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Family,
Peace in Christ our Lord! As a church,
we value Prayer. It's a powerful
— a direct connection to the God of
— He longs to hear from us and to act
— And when Jesus taught us to pray
— it wasn't just praying for ourselves
— It was praying for others as well.
— school year begins, the 25,000+
— teachers, administrators, counselors,
— emails, and staff need our prayers!
— e put this together — to equip you to
— schools and leadership by name. If
— we're power in prayer, then this is the
— out it into practice!

— unsure of what to pray. Here are
— ons:

— children of MISD! Pray for their
— ay for safety for them and for the
— God's mercy to welcome them
— ous.

— teachers, librarians,
— nals, and staff as they serve
— with our children. So mu
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— es, band directors
— ools.

— our community!

Finally, pray for God's blessing
throughout this coming year
stand in the gap praying
Praying for the 2021-
Dawn

MIDLAND

FIRST BAPTIST MISD PRAYER WALK GUIDE



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432-240-6700
- 2400 Fannon Ave.
432-240-6800
- 5800 Oak Woods
432-240-6400
- 401 Parker Ave.
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- 5107 Greathouse Blvd.
432-240-6900
- 4800 Graceland Dr.
432-240-7000
- 4919 Shadylane Dr.
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- 4200 Cedar Spring Dr.
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- 301 E. Domard Ave.
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TEAM SPOTLIGHT: SARAH ARRAMBIDE



Dear Beloved First Family



Dr. Darin Wood - Senior Pastor

Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord! It is a joy to be back home with you! Our time away from you was a blessing! Thanks for affording us the opportunity to refresh and replenish our spirits. We spent our time with family and dear friends but it's nice to come home with the First Family! I'm eager to be back with you Sunday and to share God's Word with you!

A special word of gratitude to Shelden Kinnison, Christian Cotton, and Cory Brand for leading well in my absence. I'm grateful for you gentlemen!

JEREMY CAMP IS FINALLY HERE!

I'm beyond excited to have Jeremy with us this weekend! If you're planning to join us, remember that our doors will open at 5:00 PM. Smart people will arrive early as I believe we'll have a strong crowd.

THE UNOFFICIAL START OF THE YEAR

While January is the start of the calendar year, for most of us, the functional year revolves around the school schedule. As we begin this new school year, may I ask that you commit to praying with me for our schools, our administrators, teachers, para-professionals and staff and – most of all – our students. My prayer for this year is a more “normal” school year than the last two. If the Lord chooses to give us something other than that, I'm praying for patience, resolve and wisdom for all of us to walk through it without tearing ourselves apart. I invite you to join me in praying a similar prayer.

FINDING JOY IN THE JOURNEY

Some years ago, Christian musician Michael Card wrote a song entitled “Joy in the Journey.” The song reflects on finding the light of Christ in the difficulties of life and choosing to embrace joy in that. As we all know, that's harder than it sounds, especially in our modern age. During our time away, this is exactly what I've prayed for us. The challenges of our time steal our joy and create anxiety, worry and fear. The only way we can escape that is by our choice to purposely find joy in our journey with Christ. As we begin this new season, I'm praying we will find exactly that – joy in Christ to sustain our journey.

Praying for each of you,
Darin



Prayer Walk Guides are located on tables in the foyers.

Sunday

- 8:15 AM Blended Worship Service*
(extended care Birth - PreK)
9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Services*
Contemporary (Worship Center)
(extended care Birth - PreK)
Traditional (Chapel)
First Baptist en Español (Fellowship Hall)

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

Monday

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

Wednesday

- 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/205/responses/new
6:00 PM Orchestra Rehearsal
WEBS (room E118/The Parlor)
GAP bible study in C205
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, & Pecan 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

- 10:30 AM Joyful Sound rehearsal (Choir Room)
12:00 PM Prayer (Chapel)

Friday

- 6:30 AM Men's Prayer (Fellowship Hall)

MUSIC MINISTRY INTEREST MEETING

You are invited to attend a Music Ministry Interest Meeting on **Sunday, August 8th at 4pm** in the music suite.

The opportunities to serve in the music ministry are endless – here are a few options: Adult Choir, Orchestra, Accompanists, Praise Band, Praise Team Singers.

We have an amazing team of volunteers who serve and we would love to add YOU!

