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TIME CHANGE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

TURN BACK 1 HOUR



Dear Beloved First Family



Dr. Darin Wood - Senior Pastor

Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord! God's goodness is evident all around us! When you look for it, thank God for it. That's the essence of the celebration of Thanksgiving, now so very close to us. Take time today to read Psalm 100 aloud.

CANDY JAM

WOW! What a turnout we had! We planned big, but not big enough! That was amazing! I don't know how in the world we could estimate the number of people who came but it was a lot! We gave away more than 200 "One Hope" New Testaments. Best news ever, we saw three salvations at our event! It all happened because you came and served. When I walked into the volunteer meeting at 3 PM Sunday afternoon, I was so blessed by how many people came! Thank you to each of you who came, served, loved people and worked tirelessly. What we saw Sunday evening was a reminder of who we are – people who are on mission for Christ. Thanks for being that for the many who came.

And to you smart alocs who told me I should wear my Halloween costume on Sunday morning, thanks for your confidence, but I'll pass on that! (I was dressed in a gangster pin stripe "suit"). I cannot tell you the last time I wore a Halloween costume. But when we were buying Josh's, he spotted that one in my size and asked me as only a son can if I would please buy it and wear it. How could I turn him down? It was a blast!

CANDY JAM MONTANA!

We weren't the only ones who had a big party! Our mission team in Helena, Montana spent the weekend serving Christ and the good people of the Helena area at Capstone Church. Their Candy Jam event brought more than 2,500 people, almost all of them unchurched.

TIME CHANGE- THIS WEEKEND

I just love time change weekend in the fall, don't you? It's a real treat to have an "extra" hour on Saturday! What will we do with all that extra time? I want to invite you to turn your clock back in order that you'll be on time for worship this Sunday.

FIRST STEPS CLASS – NOV 14

Are you new to FBC and want to discover more about life here? Are you a member and don't know much about our mission or how we operate? For the first time since the pandemic began, we're bringing back our "First Steps" class. Our friends Katy Little and Cory Brand will lead this wonderful introduction to FBC life! Email them at klittle@fbc-midland.org or cbrand@fbc-midland.org and learn more!

THANKSGIVING DINNER AND COMEDY CONCERT – NOV 14

Our annual Thanksgiving dinner is a short one week from Sunday! We're doing our celebration a LOT differently this year! Our meal will begin at 5 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be serving 2 entrees: (1) smoked turkeys we bought locally and (2) honey baked hams. That's different than in previous years and I'm excited it is! Advance tickets for the meal are \$5 each. Tickets at the door will be \$10. Purchasing them in advance really helps us plan well. I hope you'll join us to celebrate God's goodness!

At 6:30 PM, we'll walk down to the auditorium for a Comedy Concert featuring Jonnie W (www.jonniew.com). You do NOT need a ticket to come to the concert. Jonnie W is a godly man who is gifted in making people laugh! After the last two years, we (as your pastors) thought all of us could use a good laugh and I think you'll find one here. Even if you DON'T come to dinner, join us for a wonderful evening of comedy.

Your servant,
Darin



VETERANS DAY

By Dean Rippetoe

World War I had been raging. It was eyeball to eyeball combat. Mile after mile, hill after hill in ankle deep mud, pouring down rain, nothing to eat, no time to sleep, dysentery was rampant, sickness and disease plagued the troops, but they slowly advanced. Death was everywhere – hope was slim and then they heard the news – An Armistice had been declared. The fighting and killing was stopped. Peace and rest at last.



An Armistice is an agreement to cease hostilities until a surrender could be signed. On November 11, 1918 at the eleventh hour of the day, an Armistice was declared between Germany and the Allied Forces to cease hostilities until an unconditional surrender could be signed by Germany. The bloody war had ended and the Doughboys were going home.

Men and women in the United States of America have freely given of themselves throughout history to defend and protect the USA. More than a million have sacrificed their lives for our Freedom; millions more have been seriously and permanently wounded and countless millions of others have honorably served just so that you and I can be free.

