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**NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE
STARTS SEPTEMBER 5TH**

**CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED
SEPT 6TH FOR LABOR DAY**

Dear Beloved First Family



Dr. Darin Wood - Senior Pastor

Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord. Labor Day weekend has arrived – the unofficial end of the summer. I always hate to see the summer end but, like everything, it is just a season. Seasons are constantly shifting – see Ecclesiastes 3 – but our timeless and eternal God stands over them all. If you're feeling overwhelmed by the season you are in, take time today to thank God for His eternality and to rest in who He is. Most of all, rejoice that God is in Control!

GOD IS IN CONTROL. . . SO LET'S GO!

This is our Fall theme, founded in Psalm 46. God isn't moved by seasons, rulers, leaders, or any other wind of change. His authority and power stand supremely! By anchoring ourselves firmly there, we can rest confidently in God's care. I want to invite you to join me in that confidence and assuredness of God's sovereignty. In various ways throughout the fall, we'll use this theme to remind ourselves – and our community – that God can be trusted since He is indeed in control!

OUR NEW SCHEDULE BEGINS THIS WEEK!

Beginning Sunday, our early service begins at 8:30 AM, Sunday School begins at 9:45 AM and our later service/chapel service begins at 11 AM. Our desire is to use this new schedule to bless those of you in the early service AND to provide a shorter runway from Sunday School into our later services. Over the course of the next month, we'll be correcting our signage and our publications.

FBC EN ESPAÑOL MOVES TO WEEKLY SERVICES!

Beginning September 12, First Baptist en Español moves to a weekly service! This is wonderful news and I wanted to share it with you! Our friend and Español Campus pastor Adolfo Chavez is doing a wonderful job leading! Keep praying for them and their exceptional work!

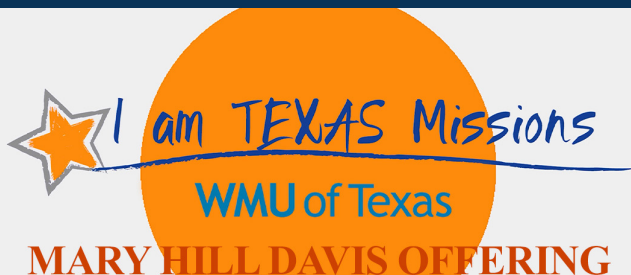
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Our North campus is proceeding along nicely! We are awaiting the final installation of our media equipment and our internet connection, both of which we hope to have completed soon. Although we have not established a firm launch date yet, we are running ahead of schedule! Keep praying for our campus pastor Shelden Kinnison, our core team leading there, and those we're seeking to reach!

GOD IS ON THE MOVE

As I look around me, I see something happening. Our God is moving! In the lives of people, in the church, and around the world, God is moving! It's slow and easy to miss – between the push and pull of the Virus, politics, and the 24-hour news cycle, one can miss it altogether. But you don't have to. Look for God's hand at work and you will see it, just like Jeremiah 29:13 says: "And you will search for me and you will find when you search for me with your whole heart!" Look for God's movement today and you'll find it.

Your servant,
Darin



September 12-19 GOAL: \$21,000.00

Our church has been seen as a missional church for many years which was reflected in our giving to the MHDO for Texas. The practice has been to set the goal in line with the goal set by the missions entity we are giving to. For example, a state wide offering goal might be \$10 and our local goal would be set at \$1. After reviewing our giving patterns for the past few years, we've become aware that we have not met our goal in several years. Consequently we have revisited the process of setting the goals for our missions offering and have come up with a plan that makes these goals reachable, yet something we need to stretch to reach. We have looked at the amount given last year and increased that amount by 10%. Can you consider the amount you gave to MHDO last year and increase your amount by 10%?

Sunday

8:30 AM Worship Service*
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Services*

* 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

Church Offices will be closed for Labor Day.

