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ENJOYABLE

Thanksgiving Dinner

AT
FBC MIDLAND



Dear Beloved First Family



Dr. Darin Wood - Senior Pastor

Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord! Sunday night was a wonderful time together, wasn't it? We SOLD OUT on tickets to our Thanksgiving Banquet and had as fine a time as I can recall! I can't remember when I've enjoyed a banquet more. Seeing our family all in one place at one time did this Pastor's heart good! Our entertainment, Jonnie W, was as funny as expected. I wanted to express thanks to our Business Administrator Moe Bomer who led out on so many details, to our kitchen staff, led by our food services director Cindy Dickens, and to our custodial staff who served so well in keeping us picked up! Most of all, thank you to all of you who came to share in this wonderful evening together. It's not often we take time for these moments so they're extra sweet when we do. Thanks for sharing life with me and my family.

WHITE HARVEST BOXES

At our dinner, we released the "White Harvest Boxes" to go home with you. These boxes are for food for us to give away with our Christmas outreach events. We ask that you fill and return the box to us no later than December 5th. If you buy what's on the list provided in the box, it's between \$30-\$40. What a blessing these boxes are to the families who receive them! If you didn't get a box and you'd like one, find an empty one in the welcome center beginning this weekend. If you took one and it's already full, bring it back to the Welcome Center and place it near the fireplace. On December 5th, we'll have staff and volunteers ready to help you get your box out of your car at our north driveway. Just pull up and we'll take your box out and deliver it to the fireplace.

"HE CAME TO CHANGE THE WORLD" ADVENT BOOKS – AVAILABLE FOR FREE BEGINNING NOV 28

As Advent quickly approaches (we'll begin our Advent series on November 28th), we invite you to pick up a copy of "HE CAME TO CHANGE THE WORLD" by our friend Janet Denison. These guides provide a short passage of scripture and an associated devotional thought for each day until Christmas. It's a wonderful way to make sure Jesus retains his rightful place in our preparation for Christmas! We purchased 400 copies and we want YOU to have one. They'll be available in the Welcome Center and Chapel Foyer beginning November 28th until we don't have anymore.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS FOR FBC AND THE FBC OFFICE

Thanksgiving week, we'll reflect a different schedule. There will be NO WEDNESDAY evening activities on November 24th. Likewise, our offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 25th, & 26th.

Your servant,
Darin



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)
- 5:00 PM Youth Choir (Choir Room)

* 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

- 10:00 AM Joyful Sound Rehearsal (Worship Center)
- 11:45 AM Brotherhood Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
Cost: \$6.
Call Carl Brown with questions, 432-557-6810

Wednesday

No Activities

Thursday

Thanksgiving Day

Friday

Church office closed for holiday



Acknowledgements

Bereavements

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

- Pete Schrenkel in the loss of his wife, Cindy
- Rodney Brown in the loss of his wife, Linda
- Family and friends of Allen Cloud
- Max & Karen Floyd in the loss of her sister, Kim
- Family and friends of Bill Kern

Thank You

Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers during this past season in David's family. Thank you for the gift made in memory of Severa to Buckner Children and Family Services.

The Driver Family

The Gift

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

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.

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.

WAINSCOTT/LACY SCHOLARSHIP

If you are attending a Baptist College, University, or Seminary, you are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Applications can be picked up in Cindy Eoff's office for the Spring 2022 semester and must be turned in by December 15th.

Baptist Crisis Center Ministry Project

46 people came to FBC on Tuesday, November 10 and helped us sort children's clothes for boys and girls. These clothes will be used by the Baptist Crisis Center to minister to people in need, and give them an opportunity to share the gospel at the same time.

Thank you to the folks who came and made this ministry project possible.



Candy Jam - Montana

Eleven FBC Midland members flew to Helena, Montana on October 28, to help Capstone Church offer an outreach event to their community, known as Candy Jam. (Yes, FBC borrowed the name of Candy Jam for our own outreach event in Midland.) Capstone is one of our church's many mission partners. We also sent a mission team this past summer to assist them with their Adventure Camp.

Friday, October 29, over 2300+ people from the Helena community attended Candy Jam. The Lewis and Clark County Arena was filled with carnival games and bounce houses. It was a non-stop evening of meeting people and making connections with the community. The main focus of the event is to help the community become aware of Capstone Church. People were given bibles and an opportunity to know more about the Gospel, also. Only 10% of Montana attends a church, so this is a huge mission field. Pastor Caleb Groteluschen and his wife, Courtney have a burden to reach this community for Christ. Each year this event is held, Capstone church will see new families come to visit. The church has grown to the point they are now offering 2 morning worship services. We are praying the Lord will provide a larger worship space.

We were the only church to send a team to assist Capstone with Candy Jam. While pastor Caleb is encouraging his church members to become more involved and take leadership roles, the church still needs outside teams for assistance. This year about 20- 25 members from Capstone church volunteered to help at the event. We were grateful to see more people taking ownership. However, Caleb stated that if FBC, Midland had not sent a team, most likely they would not have been able to offer the event.