Initially we celebrated November 11th as “Armistice Day”. In 1954, Congress changed the name to “Veterans Day” to recognize our Veterans of all time. On this day, we recognize, honor, salute and give tribute to all that felt their duty and filled their responsibilities as citizens of this great county to defend her from all enemies, both foreign and domestic and those who challenged our homes and our lifestyle. We pause to say thanks for a job well done.

Veterans are all around us. Had it not been for them, this essay would be written in German or Japanese and we would be living under a dictator or communist ruler. We would certainly not enjoy the privileges that we have today. These veterans of WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq, and Afghanistan don’t say much – they won’t even mention what all they did – but they did a lot and we need to thank them for their service. Veterans Day, November 11th, has been set aside just for that. So if you see a veteran – give them a hug – thank them for what they did. I guarantee they earned all the praise that we can give them.

NOVEMBER 11TH
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



SPOTLIGHTING: *Penni Jo Anderson*



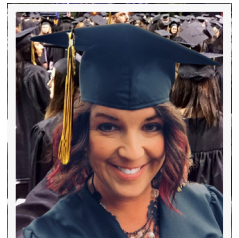
Hey there! I'm Penni Jo and a new Ministry Assistant here at First Baptist Midland and am so excited to tell you a little bit about myself. I grew up in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and was raised at First Baptist Church, affectionately called "1st B!" This big, beautiful, brick building holds many of my earliest childhood memories, like the time I cracked my face open in preschool Sunday School and had to be rushed to the Emergency Room for stitches! There are, of course, happy memories, like singing in choir from the age of four all the way through high school. We traveled all over the USA during the summer, performing musicals (with, of course, cheesy 80's choreography!). I also loved playing in our handbell choir! My love for performing continued into adulthood, as I became involved in Church Drama Ministry. I attended the local Baptist college, University of Sioux Falls, majoring in Speech and Theater. I eventually founded a city-wide Christian Youth Drama Troupe in the 1990's. It was during that time that I wrote and directed an evangelistic play that we were performed for over 2,000 youth, including in a public school!

The love of my life--husband Greg--and I raised our 4 kiddos in Pinedale, WY where three of them graduated and went on to attend University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming. When our youngest, Brandon, was in middle school, Greg's career in the Oil and Gas industry took us to Gabon, Africa! Right smack dab in the middle of the rain forest! Because of Brandon's special needs, including Autism, he attended a Special Education boarding school in England. I traveled between Africa and London every 4-6 weeks! We got to travel all over England, Ireland, Scotland, and even visited Paris, France! Living in the African jungle was an amazing adventure for us and our four kids, as they visited during summer and Christmas breaks. Gabon has the highest population of Forest Elephants and every day up to 30 elephants meandered through our yard feasting on the fruit of our four mango trees. We also enjoyed watching (and hearing) dozens of Mangabey monkeys every late afternoon. One exciting day, a 9-foot cobra slithered across our yard and up one of our coconut



trees. Brandon was there and we literally made popcorn and sat in our lawn chairs all afternoon watching the local "snake team" try and finally succeed in removing (and killing) it.

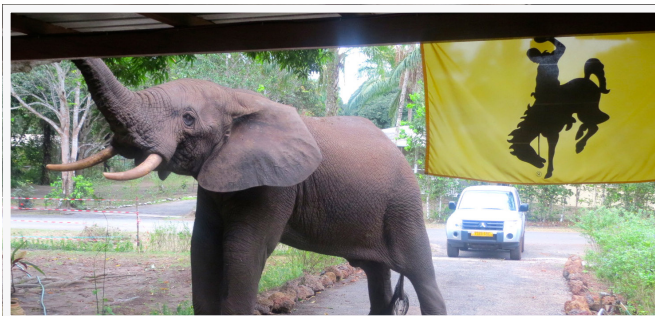
From Africa, we moved to Colorado, where we resided for seven years. There, I finally finished my bachelor's degree in Speech Communication at Colorado Christian University! I say, "finally," because it was 33 years ago that God told me I would one day be a speaker and a writer—for Him.



Earlier this year, Greg's job once again relocated us—this time to Midland, Texas—him to Chevron and me to First Baptist Church! As a phlebotomist, I had no intention of working in a church. Apparently, God didn't receive my memo that outlined my plans! (Can anyone relate?) Since my graduation in 2018, I have told myself that I am waiting for God to open the right door. How silly of me--like He would mistakenly open the wrong door!

