

# THE BANNER

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# Congratulations



Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

## PRESS ▶ PLAY

VBS 2021

### KICK-OFF PARTY



LET'S  
GO!!!

JUNE 6TH!  
6-8 PM

FBC'S NORTH PARKING LOT

DETAILS AT:

[FBC-MIDLAND.ORG/EVENTS](http://FBC-MIDLAND.ORG/EVENTS)

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JUNE 7-10TH!

REGISTER TODAY!

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# Dear Beloved First Family



Dr. Darin Wood - Senior Pastor

Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord! Thanks for the warm welcome you gave our friend Dr. Adam Greenway. The connection between FBC Midland and Southwestern Seminary is at least 100 years long. You need to know our church is the guardian for a trust designed to fund students at Southwestern and we have in significant ways.

## YOUTH CHOIR TRIP BEGINS THIS SUNDAY

Three of our core values are evangelism, missions and discipleship. We're rolling those three together as we send our youth choir this Sunday after worship to San Antonio. Throughout this spring, our Youth Choir has been rehearsing and preparing for this moment and I'm excited we get to send them! When you arrive at church Sunday, we'll provide for you a prayer guide to walk you through how you can pray for them and their work throughout their week on the road. I'm confident God has great things ahead for them and their time spent there. They will lead our worship in the 8:15 and 11 AM Contemporary service before they leave. As a part of both of those services, we will take time to commission their service to the Lord as our missionaries!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS DRAWING NEAR

VBS is just around the corner – June 7-10! While this year's VBS is unlike any we've known before, my heart rejoices that we can have one at all! The decisions on how to conduct this one were made in January when COVID was still looming large over us. My prayer is that the Spirit of God will sweep through this effort, just as the Spirit of God did on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2. There was no reason to suspect that day would be an extraordinary one. But God did it anyway! Pray with me boldly that God will do it again!

## JUNE 6 WILL BE A SPECIAL DAY

One week from Sunday will be a special time! In our morning worship services, we'll begin our "Summer in Greece" study of 2 Corinthians. I've been working on this for quite some time and I can't wait to share it with you!

At 4 PM, we'll dedicate our two mission homes on Kent Street (708 and 710). We've christened them with special names we'll unveil at the dedication service (it's so secret even the honorees don't know it yet! After we dedicate the houses, we'll invite you to walk through them and pray for those who will come to find God's rest in those homes.

At 5 PM in our Fellowship Hall, we'll enjoy a wonderful hymn sing service! Our friend James Ervin has arranged this service for us and I'm excited about it! If you like an old-fashioned hymn sing,

this is for you!

From 6PM-8PM, we'll welcome a VBS Kickoff event! The north parking lot will host food trucks, a play area for children, and – most importantly – the chance to sign up your child if you haven't already done so. Even if your child isn't participating in VBS, we invite you to come share in the life of the First Family!

## FIRST STEP DAY

We've provided you a summer calendar to make sure you know what your church family has planned. There's one date, however, I wanted to highlight. July 18 is a day I'm calling "First Step Day." One of the most foundational elements in spiritual growth is mile markers to help mark your spiritual path. Baptism is a supremely significant one. That's why you hear me call it the "First Step" of Christian obedience.

Would it surprise you to know we have many who have come forward to confess Christ as Savior but have never followed through with being baptized? To be clear, baptism isn't essential for salvation – look no further than the thief on the cross for evidence to that (Luke 23) – but it is a significant step in making public a declaration of a changed life.

That's why we're doing the FBC night at the Pool. This is a chance for anyone who needs to clear that part of their journey to take that First Step! I'm talking with you about it now because you may be one of those who needs to get this taken care of and I wanted to give you a chance to consider it! Sometimes people have been at church so long they're embarrassed to say they haven't been baptized! Or they don't want to be baptized on TV. This is a chance to remove barriers to people's spiritual development. Humbly, I ask that you pray with me for those who need this opportunity and that we'll embrace it whole-hearted. The last time I did this (in east Texas then), we baptized 24 that day. My friend Tommy waited 62 years. Pray with me for First Step Day and for God's work in each of our lives.

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 Center)

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

**Monday, 5/31**

Church office will be closed for Memorial Day.

**Wednesday, 6/2**

**SCHEDULE**

4:45 PM Wednesday Family Meal in the Fellowship Hall  
RSVP each week, online, at [fbc-midland.org/events](http://fbc-midland.org/events) in the Wednesday Family Meals tab or at:  
[myfirstfamily.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/185/responses/new](http://myfirstfamily.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/185/responses/new)

6:00 PM Orchestra Rehearsal  
WEBS (room E118/The Parlor)  
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:** Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes / Gravy, Green Beans, Tossed Green Salad, Biscuit, & Coconut Meringue Pie

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, 6/3**

12:00 PM Prayer (Chapel)

**1st Family News**

**Summer Women's Bible Study**

An 8 Week Study: 7 Feasts: **Finding Christ in the Sacred Celebrations of the Old Testament**

Meeting: June 1, 15, 22, 29 and July 6, 13, 20, 27  
Limited Childcare is available - register to reserve your spot!

