

## Dear Beloved First Family



Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord! What a joy it was to begin our advent season this past Sunday!

### CHURCH CONFERENCE – THIS SUNDAY AT 5 PM IN OUR FELLOWSHIP HALL

Our final Church conference for 2021 is this Sunday night at 5 PM. Elsewhere in this Banner, you'll find an agenda for our meeting. May I encourage you to join us for this important discussion? This is our best chance to participate in the structure and stewardship of our church and the Lord's blessings to us. I'll look for you there!

As an incentive to join us, our Bible study will be a discussion of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the oldest church in the world. We'll take a look at how the Bible foretold it's place, prophecy, as well as the church's role in church history and how God has used it throughout its 1700 year history.

#### WHITE HARVEST BOX RETURN

If you have a white banker's box you picked up from us for our Christmas outreach, we need them back to us by THIS SUNDAY! But Darin, you might say, it's too heavy for me to carry! NEVER FEAR! Sunday morning, some of our strong and handsome young men (led by our own John Elliott) will be at the North Entrance covered drive ready and waiting to help you unload. Simply pull up and wait as they unload it for you! Thanks for your generosity and love for the Lord!

Likewise, if you wanted to contribute gift cards for our Christmas Outreach event, you can give those to our Missions Pastor Bryan Pinson and Assoc Missions Pastor Eva Diaz in the Welcome Center this Sunday morning.

#### HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS - DECEMBER 5 - 4 PM

Losing someone you love is painful. The Christmas season can make that pain seem even more profound. To help those hurting, we're offering a special service called "Hope for the Holidays." This service seeks to speak a word of comfort, hope and peace for those missing loved ones. This will be a celebration of Christmas in a somber tone, but one that looks toward the day of reunion with our loved ones in the presence of Christ.

#### CHOIR MUSICAL - DECEMBER 12 - 3 PM AND 6 PM

Our Music Pastor Aaron Hodges (who battled through a weak voice on Sunday last! Thanks Aaron for your leadership!) has led our Choir, orchestra, children's choir and youth choir in preparing our Christmas musical this year! We're offering the musical twice this year (and it will be featured on television on or near Christmas Day) – one at 3 PM and again at 6 PM. Aaron and our musicians have worked hard and prepared well to lead us in this special event. May I invite you to join us in it!

Your servant, Darin

#### CHURCH CONFERENCE AGENDA

#### December 5th, at 5 PM in Fellowship Hall

- Approval of Minutes (October 24, 2021)
- Approval of new members
- Grant Church Letters
- Reports:
  - Church Council Chairman
  - Personnel Committee Chairman
  - Finance Committee Chairman

- Old Business
  - Surplus Presentation
- New Business
  - Motion to appoint Michelle Cobb as Church Clerk
  - Motion to appoint Clark Moreland as Assistant Church Moderator
  - Motion to change James Ervin's title to Generations Pastor
- Other Business
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#### Week of December 5th

#### Sunday

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8:30 AM	Dienaea	VVOISIND	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) Hope For The Holidays (Chapel)

5:00 PM Rooted Student Choir (Music Suite)

Mission Trip Informational Meeting (E114)

Challengers: High School Guys Only (AB)

High School Girls & All Junior High (E-Hall)

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

#### Monday

6:00 PM

11:30 AM WMU Luncheon (D100/102)

11:45 AM Brotherhood luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

#### 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/wfm1208

Menu: Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Tossed Green Salad, Garlic

Bread, & 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 7:00 PM

Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

High School Bible Study (Student Worship Room)

R.A.'s, G.A.'s, & Mission Friends

#### **Thursday**

12:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

5:30 PM Generations Christmas Celebration

(Fellowship Hall)

7:00 PM College Home Group

Friday

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

#### **1st Family News**

#### Joyful Sound Christmas Musical

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.

#### 1st Sunday Food Drive

December 5th

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

#### **Mission Trip Meeting (Informational)**

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

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

#### **Generations Christmas Celebration**

December 9th 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.

#### 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, December 5th: boxes drop-off at north parking lot driveway. The gift cards can be dropped off in the Welcome Center.

#### **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 collects the most items, receives a Christmas cookie party.

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

#### 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.

<sup>\*</sup> Extended care is available for Birth - PreK during worship services.

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Worship Services at 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM • Sunday School at 9:45 AM **Worship Services Online** 

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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

#### 1st Family News (continued)

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#### **Acknowledgements**

#### Bereavements

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

- Byron Tuck in the loss of his mother, Frances Tuck
- Lou Bost in the loss of her husband, Fred Bost
- Family and friends of John Slawson
- Darrell Hopkins in the loss of his mother, Becky Hopkins





#### **Stewardship Reports**

November 28, 2021

Offering	Weekly	Υ	ear to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 57,946	\$	1,245,596
Budget Requirement	\$ 122,000	\$	1,098,000
Over/Under Budget	\$ -64,054	\$	147,596
Hope 1:8	\$ 850	\$	79,177
Lottie Moon	\$ 933	\$	5,750

#### **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.

