



Dear First Family,

Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord! Thanks for your many kind notes, texts, emails and visits while Josh was ill. We're overwhelmed by your gracious spirit and compassion for us. A special word of thanks to our friend Chad Clark. When I called Chad Saturday night, it was late, Chad was still on the road. I knew I was asking him for the moon and the stars too. Chad never hesitated, eagerly agreeing to serve. I'm grateful to serve this extraordinary church and your love for us this weekend was a reminder why.

Ironic, isn't it? It was a year ago this week that our lives all changed. As I was preparing to recognize that, my own son comes down with it! Praise the Lord, it was a light case, but even still. What it shows is that this moment is NOT concluded. While the danger is mitigated, it is not gone. We've altered our protocol for dealing with the virus, but I'm asking for your help in protecting our First Family. If you're concerned about your own immune system, feel free to continue wearing a mask. If you want to insure you're not sharing something asymptotically, please continue to wear a mask. If you're feeling

off (or if a member of your family is), please stay home for the sake of the First Family. If you're comfortable WITHOUT your mask, we welcome you to shed your mask. The key element is unity in our diversity. No matter what, our unity is what Christ prizes most! That's what Jesus prayed for in John 17. Join me in worship this Sunday as we begin the next chapter of our future.

#### OUR NEW BAPTISM LOOK!

If you saw our baptism service this past Sunday, you saw our new look! The "I'm Made New" shirts made their debut! I'm grateful to Cory Brand for filling in for me!

#### OUR FRIEND JIM HANSEN

I'm saddened to tell you our friend Jim Hansen recently submitted his retirement to the Personnel Committee, effective March 31. Our friend Jim has done an incredible job. Most of our building is more than 60 years old but thanks to Jim and his staff, our building looks remarkably younger and extraordinarily well-kept. His passionate leadership and investment in our church family reflects far more than his official job title. My personal belief is he acts more like a pastor who serves the First Family by taking care of our building.

Sort of a "pastor to the Lord's building!" While we fill Jim's role, we will never replace him. Make plans to join me in honoring Jim on March 28th with a retirement reception. Details will follow next weekend.



#### TIME CHANGE IS HERE

Time change is THIS WEEKEND! As much as everyone loves "fall back", this one is "spring forward", moving our clocks ahead one hour before bed on Saturday. I'll meet you this Sunday one hour earlier!

Your servant,  
Darin

#### 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.



#### STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

March 07, 2021

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 141,880	\$ 3,255,320
Budget Requirement	\$ 127,000	\$ 3,419,382
Over/Under Budget	\$ 14,880	\$ -164,062
Hope 1:8	\$ 15	\$ 513,586
Annie Armstrong	\$ 1,856	\$ 2,283

Month Ending: February 2021

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 465,517	\$ 3,113,440
Budget Requirement	\$ 508,000	\$ 3,292,382
Over/Under Budget	\$ -42,483	\$ -178,942
Hope 1:8	\$ 736	\$ 513,571

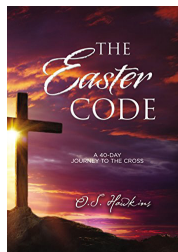
## Information

### 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



### SUNDAY, 3/14

8:15 AM	Blended Worship Service ( <i>extended care 8:15 only</i> )
9:30 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Worship Service Contemporary (Worship Center), Traditional (Chapel), & Family (Fellowship Hall) Español Service (Student Worship Area)
5 PM	Youth Choir
6 PM	Youth Discipleship Classes

### MONDAY, 3/15

#### Brotherhood Luncheon

11:45 AM - 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Cost: \$6

Must RSVP

Brotherhood luncheon meetings are every Monday. You must RSVP by Sunday, 3/14.

Call Carl Brown if questions, 432-557-6810

### WEDNESDAY, 3/17

4:45 PM Wednesday Family Meal  
RSVP each week, online, at [fbc-midland.org/events](http://fbc-midland.org/events) in the Wednesday Family Meals tab or at:

[myfirstfamily.cbcchurch.com/goto/forms/145/responses/new](http://myfirstfamily.cbcchurch.com/goto/forms/145/responses/new)

#### Menu

- Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
- Green Beans
- Tossed Green Salad
- Garlic Bread
- St. Patrick's Day Cake



6 PM	Orchestra WEBS (room E114) Women's Ministry WEBS (room E102) Preschool & Children's Choirs Student Ministry Pizza (Activities Building)
6:30 PM	Student Ministry Midpoint Bible Study (E-Hall)
6:45 PM	R.A.s, G.A.s, & Mission Friends
7 PM	Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, 3/18

6:30 - 7:30 AM:	Iron Men
9 AM:	Ladies Precept Class
10:30 AM	Joyful Sound Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

## Opportunities to Serve

### FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM

YOU can make a good First Impression on Easter Sunday! We need extra volunteers on Sunday, April 4 to make sure every person knows they are welcome. Contact Nathan Wennerlind at:

[nwennerlind@fbc-midland.org](mailto:nwennerlind@fbc-midland.org) or call the church to sign up!

## Events

### ADULT 55+

#### Hill Country Trip

\$50 Deposit Due: March 15th.

Cost: \$75 per person

Must Sign up

Trip Date: April 16th - 17th

We'll tour a prayer garden and wildflower farm, take in a play on Friday night, and on Saturday, you'll have the option to tour the National Pacific WW2 Museum or shop in downtown Fredericksburg.

You can sign up on a paper form to be found in your Sunday School classes, or you can sign up online. [fbc-midland.org/events](http://fbc-midland.org/events)

### MUSIC CITY CELEBRATION

#### Informational Meeting

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



#### Event Information:

October 15th – 19th, 2022

Special Guests: David Phelps, TaRanda Greene & Voices of Lee

### DON'T MENTION AGE LUNCHEON

#### Thursday, March 25

11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall

Lunch is \$6

Praise Upon Praise with music by Joyful Sound Choir, Faithful Men, and Sonshiners singing groups.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

#### Save the Date!

June 7-10, 2021

**PRESS PLAY**  
GET IN THE MIX

Press Play VBS is coming June 7-10th! It will look and feel very different from any VBS we've ever done before, and we're excited about how God can use us to reach families for Christ this summer!

A quick overview:

- Press Play is a hybrid VBS. There are both in-person and digital components.
- Each grade level will be assigned a day to be on-campus and in person! This means fewer people will be in the building each day.
- While on-campus, kids will engage with Bible study, worship, missions, a craft, recreation, and of course, a snack!
- On their 'at-home' days, kids and parents can access high-quality videos with Bible stories and activities.
- Volunteer's kids will have on-campus activities every day! That means that if you sign up to help, your kids get the full VBS experience, with special activities just for them!
- Volunteers are asked to serve either with the different grade levels attending each day, with preschoolers, as a greeter, or helping in registration! Everything will be prepared for you and the main teaching time happens in large groups, so it's easy!

If you are interested in volunteering, you can talk to Sarah, Amy, or Allison, or call the church at 432-683-0600. We are thankful for the chance to reach our community for Christ this summer and sure hope you'll join us!