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MONDAY-THURSDAY  
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Pray how God may use your talents and abilities. Sign up to help on VOMO or call 432-683-0609 to volunteer in Grades 1-6 or 432-683-0611 to volunteer in the Preschool area.

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Dr. Darin Wood  
Senior Pastor

## This Sunday, April 7

**8:25 & 11:05 a.m. Services**

Dr. Wood's "WICKED"  
sermon series continues

**5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

Student Ministry Alaska  
Missions Report

### From the Pastor

Hi First Family,

Grace and Peace today!

#### ALASKA REPORT

This Sunday evening, we'll hear from our student ministry about their recent mission trip to Alaska. This will be a wonderful time to hear about God's work in their lives and how God moved through them while they were there. The first time I recall standing at the pulpit of my home church was a service just like this one. Come join us and bless these students with a hour of your time. Sunday night at 5 Pm in the fellowship Hall.

#### DISCOVER EASTER

As we begin our preparation for Easter, we want to challenge you to not just bring yourselves to Easter, but to bring others with you. That's the idea behind the "Discover Easter" cards and baskets. We want to put tools in each of our hands to encourage us to bring people to Jesus! My prayer is that you'll pick up some cards and take them with you as you go about your week. Give them to those around you and let them know they are ALWAYS welcome at the First Family. . . . but especially at Easter!

#### WHY THE CROSS STILL MATTERS

We'll begin our journey to Easter on Palm Sunday. Our services that day will be identical as they will be on Easter Sunday. We want everyone to experience the same thing. Some years ago, I was convicted that you cannot know the glory of Easter until you've known the darkness of Good Friday. We'll remember that on Palm Sunday with a message I've entitled "Why the cross still matters." Our order of service will be quite different that day and we'll conclude the service with the Lord's Supper. My prayer is that you'll walk away from that service with a better understanding of what happened in Christ's last week of earthly ministry and how that influences us today.

Your pastor,

Darin

*FBC Church Council minutes, reports, and other information are available on the website at [www.fbc-midland.org/church-council](http://www.fbc-midland.org/church-council) or under the Resources tab on the home page.*

Please join us each Sunday at 8:25 & 11:05 a.m.  
for Dr. Wood's Lenten sermon series

# WICKED

## SAFETY TRAINING

**This Sunday, April 7 at 3:30 pm in the Chapel**



This is your opportunity to learn what our Safety and Security team is doing and how you can be involved.



**AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MIDLAND**

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 14 - PALM SUNDAY @ 8:25 or 11:05 AM  
APRIL 19 - GOOD FRIDAY FACEBOOK LIVE EVENT @ 7:00 PM  
APRIL 21 - EASTER SUNDAY @ 8:25 or 11:05 AM

There are many "definitions" in today's world of what Easter is all about. We invite you into the conversation by joining us to "Discover" Easter with our First Baptist Family and to be intentional by inviting your neighbors and friends. There are two resources available today to help you do this:

1. Discover Easter business size cards are available to pick up and leave with friends/neighbors/restaurants
2. Easter baskets are available to pick up today to fill and take to friends and neighbors.

- Pick up an unfilled Easter basket from the Chapel Foyer this Sunday
- Be sure to grab an interactive gospel tract for kids
- Fill the basket with an Easter goodie!
- Deliver to a family in your neighborhood
- Invite them to join us in worship this Easter!



## PRAY FOR DIRECT SUPPORT MISSIONARIES: Buckner Family Pathways in Midland, Tx



Please pray for:

- Foster care families and recruitment for new families
- The hard work and continued success of two mothers who are working toward graduation from the Family Pathways program in May
- All the families in our programs - the children they are caring for, the biological families of these children, and the Family Pathways families who are working hard to go to school, parent, and work to build strong families



### Meals@Home

FBC's 8 Week Family Challenge

Family meals provide a place to belong, a sense of identity for children and a rhythm for healthier lifestyles. At FBC, we want to encourage families to spend time together at the dinner table. The Meals@Home campaign is designed to challenge families to create a habit of eating meals together at least 3 times a week. FBC resources to help you have intentional conversations with your family may be found on the tables in both the Fish Tank area and the Chapel Foyer. We would love for you to join us in this family ministry! Drawings to be held each week with a grand prize drawing at the end of 8 weeks for a \$200 HEB gift card!

