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Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord!

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 5, A NEW SCHEDULE FOR THE EARLY SERVICE

Our 8:15 AM service is moving! Beginning September 5th, we're moving the start time of that service to 8:30. If you'll remember, when we came back from Covid in the spring of 2020, we moved that service to 8:15 to allow more time for preschool / children's check in and out procedures. Given how we've modified since then, we feel comfortable moving back to that time.

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 5, A NEW TIME FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TOO

On September 5th, we'll return to the schedule we used pre-Covid – 9:45-10:45 for Sunday School.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS BACK!

On August 25th from 6-7 PM all 3yr olds to 6th graders and their parents are invited to the kick-off celebration featuring Kieth Coast.

On September 8th 1st Kidz Praise (children's choir), along with Mission Friends, RA's, & GA's will resume.

September 1st is the final day to register your children. You can go here myfirstfamily.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/197/responses/new and sign your 3 yr old – 6th grader up for our mid-week activities.

WHAT ABOUT COVID AT FBC?

Over the last several weeks, we've watched as the problems of Covid have returned. As the shepherd of our church, God has called me to act in the best interests of the church thus, we'll be returning to some of our mitigation processes in hopes of preventing illness. Here's a few things you may have forgotten we did and are returning to.

1. In April 2020, we began the process of installing air purifying ionizers in the air returns of all of our 116 HVAC units. By early fall 2020, we had installed them in all of our HVAC units campus wide. These units ionize the air as it is returned purifying it of more than 95% of contaminants. The air in our facilities is as clean as we know how to make it. These run 24/7 and stand inside the air return portion of our units.
2. Following each service and activity, our custodial staff purifies the space with foggers generating an antibacterial fog. While the fog is harmless to us, it's murder on germs! Our custodial staff wipes every surface down once the fogger has come through.
3. Our hand sanitizing stations are all over our campus inviting you to purify your hands often.

4. We'll keep the water fountains closed until further notice.
5. If you want to wear a mask, we invite you to do so. If you'd rather not, we won't require it of you.
6. We encourage you to limit physical contact as much as possible.
7. While we don't have plans to return to socially distanced services with marked out pews again, we are monitoring the situation closely and may return to such in order to be proactive in protecting ourselves.
8. Finally, we will NOT be returning Sunday night services except on church conference nights. Bible drill, youth choir and Challengers will continue.

We learned much in 2020 about how to cope with this disease. Our fervent prayer and desirous hope is to avoid shutting down Sunday School or Wednesday nights again. We want to avoid that if at all possible. At the same time, Jesus commands us to care for one another and that's what we're trying to do. Please bear with us.

ONE FINAL WORD

If you're like me, you're sick to death of adapting life to Covid. I understand. I'm as tired of talking about it as you are of hearing about it. That said, let us remember our primary calling – as Christians – is to unite in Christ. That means guarding our hearts and our mouths against destroying unity. It happens faster than you think. An untoward word or attitude at the wrong time can wreak havoc! Let me challenge you to commit to memory Ephesians 4:29: "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear."

Praying for you and your family today,
Darin

SUNDAY

8:15 AM Blended Worship Service*
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Services*
 Contemporary (Worship Center)
 Traditional (Chapel)
 6:00 PM Challengers: High School Guys Only Hangout (AB)
 * *Extended care is available for Birth - PreK during worship services.*
 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/206/responses/new
 Menu: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Tossed Green Salad,
 Garlic Bread, & Carrot Cake
 5:00 PM Students at AB
 6:00 PM WEBS (room E114)
 GAP Bible Study (Room C205)
 Students Games & Dinner (E-Hall Coffee Shop)
 Orchestra Rehearsal
 6:40 PM Junior High Bible Study (Junior High Room)
 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite)
 High School Bible Study (Student Worship Room)

THURSDAY

10:30 AM Joyful Sound rehearsal (Choir Room)
 12:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
 7:00 PM College Home Group

FRIDAY

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

Stewardship Reports

August 8, 2021

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 143,441	\$ 5,932,285
Budget Requirement	\$ 127,000	\$ 6,213,382
Over/Under Budget	\$ 16,441	\$ -281,097
Hope 1:8	\$ 15	\$ 518,101

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.



MOPS

WE NEED YOUR HELP AT MOPS

We are seeking loving, responsible individuals to provide childcare for kids ages 0-5 during our meetings.
 Must be 18 years of age. Background check required.
 Meeting: 9 -11 AM the 1st & 3rd Friday of the month September-May
 Contact mopsfbcmidland@gmail.com

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.

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Precept Upon Precept Bible Study

Starts: September 2 at 9 AM in room E102
 Cost: \$25
 Studying 1 and 2 Thessalonians
 Contact Katy Little to get your book and complete the first lesson before first class.

"Going Beyond Live with Priscilla Shirer" Conference

Date: October 8-9
 Place: Amarillo, Texas
 Cost: \$100. Includes ticket to conference, hotel, and box lunch on Saturday.
 Register online before September 5th at:
myfirstfamily.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/210/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 and to those in need of help until advanced or professional care arrives.

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

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.