



FRIENDLY REMINDER
ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY

APRIL 21ST*

**you've been warned!*

Dear Beloved First Family



Dr. Darin Wood - Senior Pastor

Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord! What a joy it is to write to you! I was reminded this last week of the joy of being together and welcoming new friends to the First family! May God continue to expand and grow this wonderful family!

WELCOME WAYNE AND DANI DELSO!

Because of your kind vote to call Wayne as our Youth Associate Minister this past Sunday, we elected to call Wayne. He will begin his term of service with us on June 10th when his teaching contract expires. Please join me in praying for the numerous transitions Wayne and Dani will walk through in coming to be a part of the First family! We'll have a proper welcome once they arrive so you can love them as you have loved me and my family.

THANKS FOR BRINGING AN APPETITE!

Our Girls in Action Muffins for Missions fundraiser this past Sunday was a hit, all because of you! And you didn't have to wait in the line I saw at Shipley's Donuts either! The funds raised are going to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. This special offering goes to serve missionaries serving right here in North America. Perhaps you didn't get to pick up a muffin but you'd still like to help the missionaries this offering supports. It's not too late. If you give online, select "Annie Armstrong" under the desired recipient. If you give by check, you can mark your envelope or check with "Annie" and we will make sure to get it to the right place.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

As we begin to return to normal, I wanted to highlight a couple of opportunities for you to get back in the game.

- Our Preschool ministry needs help in Extended Session. If you want to help us reach and serve those with small children, this is one of our very best opportunities. See our Preschool Minister Amy Brand to volunteer.
- Our VBS is coming! While we're doing it differently than we ever have, we still need you! If you want to serve in this

vital evangelistic ministry, see our Children's Minister Sarah Arrambide to volunteer.

- Outside our walls, there are even more needs:
 - For construction, call First Family member Tracey Vaughn in Christmas in Action.
 - For crisis needs, contact Eva Diaz to volunteer for the Crisis Center.

GOD SPEAKS: PAIN

It's been said when God wants you to hear, he often uses pain to help us hear Him. Generally speaking, pain is something we try to avoid. But could it be that God, in his wisdom, will use our pain to help us hear Him in ways we might have missed without it? CS Lewis said, "God whispers to us in our pleasures, but shouts in our pain." Nothing gets our attention quite like pain does. Why does God choose to use it that way in our lives? While I don't pretend to have every answer for that, we'll take that issue up on Sunday as we talk about how God can speak to us through our pain.

Your servant,
Darin



Sunday

- 8:15 AM Blended Worship Service* (extended care 8:15 only)
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service*
Contemporary (Worship Service)
Traditional (Chapel),
Family FX Service (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 PM Women's Ministry Get Together (Fellowship Hall)
Youth Choir
- 6:00 PM Youth Discipleship Classes
Helena, MT Mission Trip Information Meeting (E102)

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

Monday April 19th

- 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 April 21st

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/165/responses/new
- 6:00 PM Orchestra Rehearsal
WEBS (room E114)
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
- 7:00 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

Menu:

- Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
- Green Beans
- Tossed Green Salad
- Garlic Bread
- Carrot Cake



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

Thursday April 22nd

- 6:30 AM Iron Men
- 9:00 AM Ladies Precept Bible Study (Chapel)
- 10:30 AM Joyful Sound Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 12:00 PM Prayer (Chapel)

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!

Registration Open!
myfirstfamily.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/159/responses/new

HELENA MONTANA
MISSION TRIP JUNE 26TH - JULY 4TH

INFORMATIONAL MEETING
APRIL 18TH FROM 6-6:30PM IN E102

Details at:
fbc-midland.org/events



Focus on Hospital Workers

Gloria Youngblood:

When I was so ill in the hospital with COVID, after I came off of the ventilator, I was put back on the COVID floor and my room looked straight down Garfield and I could see our beautiful church. It was, then, that I felt God was telling me that our church was like a beacon at the foot of the hospital and that we needed to reach out to this group more. My idea was to give care packages to two floors--COVID floor and CCU--because I was in both and saw the battlefield they are on.

So, when I got out, I called Bryan and asked him if he would be interested in FBC helping with this project financially. He said yes.

October was our first month and the RA's helped me. It was fun having them help.

Once I announced what I was doing in the Peter Dept., I had a few who said they wanted to help, thus, starting in November, those in the Peter Dept. started helping.

Every package has a gospel message in some form within. We give to 105 workers each month and plan on doing this for a year.

