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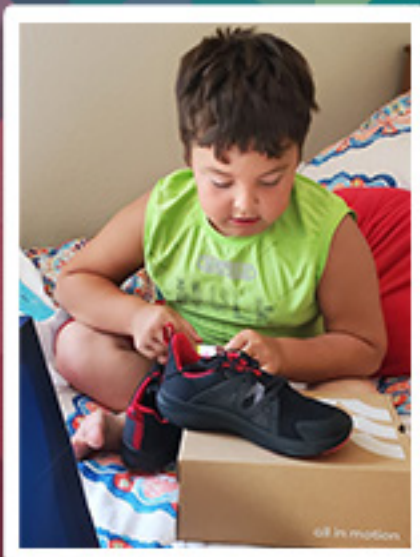
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Thank you first Baptist
for buying what i needed
for school

TO: first baptist church
From: Jonathan

**FROM:
DRESS'EM &
BLESS'EM
RECIPIENTS**



Dear Beloved First Family



Dr. Darin Wood - Senior Pastor

Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord! Thanks for your kindness and grace as we walk through this difficult season. As you heard me say Sunday, over the last two weeks, we've seen the Covid surge that we feared last year. I'm pleading with you to take it seriously. I'm no medical expert so I'm not endorsing any particular path. That said, the experts I have confidence in advised me to take the vaccine and I took it. I'm not saying it's a slam dunk to keep Covid at bay, but it's the choice I felt best about and still do.

What we are seeing with those in our church who have been vaccinated is that their experience is different than those who are not vaccinated. I urge you to protect yourself – vaccinated or not – by making hygiene a top priority, keeping your distance, avoid contact when you can and – if you prefer – wear a mask. These steps are no guarantee, but each of these represent a step of wisdom. This isn't meant to be political. It's just the heart of someone who loves you and your family trying to do what he can to guide us through.

One of our biggest problems was expressed well recently by my friend Dean Rippetoe: With the virus, we have medical experts playing politics and politicians claiming medical expertise. Neither really knows what's best so we'll have what we've had – over-corrections and then over-corrections the other way.

Most of all, what I ask of you is something hard to find these days. I ask you to offer grace. Please offer your pastor and our leadership grace. Please pray for us and for all of those in leadership in our city, our state and our nation. I cannot speak to this in other places, but I assure you there's no conspiracy afoot in our church. Just the hearts of shepherds trying to do our best to protect you and your family. I promise to keep you as well informed as possible to the changing winds blowing around us.

As we've seen, this situation is fluid and changing rapidly. Unless we tell you otherwise, presume our schedule will remain normal. We will do our best to keep you as well informed as possible. As always, you're more than welcome to call my office (683-0604) or email me (dwood@fbc-midland.org) to express any concerns. I exist to serve.

OUR NEW SCHEDULE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 5TH

Our new schedule for Sunday mornings will begin on Sunday, September 5th. Our early service will begin at 8:30 AM. Sunday School will begin at 9:45. Our later service will begin at 11 AM.

GOOD TO GREAT CONFERENCE – THIS WEEKEND!

Our Music Pastor Aaron Hodges and our Media Pastor Jeff Wash have arranged a wonderful opportunity for our music and media ministries coming up this weekend. The Good to Great conference is intended to challenge, encourage and inspire our ministries to be the very best they can be. Led by Ray Jones (for music) and Dave Kalahar (for media), these men will seek to bring a fresh word of the Lord for us. We welcome you to join us for this wonderful opportunity. You don't need to be a part of either ministry to participate but registration is kindly requested. To register, contact Aaron (ahodges@fbc-midland.org) or his assistant Chris Kejr (ckejr@fbc-midland.org). We'll be well spaced and encouraging proper hygiene.

