you to join us for this time of training that I hope we never need. In the event we do need it, it will be too late to prepare. Trainings like this are invaluable in equipping the saints for the service of the Lord as Ephesians 4 talks about.

CHURCH CONFERENCE THIS SUNDAY NIGHT – 5 PM

As is our practice, this Sunday night is our monthly opportunity to practice stewardship over God's blessings to our church family. Our friend Sheldon Kinnison will bring a word from the Lord followed by our conference. If you'd like to see how the church uses your gifts and offerings, this is where many of those decisions are made. I invite you to join us!

OCTOBER 31 – FAMILY FEST

In this Banner, please find more information about our Fall Festival event this year!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD AND “THE GIFT”

As you likely noticed this past Sunday, we've set out the boxes for this year's Operation Christmas Child. If you've never participated before, this is a good year to start. Around the world, the need is greater now than ever before.

A brief word about our use of Gift Cards this Christmas. While using Gift cards is most definitely NOT my favorite way to do this, our other options were worse. For those who object to using gift cards, let me say I agree. I have no doubt these cards will likely be misused, purchasing things we would likely object to. However, a greater concern for me is NOT serving families because we can't do it the way we've done it before. In a year when we KNOW people are going to need the help, giving them flexibility through gift cards allows them to serve themselves and provide gifts/food for their families AND protects them and us from the virus. It's our intention to return next year to our “normal” pattern, but this has been anything but a normal year in every conceivable way. While our methods have changed, our message never does – Jesus is the reason we're doing this. Pray with me for this year's Christmas and pray about what God would have you do.

Your servant,

Darin

Operation Christmas Child and Christmas 2020

Christmas Cards and Boxes...not for wrapping and mailing but gift cards and shoeboxes...carrying Jesus' love to Midland and the world.

Ways to Share this Christmas Season

Operation Christmas Child (International)



Drop-off Days November 1st – 15th in Welcome Center by fireplace.

Please help us share Jesus with children and their families overseas by packing a shoebox full of school supplies, fun toys, hygiene items, and a small gift like a deflated soccer ball and air pump or stuffed animal. Pastors around the world host outreach events in places where

people may not know Christ and invite them to follow Him as they give the boxes away to children. Discipleship and follow-up are provided by these local church pastors.

Gift Card Giveaway (Midland)

We will be giving the gift cards for toys and groceries away to families on Friday, December 5th from 9 AM to noon where they will hear a creative Gospel presentation and experience Jesus' love from the first family.

Drop-Off Sundays, November 1st, 8th, & 15th in Welcome Center by fireplace.

Toys - Please help us share Jesus with children in Midland by donating a gift card(s) from Walmart or Target in increments of \$25 or \$50. We hope to give each family a gift card(s) worth \$50 to buy a gift/gifts for their child(ren) up to 400 children.

Food - Please help us share Jesus with families by donating a gift card(s) from Walmart or HEB in increments of \$50 or \$100, so that we can give each family \$150 in gift cards to help with groceries during this season.

If you know of children or a family that could use some Christmas assistance, please contact the Missions Office so we can help you help them.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 25TH

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 28th

WEDNESDAY FAMILY MEAL

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

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 through November 18th
Led by Bryan Pinson
Every Wednesday evening in Fellowship Hall
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.

Sunday Mornings

WELCOME

DON'T FORGET YOUR WORSHIP GUIDE

PICK UP AT TABLE IN FOYER

1st Family News

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

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before Us

Sunday, November 15
5:00 PM * Chapel

Holidays are a difficult time to deal with the loss of a loved one. Dr. Darin Wood will bring a message of hope and we will honor those who have passed away. If you have a loved one that you would like to include in the list of names, please contact Cindy Eoff in the church office. 432-683-0604

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of your loved one, please let us know by making an advanced reservation with Cindy.

Everyone is invited to attend!

WAINSCOTT/LACY SCHOLARSHIP

If you are attending a Baptist College, University or Seminary, you are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Applications can be picked up in Cindy Eoff's office for the Spring 2021 semester and must be turned in by December 15th.