## Martha Adams WMU Scholarship



Scholarship applications & guidelines are available at the Welcome Center Reception Desk. This scholarship is open to any college student attending any college or university, but may be received only once. Completed applications will be accepted all through the month of April. **The deadline to turn in applications is Sunday, May 5.** No application will be accepted after the May 5 deadline. Please pick up & return all completed applications to the Welcome Center Reception Desk. Designated gifts and memorials may be given to this scholarship fund allowing more students to benefit. Awards are determined by committee each spring.



FBC's Starting Point training course is available on the FBC website at [www.fbc-midland.org/starting-point](http://www.fbc-midland.org/starting-point)



Thank you for packing our Food 2 Kids Bag.  
You are so appreciated!

## ARE YOU IN NEED OF PRAYER?

Call the First Baptist Prayer Line @ 432.683.0683 & rest assured someone is praying for you, today.

## First Baptist Church Welcomes Family Promise of Midland Families! April 28 – May 5, 2019

FBC will be hosting families that are in the Family Promise program. Will you PLEASE give of yourself and volunteer? We need the following: (1) Food/dinner preparers. (2) Volunteers to provide hospitality to the families during the evening. (3) Volunteers to spend the night at the Sunshine House.



Family Promise is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to end family homelessness, one family at a time. Family Promise has mobilized the faith community in Midland to assist homeless families in our area. FBC opens our doors to families, 4 times a year, a week at a time, to provide food, shelter, and most importantly hospitality to families in the throes of homelessness. Contact Kim Collier for more information or to volunteer at [kcollier@suddenlink.net](mailto:kcollier@suddenlink.net).

<sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in... - Matthew 25:35



**MOPS · Apr. 19 at 9:00 a.m. in D101-103**

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) registration is open for 2018-2019! MOPS meets on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month from 9-11:00AM! Contact Shanna Arnold at 254.396.4247 or [shanna\\_arnold@hotmail.com](mailto:shanna_arnold@hotmail.com) with more questions. Visit [www.fbc-midland.org/ministries/preschool/mops](http://www.fbc-midland.org/ministries/preschool/mops) to get a registration form!



DON'T MENTION AGE  
**D.M.A. LUNCHEON**  
 A SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUP

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25, FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
 Begins at 11:45 • \$6 Lunch begins at Noon

**DON NEWBURY, SPEAKER**

Call Elket Rodriguez at 432.683.0612 to  
 reserve your spot.



To see and sign up for the different areas of volunteer service available at First Baptist Church, visit [www.fbc-midland.org/vomo](http://www.fbc-midland.org/vomo). The link will take you to FBC's VOMO (Volunteer Mobilization) page where you can easily connect to service opportunities throughout the year. Try it out today!

**Oilfield Christian Fellowship of the Permian Basin**

**Thursday, April 18, 2019**  
 11:30 am - 12:30 pm  
 Rock the Desert Field House  
 2000 FM 1788, Midland, TX 79706

FREE LUNCH - FREE BIBLE - BRING A FRIEND!



**PRAYER TIMES AT FIRST BAPTIST**

- **6:00PM, Tuesday**, FBC Midland Prayer Room (located just north of Welcome Center - Garfield St. side)
- **6:00PM, Wednesday**, Prayer & Bible Study (Room E114 / West side of building - Garfield St. side)
- **Noon, Thursday** - FBC Midland Chapel
- **6:30 AM, Friday** - Men Only. Meet at coffee pot across from kitchen. (North end of building - Cuthbert Ave side)

**FBC Artists to Needed to Display Art**  
**Featured Artist for April: Caitlin Bewley**



The art displayed on the FBC Art Wall (near the Fellowship Hall) is for any FBC artist or photographer. It is enjoyed by our entire membership. If you wish to participate by showing your artwork, please contact Janet Haney at 432.528.5717 or Doris McSparran at 432.683.0618.



**Letters that Lift**

Thank you so much for the donation the church made to Buckner Children & Family Services. That is such a wonderful way to remember Ed! Thanks!

