



THE BANNER Letter

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Hi First Family,

Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord! Recently, I was reading through the Epistle of Jude and came to the end of the brief book. It reads like this – “Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority before all time, both now and forevermore.” (v. 24-25). Thus is my prayer for you today and everyday. In these challenging times, these words serve as a reminder of our anchor point – God himself secures us, protects us and will guard us all the way home. Stand securely today in that confidence with Jesus!

GOD IS IN CONTROL SO LET'S GO!

Staying anchored securely in such turbulent days is difficult. That's why we wanted to do this theme right now. It's easy to feel as if no one is in control and we are left to our own devices. But when we begin with the presumption that God is, in fact, in control, we find ourselves anchored to the only thing that doesn't change. Only one anchor point can make all the difference in the world in a storm. Make sure you choose wisely. If God is in control, then let's go. Take time this week to read Psalm 46. It's a brief Psalm – only 11 verses – but it speaks to this very topic and what we should do about it.

WELCOME BACK WEDNESDAYS!

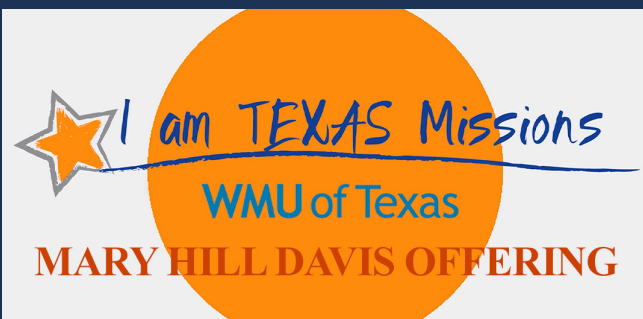
This Wednesday, we'll welcome back our normal schedule with a few tweaks!

- 4:45-5:45 PM – Wednesday night fellowship meal in Fellowship Hall.
- 5:15-5:45 - A117: Preschool Pizza and Play! For more info, contact Amy Brand @ abrand@fbc-midland.org.
- 6:00 PM - E118 (Parlor) WEBS/Wednesday Evening Bible Study.
- 6:00 PM - 1st Kidz Praise – Children's Choir!
- 6:00 PM - Beginning 9/8, The Art of Parenting led by Holley and Brandon Pinson. Upstairs in B 203.
- 6:00 PM - Beginning 9/15 – The Art of Marriage led by Cory and Amy Brand. Upstairs in B 205.
- 6:30 PM - Midweek Student Worship.
- 7:00 PM - Children's Missions Studies – Girls in Action, Royal Ambassadors, Mission Friends. Contact John Elliott @ jelliott@fbc-midland.org for more info.

A BIT OF HOUSEKEEPING

In order to get our fall calendar structured well, we're going to do two “short” Banners – this week and next. That will put us on the right schedule for the rest of this calendar year. As hard as it is to imagine, this is the first step in our holiday planning! Already!

God bless you today,
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 Blended Worship Service*
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Services*
Contemporary (Worship Center)
Traditional (Chapel)
First Baptist en Español (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:00 PM Children's and Youth Bible Drill Program (A204)
- 5:00 PM Rooted Student Choir (Music Suite)
- 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

- 11:00 AM WMU Prayer Luncheon (D101/D102)
- 11:45 AM Brotherhood luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
Cost: \$6.
Call Carl Brown if questions, 432-557-6810

WEDNESDAY

- 4:45 PM Wednesday Family Meal (Fellowship Hall)
RSVP each week, online, at fbc-midland.org/events in the Wednesday Family Meals tab or at:
myfirstfamily.cbcchurch.com/goto/forms/219/responses/new
Menu: Brisket, Sweet Potato Fries, Baked Beans, Tossed Green Salad, Honey Wheat Roll, & Banana Cream Pie

- 5:00 PM Students (Activities Building)
- 5:15 PM Preschool Pizza and Play
- 6:00 PM 1st Kidz Praise – Children's Choir!
WEBS (Room E114)
GAP Bible Study (Room C205)
Students Games & Dinner (E-Hall Coffee Shop)
Orchestra Rehearsal (Worship Center)
Art of Parenting: Facilitated by: Brandon & Holley Pinson (B203) Cost: \$20, Register at:

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

Art of Marriage: Facilitated by Cory Brand (B205) Cost: \$20, Register at:

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

- 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)
R.A.'s, G.A.'s, & Mission Friends

THURSDAY

- 6:30 AM Ironmen Book Study (D103)
- 9:00 AM Women's Precept Upon Precept Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 AM Joyful Sound rehearsal (Music Suite)
- 12:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 7:00 PM College Home Group

FRIDAY

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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

"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.
Contact Katy Little for more details at klittle@fbc-midland.org or 432-683-0610

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH BIBLE DRILL PROGRAM

For grades 4th-12th
September 12th
4:00PM-5:00PM every Sunday afternoon during the school year.
Room A204

Come have a blast putting God's Word in your heart!

Parent meeting will be held on September 12th at 4PM in room A204
Contact Sarah Arrambide for more information - 4323-683-0607

MONTANA MISSION TRIP - ADDITION

Please sign up by September 15. (if you don't have contact information - use James Ervin or Bryan Pinson)

Dig into the Word
Sept 29-Nov 17, Wednesday
7-8 PM

Be Equipped to Unearth the Truth of the Bible with Confidence
A class taught by Jen Sullivan
Spots are limited! Email klittle@fbc-midland.org to sign up.

FBC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

Financial Assistant-Payroll & Human Resources
This position will be responsible for maintaining employee records and payroll files, processing time cards and payroll information to payroll company, overseeing employee benefits and information, preparing various reports, maintaining time away information for employees, and assisting others in the Business Office as needed. Previous experience preferred. If you are interested in the position, please contact Rhonda Carroll at 432-683-0614 or rcarroll@fbc-midland.org.

Stewardship Reports

September 5, 2021

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 182,103	\$ 6,390,895
Budget Requirement	\$ 127,000	\$ 6,721,382
Over/Under Budget	\$ 55,103	\$ -330,487
Hope 1:8	\$ 150	\$ 518,351
Mary Hill Davis	\$ 650	\$ 2,302

Month Ending: August 2021

Offering	Monthly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 487,631	\$ 6,208,792
Budget Requirement	\$ 635,000	\$ 6,594,382
Over/Under Budget	\$ -147,369	\$ -385,590
Hope 1:8	\$ 555	\$ 518,201

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.