[myfirstfamily.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/169/responses/new](http://myfirstfamily.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/169/responses/new)

Contact Katy Little for more information at: [klittle@fbc-midland.org](mailto:klittle@fbc-midland.org)

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**BEREAVEMENT**

- Mercy Castle in the loss of her father, Julio
- Kay Kolb and Brady Kolb in the loss of Brady's father, Bill 'Bear' Kolb
- Gladys Sanchez in the loss of her mother, Ubdelia Cano
- Susie Chandler in the loss of her father, Cecil Carr

**June 6th**

**KENT OPEN HOUSE DEDICATION**

4-7 PM 708 & 710 Kent

Dedication at 4 PM with Come and Go till 7 PM.

**SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE**

**Hymn Sing Night**

5:00 PM Chapel

All are invited to come and sing your favorite hymns. Join us!

**VBS KICK-OFF PARTY**

6-8 PM North Parking Lot

Join us to celebrate the kick-off of Vacation Bible School! We'll have bounce houses, cotton candy, popcorn, and an opportunity to register your child(ren) for VBS if you haven't already!

Food trucks will be available, and each item from the trucks will be \$1.00!

**June 7th - 10th**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Press Play "Get in the Mix"**

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.

**June 23rd-27th**

**BOY SCOUT TROOP #232 SUMMER CAMP**

In Junction, Texas for ages 11-18 years.

For more information, please call Steve Blaylock at 432-553-1055 or Jack Hood at 432-559-6817.

**July 5th - 9th**

**CAMP IN THE CITY**

9 AM - 4 PM FBC Midland  
Cost: \$310 (Scholarships available)

We'll be jumping, cheering, and singing each and every day, Monday through Friday, in the most incredible week of your child's summer.

Register today! [pinecove.com/city/fbc-midland/](http://pinecove.com/city/fbc-midland/)

**July 11th**

**SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE**

**Haywire Bluegrass Band**

5:00 PM Fellowship Hall

Come hear gospel favorites performed by this Hill Country Band! Dinner is at 5 pm, by reservation, and music begins at 5:45 pm.

**WAINSCOTT/LACY | Fall SCHOLARSHIP | 2021**

**Attending Baptist College, University, or Seminary in Fall 2021.**

**See Cindy Eoff for an application.**

**Applications due by June 15, 2021**



# WE REMEMBER OUR FALLEN HEROES

*By Dean Rippetoe*

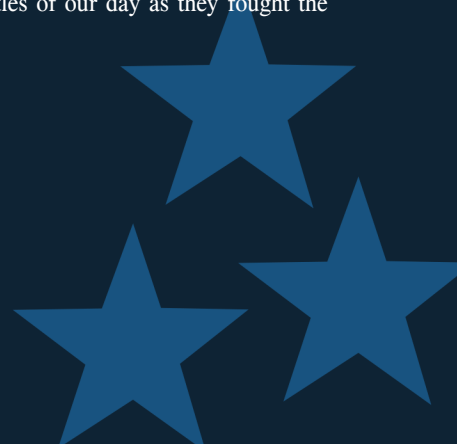
As tensions mounted between the American Colonies and the King of England, Patrick Henry stood before the Second Virginia Convention and loudly proclaimed, "Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God –I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death".

Since that day in March 1775, well over a million patriots have given their lives for freedom and liberty. They too said, "Give me Liberty or give me death". We give honor to these fellow Americans every day, but today, we give a special tribute to those who gave their all for us, for Freedom, for Liberty and for a better tomorrow. It is for us, for those of us who live, to take up their torch and defend our Republic and for the flag for which it stands.

Many words have been spoken giving tribute to those who died on the battlefield, but there can never be enough said to give adequate recognition and honor to those who gave their all for their country. General James A. Garfield, later President of the United States said in an address at the National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, "If silence is golden, it must be here beside these graves of Americans whose lives were more significant than speech and whose death was a poem the music of which can never be sung. For love of Country they accepted death and made immortal their patriotism and virtue".

War is a terrible thing – no one really wins – everybody loses. Our young men and women leave their homes and their loved ones to defend our shores and our freedoms. They suffer pain, sickness, fear, loneliness, physical wounds and mental torment. They offered themselves as a human sacrifice – for us. I often wonder what their thoughts were when they breathed their last breath. I am sure that many were thinking of home and loved ones and were confident that those left behind would defend America just as they had. I wonder if they would be happy if they returned and found America as it is today or would they be disappointed.

