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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH 28TH PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 4TH EASTER SUNDAY

JUNE 7TH-10TH VBS 2021

WELCOME
SPRING
03.20.21

Dear Beloved First Family



Dr. Darin Wood - Senior Pastor

Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord. What a joy it was to be back with you Sunday!

#FBCFINDHOPE

Easter is a short three weeks away! We all remember last year – Easter at home. It was the strangest Easter of my life. The only part that felt normal was celebrating Jesus! Now, a year later, we're praying and preparing for a full house! We want you there! Whether that's in person, on our broadcast or online, we want you to join us! Not only that, we want you to invite others to join us. Our Easter theme is "The Hope Of Easter" We want to invite you to post a picture of yourself on your social media page using the hashtag "#FBCFindHope" as an invitation to your friends to join us on Palm Sunday and Easter.

Palm Sunday, we'll be sharing the Lord's Supper together in all of our services. Our theme that day will be "Why the Cross Still Matters." I'm convinced we can never know the beauty and glory of Easter until we comprehend the depths of darkness on Good Friday. On Palm Sunday, we'll talk about "Why the Cross Still Matters."

Easter Sunday, we're beginning a brand new series called "God Speaks." If you've been to church at all, you've heard people talk about hearing from God. But how does one do that and what does it sound like? In our series beginning on Easter, we'll take a look at the elements of hearing from God and how you can tune your ears and your heart to hear Him well. Hashtag your selfie picture and meet me Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday!

NEW DAY, NEW CHALLENGE

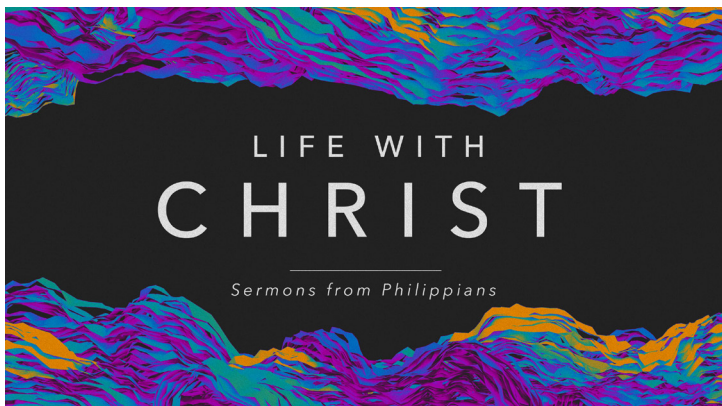
One of the things I love best about being in West Texas is the spirit of the people. Resilient, passionate, independent and tough but with a streak of compassion a mile wide. I've seen it over and over just in my brief time here. Consider these examples: When I came in 2016, the previous year had been a challenge in every possible way. But, as a church, we decided we were stronger together so we trusted God, prayed, dug deep and worked together to bring about a new day. When the pandemic struck in 2020, we did the same. When the recent winter storm brought it's fury to our door, we responded with grace, strength and resolve. We would endure this and be stronger for it later.

Now, a new challenge has come to call. Like the others, we didn't ask for this opportunity. Moreover, we might very well wish this hadn't come at all. But it's here just the same. What challenge is that? Immigrant children placed in our community. While there are deep and profound political elements in this moment and political remedies are rightfully called for, let us remember these young people are indeed still that. People. People for whom Jesus died. As your pastor and your friend, let me ask you to pray with me for these people and for their protection. For their future. For their salvation. To be clear, I don't blame anyone who has concerns – political or safety – about their presence here. At the same time, let's remember Jesus came for all people. My prayer is that we can seek to correct the problem of our broken immigration system but not forget Jesus loves these people too.

Praying for people,

Darin

CURRENT SERMON SERIES



NEXT SERMON SERIES



Sunday

- 8:15 AM Blended Worship Service* (extended care 8:15 only)
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service*
Contemporary (Worship Center),
Traditional (Chapel), & Family FX Live (Fellowship Hall)
- 5 PM Women's Ministry Get Together (Fellowship Hall)
Youth Choir
- 6 PM Youth Discipleship Classes

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

Monday March 22th

- 11:45 AM Brotherhood luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.
Cost: \$6 and must RSVP by Sunday.
Call Carl Brown if questions, 432-557-6810

Wednesday March 24th

SCHEDULE

- 4:45 PM Wednesday Family Meal in the Fellowship Hall
RSVP each week, online, at fbc-midland.org/events in the Wednesday Family Meals tab or at:
myfirstfamily.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/144/responses/new
- 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

WEDNESDAY FAMILY MEAL

The meal includes one dessert and a beverage. Credit/Debit cards are accepted.