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/218/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 Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes / Gravy, Green Beans, Tossed Green Salad, Biscuit, German 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 (Music Suite)
12:00 PM Prayer (Chapel)

Friday

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

WEDNESDAY CLASSES STARTING SOON

Art of Marriage: Facilitated by Cory Brand

September 15th, 6 PM

Cost: \$20

Register at:

myfirstfamily.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/222/responses/new

Art of Parenting: Facilitated by: Brandon & Holley Pinson

September 8th, 6 PM

Cost: \$20

Register at:

myfirstfamily.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/217/responses/new

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

Capstone Church in Helena, Montana

Caleb and Courtney Groteluschen (FBC Midland's Mission Partner)

October 27 – 31: Candy Jam

Cost per person: \$300 plus meals

Sign up by September 15th

This summer, FBC, Midland sent a team to assist Capstone Church with their summer Adventure Camp. I was blessed to be part of that team and see how God is working to bring the gospel to this beautiful part of our country. The Groteluschen's are an amazing couple, and they have asked if we could send another team to assist with their annual Halloween alternative, called Candy Jam.

From Caleb:

Candy Jam is a large indoor outreach event that we typically hold on Halloween night. We provide food, carnival type games, and bounce houses. Beyond that, we have a "Wanna know more table" where we collect contact info, have gospel conversations, and generally make deeper connections with people there. We've seen around 2,500 people each time we have had it and in 2019 we gave out somewhere between 800-900 bibles. With all this, we usually aim for at least 40 or so volunteers but certainly like to have more. These volunteers come from mission teams as well as our congregation. Before and after the event, teams help with set up and tear down and we usually have the day before to set up. At the event, mission team volunteers will help in a number of ways including manning the games or bounce houses, serving food, handing out candy, and anything else that may need to be done. Because Halloween is on Sunday this year, we will move it to Friday night, October 29.

Bryan Pinson, our Mission's Minister, asked if there might be interest among our Generations 55+ ministry to participate in this mission opportunity. We would like to send a team of at least 10 people.

Tentative Schedule:

- Wednesday, October 27 Travel to Helena,
- Thursday, October 28.....Preparation Day for Candy Jam
- Friday, October 29.....Candy Jam
- Saturday, October 30Clean up from event, explore the area
- Sunday, October 31Worship with Capstone Church
- Monday, November 1Travel home

If you are interested, please let me know so we can make arrangements. If you have questions, Bryan or I would be happy to visit with you.

Thank you for praying about this opportunity,

James Ervin
325-203-2332

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Bereavements

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

- Greg McClendon in the loss of his brother, Jeff, and sister-in-law, Toni McClendon
- Shelley Hollums in the loss of her father, Dalton 'Jay' Smith
- Mike Reeves in the loss of his wife, Susan Reeves

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

Hearing God in the Drive-Thru Lane

By Berry Simpson



I was in the drive-thru lane at Rosa's on Andrews Highway a couple of days ago and, I don't know what I was listening to that prompted this but, I started praying while I waited.

"Lord help me through this transition stage of mostly unemployment but sort of being retired, until I land with enough work to keep me active and busy. I can envision an ideal solution and I'm asking you to make it happen. Prepare my heart and mind for the future by giving me peace, contentment, and patience."

And then, as I made the hard 90° turn to the left continuing toward the ordering station, I considered that, maybe, probably, what I call transition isn't transitory at all, but is here to stay for a while. In the past, when I've told myself I'm in a temporary situation waiting for the next step, often I discover what I considered temporary was God's answer all along. He wasn't waiting for my perfect scenario or for all the details to fall into place. He was actively engaged and had me where he needed me.

The problem of transitions is I'm seldom fully invested in projects and chores. I'm always holding back. There is a cost to living that way. I miss the present because I'm looking to the future.

Later, when I told Cyndi about this, she reminded me what Legolas said to Gimli in *The Return of the King*, "Do not spoil the wonder with haste!" In other words, don't race through the present on your way to the future. Leave space for wonder.

As I turned in my order – two #12's, beef, and a large Diet Coke – I remembered something I'd noticed recently while reading my Daily Bible. In Jeremiah 29 God told the Jews to settle into their captivity in Babylon, to make a home and plant food and accept the bad situation. Settle in; you'll be here for a while.

And then, only ten pages later, in Jeremiah 51, God warned them not to remain in Babylon, but be prepared to move on. Pack up; it's time to move on.

In my reading plan, the two seemingly mixed messages were only three pages apart. In real time they were separated by seventy years.