We were grateful to see more people taking ownership. However, Caleb stated that if FBC, Midland had not sent a team this year, most likely, they would not have been able to offer the event. We literally spent all day Friday preparing for the event, and then worked until 9:30 pm that evening. Our team worked hard and did a great job. It was a blessing to be part of the ministry of Capstone church in Helena, Montana. It's a beautiful place, but more importantly, it's a place that needs to hear the Gospel. Join us in praying for Caleb and Courtney and the Capstone church family as they reach their community for Christ.





THANKS BE TO GOD

By Dean Rippetoe

Shortly after the Mayflower docked at Cape Cod, William Bradford, who became the first governor of the colony, expressed their gratitude to God when he said: "Being thus arrived in a good harbor and brought safe to land they fell upon their knees and blessed the God of Heaven, who had brought them over the vast and furious ocean and delivered them from all the perils of miseries thereof, again to set their feet on the firm and stable earth, their proper element".

We are told in Psalm 106:1 "To Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His loving devotion endures forever." No one had to remind the pilgrims to give thanks to their maker. They gladly and earnestly gave thanks to God for what they had and for his watch care and protection. They had many hardships, few necessities and no luxuries but they were thankful for what they had.

The nature of man tends to exhibit a degree of thanksgiving in reverse proportion to the amount of blessings he has received. A hungry man is more thankful for a crumb than a rich man for a heavily laden table. Abundance sometimes blinds us from realizing the source of our abundance and that is why we are told in scripture many times to give thanks to God for His goodness. Too often, the gifts from God are so lightly valued. We are reminded of this in Psalm 107: 8 "Oh, that these men would praise the Lord for his loving-kindness and for all his wonderful deeds".

We are truly thankful for Jesus Christ and our salvation and for the promise to be with God in all eternity. We often forget the common mercies of life which are as numerous as the stars in heaven. The air we breathe, sunshine to enjoy, restful sleep at night, the comforts of home, the gift of family and loved ones, the ability to work, the food on our table and the luxuries of life.

A Swedish hymn written long ago describes our thankful hearts and our thanksgiving thoughts and prayers as we celebrate Thanksgiving,

THANKS TO GOD

Thanks, O God, for boundless mercy from thy gracious throne above;
Thanks for every need provided from the fullness of Thy love!
Thanks for daily toil and labor and for rest when shadows fall;
Thanks for love of friend and neighbor and Thy goodness unto all!

Thanks for thorns as well as roses, Thanks for weakness and for health;
Thanks for clouds as well as sunshine, Thanks for poverty and wealth!
Thanks for pain as well as pleasure – all Thou sendest day by day;
And Thy Word, our dearest treasure, shedding light upon our way.

Thanks, O God, for home and fireside, where we share our daily bread;
Thanks for hours of sweet communion, when by Thee our souls are fed!
Thanks for Grace in time or sorrow and for joy and peace in Thee;
Thanks for hope today, tomorrow, and for all eternity.

One day each year is set aside to commemorate Thanksgiving but we should give thanks to God every day for His bountiful mercy and blessings



The Gift Dec. 11

Food Boxes **Gift Cards**

Pick up Nov 14th at Target • Walmart • HEB
Thanksgiving Meal \$25 or \$50

Drop-Off Sundays
Nov. 21st, 28th & Dec. 5th
in Welcome Center by fireplace.

DETAILS AT:
FBC-MIDLAND.ORG/EVENTS



Holding On to Christmas

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH THE JOYFUL SOUND CHOIR
DEC. 5TH • 8:30 AM
IN THE WORSHIP CENTER



PARENT COMMISSIONING FAMILY DEDICATION SERVICE

DECEMBER 5TH DURING 11:00 SERVICE

CONTACT AMY BRAND BY 11/21 TO PARTICIPATE

— LOTTIE MOON —

Christmas Offering

NOV 28TH - DEC 5TH

FBC GOAL
\$135,000.




Hope For the Holidays

Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before Us

December 5 at 4 PM in the Chapel

DETAILS AT:
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WMU PRAYER LUNCHEON

DEC. 6TH

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Attending Baptist College, University, or Seminary in Spring 2022.

See Cindy Eoff for an application.

Applications due by **DEC. 15TH**



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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

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS FOR FBC & THE FBC OFFICE

November 24th.

NO WEDNESDAY evening activities

November 25th & 26th

Offices will be closed

SOMEWHERE IN YOUR Silent Night CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

Sunday, Dec. 12th
3:00 PM & 6:00 PM

First Baptist Church
Worship Center

Stewardship Reports

November 14, 2021

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 107,312	\$ 1,094,046
Budget Requirement	\$ 122,000	\$ 854,000
Over/Under Budget	\$ -14,688	\$ 240,046
Hope 1:8	\$ 65	\$ 3,305
Lottie	\$ 5	\$ 3,307

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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