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DECEMBER 6TH SCHEDULE

- 8:15 & 11 AM Worship Services
With Parent/Child Dedication
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 5 PM Church Conference

CHRISTMAS EVE

To attend, you must register. Visit our website at fbc-midland.org to find the registration links at the top of the page.

Dear Beloved First Family



Dr. Darin Wood - Senior Pastor

Grace, Peace and Merry Christmas! We began our Advent journey this past Sunday. This week, our decorators will come and dress our building for Christmas! One of the joys we find in celebrating Christmas is the familiarity of Christ's entrance. There's something comforting about returning to that home, no matter what kind of year you've had. That's why we chose "Home for Christmas" as our theme for this year. And we need it, don't we? My prayer for you is that you'll embrace the opportunity to come "home." While this may or may not mean coming to a meeting, you can always come home to Jesus. Let this Christmas season be filled with time spent with Jesus as you prepare your heart as well as your home.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING AND WEEK OF PRAYER

This week is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering week of prayer for foreign missions. For those who may not be familiar with this offering, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (www.imb.org/lottie-moon-christmas-offering/) is one of the offerings we, as the First Family, include in our annual calendar. This offering is focused on giving to those 4,000 foreign missionaries serving through the International Mission Board. This offering is a wonderful way to celebrate Christ as a part of your Christmas! This past Sunday, we set out guides for the week of prayer designated for this week.

A Great *Multitude* + You
Rev. 7:9

NOV 29TH - DEC 6TH

OUR CHURCH GIVING GOAL:
\$100,000.

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If you didn't get one, you can go to the website I referenced above and find it there. You can also pick one up when you return to church this week – you can always pray for these partners!

REGISTRATION FOR OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OPENS ON DECEMBER 1

Beginning December 1, you can visit www.fbc-midland.org and find a link to register your family for our Christmas Eve service at 4 PM. A reminder that you can see our Christmas Eve service on our livestream, our Facebook page AND ON BROADCAST TV. At 10:30 PM, KWES NewsWest 9 will broadcast our Christmas Eve service. We'll limit the number of seats for this service to 50% of our auditorium's capacity.

CHURCH CONFERENCE THIS SUNDAY NIGHT

This Sunday night at 5 PM in the Fellowship Hall, we'll hold our final Church Conference for 2020. After our friend Sheldon Kinnison, my pastoral intern this year, leads our Bible study, we'll engage in stewardship over God's blessings to our church family. Elsewhere in this Banner, please find our agenda for the meeting.

CHOIR MUSICAL TO BE PRESENTED VIRTUALLY – DECEMBER 13 AT 6 PM!

I'm excited to be a part of the Christmas Choir Musical to be presented on December 13th at 6 PM! You can find it online at our church website or on our Facebook page. We'll also be replaying the Musical on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day on one of our network broadcast partners. You can see it on Christmas Eve at 10 PM on KPEJ Channel Fox 24. On Christmas morning at 9 AM, you can see the Musical on Fox 24 and later, you can find the Musical again at 1 PM on KWES NewsWest 9.

Celebrating Christ's gracious gift of Christmas,
Darin

DECEMBER 6TH WORSHIP
8:15 & 11 AM

Parent/Child
dedication

CHRISTMAS EVE

ONE SERVICE • 4PM

(REGISTRATION REQUIRED)
WITH LIVE STREAMING ON OUR WEBSITE,
FACEBOOK, VIMEO, OR YOUTUBE

Registration links available at fbc-midland.org

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](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), & [Vimeo](#).

Sunday School • 9:30 AM

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Church family, please be in prayer for the families who will be dedicating their children to the Lord this Sunday. Pray for parents to be committed to bringing the gospel message to their homes through both word and deed. Pray for children to grow in their understanding of who Christ is, what He did for them, and their need for a Savior. Pray that these children will trust Him with their whole hearts and live lives that bring Him honor and glory. Pray that we, as a church family, will walk alongside these families, commit to praying for them regularly, and equip them in their journey to make disciple-makers!