We encourage more Bible Study groups to listen to God about how they can minister in our community!



1st Family News

Acknowledgments

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the gift to Buckner Children and Family Services in memory of Nancy. We're so grateful for the outpouring of prayers, love, and support during her illness and home going. We are truly blessed to call this church home.

Blessings,
Bill Milner, Allison and San Smith, and family

Thank you for celebrating my Retirement with my family and I. We felt very honored on March 28th with the surprise gift you gave to me. Thank you for the reception you gave on my behalf too. We received many kind words and cards. Thanks to the Hospitality Committee for standing for hours and attending to the refreshments.

I took my job as a direct calling for the time I was with you, 10 years and 10 months. I enjoyed this time working with my staff to serve the Church Facilities and our Congregation. My family and I will forever be grateful to God and you. It was a very meaningful season of my life.

Love,
Jim Hansen

Dear First Baptist Church and Missions Board -

Thank you for choosing to support The Basin Dream Center for Orphans! We are so very grateful. Together we WILL change the lives of the homeless and aged out youth in our community.

Sincerely,
Tina Gilihan

Thank you so much for supporting the 1-6 grade GAs by helping North American Missionaries through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. This year's Muffins for Missions event helped raise \$2539.00. Your donations will make a difference in spreading the Gospel all over the continent. We appreciate all that First Baptist Church does every year to support the GAs and Missions.

Hillary Lovell
GA Coordinatiior

BEREAVEMENT

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

- Carolyn Tims in the loss of her brother, Mike Dixon
- Norma McGrew in the loss of her sister, Carolynn Polk

Opportunities to Serve

Bless This House!
Our Kent Mission Houses

OUR TWO KENT MISSION HOUSES HAVE BEEN REMODELED & NOW IT'S TIME TO FURNISH THEM FOR OUR MISSIONARY GUESTS.



DETAILS AT:

FBC-MIDLAND.ORG/EVENTS

Please use the Amazon, Bed Bath & Beyond, and the Walmart registry links, below, to purchase household necessities that our guests will use.

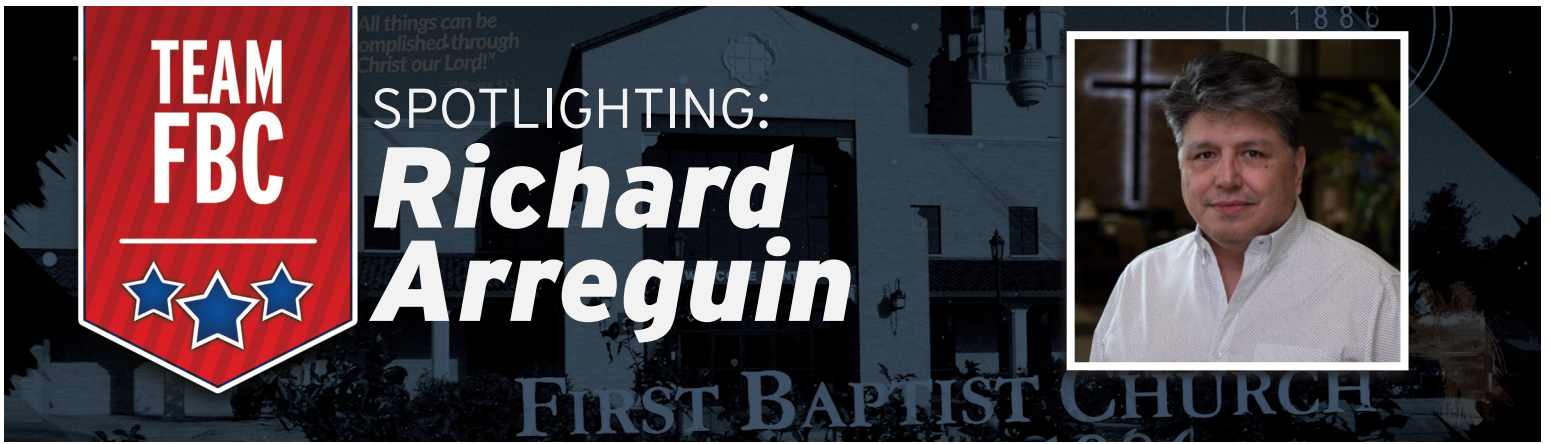
Purchases may be dropped off at the Missions Office Monday - Thursday, from 8am-3pm or may be shipped to the Missions Office.