Your servant,
Darin

HEY PARENTS
JOIN US WITH YOUR
3 YR OLD TO 6TH GRADER
KICK-OFF CELEBRATION
AUG 25TH 6-7 PM
Featuring **Keith Coast**
Logos for **Isis Kids Praise**, **ga**, and **ROYAL MIDLANDS**
DETAILS AT:
FBC-MIDLAND.ORG/EVENTS

SEPT. 5TH
NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE
SUNDAY WORSHIP
8:30 & 11 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:45 AM

Sunday

8:15 AM Worship Service*
(extended care Birth - PreK)
9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Services*
(extended care Birth - PreK)
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/207/responses/new](#)

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)

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 & Beef Enchiladas, Refried Beans, Mexican Rice, Tossed Green Salad, Chips & Salsa, & Chocolate 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

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

Friday

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

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

Bereavement

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

- Adolfo Chavez in the loss of his brother Jorge Chavez
- Glenn Spencer in the loss of his mother, Halta Spencer
- Shirley Faught in the loss of her brother, Gerald Holsapple
- Family and friends in the loss of Bud Arlitt
- Mike Dickinson in the loss of his son, Bradley Dickinson

Thank You

The mission for Buckner Children and Family is to follow the example of Jesus by offering faith, hope, love, encouragement, and opportunities for a better future. We are honored by the donation to Buckner from First Baptist Church in memory of our mother, Frances Dickson. She loved worshipping and serving Jesus at FBC. It was her second home for over 70 years.

With grateful appreciation,
Nancy Crawford, Myra Atnipp & Susie Brenneman

We are so grateful for the outpouring of prayers, kindness, and support during the difficult time of Sharon's illness and home going. The Grace Department offered food, love, and encouragement and several other Sunday school classes also kept Sharon on their prayer lists. Church staff and committees served beyond expectations to help our family with our visitation and beautiful Celebration of Life memorial services both in Midland and in Fredericksburg. Thank you for helping us in this journey.

Blessings of Christ be yours,
Carey Behrends, Eric & Rebecca Behrends and family, Amy and Bryan Grant



Community Bible Study

August 25th 10:10 AM to 11:55 AM

Bible study for women of all ages and children ages birth through kindergarten.

Register at: [midland.cbclass.org](#)

More information: [midlanddaycbs@gmail.com](#) or call Nancy Spear at 432-853-9925

Women's Ministry Event Coming Soon!



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](#)



During the week of June 26th through July 3rd, a team of 18 people comprised of singles, young marrieds, and families with children and youth went to help and encourage Capstone Church, in Helena, Montana. We had an opportunity to join them in worship on Sunday morning which was held in a couple of rooms rented from a Fast Signs business. We also helped them connect with their community through hosting an outdoor Adventure Bible Camp. Since returning, Capstone's Pastor, Caleb Groteluschen, reported that several families have joined them for worship that first came to this camp. Praise the Lord!



Montana Mission Trip - If I could boil everything down and sum up a wonderful trip, full of God moving, if I could, it would be this: that I understand, rather, it confirmed for me personally, why our Church supports missions like this and this Church in particular. From the very start we got to see Caleb's (Groteluschen) heart for the community where God has placed him. His deep and loving care for the people that are vastly unreached and without hope, and his gift to connect with them personally, and through that strong personal connection, share the love that is in Christ Jesus. His love for the community starts with the children and the little ones. Their children's ministry is as big, if not bigger than the rest of their congregation and after a week of summer camp and service projects, it's clear where his heart lies. To raise up a new generation with the hope that is in Christ and to reach every single member of their community with that message; to truly transform their community with the message of the Gospel. I am truly blessed to have been able to serve with this team and with the Lord's servants that are the Groteluschen's and Capstone Church.

Jeremy Reich

This was the first time either of us had spent time with a church planter and it was very eye opening. After growing up at FBC all my life, I'm used to the structure and the support staff, but for a church planter this does not exist. The church planters are the preacher, children's minister, youth minister, and the activities minister. They also have to set up for church each week and tear it right back down after the service is over. They really must have a heart for the ministry and the gospel and reaching their community. We are very blessed by Caleb and Courtney and their family and the very hard work they do each week. They truly have a heart for Helena. One thing Caleb said stuck with us: if we don't share the gospel around us in our day-to-day lives, then what makes us think we can go on a mission trip and do it? This is a challenging thought for us and makes us rethink how we live out our lives.

Zack and Marilyn Gallegos





Hello, my name is Wayne Delsoe and I have the privilege to serve as your associate student minister at FBC-Midland. I began work here in June, and this is my first position as a minister.