Parents, don't forget our Step-by-Step Guide for FBC Elementary and Preschool Families for check in. You can find the instructions at: fbc-midland.org/childrens-check-in

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
- Live Streaming on our [Church Online](#) and [Facebook](#).

Wednesday

All Wednesday night activities will resume January 13, 2021

Weekly Bible Study

LADIES PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays
9 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
Cost: \$20

This year's study will conclude on December 10th. Anyone is invited to join us as we restart on January 14th as we continue our studies of Kings and Prophets in 2 Kings, 2 Chronicles, Obadiah, Joel, Amos, and Jonah!

Contact Katy Little to sign up:

Email - klittle@fbc-midland.org or call - 432-557-9768.

1st Family News

MOPS

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

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 in 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

FBC KIDS KARE

We are looking for additional paid part time workers for childcare events. Must be at least 18 years of age to apply, with previous childcare experience with children of all ages strongly preferred.

Interested in joining the Kids Kare team or have any questions please contact Allison Ashmore at 432-683- 0611 or email at: aashmore@fbc-midland.org.

Acknowledgments

THANK YOU

FBC family

Thank you so much for the gift in memory of JD Tuck. We are so blessed to worship at FBC and be able to have such a sweet family of believers.

In Christ,
Byron & Lanette Tuck

BEREAVEMENT:

- Michele Haskin in the death of her brother, Michael Bowman

NEW MEMBERS: OCTOBER

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.

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| • Dale Callen | By Letter |
| • Chris Cato | By Baptism |
| • Marcella Cato | By Statement |
| • Patricia Kingston | By Letter |
| • Charlie LaFarelle | By Baptism |
| • Ashlan Laney | By Baptism |
| • Corban McVay | By Baptism |

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PRAYER PARTNERS

Jimmy & Amy Storrie with Life Recovered ministry located in Denton, Texas.

- Pray for your Pastor and Church Staff as they serve their families and your church.
- Pray for ministry leaders serving in other countries that they would be encouraged to continue to serve well.
- Pray for the staff of Life Recovered as we connect with many hurting leaders. Pray for our own self care and rest in order to serve our families and these leaders well.



CHURCH CONFERENCE AGENDA

December 6, 2020 In Fellowship Hall at 5 PM

- Approval of Minutes (October 25, 2020)
- Approval of new members
- Grant Church Letters
- Reports:
 1. Church Council Chairman
 2. Personnel Committee Chairman
 - Report on Search Committees
 3. Finance Committee Chairman
 4. Maintenance & Expansion Committee Chairman
- Old Business
- New Business
 - Surplus Committee Recommendation
- Other Business
- Adjourn

FBC DIRECTORY

www.fbc-midland.org

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Prayer Line - 432.683.0683

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Children's Ministry	683.0609
Preschool Ministry	683.0611
Child Development Center	683.0638
Children's Day Out	683.0632
Student Ministry	683.0606
Family Ministry	683.0612
55+ Ministry	683.0612
Media Ministry	683.0622
Membership	683.0612
Duplication Services	683.0626
Library	683.0625

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

November 29, 2020

Sunday School Groups	Attendance
Adults	321
Preschool, Children, & Students/College	164
Online Live Views	339

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

November 22, 2020

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 101,294	\$ 1,065,740
Budget Requirement	\$ 127,000	\$ 1,016,000
Over/Under Budget	\$ -25,706	\$ 49,740
Hope 1:8	\$ 50	\$ 1,290
Lottie Moon	\$ 1,575	\$ 4,255

November 29, 2020

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 111,408	\$ 1,177,148
Budget Requirement	\$ 127,000	\$ 1,143,000
Over/Under Budget	\$ -15,592	\$ 34,148
Hope 1:8	\$ 50	\$ 1,340
Lottie Moon	\$ 1,525	\$ 5,780