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Dear Beloved First Family



Dr. Darin Wood - Senior Pastor

May God's grace and peace be upon you and your Christmas celebration this year! As we prepare for the final Sunday of Advent in this most unusual year, my prayer is for you to find God's strength to welcome the Lord's arrival and to find joy regardless as to your circumstances.

AN ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE – DEC 24TH AT 6 PM

Beginning Wednesday morning, at 8:30 AM, we will open registration for an additional Christmas Eve service. The service will be identical to the 4 PM service and will begin at 6 PM. The same 50% capacity levels will be maintained, so please act accordingly.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE FOR DEC 20, 27 AND JANUARY 3RD

I want to begin by reminding you of our altered schedule for the next three weeks. We will offer ONE service at 10 AM. As has been our practice, we'll offer a live-stream option in the Chapel and the FX service space will be open in the Fellowship Hall.

Originally, we had planned to commemorate the Lord's Supper next Sunday. Under the current circumstances, we've decided to wait until after the first of the year.

**ONE SERVICE
DEC. 20TH
DEC. 27TH
JAN. 3RD**

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR CANDIDATE COMING IN VIEW OF A CALL – JANUARY 10TH

On behalf of our Business Admin Search Committee and Personnel Committee, I'm pleased to tell you we've extended an invitation to Rev Moe Bomer to come as our new Business Administrator. Currently serving with the WinShape Foundation (a foundation linked to Chick-Fil-A) since 2013, Moe has been in ministry for 30 years, serving at churches and ministries in both Georgia and Texas. He has served Hyde Park Baptist in Austin, Fielder Church in Arlington and Mobberly Baptist Church in Longview. He comes highly qualified in administration and eager to serve with us. Additionally, Moe and I attended Southwestern Seminary together in the early 1990's. Moe and his wife Jamie have three children: Josh (22), Jarrod (19) and Sofie (11).

As has become our practice in welcoming new staff, on Saturday, January 9 at 2 PM, we'll hold a Question and Answer period for Moe. Anyone interested in meeting Moe, asking questions of his background, experience or a matter of interest in his planned role, we welcome you to join us.

In accordance with our historical precedent, we will hold a brief specially called business conference at the conclusion of each of our services. Should we approve to call Moe, he and his family will begin their term of service with us around January 17th.

May God's kindness be upon you today,

Darin

CHRISTMAS TELEVISION BROADCAST SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24

- 10:00 PM Home for Christmas (Musical Production) KPEJ TV (FOX)
- 10:30 PM Christmas Eve Service KWES TV (NBC)

DECEMBER 25

- 9:00 AM Home for Christmas (Musical Production) KPEJ TV (FOX)
- 1:00p PM Home for Christmas (Musical Production) KWES TV (NBC)

CHRISTMAS EVE
4PM & 6PM
(REGISTRATION REQUIRED)
WITH LIVE STREAMING ON OUR WEBSITE,
FACEBOOK, VIMEO, OR YOUTUBE
REGISTER AT FBC-MIDLAND.ORG

Sunday Worship • 10:00 AM

- Worship Center • Blended & Live Sermon
- Chapel • Adult overflow simulcast sermon
- Fellowship Hall • Families overflow simulcast service
- Live Streaming on our [Church Online](#) and [Facebook](#).

1st Family News

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

Parents, this is a great time of year to establish some meaningful traditions with your little ones! Take time each day to do an advent devotional together. "Journey" with Mary and Joseph as you move them a bit closer to the nativity set each day before they arrive on Christmas Eve. Snuggle up together and read the Christmas story before opening gifts. Talk about the greatest gift that we've been given...Jesus! Merry Christmas, FBC Families!

HOME TOUCH

We extend a BIG thank you to our volunteers who delivered poinsettias to the people of our church who are homebound. This ministry is geared to keep in touch with these precious folks who can no longer be active in the life of the church family. We need more people who are willing to join us in making monthly contacts and develop a relationship with these folks. Call Katy Little or James Ervin for more information on how you can become part of this ministry.

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.

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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.



Acknowledgments

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your \$30,000 donation to the West Texas Food Bank. You're very generous gift will help provide an additional 120,000 meals to hungry West Texans!

God Bless,
Craig Stoker

In Everything Give Thanks - 1 Thess. 5:18

We have so much to be thankful for and your church is at the top of the list! Thank you so much for your giving. Especially in these trying times. We thank God for you!

Sincerely,
Tricia Alberts, Sports Crusaders

I received the lovely poinsettia from FBC. Thank you! I'll cherish it. I will miss the kids and their caroling but know the impossibility this year. I appreciate your remembering those of us home bound.

In His love, Bess Jones

Thank you to my First Baptist family. The poinsettia plant is so pretty and a beautiful surprise - It brought tears to my eyes knowing some one cares and knows that we are still alive - I really miss being in church and Sunday School - Thanking God every day for my church, family, and health.

