



THE BANNER Letter

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Dear First Family,

Grace and Peace my beloved family! As I mentioned Sunday, I'm deeply grateful God's gracious hand has brought us to Midland – I don't say that often enough. Someone new to Midland met me in the Welcome Center after the 11 AM service. They told me they were grateful for that remark. Like many others, they had come unsure and wary of what they'd been told. What they found was the same thing I found – a beautiful land and even more remarkable people.

In case you missed it, we sent a supply filled 20 ft U-Haul to New Orleans last Friday. They got their power back late last week and held worship services in their auditorium. Thanks for your faithful and generous spirit.

AN INFLUX OF GUESTS

If you're paying sharp attention (esp in the 11 AM service!), you may have noticed numerous visitors to our church. That's consistent with trends we see across the state and nation. People are looking for something more substantive than the news cycle and social media. When you're in our auditorium or chapel for our services, would you look around to see if there's someone you don't recognize? Do what you do best – welcome them and treat them as family!

A REFRESHED WEBSITE

We are in the process of refreshing our church website. For most of our guests, our website is the front porch of the church. With that in mind, we're seeking to improve our site for that purpose. Stay tuned as we work to reach Midland for Jesus!

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

If you weren't here Sunday, we introduced a new element to our fall theme. We wanted to speak an encouraging word to our neighbors and our community on a broader scale. We've put together a yard sign, something like what we use for VBS, with our fall theme "God is in Control. . . so Let's go" and our anchor passage for our theme, Psalm 46. There's no campaign here, nothing to invite people to. It's just a statement of our faith and confidence in God's authority in spite of circumstances. We invite you to come pick one up from our chapel foyer or our Welcome Center, take it home and plant it in your yard. If someone asks about it, give them a copy of the "One Hope" Bible we provided last month. There are more copies of it in our Welcome Center.

Praying for revival in Midland!
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)
International Bible Study (D Hall 1st Floor)
- 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)
High School Girls & all Junior High (E-Hall)

* 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 (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/220/responses/new

Menu: Chicken Fajitas, refried Beans, Mexican Rice, Tossed Green Salad, Chips & Salsa, & Tres Leche Cake

- 5:00 PM Students (Activities Building)
- 5:15 PM Preschool Pizza and Playgrounds
- 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

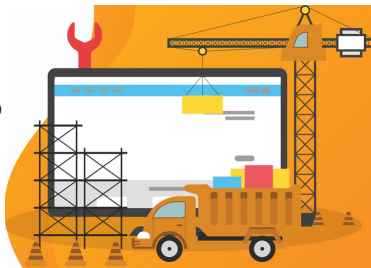
- 6:30 AM Ironmen Book Study (D103)
- 9:00 AM Women's Precept Upon Precept Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 AM Joyful Sound rehearsal (Music Suite)
- 12:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 7:00 PM College Home Group

FRIDAY

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

FBC'S WEBSITE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Thank you for your patience and understanding while our website is being rebuilt. Sermons and Events will continue to be added as promptly as possible. Other data may not appear until the revised site has been launched.



INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 11 AM (D100)
A Bible study designed for those in the international community who are seeking to learn God's Word and gather for fellowship.

Contact Gloria Youngblood for more information at 432-413-9849 or email wiltglo@att.net.

BIBLE STUDY

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.

GENERATIONS LUNCHEON

Sept. 30th
11:45 - 1 PM
Cost: 6 for meal
Guest Speaker: Dean Rippetoe

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

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

Capstone Church, Helena, Montana
FBC, Midland, Mission Partners – Caleb and Courtney Groteluschen
October 27 – 31 – Candy Jam

For information, visit fbc-midland.org/events or contact James Ervin at jervin@fbc-midland.org or 325-203-2332

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 12, 2021

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 76,616	\$ 6,467,511
Budget Requirement	\$ 127,000	\$ 6,848,382
Over/Under Budget	\$ -50,384	\$ -380,871
Hope 1:8	\$ 15	\$ 518,366
Mary Hill Davis	\$ 3,539	\$ 5,841

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.

