



BANNER *Letter*

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Dear First Family,

Grace, peace and mercy in Christ our Lord. Mercy is in order for these difficult days. I know you've been praying with me for our friends in Andrews. There are no good answers so I won't pretend to offer one about why the Lord allowed this to happen. What I'll say is what my friend Dr. Jim Denison said: "God redeems all that he allows."

ADVENT BEGINS THIS WEEK

I'm excited to kick off our Advent series this weekend! "Witness His majesty" is our theme for this year's advent. This Sunday, we'll celebrate the beginning of Advent with a conversation about "Hope" featuring the InnKeeper's son. I think you'll enjoy this!

While you're here this weekend, make sure you pick up "He Came to change the World", an advent guide by our friend Janet Denison. It's a dated guide leading you all the way up to Christmas Day. If you're not accustomed to spending time in God's Word daily, this is a wonderful way to build your spiritual life in a rich and timely manner. We've ordered 400 of these so there should be plenty. Pick one up in the Welcome Center, the Chapel Foyer or in the hallway at our north campus.

CHURCH CONFERENCE – DECEMBER 5th – 5 PM – FELLOWSHIP HALL

Our November Church Conference will take place on December 5th in our Fellowship Hall. This is our last conference for the year and I hope you'll join us for it! In next week's Banner, you'll find an agenda for our meeting.

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

For some, the holiday season is difficult. Losing a loved one and facing Christmas can seem overwhelming. To help, we've created "Hope for the Holidays" scheduled for December 5th at 4 PM in our chapel. Nothing will take away the pain of losing someone we loved, but we can find salve for the soul and that's our desire for that service. As your pastor and as your church family, I want us to serve those who are hurting. If that's you, meet me in the chapel at 4 PM on December 5th.

THANKS

Several weeks ago, my friend Dallas Baptist University President Dr. Adam Wright emailed me to let me know the University had selected me as the 2021 Distinguished Alumnus. It's not often I'm rendered speechless, but that did the trick. I never dreamed of such an honor from a place I've loved for so long. Here's why - when I got to DBU in August 1986, I was a tall knucklehead who had no real business in college. I was an atrocious student in high school and my ADHD didn't help. But at DBU, I found people who loved me, cared for me and refused to let me settle for less than my best. They pushed me further than I thought I could go and believed in me when I didn't believe in myself. When I graduated in May 1990, I left the campus, but the campus never really left me. To go back and receive this award meant so much to me and my family. Thanks for allowing us the chance to go back home for a few days and receive this.

Your servant,
Darin



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)
 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

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/wfm1201

Menu: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Tossed Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Carrot 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)
 6:40 PM Junior High Bible Study (Junior High Room)
 7:00 PM 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)
 10:00 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)

Stewardship Reports

November 21, 2021

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 93,603	\$ 1,187,649
Budget Requirement	\$ 122,000	\$ 976,000
Over/Under Budget	\$ -28,397	\$ 211,649
Hope 1:8	\$ 75,022	\$ 78,327
Lottie	\$ 1,485	\$ 4,817

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.



1st Family News

THE GIFT

December 11th from 9-Noon (Fellowship Hall)

Food Boxes & 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 along with sharing 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 5th at 8:30 AM (Worship Center)

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

December 5th 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.

MISSION TRIP MEETING (INFORMATIONAL)

Sunday, December 5th, 4-5pm (E114)

Come learn about all the Mission Trip Opportunities planned for 2022!!!!!!

WMU PRAYER LUNCHEON

December 6th (D100/102)

Lunch WILL NOT be provided, please bring a sack lunch to enjoy as we hear prayer requests and praises from our FBC Missionaries and Ministries.

Email Kay Kolb at kkolb351@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

“Somewhere In Your Silent Night”

December 12th at 3 & 6 PM

TOY DRIVE

GA’s & RA’s are teaming up by grade level to collect new, unwrapped toys & gifts cards for teens who are supported by the Midland Soup Kitchen. The grade level that collect the most items, receives a Christmas cookie party.

The boxes are located in the Children’s hallway for anyone wanting to participate.

Acknowledgements

BEREAVEMENTS

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

- Marilyn Jones in the loss of her brother-in-law, Mike Elliott
- Pat Weaver in the loss of her mother, Martha Long