Adult Meal \$6 / Hamburger \$4 / Salad Bar \$3.50 / Family Plan \$23

RSVP by the Monday prior to Wednesday. Monthly Menu Plan

Menu: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes / Gravy, Green Beans, Tossed Green Salad, Biscuit, & Banana Pudding

Also, you have your choice of Chick-fil-a Sandwich with Waffle Potato Fries and a cookie or the menu listed below. The Chick-fil-a meal is in limited amounts and is available to first come first serve.

Register online at:

myfirstfamily.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/130/responses/new

Thursday March 25th

- 6:30AM: Iron Men
- 9 AM Ladies Precept Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 AM Joyful Sound Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 11:15 AM DMA Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

INTERESTED IN FBCM EVENTS?

VISIT:

fbc-midland.org/events

PALM SUNDAY & EASTER SUNDAY

Don't forget to invite family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and share on Facebook using the hashtag [#fbcfindhope!](#)

There is more information to share at fbcmidland.info.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This year as part of our Easter Experience at FBC, we will emphasize praying the Stations of the Cross. These will be available the week of March 29 through April 2 in our Welcome Center during the day. Our hope is to guide you in prayer as we prepare our hearts for Easter and God's presence in our lives. We invite you to join us on the journey this year.

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 or call the church to sign up!

Acknowledgments

HOME TOUCH

Over the years I have been blessed beyond measure by those who couldn't come to church like they wanted or used to. The relationships I've made have enriched my life. These people have given me love and lots of joy. They have taught me humility and showed me grace. We at FBC are fortunate to have a church family that reaches out to all its members and gives us the opportunity to make new friends through the HomeTouch Ministry. Please consider making a difference in the life our of homebound folks by becoming involved in this ministry.



Contact James Ervin or Katy Little to join this team. 432-683-0600

BEREAVEMENT

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

- Myra Atnipp in the loss of her mother, Frances Dickson
- Family of Kay Steward
- Stan Hamblin in the loss of his mother, Doris Hamblin
- Theresa Fitzgerald in the loss of her brother
- Linda Flynt in the loss of her son-in-law, Steve Caldwell

MUSIC CITY CELEBRATION



**INFORMATIONAL MEETING:
MARCH 21 AFTER 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!

DMA

**March 25th
11:45 AM**

Performance by: Joyful Sound Choir, Faithful Men, & Sonshiners

TALL CITY DATE NIGHT

**April 2 • 6 - 8 PM
Centennial Park**

Bring your spouse, a blanket, and enjoy a spring evening at the new Centennial Park. There will be food trucks, games, date night package give-a-ways, and fun quality time with your special someone.

This would also be a great opportunity to invite another couple or meet new friends in our community and get to know them. Share the love of Christ through hospitality, conversation, and laughs, and then offer an invitation to our Easter services on Sunday.

ADULT 55+ TEXAS HILL COUNTRY TRIP

**April 16-17
Cost: \$75 per person**

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021



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. That means that families who aren't getting out yet can still fully participate using digital materials at home! (It also means that, unlike last year, we can still move forward with VBS even if our situation changes!)
- Each grade level will be assigned a day to be on-campus and in person! PreK/K will attend on Monday, 1st/2nd graders on Tuesday, 3rd/4th graders on Wednesday, and 5th/6th graders on Thursday. This means fewer people in the building with classes spread out to allow for safety and cleanliness.
- 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 worship songs, as well as other hands-on activities that help families learn more about what it means to follow Jesus.
- Volunteers' 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 all week, either in the same room with a different grade level each day, with preschoolers (volunteers' kids only, so the same group all week), as a greeter, or helping in registration! Everything will be prepared for you and the main teaching time happens in large groups, so you don't even have to teach! We just need folks to love on kids and point them to Jesus!
- We'll offer a big 'kick-off' event Sunday night prior to VBS and then an exciting Family Night with EPIC Entertainment to engage kids and parents on both ends of the week! It'll be a great way to generate some excitement and help parents understand the heart of FBC for families!

