



# BANNER *Letter*

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God bless you First Family,

Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord. Welcome to Spring! As winter begins to fade and spring begins to emerge, take time to thank God for his kindness. Thank him also that he doesn't change even as everything else does. Praise the Lord for his faithfulness!

### **PALM SUNDAY - #FBCFindHope**

Speaking of God's faithfulness, this Sunday begins our Easter celebration. I'm a firm believer in the idea you can't fully appreciate the beauty and glory of Easter until you understand the pain and agony of the week between Palm Sunday and Easter. That's why I choose to do this same talk each year: "Why does the cross still matter?" A different kind of service than we normally do, this service alternates between music and preaching and culminates with a celebration of the Lord's Supper. In keeping with COVID precautions, we'll provide the elements on tables in our foyer areas on your way into the service. Please take enough for your family.

If you'd like to participate from home, we've provided "The Lord's Supper at Home" bags as we did last year. All you need to do is either

(1) Call my office (683-0604) and arrange a time to pick up a bag or (2) Request a delivery. We'll arrange a time for the elements to be brought to you.

### **WELCOME BACK HOME**

These last few weeks, we've seen many wonderful and familiar faces we've not seen since the pandemic began. It's a joy to see them! Maybe you've been worshiping from home and haven't come back yet. I want to encourage you to make these next two weeks your welcome back. I hope to see you in person this weekend!

### **JIM HANSEN RETIREMENT RECEPTION**

My friend Jim Hansen has served remarkably well. As we bless him in this new chapter of his journey, I hope you'll join me to honor him this Sunday afternoon from 2:30-4:30 in our Welcome Center. His faithful service and gracious spirit has made his service here special.

### **CHURCH CONFERENCE THIS SUNDAY NIGHT**

I want to invite you to join me Sunday night for our monthly church conference. We'll gather

at 5 PM in the Fellowship Hall. I'll be teaching out of Ephesians 4 before we begin our time of stewardship. I hope to see you there!

### **WE HAVE A NEW NEIGHBOR**

Beginning this past Sunday, a new church start has begun next door. Real Church is a brand new church plant meeting at Sam Houston Elementary. Led by Pastor Carlos Rodriguez, they are holding 10 AM services in the cafeteria. To help accommodate them, I'd like to ask for your help. If you normally park in the stadium lot, would you kindly park as close to N Street as possible and as far down toward Cuthbert Street as possible? This will allow space close to the building for the new church family to park near their building.

### **A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY TO REMEMBER**

I would be remiss to not mention one other thing. Our friend Aaron Hodges is celebrating a milestone birthday this week. When you see him, take time to wish him a very happy day.

Your Pastor,  
Darin



### **CHURCH CONFERENCE AGENDA**

#### **March 28, In Fellowship Hall at 5 PM**

- Approval of Minutes (February 28, 2021)
- Approval of New Members
- Grant Church Letters
- Reports:
  1. Church Council Chairman
  2. Personnel Committee Chairman
  3. Finance Committee Chairman
- Old Business
- New Business
  1. Committee on Committees
    - Kayli Tschauner – Safety & Security Committee
- Other Business
- Adjourn

## Information

### SUNDAY, 3/28

- 8:15 AM Palm Sunday Service *(extended care 8:15 only)*
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Palm Sunday Service  
FBC en Español (Student Worship Area)
- 2:30 PM Jim Hansen Retirement Reception
- 5 PM Church Conference  
Youth Choir
- 6 PM Youth Discipleship Classes

### MONDAY, 3/29

#### Brotherhood Luncheon

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

**Cost: \$6**

**Please RSVP, if you forget come anyway.**

Brotherhood "Joy of the Gospel" luncheon meetings are every Monday.

Call Carl Brown 432-557-6810 for details.

### WEDNESDAY, 3/30

- 4:45 PM Wednesday Family Meal  
Menu: Taco Salad, Pinto Beans, Chips / Salsa, Tres Leche 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, 3/31

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



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

## Events

### TALL CITY DATE NIGHT

**April 2, form 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.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Registration Begins: April 1  
VBS: June 7-10**

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!

**PRESS PLAY**  
GET IN THE MIX

### STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

March 21, 2021

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 119,462	\$ 3,476,681
Budget Requirement	\$ 127,000	\$ 3,673,382
Over/Under Budget	\$ -7,538	\$ -196,701
Hope 1:8	\$ 200	\$ 514,056
Annie Armstrong	\$ 3,581	\$ 9,609

### 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**