So lately, I have casually mentioned to God that I might be kind of close to letting Him open the door. Again, how silly of me; "letting" Him? Anyway, doors don't seem to be the problem. God has no lack of doors! However, I have had a lack of courage! And a lack of courage can intercept obedience. So as we get settled in Midland, I have been praying for the courage to obey my heavenly, loving Father when (not if) He opens a door. I love these words from the late, Corrie Ten Boom and I hope they encourage too:

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God!"
Amen!





WILLIAMS BOULEVARD
Baptist Church

Attn: Moe Bomer
First Baptist Church Midland
2104 W Louisiana Ave
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October 11, 2021

Greetings! I am writing on behalf of **Williams Boulevard Baptist Church** to say a huge *thank you* for your Hurricane Ida Disaster Relief Assistance. The large generator helped us get up and running right after the storm and we were able to get a head start on relief and recovery as well as provide a cool resting place, internet access, and supply distribution to our people.

Your trailer load of supplies was distributed to our church family and to our community. The tools, tarps, cleaning supplies, and so many other donations were amazing. Please communicate to all who donated that we appreciated the generosity so much as we served our community.

Storms of life are always challenging, but God has a way of providing. In the aftermath of the storm, we delivered 500 meals daily for almost 3 weeks, distributed relief supplies to families in need, and helped our community clean up their homes. We have also partnered to assist other churches in our region. It is our desire that we would always be a light to our community regardless of our circumstances.

We are so encouraged to see God at work in our church and in our community. Thank you for helping so quickly in such a big way. Thank you for blessing us!

Sincerely,

Dr. Tim Williams
twilliams@williamsblvd.org
504 275 6503

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 (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: fbcm.info/wfm1110

Menu: Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy
Broccoli, Tossed Green Salad, Biscuit, & German Chocolate
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 E118)
GAP Bible Study (Room C205)
Students Games & Dinner (E-Hall Coffee Shop)
Orchestra Rehearsal (Worship Center)
Family Ministry (E102)
Art of Parenting: (B203)
6:40 PM Junior High Bible Study (Junior High Room)
7:00 PM Dig Into The Word Bible Study (E115)
Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
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 (Choir Room)
12:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
7:00 PM College Home Group

Friday

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

Mary Hill Davis Offering

The offering goal was \$36,000. Our gift to date is \$40,834.

First Family Fellowship Grand Opening

November 7 at 11:05 AM

Our North Campus will have a live Worship service followed by Pastor Darin Wood's message simulcast from the Central Campus.

Continue to pray for Shelden Kinnison and the core group as they minister to the community of North Midland.

1st Sunday Food Drive

November 7th

The Midland Baptist Crisis Center would like for FBC Midland to partner with them by providing food items that are not provided in their food pantry boxes from the Food Bank.

Please bring your food items and place them in the blue food bins located around the church property.

They are requesting that we focus on the following:

Peanut Butter, Jelly (NO glass jars), Canned Spaghetti Sauce (NO glass jars), Canned Soup, & 13 Gallon Trash Bags

Generations Mission Project

Tuesday, November 9, 9am-5pm in Fellowship Hall 3

The Baptist Crisis Center needs our help! There are dozens of bags of kids clothes that need to be processed, de-tagged, and sorted so that they can be distributed to kids in need. Help us get these clothes ready for those who need them most!

Let us know you're coming! Call Penni Jo Andersen at: 432-683-0612.

Family Ministry - How to Engage the Next Generation

Date: Wednesday, November 10th

Time: 6-8PM (Room E102)

Guest presenter: Jennifer Howington Childhood Ministry Specialist for Texas Baptists

The landscape of family has changed throughout the years, with each generation adding a new element of diversity. With a new generation of young adults, increasingly trending away from religious life, how can we engage this next generation to be followers of Christ? How can we teach our children, youth and young adults how to walk humbly and serve the Lord through the ministries of the church? This discussion will seek to provide tangible ways in which we can connect all generations through the life of the church.

First Steps Class

November 14 from 9:45-10:45 am or November 17 from 6-7 pm (Room D100)

If you are new, interested in membership, or would just like to know more about FBC, this class is for you!