MEDIA LIBRARY

Browse through our Catalog at home:

To see what is available for check out or to see if a book, audio book or video you are looking for is our Library

On our website at www.fbc-midland.org/resources/media-library you will find a search button. Click it for information of what is available at the library.

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

- Cindy Schrenkel in the death of her mother, Bertha Garza
- Les Carnes in the death of his wife, Freddy Carnes
- Dottie Redden in the death of her husband, Buddy Redden
- Don Woods in the death of his mother, Lavern Woods
- Cindy Schrenkel in the death of her mother, Bertha Garza

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

What a wonderful experience the afternoon of my reception, September 13! The combined efforts of the Membership Committee, the church staff and of course my Church family, was above and beyond expectation.

The retirement reception was a great opening to the next chapter of my life. Thank you for the many kind words, cards, gifts and best wishes for retirement. A special thanks to Gary & Teena Dyer and Dr. Todd Still for taking time out of their busy schedules to celebrate my special time in person.

The beautiful floral arrangements I received during the week and on Sunday were a gesture that I felt compelled to share with some of our homebound friends. James and I delivered several small vases to others for their enjoyment also. The beautiful yellow roses (pulpit arrangement) given in my honor from the staff brought smiles to me and others. The staff also honored me with a reception and a special time of sharing my last week in the office.

So, thanks to all for a tremendous fun time...and the memories.

Blessings,
Susan Upham

Please acknowledge our thanks and gratitude for the beautiful service by James Ervin for my mom, Jeanine Stanfield. Also, please thank the Sunday School class for all the prayers.

The Stanfield Family

Thank you so much for the donation to Buckner in memory of our mom/grandmother, Bea Fenner.

Family of Bea Owens Fenner

I want to extend my sincere gratitude for the donation to Buckner Children and Family Services in memory of my brother-in-law, Rodney Landreth. The gift, and most especially your prayers, made a meaningful impact as we mourned his passing.

Gail Sneed

Thank you to 6th Grade RAs for packing our Food2Kids bags.





