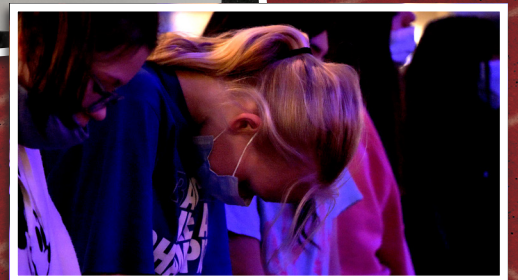
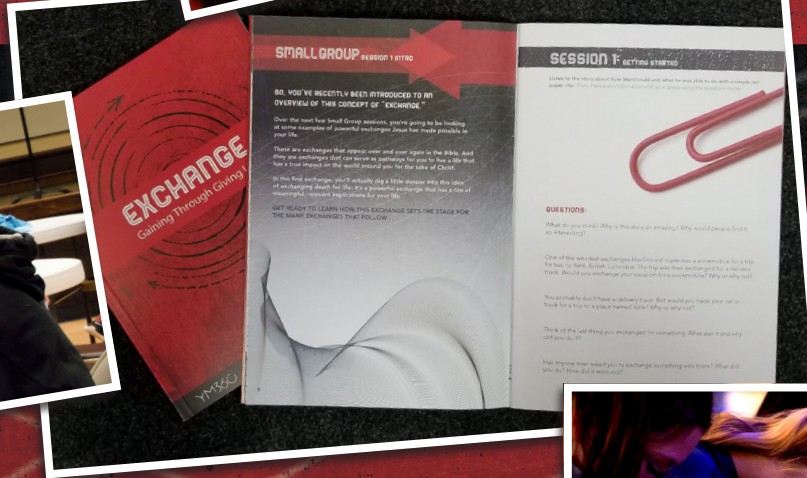


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A SUCCESSFUL EXCHANGE WEEKEND!



Dear Beloved First Family



Dr. Darin Wood - Senior Pastor

Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord! A special word of gratitude is due to our Student Minister John-David Culbertson and the awesome host homes who served through Impact Weekend! Our God showed himself powerfully in the lives of our students, the host homes and in our church at large. First family, you should be excited about our student ministry. They aren't the future of the church – they ARE the church!

ALMOST A YEAR WITH COVID BRINGS CHANGES TO OUR PROTOCOL

March 8, 2020 was our last “normal” Sunday before everything changed. Now, almost a year later, we turn our calendars to March. While the virus isn't eradicated, we're seeing signs of a return to normalcy with the return to a 75% capacity for our building and a general improvement in the COVID numbers in the hospital. Therefore, we've turned the page on our COVID protocols. Beginning this past Sunday, we've removed the “For your protection, this row is not available” signs in our auditorium and our chapel. Likewise, beginning March 1, our preschool and children's ministries will no longer require a temperature check as a part of the sign-in procedure. Governor Abbott announced Tuesday, the 2nd, that there will

be no mask mandate beginning March 10th. But after a year, through God's kind grace, we're getting closer to a new day. Let's pray for an end to this terrible disease and the suffering it has brought down on us.

FIRST-CARES

As you heard us introduce a week ago, our First-Cares ministry is off to a strong start! We've had 11 requests for help and have been able to either serve them, plan for them to be served or provide for them to be served (through a licensed partner). I'm so blessed by the heart of this church! We've had more than 40 of you who have stepped up and said, “Use ME!” Many of the needs we've been presented with thus far haven't required much manpower, but hang in there. We've got a couple more projects that we're working on. More on that to come. . . .

EASTER IS ON THE WAY

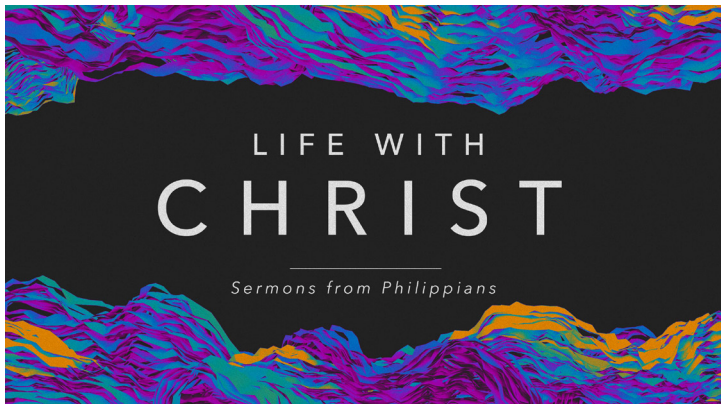
I trust you're continuing in your chosen Lenten practices. I want to invite you to join me in one other element. On our glass tables in the foyers, you'll find a book entitled “The Easter Code” by Dr. O.S. Hawkins. It's a book designed for the 40 days leading up to Easter. While Easter is now closer than that, these short readings are designed to help you prepare your heart and mind for Easter. We purchased these in the hopes of encouraging your spiritual development and growth. Please pick one up the next time you're in the building and use it as you look forward to Resurrection Sunday!