Contact Katy Little at klittle@fbc-midland.org or 432-557-9768 to reserve your spot!

Thanksgiving Dinner

November 14th
5 PM (Fellowship Hall)

Tickets can be purchased for \$5 in the Welcome Center on Sunday, Nov. 7 or in the church office during the week.

Tickets can be purchased at the door on Nov. 14th for \$10.

Our office hours are Monday - Thursday 8-5 PM & Fri from 8 AM - 1:30 PM. See Penni Jo.

Comedian Concert

November 14th
6:30 PM Worship Center

Following the Thanksgiving Dinner will be a free comedy concert with Jonnie W (jonnie.com)

The Gift

*Christmas Cards and Boxes...
not for wrapping and mailing but gift cards and shoeboxes
...carrying Jesus' love to Midland and the world.*

Food Boxes

Pick up Day November 14th at Thanksgiving Meal

Gift Card Giveaway

Gift Cards for Toys and Food - Please help us share Jesus with children in Midland by donating a gift card(s) from Walmart, Target, and HEB in increments of \$25 or \$50. We will be giving the gift cards for toys and groceries away to families on Saturday, December 11th where they will hear a creative Gospel presentation and experience Jesus' love from the first family.

Food Boxes & Gift Cards Drop-Off

Sundays, November 21st , 28th and December 5th in Welcome Center by fireplace.

If you know of children or a family that could use some Christmas assistance, please contact the Missions Office so we can help you help them.

Joyful Sound Christmas musical

December 5 at 8:30 AM (Worship Center)

Hope For The Holidays

December 5 at 4 PM (Chapel)

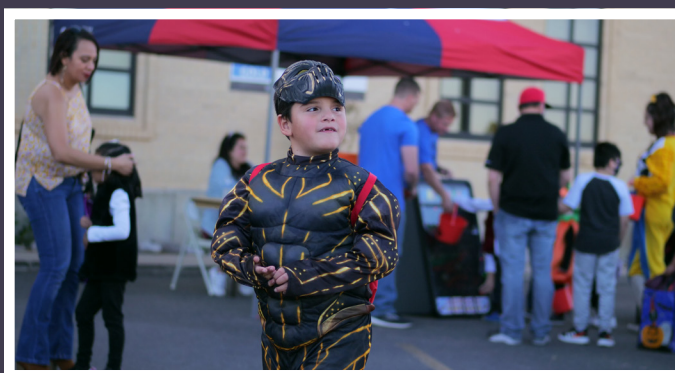
A service of remembrance to honor church family members and loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord during the previous twelve months.

Generations Christmas Celebration

December 9 Dinner at 5:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Cost \$10 per person (purchase tickets by December 5; \$15 per person at door)

Join the celebration of Christmas with friends and be inspired with the music of the McNeill Family.



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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

Acknowledgements

Bereavements

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

- Family & Friends of Vera Cowley
- Kim Ingram in the loss of her mother, Wanda Wolf
- Marilyn Jones in the loss of her brother-in-law, Mike Elliott

Thank You

Thank you for the gift to Buckner Children and Family Services in memory of my dad, Rev. Pedro Arrambide. We are so grateful for the outpouring of love and support through phone calls, cards, hugs, and especially your prayers. We are so blessed to call FBC home!

Josh and Sarah Arrambide

Thank you for the beautiful basket with the peace lily and ivy. I am enjoying the greenery and I remember the fond memories in Midland. Our family appreciates you remembering us during these difficult days.

With love,
Patricia Perry

We wanted to thank you for the years you have partnered with us both financially and in prayer. Your partnership enabled us to invest in our community and we were so blessed to have your support. We pray that the investments you have made over the years would continue to grow and bear good fruit. We pray that during this unique season of ministry that God would give you wisdom and clarity as to how to best reach out to those around you.

Praying God's continued blessing upon you!

Tim Moore
The Sanctuary Kerr Village
Oakville Ontario

Stewardship Reports

October 31, 2021

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 110,678	\$ 626,991
Budget Requirement	\$ 122,000	\$ 610,000
Over/Under Budget	\$ -11,322	\$ 16,991
Hope 1:8	\$ 150	\$ 1,920

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.

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