Merry Christmas, Dee and Bill Wilson

BEREAVEMENT

Our deepest sympathy, prayers, and love go out to the family members in the loss of their loved ones.

- Audrey & Megan Spotts in the loss of their father, Roger Spotts
- David Weaver in the loss of his brother, Glen Weaver
- Joyce Sledge in the loss of her husband, Gene Sledge
- Brian Bledsoe in the loss of his father, Richard Bledsoe
- Darlene Olson in the loss of her mother, June McBrayer
- Allison Ashmore in the loss of her grandfather, David Bray, Jr.
- John Slawson in the death of his wife, Emma Lee Slawson.

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.

- Erin Downey by Statement
- Ben Keele by Statement
- Mary Keele by Statement

How to Give Online

Click the round button link located on the bottom right side of the website and follow the steps for online giving.

GIVE

THE Gift



I loved how we were able to bless people with a simple cup of hot chocolate and show them compassion in such simple ways.

Many responded with tears when they found out they were receiving gift cards.

Adolfo Chavez had several good conversations with those interested in a worship service in Spanish.

We were able to hand deliver one family's gift due to illness from Venezuela. When they discovered what they were receiving, they were overwhelmed and said it was too much!

Bryan Pinson



Josh and I had a wonderful experience at The Gift. The most amazing part of this experience was the time we had to get to speak to individuals and pray with them. We also had the opportunity to invite people to church and Sunday School. The presence of the Lord was felt and the beautiful people God sent had such a sweet, grateful, loving attitude. It was a blessing to have had the opportunity to demonstrate God's love in this manner.

This was, in our opinion, the best one yet!

Josh and Sarah



I was stationed at the door exiting the gift card distribution room to direct people back to the parking lot. The word 'personal' kept coming to mind. Everything this year felt personal. People stopped to visit and to ask for prayer. Sweet conversations were had. Our guests were grateful...oh so grateful! Faces lit up and mouths dropped as they received their gift cards. There were so many who came out in tears, thanking everyone they encountered. One lady stepped to the side as she left the room and wept. Another just shook her head and said, "this is so much more than I ever could have hoped for." Several came out and immediately hugged me (probably not Covid protocol, but they couldn't seem to stop themselves, and I definitely hugged them back!)

It was an absolute blessing to be a part of this day and was just another reminder that, while things may not have been as we planned this year, God's plans are so much better than our own.

Amy Brand





"Hello, my name is Robbie Jeannie Clark. I wanted to write this letter to thank you so much for the help given to my family, during these hard times. It's been rough during this covid-19 crisis. I am a mother of Two and a grandmother of a 5 month old.

This year I lost my job due to covid-19 it's been really rough on us. We have managed to make ends meet. Eva has helped me out in the past with help for my family to pay our rent.

This year was a blessing, she contacted us to see if I needed help with Christmas for my family. So Blessed that today on Dec.05 Sat morning at 10a.m. I went to get help for Christmas for my family. Not only that I was holding back my tears when the gentleman handed me a gift card to HEB. My family and I had no groceries in the house we're waiting on SNAP benefits to get approved. So getting that gift card just really blessed my heart then I am able to go this morning and go grocery shopping to put some food in the house.

Being the fact that I'm having to save every little teeny (bit), that I have to make ends meet to pay rent this month. I'm \$400 short but my landlord was willing to work with me and give me some extra time.

With that being said I am so blessed and thankful that y'all have helped us out with Christmas gifts and food for our family!"

Thank You,
**Robbie
Jeannie Clark**

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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 • 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

PRAYER PARTNER

PRAYER

Our Missionary
in
Huntington Beach, CA



David & Hannah Parks
Circuit Riders

- Pray that the Lord continues to pour out wisdom and guidance to our leadership team as our ministry is rapidly expanding. We want to steward what God is doing with intentionality and obedience to the Word of God.
- Pray that God would move in powerful ways on college and high school campuses across America. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray for not only more "laborers" but for brilliant minded missionaries to be sent out.



STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

December 13, 2020

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 141,446	\$ 1,478,786
Budget Requirement	\$ 251,596	\$ 1,646,191
Over/Under Budget	\$ -110,150	\$ -167,405
Hope 1:8	\$ 500,450	\$ 501,805
Lottie Moon	\$ 29,690	\$ 51,330

MONTH END REPORT (CORRECTED)

November, 2020

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 636,441	\$ 1,178,846
Budget Requirement	\$ 635,000	\$ 1,143,000
Over/Under Budget	\$ 1,441	\$ 35,846
Hope 1:8	\$ 655	\$ 1,340
Lottie Moon	\$ 5,200	\$ 10,920

WEEKLY COUNT

December 13, 2020

Sunday School Groups	Attendance
Adults	380
Preschool, Children, & Students/College	231
Online Live Views	305