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



My name is Peggy Bryant, and I am the Director of Business Management. I have been working here at FBC since May 20, 2019.

I was born and raised in the Big Spring, Texas area; graduating from Forsan ISD. After graduation, I married the love of my life, Toby Bryant, then started my college career, graduating in December 1993 from UTPB with my Bachelor's in Business Administrations -Accounting and Information Systems.



Toby and I have been blessed with 36 plus years together. We have a son T.R. Bryant and daughter Morgan Cwelich. Our kids have blessed us with six fantastic grandkids; Bailey, Michael, Kloe and Kinzlee Bryant, and Joshua and Cora Cwelich.

Toby and I attend Greenwood Baptist Church where Toby serves as a deacon. We have also been involved in Kairos prison ministry since 2009. Sharing the love of Christ in the prison has been a real blessing to us, and we look forward to the day that we can return to serving the men in white.



Team FBC is a 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.

POWER IN THE BLOOD

by Dean Rippetoe

We have just experienced a tragic power failure in our state. In the blink of an eye, we were without power. We were helplessly hopeless. We had become dependent on a source of power that was not dependable. Our wellbeing and yes, even life itself was at stake. We had placed our dependence in a man-made source that was not sufficient and we suffered greatly for it.

Man-made power plants are engineered so as to have adequate backup power when and where ever needed. Power generated by power plants provide extremely high voltage in large volumes transmitted through power lines throughout our country. Some equipment such as electric powered radios, television sets and household lighting are designed to handle 110 volts, other items such as electric powered ovens require 220 volts, where large electric motors need 440 or higher voltage to operate. That power is transformed through transformers to the required voltage level to provide

us with the voltage and volume needed to do whatever we want it to do. Just a flip of the switch will instantly provide the power we need. That is, when it is available.

Our God, through the blood of the cross is our spiritual power source. God's power plant provides adequate, continuous, guaranteed power sufficient to satisfy all of our needs. Jesus Christ is our transformer and reduces the voltage so as to provide adequate power to supply our needs. Some of us cannot handle great sources of power and may be able to handle only a few volts, but others, more mature Christians can handle more. That power is regulated by our faith. Jesus used this power to raise the dead, heal the leper, made the blind see and the lame walk and cast out demons. The disciples were given power to heal the sick, cast out demons and even raise the dead. That same power is available to each one of us ONLY if we have the capacity to handle it.

There is power in the blood of Christ that was shed on the cross. All of the power in bombs, bullets, hurricanes, tornadoes and man-made power produced since the beginning of time and all that is to come is only a small amount compared to the power generated on the hill of Golgotha. The blood of the cross provides adequate power for each one of us. His power is sufficient and available all the time. With Christ, there is no power outage.

When we need man-made electrical power, we flip the switch. When we need spiritual power, we pray. If we truly believe that this spiritual power is available, then why don't we use it?

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PRAYER
FOR OUR MISSIONARY:

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- That God will show us multiple ways to continue serving pastors during the coronavirus pandemic.
- That God will assist our brethren who live in difficult situations and are going to be seriously impacted by the coronavirus.
- For the initiation of a new pastor training ministry in an Islamic North African country, with a small but growing and persecuted Church.

Choir Rehearsal
Thursday at 10:30 AM
Choir Room

**All Singers
in our community
age 55+
are invited to join us!**

Call James Ervin for more information
432-683-0600

“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands.” Joyful Sound is a choir for adults 55+ who love to sing praises to our God. We rehearse each Thursday at 10:30 am in the choir room of FBC, Midland.

This ministry is open to all adults in our community regardless of church membership. We will focus on using our musical gifts and talents to minister to our community as “we serve the Lord with gladness.”

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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

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

March 14, 2021

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 107,399	\$ 3,357,219
Budget Requirement	\$ 127,000	\$ 3,546,382
Over/Under Budget	\$ -19,601	\$ -189,163
Hope 1:8	\$ 270	\$ 513,856
Annie Armstrong	\$ 3,745	\$ 6,028

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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