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JOIN US

SOMEWHERE IN YOUR
Silent Night
CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

BE OUR GUEST
FOR OUR
CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

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DECEMBER 12TH • 3:00 PM or 6:00 PM
2104 W. LOUISIANA • MIDLAND, TX 79701

FIRST BAPTIST
MIDLAND

Dear Beloved First Family



Dr. Darin Wood - Senior Pastor

Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord! Merry Christmas as well! May the goodwill God meant for us to have be evident for you and your home in these challenging days.

THANKS!

If you joined us for the 8:30 service this past Sunday, you were blessed by Joyful Sound (our senior adult choir) and their Christmas presentation. Led by our Generations Pastor James Ervin, our Joyful Sound choir did a fantastic job! Thanks friends for your leadership and for your obvious joy in leading it!

Thanks also to Preschool Minister Amy Brand, Allison Ashmore and Richard Arreguin for your faithful work in putting our Parent Dedication service together! In our 11 AM service, we saw 8 families with their children commit themselves to raising their children in Christ and His Word! Seeing those beautiful children always means so much to me and I know it does to so many of you as well.

CHOIR MUSICAL THIS SUNDAY!

For the last several weeks, our choirs, orchestra and our media team has been working on their gift to us – A Christmas musical! Their gift will be presented this Sunday, Dec 12 at 3 PM and 6 PM. The performances are identical so you can feel free to come to either one. I hope you'll join us for this wonderful celebration of Christmas!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Speaking of celebrating Christmas, we welcome you to join us for either of our Christmas Eve services – 4 PM and 6 PM. It means so much to me and my family to celebrate Christmas with Christ at the center and to do so with our church family. We welcome you to join us for this special service.



THE NEW YEAR IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. . .

It seems like we just started 2021 and here we are about to leave it behind us. As we begin the new year, I wanted to give you a sneak peek of things ahead for our church in the new year.

- On December 19th, we'll set out new Bible reading plans for the coming year. I'm convinced the single greatest asset we have to establish our spiritual lives, our homes, our children and grandchildren and our church is spending time each day in the Word of God. Our prayer is that you'll join us in these plans. As has been our practice, one of them will be a yearlong plan to take you all the way through the Bible in a year. Some have expressed that this plan is too long. In response, I've written a 7 day plan focused on Jesus' "I AM" statements in the writings of the Apostle John.
- Beginning January 9th, I'll begin a sermon series on Revelation entitled "Unveiled." For most of my time as a pastor, I've stayed away from Revelation because there is so much controversy in how to understand it. But after the last two years of watching the last book of the Bible be used wrongly, it's time. I can't promise we'll answer every question, but I can promise we'll give it a try. Sunday mornings beginning January 9th.
- That same day, we'll bring back Sunday evening services with a new name: "5 at 5" – 5 questions to answer at 5 PM in our chapel. Because there are so many questions we don't have time to tackle in our Sunday morning time, we'll engage them Sunday night! We welcome you to join us!
- Deacon elections will begin on January 9th as well.

The Spirit of God is alive and well my friends. Invite Him into your life, your family and your workplace and find yourself transformed by His grace.

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)

3:00 PM Christmas Musical

6:00 PM Christmas Musical

* 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)

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: fbc-midland.org/wfm1215

Menu: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes / Gravy, Peas & Carrot's, Tossed Green Salad, Biscuit, Pumpkin Pie

5:00 PM Students (Activities Building)

5:15 PM Preschool Pizza and Playgrounds
 WEBS (Room E118)
 GAP Bible Study (Room C205)
 Orchestra Rehearsal (Worship Center)

6:00 PM RA's & GA's Party
 Students Movie Night "Home Alone"

7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday

12:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

7:00 PM College Home Group

Friday

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

The Gift

December 11th from 9-Noon (Fellowship Hall)

Food Boxes & Gift Card Giveaway

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.

Christmas Musical

"Somewhere In Your Silent Night"

December 12th at 3 & 6 PM

Music and Worship Ministry present "Somewhere In Your Silent Night" a dramatic Christmas Musical featuring the Adult, Student and Children Choirs and Orchestra of FBC Midland. We will be joined by Matt Tullos, of Nashville, Tennessee as our special guest actor.

Toy Drive

Through December 15th

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.**

Christmas Eve Services

December 24th (Worship Center) at 4 & 6 PM

Come join us for either of our candle light services to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.

Acknowledgements

Thank You

Thank you so much for helping us continue our fight to end hunger in West Texas. We appreciate your recent gift of \$25,000.00 and your commitment to the people we serve. Thank you again for partnering with WTFB to feed the community.

Warmly,
Kelly Dirden, Director of Development

HomeTouch Ministry

At the beginning of each Christmas season, our HomeTouch ministry delivers poinsettias to members of our church family who are not able to leave their homes. This year, 25 volunteers blessed 80 first family members with a poinsettia and FBC's warmest Christmas Greetings.

If you would like to volunteer with our HomeTouch Ministry on an ongoing basis and bring joy throughout the year, contact our church offices.



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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



CHRISTMAS TV BROADCASTS

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

DEC 24 - 10:35 PM on Newswest 9 (KWES)

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

DEC 25 - 6:00 AM on The CW (KCWO)

DEC 25 - 11:00 AM on CBS7 (KOSA)

LOTTIE MOON

Christmas Offering

NOV 28TH - DEC 5TH

FBC GOAL

\$135,000.

Stewardship Reports

Month Ending: November 2021

Offering	Monthly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 625,844	\$ 1,254,663
Budget Requirement	\$ 488,000	\$ 1,098,000
Over/Under Budget	\$ 137,844	\$ 156,663
Hope 1:8	\$ 77,267	\$ 79,187
Lottie Moon	\$ 2,523	\$ 5,850

December 5, 2021

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 202,667	\$ 1,457,330
Budget Requirement	\$ 246,717	\$ 1,344,717
Over/Under Budget	\$ -44,049	\$ 112,613
Hope 1:8	\$ 143	\$ 79,330
Lottie Moon	\$ 16,742	\$ 22,592

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

2021 CONTRIBUTIONS MUST BE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY 5 PM ON DEC 31. MAILED GIFTS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2021.

DETAILS AT:

BUSINESS OFFICE (432)683-0615

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