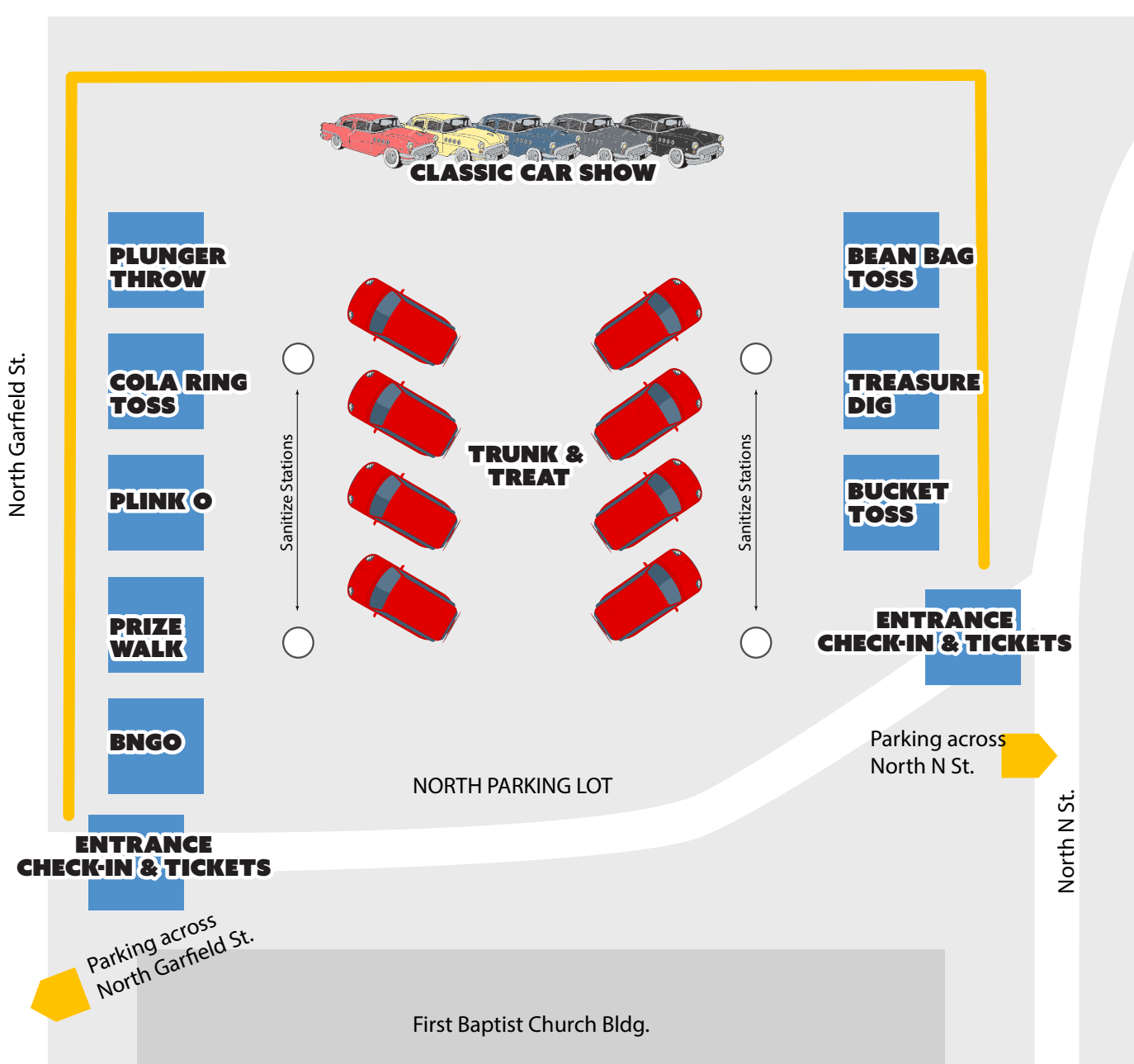
FAMILY FEST
OCT. 31ST - 3:00-5:00PM

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!

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MAP OF THE EVENT BELOW!

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PRAYER

Our Missionary
in
Midland, TX



Trevor and Jill Burleson
CRU on the campus
of Texas State University

- Pray for all Christ-followers at Texas State University – that their relationship with God would be the center of their life and their day, and that they would be bold in sharing their faith with people that God places in their path.
- Pray for nonbelievers at Texas State University – that they would see there is something missing in their life and that God would place someone in their lives who is truly following Jesus who would share the Gospel with them.
- Pray against the anxiety, the distractions from technology, and social pressures that this generation is filled with.

RECEPTION HONORING ROBIN HOKE

WMU Director 2002-2020



After serving as GA Director for 10 years, Robin assumed the responsibilities of WMU Director in 2002. During her tenure, Robin led our church in many activities, ministries and events that contribute to the missional fabric of FBC. Some of the ongoing activities she led are our monthly Ladies Prayer Luncheon, seasonal Weeks of Prayer, and support of our mission houses. Robin coordinated two regional WMU Conferences in 2006 and 2007 and was named National WMU GA Alumna of Distinction in 2007. In 2017 Robin led our church in hosting the Texas WMU Annual meeting. She also began our annual Dress 'Em and Bless 'Em ministry that touches the lives of many school children here in Midland each year.

Come by the Atrium this Sunday afternoon from 4-5 PM and help us honor and wish Robin and Gary well as they move to New Braunfels and enjoy retirement.

FBC DIRECTORY

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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 18, 2020

Sunday School Groups Attendance

Adults..... 473

Preschool, Children, & Students..... 235

Online Programming

Live Views 291

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

October 18, 2020

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
First Baptist..... \$	103,791	\$ 362,831
Budget Requirement..... \$	127,000	\$ 381,000
Over/Under Budget..... \$	-23,209	\$ -18,169
Hope 1:8..... \$	100	\$ 600