



# THE BANNER *Letter*

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Dear First Family,

Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord! What a joy it is to walk with Jesus and each of you through this last year! God has blessed us in so many ways and I'm deeply grateful for each of you. Thanks for the privilege of walking together with you.

### CHRISTMAS CHOIRS, ORCHESTRA, ACTORS AND MEDIA TEAM

My friends, if you missed the Christmas concert this last Sunday, you missed an extraordinary event! A special thanks to our Minister of Music Aaron Hodges, our Media Minister Jeff Wash, joined by their associates Richard Arreguin, Erin Downey, Rabon Bewley and Doris McSparran. A special thanks to our children's choir and their directors 1st Kidz Praise Coordinator Kathy Dowell, 1st grade Kim Stokes, Anna O'Briant, Ashley Hogue, Gage Bunch, Michelle Cobb: 2-3 grade Malia Hodges, Dina Lowe, Erica OField, Josh Sparks: 4-6 grade Nancy Ervin, Retha Hunnicutt, Jennifer McDowell, Beth Teffeteller, Tracye Vaughn, - a wonderful job of leading our children! And, of course, our actors - Kristie Garnett, Luke Elliott, Addyson Hodges, Penni Jo Anderson and our guest Matt Tullos. We had a full house for both the 3 PM and the 6 PM services!

If you missed the service, it's not too late! You can catch it on our website, Youtube, or Facebook pages. Also, it will be televised on Christmas Day. 6 AM on the CW and 11 AM on KOSA CBS7.

More than the wonderful music, voices or fine acting, what blessed me most was the spirit of the event. It genuinely seemed that those leading were enjoying themselves even as they worked so hard! I know many were tired when the day was over, but we were so much better for their service! God used these efforts to bless several hundred who came AND God will use it again when it is broadcast. Thanks my friends for leading so well.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Our Christmas Eve services are drawing close! Our services will be at 4 PM and 6 PM. If you choose the 4 PM service, may I encourage you to arrive early. That seems to be our most popular time. The services will be identical with our own Cooley sisters playing the harps for us. In addition, I'll be inviting the children to come sit on the stage with me for story time! I'm excited to share Christmas Eve with you and look forward to seeing you there!

### HOLIDAY WEEKEND SCHEDULES

December 26 and January 2, we will alter our schedule for Sunday morning. We will have only ONE service at 10 AM on those days. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on December 26th. There will be no childcare that morning.

For Jan 2nd, we're leaving Sunday School to each department's discretion. If your department wants to hold Sunday School, we welcome you to do so at 8:45 AM that morning. Extended session will be offered for birth-Pre-K during the 10 AM service only.

We'll return to our normal schedule on January 9th.

### UNVEILED - A NEW SERMON SERIES - BEGINNING JANUARY 9th

I'm excited to share with you this wonderful new series we're launching on Jan 9th. Beginning that day, we'll begin a walk through the revelation of Jesus Christ given to our friend the Apostle John. I've been working on this for quite some time and I can't wait to share it with you! In addition to that, since we don't have time to do Q and A on Sunday mornings, we're going to launch our Sunday night services to pick up the next part of what we did Sunday morning. We're calling Sunday night "5 at 5." Five questions to answer at 5 PM in our chapel! Make plans to join us for this exciting new adventure!

Your servant,  
Darin



### CHRISTMAS TV BROADCASTS

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**  
DEC 24 - 10:35 PM on Newsweek 9 (KWES)

**CHRISTMAS MUSICAL**  
DEC 25 - 6:00 AM on The CW (KCWO)  
DEC 25 - 11:00 AM on CBS7 (KOSA)

## Week of Dec. 19th

### SUNDAY

8:30 AM Blended Worship Service\*  
 9:45 AM Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Worship Services\*  
 Contemporary (Worship Center)  
 First Baptist en Español (Fellowship Hall)  
 International Bible Study (D Hall 1st Floor)

\* 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

No Activities

### THURSDAY

No Activities

### FRIDAY

4 & 6 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

### Upcoming Schedule\*

#### SERVICES

##### December 26th

10 AM service only (No Sunday School)

##### January 2nd

10 AM service only

##### January 9th

Regular services & Sunday School resume  
 Sunday night service begins at 5PM (Chapel)

#### OFFICE HOURS

##### December 24th

Closed

##### December 27th

Closed

##### December 31st

8AM - 1:30 PM (Except Moe will be here till 5 PM to accept year end donations.)

##### January 3rd

Closed

\*Check with your ministry leaders for alternative schedules throughout the upcoming weeks.

## 1st Family News

### PRE-SCHOOL

#### December 26th

No preschool classes. We're encouraging families to worship together this Sunday.

#### January 2nd

We will offer extended session for birth-PreK (our normal age range for this) during the 10:00 service only.

### WMU PRAYER LUNCHEON

January 10th (D100/102)

Email Kay Kolb at [kkolb351@gmail.com](mailto:kkolb351@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

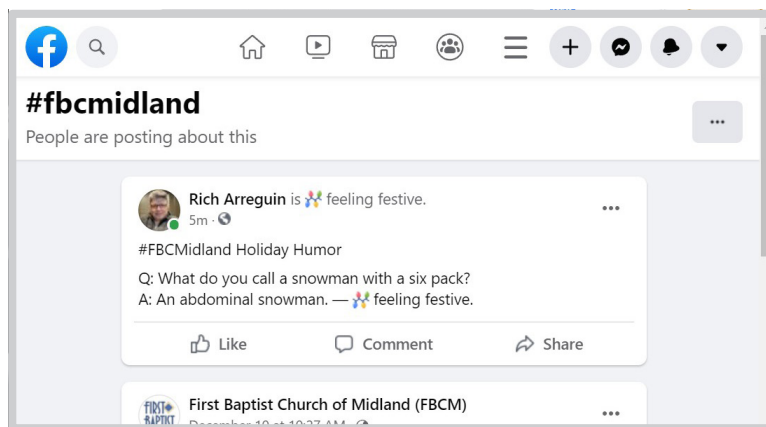
### Holiday Humor

**Gingerbread man calls Tel-e-doc:** "Doc, I have a broken leg. What can I do?"

**Doctors:** "Have you tried icing it?"



**SHARE YOUR HOLIDAY HUMOR IN YOUR FACEBOOK POST AND ADD THE HASHTAG #FBCMIDLAND.**



### Stewardship Reports

December 12, 2021

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 166,580	\$ 1,623,910
Budget Requirement	\$ 246,717	\$ 1,591,433
Over/Under Budget	\$ -80,136	\$ 32,477
Hope 1:8	\$ 150	\$ 79,480
Lottie	\$ 8,087	\$ 30,679

#### 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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## 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.**

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