

Beloved First Family,
Grace and Peace in Christ our Savior today.
May God's blessings and favor rest upon you
and your family today.

A PLEA TO MY FAMILY

Dear friends, as I write to you I'm deeply troubled by the continued spike in COVID-19 cases we see in our community. Our hospital is pleading for help in limiting events and gatherings as they are nearing their capacity to deal with the virus. While no one has called us specifically and asked for our church's help, this is a problem we all must contend with.

For those who think it's someone else's problem, realize this problem is not just outside our walls. Since the beginning of October, we've had multiple Sundays with people who were virus-positive on our campus but didn't know it until after they left. It's not their fault they didn't know, but those instances highlighted just how little we know about how this virus is transmitted and what it looks like when you have it. There's not a single area of our church that has escaped being affected. To that end, I'm asking for

your help. Moreover, I'm pleading for it. For your sake and ours. Take this moment in time seriously. Wear a mask. Practice social distance. Use the numerous hand sanitizing stations we've put all over our campus. Minimize physical contact. Wash your hands frequently. If you're feeling poor, stay home and participate online. These basic principles have proven to protect life.

View Services Online

We have several options to view our 8:15 & 11 AM services online.

- fbc-midland.org/fbcathome
Contains the Live Worship Link and Weekly Resources like Sermon Notes.
- fbcmidlandlive.online.church
is a direct link to the online broadcast.
- Through Social Media
 - facebook.com/fbcmidland
 - vimeo.com/fbcmidland

Through the course of this year, I've had many who told me they resisted doing any of this in the name of protecting their personal civil liberties. While I'm a big believer in freedom, limited governance and the rights of civil liberties, I believe our request has more to do with love than liberties. In Romans 14, Paul speaks to loving one's fellow Christian enough to limit one's personal freedom to protect their fellow Christian's conscience. It's a voluntary choice, founded on love for one another and a willingness to recognize the power of chosen love. For this moment in time, wearing a mask, keeping one's distance and practicing wise hygiene is an act of Christ-centered love. This moment isn't forever – it's just a season. Surely we can love one another enough to walk through this season together. Many of our church family – including me – have immune systems that have been compromised. If you won't practice these things for yourself or your own family, please do it for those of us who need your help.

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)
5:00 PM	Hope For the Holidays (Chapel)

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

4:45 PM	Wednesday Family Meal (reservation requested)
6 PM	"MomentumYes" a discipleship class
6 - 6:45 PM	Children's Choir
6:30 PM	Mid-Point for students (student worship room)
6:45 - 7:30 PM	R.A.'s, G.A.'s, & Mission Friends

Stay informed of current & upcoming events:
fbc-midland.org/events

WEEKLY COUNT

November 08, 2020

Sunday School Groups	Attendance
Adults	437
Preschool, Children, & Students/College	210
Online Live Views	314

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

November 08, 2020

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
First Baptist	\$ 196,052	\$ 822,934
Budget Requirement	\$ 127,000	\$ 762,000
Over/Under Budget	\$ 69,052	\$ 60,934
Hope 1:8	\$ 270	\$ 1,180
Lottie Moon	\$ 100	\$ 1,380

REVISED MONTH END REPORT

October 2020

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
First Baptist	\$ 542,405	\$ 542,405
Budget Requirement	\$ 508,000	\$ 508,000
Over/Under Budget	\$ 34,405	\$ 34,405
Hope 1:8	\$ 685	\$ 685

How to Give Online

A round button link on the website is provided for online giving.



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HAPPY VETERANS Day HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

HUG A VETERAN

By Dean Rippetoe

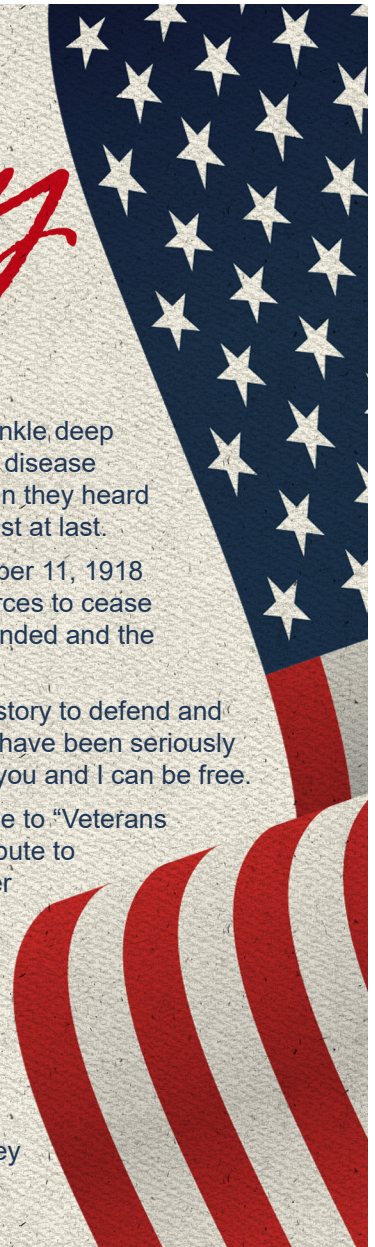
World War I had been raging. It was eyeball to eyeball combat. Mile after mile, hill after hill in ankle deep mud, pouring down rain, nothing to eat, no time to sleep, dysentery was rampant, sickness and disease plagued the troops, but they slowly advanced. Death was everywhere – hope was slim and then they heard the news – An Armistice had been declared. The fighting and killing was stopped. Peace and rest at last.

An Armistice is an agreement to cease hostilities until a surrender could be signed. On November 11, 1918 at the eleventh hour of the day, an Armistice was declared between Germany and the Allied Forces to cease hostilities until an unconditional surrender could be signed by Germany. The bloody war had ended and the Doughboys were going home.

Men and women in the United States of America have freely given of themselves throughout history to defend and protect the USA. More than a million have sacrificed their lives for our Freedom, millions more have been seriously and permanently wounded and countless millions of others have honorably served just so that you and I can be free.

Initially we celebrated November 11th as “Armistice Day”. In 1954, Congress changed the name to “Veterans Day” to recognize our Veterans of all time. On this day, we recognize, honor, salute and give tribute to all that felt their duty and filled their responsibilities as citizens of this great country to defend her from all enemies, both foreign and domestic and those who challenged our homes and our lifestyle. We pause to say thanks for a job well done.

Veterans are all around us. Had it not been for them, this essay would be written in German or Japanese and we would be living under a dictator or communist ruler. We would certainly not enjoy the privileges that we have today. These veterans of WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq, and Afghanistan don't say much – they won't even mention what all they did – but they did a lot and we need to thank them for their service. Veterans Day, November 11th, has been set aside just for that. So if you see a veteran – give them a hug – thank them for what they did. I guarantee they earned all the praise that we can give them.



Operation Christmas Child and Christmas 2020

Operation Christmas Child (International)

Last Drop-off Day is November 15th in the Welcome Center by the 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 gift cards for toys and groceries away to families on Saturday, 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 gift cards on Sundays, Nov. 15th in the Welcome Center by the 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.