Questions? Please email Aaron Hodges at ahodges@fbc-midland.org

If God has gifted you with a musical talent, I pray that you will consider serving in the Music Ministry here at FBC. I hope to see you on **August 8th!**

MUSIC & MISSIONS

Registration is now open! It's time to register your kids for our Wednesday night activities for the 2021-2022 school year. Kids 3 years old to 6th grade are welcome to join us for Music & Missions from 6pm-8pm (3 year olds will meet from 6pm-7pm) beginning on September 8th!

Registration will end Sept 1st.

myfirstfamily.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/197/responses/new

FIRST RESPONSE TEAM

We are calling for those who are willing to serve on the First Response Team during our services and events. You will respond as a team member to those who are in need of assistance. You will be trained in CPR, First Aid and AED, and Basic Comforting Ministry. This is a way to serve in a ministry to your fellow church members to those in need of help until advanced or professional care arrives.

If you are interested, contact Choc Harris: choc721@gmail.com

Acknowledgements

THANK YOU

Sheri and I thank you for your very kind hospitality to us this year and for so many years. May the Lord Jesus grace your continued ministry with His presence.

In the Lord's sure mercies
Mitch & Sheri Axsom & FBC Clinton, Louisiana

Thank you for the donation to Buckner Children's Home in memory of my dad, Bear. He will be greatly missed, but I believe he would be glad to know that others in need will be helped by this donation.

In Christ,
Brady, Nita, and Anthony Kolb

Thank you so much for the amazing contribution to Buckner in memory of our father, Jim.

With much love,
Wes, Cindy, and the entire Lewis Family

Women's Ministry Event Coming Soon!

Join us for

Going Beyond Live
WITH

PRISCILLA SHIRER

Worship with Anthony Evans

October 9, 2021

Amarillo, TX

Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum

LifeWay.com/GoingBeyondLive





Notes in the Margin

By Berry Simpson

Last week I was reading from Isaiah 52, which begins, “Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the Lord: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn.”

One of the reasons I like to read through the same Bible, year after year, is because I can track my spiritual changes.

I had written in the margin of my Bible this note, from about 1998: “I was cut out of a quarry of Baptist preachers.” Then later, in 2007, I wrote: “I am the piece that was cut, that was hewn. As I get older I want to be the rock itself, the quarry.” Finally, although I expect there will be more to come, I wrote, in 2016: “Maybe I’d rather be a stonecutter.” In those notes I read the story of my spiritual progression from young man to mentor, a story I need to be reminded of when I start to doubt my place.

Marking my Bible has become a key component of my spiritual journey.

I’ve known people who believe it sacrilegious, or disrespectful, to write in their Bible. Maybe because it was an expensive gift from someone important, or something like that. But that’s not me. I write in mine all the time.

I ask questions from the text; even argue with the it. I add dates when life events coincide with what I am reading. There are passages I’ve marked and dated several times, and those notes tell the story of my spiritual walk, my questions, my deepening understanding, and my big life decisions.

In her book, *The Burning Word*, Judith Kunst wrote about ancient notetaking and how the rabbis passed their interpretations and commentary from generation to generation. They called this collective work – midrash. “The ancient records of Jewish midrash could be most simply described as huge communal journals.”

My daily Bible has become that for me. Maybe not a communal journal since I’m the only one who writes in it, but it bridges almost thirty years of my life, and documents my changing thoughts, questions, ambitions, and dreams. As well as answered prayers.

It is a big reason I read the same copy of the Bible year after year; I need the reminder of the journey. I need the continuity of comments. I need the personal midrash.

In case you’re wondering – I do the same with all my books, not just my Bible. I mark them up. If there’s anything I like as much as reading, it’s highlighting and making notes in the margins of my books. Pristine books are lost opportunities. Margin scribbles are one of the most valuable things we’ll hand down to the next generation.

Books (especially Bibles) are made to be used rather than cherished and you should feel free to use a highlighter or write notes and questions in the margins.

I should add – there’s a practical side to making Bible notes - colored pencils work better than highlighters because they won’t bleed through the thin paper. The same with fine-tipped pens

If you are following the pastor’s challenge to read through the Bible in one year, I encourage you to mark your favorite – and most challenging – passages. Highlight them. Write your questions, your hopes and desires, and your fears. Let God use those notes to remind you how much he’s changed your life.