If you would rather give a monetary donation, you may do so and be sure to mark your gift "Mission Houses".

All gifts need to be received by **April 22nd**.

Be watching for information in a future Banner regarding an Open House Invitation!

- Amazon: amzn.to/3dkhJPM
- Bed Bath & Beyond: bit.ly/3e6cylo
- Walmart: bit.ly/Walmartfbc2104



SPOTLIGHTING:
Richard Arreguin



Now that I have your undivided attention, what should I say? Hmm, let me see.

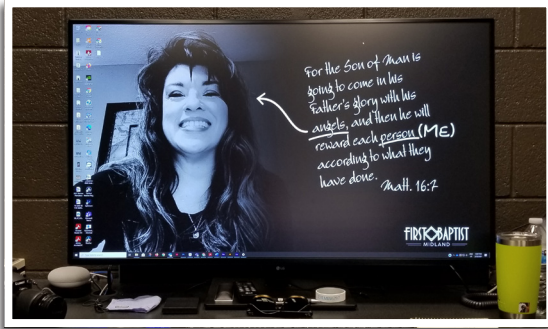
First of all, I'm married to the most sweetest person in the world. If you've held this title before, sorry to say "your time has passed". If you plan to obtain the title, it will be a long time coming. My wife's name is Sissy Arreguin and we've been married 35 years.

We have two sons. Aaron, our youngest, lives here in Midland. Austin, our oldest lives in Denver, Colorado with his wife Betsy. More importantly, Austin and Betsy are expecting their first child and our first grandchild.

Secondly, Sissy and I love to travel and eat. Some of our favorite places for food have been Denver, Austin and New York. All three places are diverse and yummy. The first time in New York, our goal was to eat at as many pizza places as we could within the few days that we were there. If you love pizza as much as we do, you know it never got tiresome.

Back in January, I celebrated my first year here at FBC as your Associate Director of Media. It is a true pleasure working with Jeff Wash, Erin Downey, and Max Floyd in the media department as well as the rest of the church staff. My duties here are simple yet diverse. I design most, but not all, of what you see. Materials like The Banner, website, announcements, postcards, posters, videos, and others. I help mix audio for online Sunday services as well as fill other tech positions, as needed, for each Sunday.

I recently created a Facebook post where I posted a photo of my office computer screen. On the screen is a photo of Sissy with a bible verse, altered to fit my sentiment. While I added that photo to Facebook, the thought came over me. "I'm blessed." In the post I reference the movie "Fury", where a WWII military tank crew recited the statement, "Best job I ever had."



Not sure it was true for them in every situation, but for me it is literally the truth. Partly because of you, First Family, for accepting me and my family with open loving arms. I thank you.

On Sundays, I enjoy being a part of the best group of men and women that serve as volunteers to make Sunday services happen. These men and women have blessed me with their diligence, devotion, and desire to serve. Several have retired from their vocations, but not from serving this church. While people are still in their beds these servants are here, at the church, getting equipment ready for the Sunday services. Men and women that have been doing this week after week for several years. They are inspirational! I am in awe of their love for our Lord.

Finally, it is a joy to be here with a group of folks that truly love God and love people. When Jesus was asked which of the commandments was the greatest, He said, "Love God" followed by "love people"(paraphrased). First Family, thank you for doing both. My prayers is two-fold: that God gives you strength and that generations will rise up and follow your lead.



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.

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- Please pray for us as we lead our team here in West DR. Pray for us to be filled with the wisdom and love of Christ in everything we do and every decision we make.
- Pray for MAF's ministry across the globe. Covid-19 has brought many new challenges to living and working overseas and operating airplanes overseas. Pray for all of MAF as we navigate the uncertain world of lockdowns and closed borders, quickly changing government regulations, and reduced flight hours. We earnestly desire to continue to see Christ's love shared, no matter the challenges!
- Pray for our team in West DR. Pray that we would be unified in our vision to see Congo changed by Christ's love. Pray that our interactions with each other and with every person with whom we come in contact will be filled with the grace and love of Christ. May He always be glorified!

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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

Joyful Sound Choir
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

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

April 11, 2021

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 177,780	\$ 3,919,554
Budget Requirement	\$ 127,000	\$ 4,054,382
Over/Under Budget	\$ 50,780	\$ -134,828
Hope 1:8	\$ 50	\$ 515,266
Annie Armstrong	\$ 1,044	\$ 26,956

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.

