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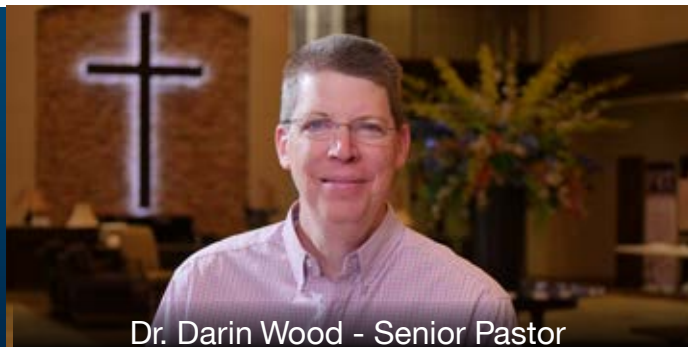


ENJOY
SPRING BREAK
WEEK OF
MARCH 6TH



DON'T FORGET
TIME CHANGE 3-13-22

Dear Beloved First Family



Dr. Darin Wood - Senior Pastor

GRACE AND PEACE IN CHRIST OUR LORD!

Happy Texas Independence week! March 2, 1836, Texas declared herself independent! For those of us who love Texas and all that she means to us, we salute our home state and celebrate God's goodness to her.

Watching the native sons and daughters of Ukraine fight for their homeland has brought this year's Independence Day celebration closer to my heart. They love their homeland the way I love mine. I pray you'll continue to join me in praying for an end to this conflict, for the protection of the Ukrainian people, for a change of heart for Vladimir Putin, for our President Joe Biden and all those who must make decisions with him and for God's wisdom! May Jesus' return be soon!

ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 2

The season of preparing for Easter is upon us! Ash Wednesday is the official start of the season of Lent. From now until Easter Sunday, April 17th, we invite you to join us in preparing for Christ's resurrection. For many of us, we will choose to fast from something for this 40(ish) day period. I invite you to join me in that!

One final element of preparing for Easter. More people are open to discussing their faith journey in the Easter season than at any other time of the year. Would you join in sharing the Gospel message? At our 5 @ 5 this week, we'll discuss how to engage in a Gospel centered conversation. It's not as hard as it sounds!

HAPPY SPRING BREAK WEEK!

For many of our church family, spring break begins this week! Many will be traveling so we pray for God's kindness and favor on your travels. We pray for a safe return and for a blessed time of refreshment. For others, the break means adding a family member. Aaron and Malia Hodges will welcome a new daughter-in-law on March 13th! Congratulations to Mr. Wade and Lydia Hodges!

A reminder for the rest of us – our Wednesday evening children's activities and our Wednesday evening meal will take March 9th off in keeping with Spring Break.

DR. ELIJAH BROWN – MARCH 13

Our friend Dr. Elijah Brown, president of the Baptist World Alliance based in Falls Church, VA, will be with us on Sunday March 13! Dr. Brown has traveled in Ukraine and will bring a word of peace and encouragement. You can learn more about their work and about Elijah here: baptistworld.org/prayforpeace You'll want to be here for this wonderful opportunity to hear from Elijah. He'll be here Sunday evening as our 5 @ 5 speaker on March 13.

DR. JIM DENISON – MARCH 20

The following Sunday, our friend Dr. Jim Denison, former FBCM pastor and current CEO of Denison Forum and lead ethicist for Baylor / Scott White Hospitals, will be with us to discuss how God is using his daily devotionals and his new book, "The Coming Tsunami." Jim was kind enough to send me an advance copy a few weeks ago. From a Christ-centered perspective, Jim walks us through the four "waves" of the cultural trend tsunami currently engulfing us. More to the point, Jim offers direction and insight to what Christians can do about it. I believe this is a needed talk and one we'll ALL be better for hearing. To that end, Jim will join us as our 5 @ 5 speaker on March 20th.

For those who are not accustomed to coming back Sunday night, I believe these two weeks – March 13 and March 20 – should be an exception. God is at work and I want to make sure EVERYONE hears it. Please put it on your calendar and make it a priority.

Serving gladly,
Darin



Easter Prayer Emphasis

Because of Christ's work at Easter, we are Forever Free! As Easter nears, let's pray together for God to bring freedom in Christ to us and through us.

Sunday, March 6: Father, prepare the hearts of our church family for revival. Convict us of sin and lead us into repentance.

Monday, March 7: Lord, lead me into full submission to You, holding nothing back, giving You everything.

Tuesday, March 8: Father, fill my heart with Your love. Shift my focus to consider how I can reach others.

Wednesday, March 9: Father, equip Your people for service. Call people to pray, share the gospel, and radically obey Your call to love one another.