I thought – what if the present, which feels unstable and unsettling to me, is not transitive, but where God wants me. What if this is it for now, whether three days or seventy years, so settle in, and also prepare to move on?

I was so moved by my mental journey I pulled into a parking place so I could scribble notes on a yellow sticky pad. I considered going inside the restaurant to tell Rosa's they should put up a sign saying, Listen to God speak while in the drive-thru line, but decided against it. It was noon and they were too busy to listen to my advice.

PIZZA & PLAYGROUNDS
PRESCHOOLERS!
(KINDERGARTEN AND UNDER)
BEGINS SEPT. 8TH
DETAILS AT:
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 **WMU PRAYER LUNCHEON**
SEPT 13TH
DETAILS AT:
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Generations
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LUNCHEON
SEPT. 30TH
SPECIAL GUEST

DEAN RIPPETOE
"MASTER STORY TELLER"
FOR DETAILS
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SPOTLIGHTING: *David* *Anderson*



Hello, my name is David Anderson and I am the Facilities Manager here at First Baptist Midland. Although I am new to this position, I recently celebrated my 19th year as a part of the maintenance/custodial crew here at FBC.

My background is in the HVAC field and it was this background that brought me here. I was working for an A/C contractor and was sent to the Activities Building for a service call on an air handler problem. After the job was completed, I went to Randy Matthews to get my invoice signed. Randy asked if I would consider working here full time and taking care of all of the A/C equipment, and as he put it, "other assigned duties." After a couple of days thought and prayers, I decided this is where I should be. Over the years the "other assigned duties" have multiplied and I am grateful for them. They have challenged me to do the best job possible.

When Jim Hansen took over Randy's position, he challenged me to not only continue to set the bar high on my skills, but to assume more of a leadership role. I think very highly of Jim and his leadership. I hope that I have lived up to this faith in me.

In 1982 I married my high school sweetheart, Terri Turner. On September 11th of this year, we will celebrate our 39th anniversary. Terri and I have 3 sons, Blake (35), Chase (33) and Nathan (29). Blake and his wife Clarissa live in Abilene and have 2 sons, Jacob (3) and Logan (9 months). Chase and his wife Hayley live in Austin. Chase has a daughter Keely (11) and a son Brylan (9). Our youngest son Nathan lives in Killeen.

I am a Stanton native and Terri got here as fast as she could. Her family moved from Andrews to Stanton when she was in the 7th grade. Although we have both lived in larger cities, Stanton keeps calling us back. We like the small-town atmosphere.

I love spending time in the mountains, any mountains, usually in New Mexico. Terri and I like to hike the trails around Ruidoso and Cloudcroft. I also love to fish. I usually don't catch much but it is relaxing.

I enjoy working with the staff, members and guests of FBC Midland. I am blessed to be a part of a top-notch maintenance and custodial team and look forward to serving alongside them in the years to come. I would also like to thank the good people of this church for your caring and support of our team in our service to you.

In Christ,

David



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Sunday

Worship Services at 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM • Sunday School at 9:45 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 7

10:00 a.m. on CW Channel

Televised services are on a one-week tape delay

PRAYER PARTNER



PRAYER
FOR OUR MISSIONARY:

**RANDY & MAUREEN
COPELAND**
SCHOOL TO THE NATIONS
OZARK, MO

- We are desperately needing a Deaf Director for our Hope film projects. We have been asked to do ASL, Russian and Chinese versions of the film and we can satellite into these regions with the gospel.
- Please pray for our 1st Hope production hub plant in Senegal West Africa
- You can also join our Global Prayer Team and see the People groups that we are working with by clicking here: sttn.org/prayerteam/

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

IRONMEN BOOK STUDY

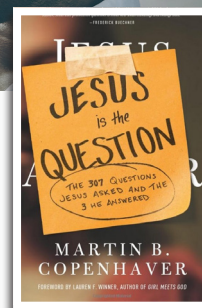


Begins Thursday, September 16, 2021
6:30 AM in room D103 at First Baptist Church,
Midland, Texas

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 28, 2021

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 75,584	\$ 6,202,631
Budget Requirement	\$ 127,000	\$ 6,594,382
Over/Under Budget	\$ -51,416	\$ -391,751
Hope 1:8	\$ 0	\$ 518,201

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