Your servant,

Darin



New Sermon Series

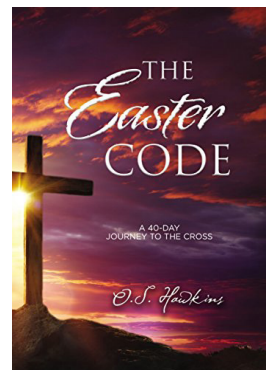


EASTER DEVOTIONAL

As you prepare for the Easter season, we're providing a devotional guide for you!

Easter devotional book (Easter Code) is now available for you to pick up in the Welcome Center and Chapel Foyer.

[#fbcfindhope](#)



WEEK OF MARCH 7TH

Sunday Worship • 8:15 AM

- Blended Worship Service in Worship Center (extended care 8:15 only)

Sunday School • 9:30 AM

Sunday Worship • 11:00 AM

- Worship Center • Contemporary
- Chapel • Traditional
- Fellowship Hall • Families with simulcast service

Both Worship Services are live streamed on our website at [Church Online](#) as well as [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), & [Vimeo](#).

Wednesday March 10th

This week is Spring Break and the only activities on the church campus are listed below. Contact your leader if you have any questions.

SCHEDULE

6 PM Orchestra
7 PM Adult Choir
Childcare is provided.

Thursday March 11th

10:30 AM Joyful Sound Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

1st Family News

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.

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

STUDENT MINISTRY

Looking for tutors, 4:15-5:30 PM on Tuesdays, 6th-8th grades for all subjects. If you are willing to help, contact John-David (jculbertson@fbc-midland.org or 432.683.0606).

Events

MUSIC CITY CELEBRATION

Informational meeting:

March 21 following the 11:00 service in choir room.

Event Information:

October 15th – 19th, 2022
with Special Guests:
David Phelps, TaRanda Greene &
Voices of Lee



For Musicians and Non-Musicians:

Ministry

- PERFORM in a major concert at the world-famous GRAND OLE OPRY HOUSE!
- RECORD in a FAMOUS NASHVILLE STUDIO on MUSIC ROW!
- PARTNER with LOCAL CHURCHES in ministry!
- ATTEND the 53rd GMA DOVE AWARDS!

Highlights

- EXPERIENCE MUSIC CITY with opportunities to see
 - MUSIC ROW
 - THE COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME
 - THE PARTHENON in CENTENNIAL PARK
 - THE BELMONT MANSION
 - HOMES OF THE STARS, WORLD-CLASS MUSEUMS
 - NASHVILLE'S FAMOUS LEGENDARY RESTAURANTS and many more!
- INDULGE in a panoramic LUNCH CRUISE along the CUMBERLAND RIVER!
- RELAX & REFRESH at an EXTRAORDINARY Nashville hotel!

ADULTS 55+ HILL COUNTRY TRIP

APRIL 16-17
\$75 A PERSON

\$50 DEPOSIT
DUE MARCH 15

DETAILS AT:

FBC-MIDLAND.ORG/EVENTS



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the Date!

June 7-10, 2021

"Press Play" Hybrid VBS

More information coming soon.

Contact Sarah, Amy, or Allison to see how you can help!

PRESS PLAY
GET IN THE MIX

Acknowledgments

THANK YOU

Thank you for all your prayers for me this past month January. Also I was unexpected Emergency for my kidney infection January 5 and admitted me have to kidney surgery and failed because of blockage kink twisted in my kidney stent. Katy Little stop by the hospital we visited write the note each other and she said we are praying for you. Thank you for friends who sent me cards, food and warm greeting.