SPOTLIGHTING: *Sarah Arrambide*



Hello, my name is Sarah Arrambide and I am honored to serve as your Children's Minister.

My greatest calling in life is to be a wife, a mom, and a grandmother! My husband Josh and I have been married for 32 years. He is my greatest supporter and prayer partner, and my very best friend! I thank God for a man who pursues God daily. I am mom to our daughter Emilia Faith. We thank God for her and are so grateful that she is a faithful follower of Christ. She blessed us with four beautiful, precious grandchildren who bring so much joy, laughter and fun to our lives. I'm blessed to be their Yaya!

I feel blessed to have been raised in a Christian home. In fact, my dad was a Baptist preacher. I learned early in life who Jesus was and what a tremendous love He had for me. I accepted Jesus into my heart and was baptized at a young age. I loved being a preacher's kid because it taught me the importance of serving the Lord.

When I was 11 years old, my dad decided that I should start taking piano lessons so as to have a built-in pianist at any church he was called to pastor. By the end of fourth grade, I was the pianist of a tiny Baptist church in Snyder, Texas!! Hard to believe, but the congregation was, to my horror, sweet enough to allow me to play on Sunday mornings while I was still learning to play. They were so patient and kind!

As I look back, I now know God used that experience to show me how He valued whatever service I rendered to Him and that He could use me no matter my age or ability. That experience helped me come out of my shell. (I was pretty shy and reserved and did NOT like being in the spotlight.) Wow, it's still amazing to me how God had a better plan!! I was fortunate to learn how to play many more hymns, so I continued being the pianist until we moved.

My dad did not pastor for several years, so we became members of Ave. D. Baptist Church where I had the opportunity to play the piano and work with children in Sunday School.

In 1978, my dad was called to pastor a mission of FBC Midland, Iglesia Bautista Emanuel, in Midland. I graduated from High School and started attending Midland College. At that point I became involved in various areas of service at Emanuel. I was given the opportunity to serve as their pianist, teach Sunday School, and direct VBS, all before I turned 20. (They were desperate! LOL!) In all seriousness, I am eternally grateful to the people of Emanuel for giving me the opportunity to serve and for seeing something in me that I didn't see.

I went on to graduate from college and taught elementary school for 20 years. Teaching was my calling during that time, but I always felt a calling to Children's Ministry in a church. Little did I know that one day God would call me to full-time ministry, to of all places, my beloved church of FBC Midland! After twenty years of teaching, He totally changed the direction of my life. I quit teaching school and was hired as the Director of the Child Development Center here at FBC. Two years later, the church called me as their full-time Children's Minister. Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine that God would choose me to serve him and you in this capacity. I'm humbled and grateful that he did. I love my job and look forward to coming to work each day!! I have the BEST job in the world!



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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
youtube.com/fbcmidland • 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:

**CHRIS & NICHOLE
CLAYMAN**

GLOBAL GATES
BRONX, NY

- Our West African churches in Metro NY have not met in person for a year because of COVID and will start doing this soon. Prayer for their continued impact on discipling their community and impacting the Muslim population with the gospel.
- Pray that our social media efforts will be effective in finding Muslims God is working on to draw them to Christ.
- Pray we will help develop useful resources for the North American church in reaching out to the unreached next door.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Child Development Center

Three openings for Extended Care teachers working from 2:15 PM - 5:30 PM, Mon-Fri.

They must be at least 18 years old and have a high school diploma.

Contact Mary Schultz at mschultz@fbc-midland.org

Preschool Ministry

Part-time child care workers needed.

For all the details and to apply, please contact our Preschool Coordinator Allison Ashmore at aashmore@fbc-midland.org.

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

August 01, 2021

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 67,684	\$ 5,788,845
Budget Requirement	\$ 127,000	\$ 6,086,382
Over/Under Budget	\$ -59,316	\$ -297,537
Hope 1:8	\$ 440	\$ 518,086

Month Ending: July 2021

Offering	Monthly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 528,839	\$ 5,721,161
Budget Requirement	\$ 508,000	\$ 5,959,382
Over/Under Budget	\$ 20,839	\$ -238,221
Hope 1:8	\$ 760	\$ 517,646

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