

Dear First Family,

Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord! Happy Easter Season! We officially began our season of preparing for Easter last Wednesday. To encourage you in getting your heart and home spiritually ready for Easter, we're launching a daily devotional on our social media pages. We long to equip you to spiritually engage each day! Here's Sunday's devotional to give you a taste of what you should expect. "Sunday, March 6 – Father, prepare the hearts of our church family for revival. Convict us of sin and lead us into repentance." Find those devotionals each day on our social media pages. Below is the prayer emphasizes for next week.

A NOTE FROM JIM AND GAIL STORRIE:

The following note came to me last week and I wanted to share it with you, beloved family. Change is the only constant in our lives even if it's not easy. Please pray for our friends the Storries in this new chapter of their lives.

"After 60+ years Jim and I have said goodbye to Midland and First Baptist Church. For health reasons we have moved to Denton TX which is our original home town. Our three children, Jimmy, David and Anne arranged a place for us in Denton (near Jimmy and his wife Amy and several grandkids) to live and receive the care we need. We enjoyed all our years of service in First Baptist Church of Midland which included 50 years singing in the choir, directing drama presentations (40 years directing the Living Nativity), teaching Sunday school for many years and Precept for 29 years. Thank You for all the years of friendship. We will miss you all."

Thanks Jim and Gail – where would we be without your service to Christ and His kingdom here at FBC? We rejoice for having walked with you and look forward to seeing how God will use you in the days ahead.

SPRING BREAK CHANGES

This week is Spring Break! And didn't the weather last weekend feel like it! God bless those of you who are traveling. We look forward to getting you back home safely. Remember there will NOT be a mid-week meal this Wednesday because of Spring

Break. We'll be back to normal next week.

TWO SPECIAL SUNDAYS

The next two weeks, we're blessed to welcome some very special guests. This Sunday, March 13, we welcome Dr. Elijah Brown, president of the Baptist World Alliance and dear friend to many of us here at FBC. Dr. Brown will offer a word of testimony in each of our morning services and will lead our 5 @ 5 conversation that night. Dr. Brown has served with many in Ukraine and will be bringing a report about the Baptist relief and ministry work in that theater.

March 20, we're pleased to welcome back to FBC Dr. Jim Denison. From 1988-1994, Dr. Denison was our pastor. Currently, Dr. Denison leads the Denison Forum, a Biblically based cultural trends ministry. He writes a free daily devotional you can find at www.denisonforum.org, a resource I highly recommend to you. Dr. Denison has recently written a book entitled, "The Coming Tsunami" which we will give away when Jim speaks at our Sunday evening 5 @ 5. For the first 150 who come to 5 @ 5, we'll provide you a copy of Jim's book.

May I encourage you to make both of these a priority for your Sunday evening times? I know the week gets crowded and not everyone can come every week, but I'd like you to consider this a personal invitation to make these two. They will be well worth your time and attention.

A PERSONAL WORD

A word of congratulations is due to Aaron and Malia Hodges as their oldest son, Wade, gets married this weekend! Wade and his bride-to-be Lydia will live in Ft Wayne, Indiana. God bless their union and their new chapter of life!

Your servant,
Darin



EASTER PRAYER EMPHASIS - WEEK 2

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 13: Lord, show us how to live in the freedom You have given us. This week, prepare opportunities for us to share Your good news with others.

Monday, March 14: Lord, you are sovereign over all things happening in the world. Give us Your peace and lead us to trust You more.

Tuesday, March 15: Father, give us a heart for other people. Lead us to love others radically so that they might see You in us.

Wednesday, March 16: Father, thank You for Your amazing love. Help me to see myself through Your eyes and know that my identity is firmly fixed in who You have made me to be.

Thursday, March 17: Father, because of Easter, we can be free of sin and fear. Give us what we need for each day to walk with You and grow closer to You.

Friday, March 18: Lord, thank You for the purpose You give us as Your people. Empower and equip us to be on mission for You!

Saturday, March 19: Lord, there is no other God but You. Convict us of where we are trusting in idols and bring our focus, worship, love, and trust back to You.



Week of March 13

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)
- 12:00 PM Family Ministry Luncheon (Parlor)
- 4:00 PM Children's and Youth Bible Drill Program (A204)
- 5:00 PM "5 at 5" Evening Services (Chapel)
- 5:45 PM Church Conference
- 6:00 PM 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

- 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-m.info/wfm0316

Menu: Meatloaf, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Peas, Tossed Green Salad, Honey Wheat Roll, & Peach Cobbler

- 5:00 PM Students (Activities Building)
- 5:15 PM Preschool Pizza and Playgrounds (A115)
- 6:00 PM WEBS (E118)
 - Adult Bible Studies:
 - "Cross Before The Crown" by CS Lewis (D101-103)
 - "Hosea" Women's Bible Study (Parlor)
 - "Where Do We Go From Here" Bible Study (E114)
 - 1st Kidz Praise – Children's Choir! (D200 Hallway)
 - Music & Missions – 3 yr old (A117)
 - PreK and Kinder Choir (JAM Room)
 - Students Games & Dinner (E-Hall Coffee Shop)
 - Orchestra Rehearsal (Worship Center)
- 6:30 AM GAP Bible Study (C205)
- 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 (Upstairs A Hall)
 - PreK and Kinder Mission Friends (JAM Room)

THURSDAY

- 6:30 AM Iron Men Bible Study (D103)
- 9:00 AM Precept Bible Study - Ladies (E102)
- 10:30 AM Joyful Sound rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 12:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 6:30 PM BESL and Citizenship Classes (D205)
- 7:00 PM College Home Group

FRIDAY

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

1st Family News

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

We at FBC focus on the North American needs during this time of year by giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

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

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

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 to cover topics on connecting with a culture different than our own.

This event is open to all, but please contact the Missions Office to RSVP for the meal on Friday night at 432-683-0623 or mhodes@fbc-midland.org.

PRETEEN PRE-CAMP RALLY

March 27th, (Fellowship Hall Bay 1) after 11:00 AM Service

Swing by for nachos, games, tunes, and questions...and turn in camp paperwork with your deposit THAT DAY for \$20 off! Price for camp goes up on Monday, March 28th! At least one parent must attend the rally with their camper.

Preteen Camp at Camp Copass (Denton, TX)

July 11-15 for Completed 3rd-6th grade students. Cost is \$280.

Contact Amy Brand for more information

CAMP IN THE CITY

Registration is open!

Register today at: pinecove.com/city/fbc-midland/

Event Date is July 4-8 from 9 AM - 4 PM.

Register your children for the most incredible week of their summer. From amazing counselors & hilarious skits to thrilling activities & awesome Bible studies. Upcoming 1st-6th grade FBC Midland campers are sure to have a blast!

VBS 2022 REGISTRATION

Begins April 1st (online)

The online registration link will be provided fbc-midland.org/events.

Vacation Bible School is for all children ages completed PreK to completed 6th! We can't wait to see you **June 6-9, 2022**

Stewardship Reports

Month Ending: February 2022

Offering	Monthly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 451,220	\$ 3,279,931
Budget Requirement	\$ 488,000	\$ 3,182,867
Over/Under Budget	\$ -36,780	\$ 97,065
Hope 1:8	\$ 1,530	\$ 84,025

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Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 121,107	\$ 3,401,038
Budget Requirement	\$ 122,000	\$ 3,304,867
Over/Under Budget	\$ -893	\$ 96,172
Hope 1:8	\$ 0	\$ 84,025
Annie Armstrong	\$ 2,450	\$ 3,039