Again, thank you for your lift up prayer for my second kidney surgery that was robotic assisted having two procedures done on February 18. I appreciated the two Interpreters Teresa Minchew and Abby Brand from Highland Council for the Deaf, Big Spring who stayed with me all day and all night at the hospital. Thank you for James Ervin visited with me twice as my doctor Michael Dragun appreciate for James come by and said Thanks prayer for Dorothy from our church.

Thank you for sending me the flowers with a note card to my house. Friends brought me some food and get well cards. I also got few calls and texts to see how I am doing? I thanked all of them for prayers. I miss not going to church lately but I watched TV two different times at 7:00 am and 10:00am church service also watch First Baptist Church Odessa at 11:00am I watched few deaf pastors on Facebook. and my text message. I read the bible verse try to catch up in daily God's word. God is good all the time Amen. Hope to see you all soon.

Blessing with Love,
Dorothy Floyd
Phil 4:13

Words are not enough to tell you how grateful we are to be part of such an amazing group of believers. We have felt the love of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in so many different ways as we have lived and served at RVA the last few years. We have felt it in your prayers, in your emails, phone calls and texts, and in your abundant generosity each month.

Thank you for allowing us to play a small part in what God is doing in the lives of international students, the Kenyan people, and fellow missionaries. And thank you for the most amazing welcome back to Texas! Most missionaries don't have the kind of welcome that we had from our family, our friends, and our church. From home cooked meals, to groceries in our cabinet when we arrived and an amazing home to stay in – you have all blessed us beyond measure! Thank you for allowing God to work in your hearts, words, and deeds. We will be forever grateful to you all.

With sincere thanks,
Robert & Bobbie Grimes

Thank you so much for honoring Don's life with a donation to Buckner. We very much appreciated the meal graciously provided and served by Susan Upham, Fuffy Green and the Gabriel Dept. on the day of Don's service. Our family has found great comfort in all the cards, calls, texts and especially the prayers provided by the church Don so faithfully served.

Blessings,
Bonnie Rogers and Family

Thank you so much for the gift in memory of my mom to the Buckner Children and Family Services. From the bottom of our hearts we are so grateful for your generosity.

Nora Stewart and Asebedo family

For five months you have prayed for Herb, sent cards, and cared for us as he has experienced the slow recovery from his fall. God is blessing him as he learns to walk again, but he is still in a rehab facility where he can receive the needed therapy. Please continue to pray for him as he is anxious to return home to be with his family.

Blessings,
Yvonne Miller & family

Thank you so much for the donation to Buckner in memory of our precious daughter-in-law, Leslie Wood. We appreciate your kind and thoughtful gift.

Fondly,
Sally & Buddy Sipes

HOMETOUCH

GA's Send Valentine Cards to HomeTouch

Thank you to our GA's for making and sending Valentine Cards to our home-bound members. We appreciate your ministry to brighten the lives of these friends in our church family.



BEREAVEMENT

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

- Family of Patsy Barker
- Darryl James in the loss of his brother, Don James
- Bobby Cox in the loss of his wife, Joan.
- Family of Pat Adams
- Billie Thompson in the loss of her sister.
- Susan McIntyre in the loss of her grandmother.
- Craig Freeman in the loss of his mother, Joyce Freeman.
- Shauna Madden in the loss of her father, David Rodawalt.
- Moe Bomer in the loss of his mom, Nellie Bomer.
- Ruth Young in the loss of her husband, B.L.
- Family of Maxine Nelson
- Elizabeth Carroll in the loss of her husband, Larry.
- Marcella Cato in the loss of her mother, Lezlie Printz
- John Norwood in the loss of his father, Frank Norwood
- Veda Hunt in the loss of her stepmother, Pearl Patton.
- Bill Milner in the loss of his wife and Allison Smith in the loss of her mother, Nancy Milner.
- Marcella Cato in the loss of her mother Lezlie Printz.
- John Norwood in the loss of his father, Frank Norwood.

