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Dear First Family,

Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord! What a joy it was to be with you on Sunday!

THANKSGIVING MEAL IS THIS SUNDAY!

As a child, my favorite holiday was Thanksgiving. My mother's family always held a family reunion on Thanksgiving Day at the Community Center in Blue Ridge, TX. It's a speck of a town not far from McKinney. It's where my family came when they arrived in Texas in the late 1880s. The joy of being together with all of my aunts, uncles, cousins made for a wonderful day! The food was wonderful, but the best part was being together. It only happened once a year and I truly was thankful for it, then and now.

This Sunday, we'll share a similar meal – all of our services and all of our campuses together in one place and at one time! Now THAT is a special occasion! To make it even better, we're sharing a wonderful meal. We don't have this opportunity often, so we wanted to make this one extra special. To do so, we've done two things, big things:

- (1) We ordered our entrees (smoked turkey and ham) from our friends at Macs BBQ. In addition, we'll serve traditional sides, a selection of pies to choose from and all for only \$5! You can still get tickets for \$5 on Sunday morning. If you wait till you come to the door at 5:00 PM, they're \$10. We invite you to join us for what is sure to be a wonderful meal, served by your pastor and his team.
- (2) We've invited Jonnie W to come lead a comedy concert after our meal, but you don't need a ticket for the comedy concert. Join us at 6:30 PM in our Worship Center for the show. Jonnie W is a wonderful, godly man who has a gift for making people laugh. In planning the evening, we thought we could all use a good laugh. Come join us for it!

FIRST FAMILY FELLOWSHIP IS OFF TO A STRONG START!

After months of preparation, prayer and planning, FFF officially got off the ground this past Sunday with a crowd of approximately 100. That's a wonderful first chapter! Our prayers are working and I believe this represents the first fruits of those prayers. Pray for the movement of the Holy Spirit in this launching season.

MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING TOTAL

I want to congratulate you on meeting AND exceeding our recent offering for State Missions! With a goal of \$35,000, we went sailing on by for a grand total of \$40,834.56! For the first time since 2006, we exceeded \$40,000! Your generosity and kindness will make a difference across our great state. Thanks for your love and generosity toward God's kingdom!

STATE MEETING NEXT WEEK

Beginning early Monday morning, a small group of us will be in Galveston representing our church at the annual meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, our state-wide partnership. Moe Bomer, Bryan Pinson, Cory Brand, and I will do our best to serve well representing our family. We'll be back home Tuesday evening, Nov 16. We'd be grateful for your prayers.

Praying for revival in Midland! Darin





WEEK OF NOV. 14TH

SUNDAY

8:30 AM Blended Worship Service*

9:45 AM Sunday School

First Steps Class (D100)

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 Youth Choir (Choir Room)

5:00 PM Thanksgiving Dinner (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 PM Comedian Johnny W (Worship Center)

Worship Services are live streamed on our website at <u>Church Online</u> as well as <u>Facebook</u>, <u>YouTube</u>, & <u>Vimeo</u>.

MONDAY

11:45 AM Brotherhood luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

Cost: \$6.

Call Carl Brown with 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/wfm1117

Menu: Brisket, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Tossed Green Salad, & Pecan Pie

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)
Junior High Bible Study (Junior High Room)

6:40 PM Junior High Bible Study (Junior High Room)
7:00 PM Dig Into The Word Bible Study - last session (E115)

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)

1ST FAMILY NEWS

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!

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

"Holding On To Christmas"

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.

Please submit a photograph of your loved one to Cindy Eoff by Monday, November 15.

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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

Month Ending: October 2021

Offering	Monthly		Year to Date	
FBC Offering	\$	628,818	\$	628,818
Budget Requirement	\$	610,000	\$	610,000
Over/Under Budget	\$	18,818	\$	18,818
Hope 1:8	\$	1,920	\$	1,920

November 7, 2021

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date	
FBC Offering	\$ 357,916	\$	986,735
Budget Requirement	\$ 122,000	\$	732,000
Over/Under Budget	\$ 235,916	\$	254,735
Hope 1:8	\$ 1,320	\$	3,240

^{*} Extended care is available for Birth - PreK during worship services.