Here is a little about my family. My wife, Dani, and I are college sweethearts. She is an elementary school teacher. We married two weeks after college graduation in 2010. Today we are blessed to have three little girls to keep our lives busy. They are Emerson (5), Eliette (3), and Ellinor (1). Emerson is attending Bush Elementary and is in



the first grade. Many people ask us if we plan to have more, and the answer is yes! Interestingly, we have a family goal to see every US national park. There are around sixty of them, and we have traveled to sixteen so far. We really enjoy being outside enjoying God's creation. Most of the parks we have visited are in the West, and we have done a lot of hiking in those places.

Growing up, I was raised in church. My mom and dad led the music

for a tiny Baptist church in a small town southwest of Houston. While in the third grade I made my public profession of faith in Christ and was baptized shortly after. During high school I aspired to become an Air Force fighter pilot. I had gotten a taste of flying, as my high school had an aviation program that taught students to fly gliders. At the age of fourteen, two years before I could drive a car, I had my first solo flight.



I was accepted into the United States Air Force Academy but decided not to attend because I was not medically eligible to fly. (Come and ask me for more details, and I will tell you what this really means!) After graduation from high school, I attended Sam Houston State University where I earned a degree in Industrial Design and Development. But this is not where God

wanted me. Through my first job as a math tutor on campus, I started to see the enjoyment I had from helping others learn. Then I started working at an area Christian camp where I was able to share my love of God with people of all ages.

I felt God calling me to education through these circumstances, and so I became certified to teach high school mathematics. I have spent the last ten plus years teaching various high school math classes, most recently AP statistics. I didn't know then that God would call me into vocational ministry, but here I am today.

So far, my experience here has been nothing short of amazing. I feel blessed to be serving at FBC-Midland. The highlight of my time here so far must be camp in Alabama. This was a terrific way to begin building relationships with students. I hope to continue and spread the good news of Jesus' resurrection with students and help them become increasingly like Christ daily.



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Sunday

Worship Services at 8:15 AM & 11:00 AM • Sunday School at 9:30 AM

Worship Services Online

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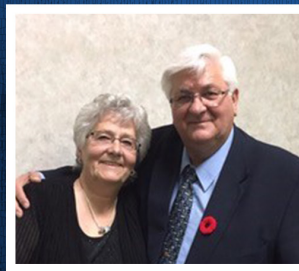
Sunday Service Televised at

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:

**DK & BRENDA
HALE**

MIDWEST BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**COCHRANE, ALBERTA
CANADA**

- I believe my biggest concern is the Pastor-less Churches. Pray that God will provide Jer. 3:15 Pastors!!
- Pray that the Lord will soon bring this Covid stuff to a halt ... and lead us in a wholesome recovery!

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.

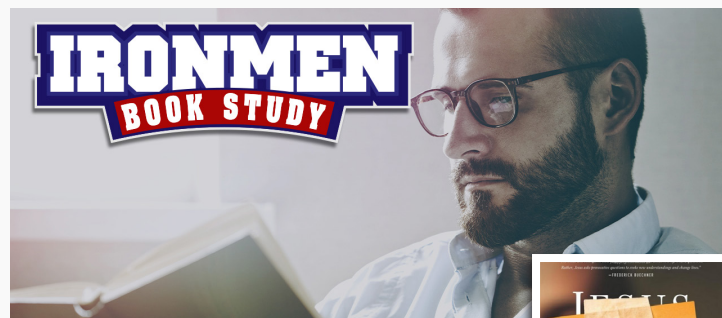
Contact Mary Schultz at mschultz@fbc-midland.org

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.

IRONMEN BOOK STUDY

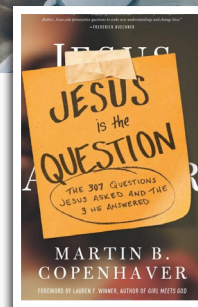


Begins Thursday, September 16, 2021
6:30 AM in room D103 at First Baptist Church,
Midland, Texas

We will hand out the books in the first class on
September 16th

The books are \$15 each.

This session we will study the book: Jesus is
the Question



STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

August 15, 2021

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 95,579	\$ 6,027,864
Budget Requirement	\$ 127,000	\$ 6,340,382
Over/Under Budget	\$ -31,421	\$ -312,518
Hope 1:8	\$ 0	\$ 518,101

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