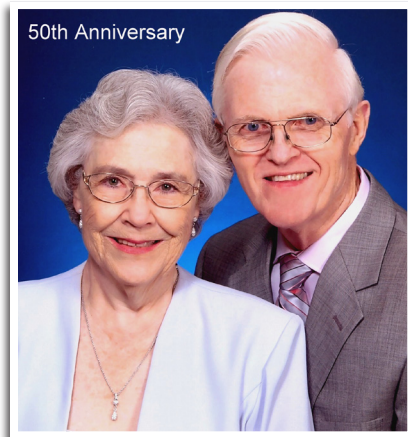


My staff position is Media Library Coordinator, a half-time job, which I have held for 19 years as of February 11. The audio & video parts of our Media Library all began with a limited collection of cassette & VHS tapes for checkout that were housed in a small area created by combining a rest room & a closet. I was also responsible for making audio cassette recordings of the Sunday morning & evening services & the pastor's sermons. These audio recordings along with the VHS video recordings of both morning services were added to our extensive archives of recordings dating back to the 1970's. Among other miscellaneous tasks, I was responsible for copying & mailing over a hundred cassettes of the pastor's sermons each week to mission points around the world & the United States. We had many faithful listeners to those sermons.

Through the years the audio & video items of our Library gradually increased. Eventually all of these tape items were converted to DVDs & CD audio books as we moved to a somewhat larger area using two separate classrooms. During the remodeling of the Sanctuary & the addition of the Welcome Center, they were moved to our current location. This allowed the combining of all our disc items with the more than 11,000 printed books to finally have a true Media Library, containing all forms of media communication. With the 4,000 DVDs & 1300 CD books that we now have, our Church Family has an amazing comprehensive Media Library at their disposal, free of charge.

I was born in Loraine, TX, just up I-20 on the way to Dallas & grew up as an only child in an oil field environment. After several moves around Texas, my parents & I ended up in Hobbs, NM where I attended school from 3rd grade through H.S. graduation. It was here that my participation in instrumental & choral experiences in school & church as well as success in math & science prepared me for the Lord's diverse future plans for my life.

My wife, Nancy, & I moved to Midland & joined First Baptist Church in July of 1990. By that time our two sons, Craig & Mark, were grown & living their own lives.



But our lives to that point had been an interesting collage of experiences. Nancy & I met at the BSU of Texas Tech & were married over 58 years ago before my last year of study there. I had begun, in 1957, & spent 3 years studying to be a petroleum engineer. At that point I received a very definite call from the Lord to enter the ministry of church music. I changed majors, finished Tech with a Bachelor of Music



degree & Southwestern Baptist Seminary with a Masters in Church Music.

Over a period of 12 years, we served churches in Norman, OK, San Angelo, Midland, & Muleshoe, TX. At that time the Lord very definitely changed the direction of our lives. In that transition time, I taught, for one year, all of the music classes at the Springlake-Earth school, 60 miles North of Lubbock. During that year we positively discovered God's new direction for us. I then re-entered Texas Tech, commuting those 60 miles from Springlake to Tech for 2 years, & completed the petroleum engineering degree that I had begun in 1957. This led to employment with Conoco in Hobbs, NM & after 13 years to our move to Midland. After retirement in 1999 I took this newly created FBC position in 2002.

Our two sons have given us 9 grandchildren which has led to 5 great grandchildren (so far). Our eldest son Craig, is an aeronautical engineer & lives in Cincinnati, OH. Our youngest, Mark, who served as a Marine, is now a pastor. Nine years ago he planted a new church in Killeen, TX which reaches out primarily to Ft. Hood families.

***"Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long."***

Team FBC is a new Banner feature to better acquaint you, our 1st Family, with the men and women who serve you every week. You can look forward to learning more about these individuals in weeks to come.

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FOR OUR MISSIONARY:

**JIM & DEBBIE
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BIG SPRING, TX
**BLESSED HANDS
BAPTIST DEAF CHURCH**

- Please continue to pray about the need for deaf young people to consider the ministry. Most of the men and women who lead our Southern Baptist deaf churches and deaf church ministries are in our 40's and up. We have two deaf churches in Texas that have lost their pastors with no replacement in sight. It is my hope that some of the young people we are ministering to here will be called into service for the Lord.
- Pray for laborers to join us in the work. There is much need (and opportunity) for training younger workers and increasing our outreach and opportunities to help our deaf community.
- Pray for deaf Nigerian candidates for our Andrew Foster Memorial Scholarship Fund. They will come and be trained in the USA, receive a Bible education, and return to Nigeria as missionaries to the deaf there.

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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

The mission moves forward

ANNIE ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

2021 WEEK OF PRAYER: MARCH 7-14
FBC GOAL - \$55,000.00

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

February 28, 2021

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 165,564	\$ 3,111,742
Budget Requirement	\$ 127,000	\$ 3,292,382
Over/Under Budget	\$ 38,564	\$ -180,640
Hope 1:8	\$ 402	\$ 513,571

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.

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