On this Memorial Day, we honor those who never returned. We honor those brave men and women who never had the opportunity to enjoy the life that could have been. We give thanks to God for those who gave their all that we might have what we have today. We honor our heroic and patriotic dead by being true Americans and by faithfully fighting the battles of our day as they fought the battles of their day.







My name is Jeff Wash and I am honored to serve as your Minister of Media and Communications. I grew up in Odessa, Texas and have one big brother, Jay who has been senior pastor at Northside Baptist Church in Baytown, Texas for 23 years. Both of my parents have gone on to glory... my dad was a physical therapist and passed away in 2004 with complications from MS and my mom was a radiology transcriptionist and passed away in 2015.

I asked Jesus to be my Lord and Savior in November of 1981, so I am closing in on 40 years of this journey to be more like Him. It is not a coincidence that my first date with my future bride, Laurie, was in August of 1981. She was instrumental in my salvation experience. I graduated from Permian High School in 1983, UTPB in 1987 and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1991. Laurie and I were married in December of 1989. She graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in 1987 and is currently the Associate Choral Director at Midland Lee High School.

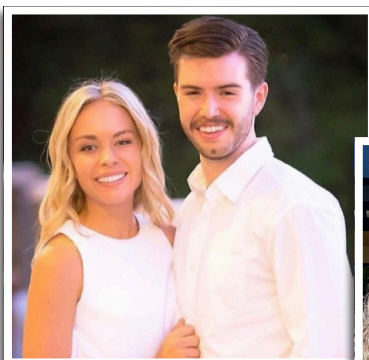
I have served in 4 churches full time in the past 33 years. Ferris Avenue Baptist Church (now The Avenue) in Waxahachie, Texas; Bayshore Baptist Church in LaPorte, Texas; First Baptist Church in Odessa, Texas and here at FBC Midland since July 2018. I was the worship/music minister in the first three churches listed but media always played a large part in my ministry and I became full time media at FBC Odessa in 2014.

God has blessed us with three amazing children... Garrison is 28 and is planting a church with his wife Meredith in South Pasadena, California. They have a "soft" launch planned for June and the main opening date will be after Labor Day. Laurlyn is 26 and is the High School Choir and Drama director for Foundations Academy in Winter Garden, Florida. She and her husband, Noah live in Clermont, Florida. My youngest, Grantham is 22 and recently graduated from California Baptist University and became engaged to his now fiancée, Abbey. We were so glad to be there and be a part of these events!



God has given us a "God-sized" task to be relevant to a lost and dying world. I believe that we have learned that we can use the tools in the media ministry to reach more people with the Gospel than ever before. This past year (March of 2020 to April of 2021) we reached 164,000 people by our Facebook page... had 20,000 views of video content on our Vimeo page and had views from over 48 different countries. Our goal in media ministry is to be EXCELLENT in all we do. Our adopted verse is Phil. 4:8 which says, "Whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

Please consider joining us on this journey of media ministry and volunteer to serve on our team! We would be honored to have you! Thank you for the pleasure of serving here at FBC Midland!





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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](http://fbc-midland.org) • [facebook.com/fbcmidland](https://facebook.com/fbcmidland) • [vimeo.com/fbcmidland](https://vimeo.com/fbcmidland)

### Sunday Service Televised at

7:00 a.m. on KOSA (CBS) Channel 7

10:00 a.m. on CW, Channel 16 or 17 (or DirectTV Channel 4)

Televised services are on a one-week tape delay

## PRAYER PARTNER



**PRAYER**  
FOR OUR MISSIONARY:

**TRICIA ALBERTS**  
SPORTS CRUSADERS  
HOLTS SUMMIT, MO

- Wisdom for our leadership with the ever changing culture
- That hearts will be open to hear the Gospel in our camps and projects
- Continued protection of our summer missionary's health and travel while serving as well as when they return to campuses.
- That they will implement what they learn this summer back on their campuses in the fall.

## FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

FOR MIDLAND BAPTIST CRISIS CENTER  
TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING

1. PEANUT BUTTER
2. JELLY (NO GLASS JARS)
3. CANNED SPAGHETTI SAUCE (NO GLASS JARS)
4. CANNED SOUP

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# JEREMY CAMP

**FREE CONCERT**  
**AUGUST 7TH • 7PM**  
**LEADING WORSHIP**  
**AUGUST 8TH • 11AM**  
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## STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

May 24, 2021

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 67,662	\$ 4,658,919
Budget Requirement	\$ 127,000	\$ 4,816,382
Over/Under Budget	\$ -59,338	\$ -157,463
Hope 1:8	\$ 100	\$ 516,301

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**GIVE**