Thursday, March 10: Lord, it is through Jesus that we are Forever Free. Teach us how to live each day in that freedom.

Friday, March 11: Lord, strengthen us so we can live for You. Holy Spirit, empower us to do Your will!

Saturday, March 12: Father, thank You for Christ's sacrifice on the cross and the hope it gives. Prepare me to share that hope with someone today!

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 (D100)
- 4:00 PM Children's and Youth Bible Drill Program (A204)
- 5:00 PM "5 at 5" Evening Services (Chapel)
Rooted Student Choir (Choir Room)
- 6:00 PM Challengers: High School Guys Only (AB)
High School Girls & All Junior High (E-Hall)

* 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 Wednesday Night due to Spring Break, except for:

- "Where Do We Go From Here" Bible Study (E114)

Thursday

10:30 AM Joyful Sound rehearsal (Choir Room)



The call of the church as laid out in Acts 1:8 is to tell the world of redemption provided by God's love for all people. It is estimated that 275 million people in North America are lost. Almost every nation is represented in North America, making it one of the most complex mission fields. We at FBC focus on the North American needs during this time of year by giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Prayer guides that provide information about the work of our North American missionaries are available in the Welcome Center.

Our goal for this year is \$37,000.

Your generous giving will help plant churches and help people who desperately need a gospel witness.

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

February 27, 2022

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 133,824	\$ 3,278,104
Budget Requirement	\$ 122,000	\$ 3,182,867
Over/Under Budget	\$ 11,824	\$ 95,238
Hope 1:8	\$ 100	\$ 84,025

Baptist Crisis Center Ministry Project

March 15 at 9 AM (Fellowship Hall 3)

Join us as we assist the Crisis Center in another project of sorting clothes. Your help will be a great blessing to this ministry!

Generations Luncheon

March 24th at 11:45 AM (Fellowship Hall)

Special Guest: Dr. Wood & Kasi Baker - "Define Your Legacy"
Please RSVP in your Sunday School room or with Penni Jo at panderson@fbc-midland.org

I Heart Muslims Conference

March 25th & 26th

March 25th: 6-9pm with a Mediterranean Dinner Provided
March 26th: 9am-12 Noon

The Missions Office will be hosting a Guest Speaker who will be covering topics such as:

- 1. What do Muslims Believe?
- 2. Culturally what would we expect if we invited them to our home or if they invited us to their home?
- 3. How can we find them in our community?
- 4. How can we share with them?

Please contact the Missions Office to RSVP for this event.
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Sunday

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

Worship Services Online

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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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Bereavement:

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

- Family & Friends of Lucian Rudd
- Rusty & Cara Berry in the loss of their daughter, Amberleigh Berry
- Family & Friends of Elizabeth McKenzie
- Family & Friends of Iona Vasicek
- Family & Friends of Charlie Dodd
- Wilma Roberts in the loss of her brother, Weldon Wilson
- Cassie Ruffner in the loss of her son, Todd Stanley

Thank You

I want to say what a blessing it is for our church to take the flowers from the church service to people who are in the hospital or having therapy. I was so blessed by Janice Tankersley when I looked up from my bed at Encompass and saw her smiling face and hands full of flowers. The volunteers who do that are wonderful to spend their time to bless people who are sick.

Carole Headrick



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Arab Center for Consulting and Training Services (ACCTS)



المرأة العربية اليوم
ARAB WOMAN TODAY

Greetings from Amman, Jordan! 2022 marks a significant year for us at Arab Woman Today and for you, too. We wanted to send the FBC Midland family a special thank you and extend our deepest appreciation to you all on this occasion of twenty years of partnership with us. This milestone is a very special one as we reflect over the last two decades of your continued prayer and support for serving the women of the Arab world. We couldn't have done this without you, and we are beyond grateful you would stand by us so faithfully through many joyous and trying seasons.

A lot can happen in twenty years, and your partnership with us at Arab Woman Today has proven that. Thank you for standing with us as we grew in the ministry that God has graciously given us. Because of your faithfulness to support us, we have been able to expand our outreach to over eighteen countries where Arab women reside. We do not take this for granted, and we share this with you as a testimony to how the Lord is using you to make his name known where people have yet to worship him.

When King David commissioned his son Solomon to build the house of the Lord, "the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly and made their offering to the Lord with a whole heart" (1 Chronicles 29:9). We, along with the AWT family, thank God for your willingness and wholeheartedness in partnering with us in ministry. We were very encouraged by our recent visit with you last year, and we appreciate the hospitality you and the missions ministry showed us. Once again, we extend our sincere thanks to you all. May God bless you as you continue to make disciples of all nations.

Sincerely,

Nabeeh and Ruba Abbassi