*Carol Ellis, Steve Taylor & families*

To First Baptist Church,  
 Thank you so much for the gift to Buckner Children & Family Services in memory of my husband, Wilburn Long. He would be pleased & thankful you did this. God bless you!

*Kathy Long*

Dear First Baptist Church,  
 Thank you so much for your kind expression of sympathy in the passing of our father, Sam Gibbs. Your gift to Buckner Children & Family services in his memory is very much appreciated. He loved his church family & serving alongside so many friends. Thank you for your compassion & care in helping us say, "Goodbye," to him in such a beautiful way. Blessings,  
*Sue & Pam*

**Our Deepest Sympathy to...**

Mary "Lou" Crimmins in the death of her husband, Joe Crimmins.

Nell Sites in the death of her daughter-in-law, Sheri Sites.



**NOW HIRING!**

**MISSIONS MINISTRY - P/T Ministry Assistant**

**Required Skills:** High School Education, ability to maintain filing system, basic computer skills- Microsoft Office Suite. **Preferred Skills:** Database experience, Social Media skills, Bilingual English/ Spanish w/ English reading & writing.

Please contact Bryan Pinson @ 432.683.0628 or email [bpinson@fbc-midland.org](mailto:bpinson@fbc-midland.org)

Check out our website for complete job descriptions:  
[fbc-midland.org/about/employment-opportunities](http://fbc-midland.org/about/employment-opportunities)  
 Also visit our Facebook page: **First Baptist Church of Midland (FBCM)**

**FBC Lost and Found**

If you have lost any personal items at church over the past few months please stop by the FBC Welcome Center and check with our Lost & Found.

Let's all pray together at the Chapel.

everyone welcome!

Every Thursday  
Noon - 1:00 pm  
At the corner of  
"N" Street and Louisiana  
come when you can, leave when you need to.

### FBC Music Ministry: Open to Everyone!

The Music Ministry is looking for musicians. If you play an orchestra instrument, a band instrument, like to sing on praise teams or in a fabulous choir, then we have a spot for you! We are always wanting as many people involved and serving as we possibly can--we are never full.



Aaron would love to talk with you and see where you fit in the music ministry the best. If you are interested, please email Aaron at [ahodges@fbc-midland.org](mailto:ahodges@fbc-midland.org) or Lisa Alston at [lalston@fbc-midland.org](mailto:lalston@fbc-midland.org). The Music Ministry is excited to have more people join the team.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 A.M.

### Adults

Includes  
Mark 7:25-37

### Students

Mercy & Mission  
(7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades)  
Mark 7:25-37



### Children


Jesus Washed the Disciples' Feet  
(1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades)  
John 13:1-6



### Preschool

Jesus' Triumphant Entry  
(Babies-Kindergarten)  
Matthew 21; Mark 11; Luke 19; John 12



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# MEN'S LUNCHEON

MONDAYS, 11:45AM-1:00PM • \$6 FOR LUNCH

ALWAYS A CHRISTIAN PROGRAM • FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL AGES • COME WITH A PRAYER REQUEST • PRAY WITH OTHER PRAYER WARRIORS • REJOICE IN GOD'S MIRACLES

April 8 - Choc Harris, Testimony

For more info, contact Dave Percy (432) 528-4221, or see [www.fbc-midland.org/men](http://www.fbc-midland.org/men)

## WEDNESDAY FAMILY MEAL

Adult Meal \$6/ Hamburger \$4  
Salad Bar \$3.50/ Family Plan \$23

Wednesday Family Meal service begins at 4:45pm in the Fellowship Hall. All meals include one dessert and beverage.

### APRIL 10

Entree: Chick-fil-A Sandwich, Chicken Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Mexican Style Corn, Tossed Green Salad, Chips & Salsa

Dessert: Chocolate Cream Pie



We will have Chick-fil-a sandwiches available next Wednesday, April 10, as an additional option to our Wednesday Family Meal menu.

## Sunday, March 31, 2019

### Sunday School Attendance

♦ Main Campus .....	1053
♦ Mission Midland .....	114
TOTAL .....	1167

### Week Day Bible Study

♦ Child Development Center .....	128
♦ Children's Day Out.....	108
TOTAL BIBLE STUDIES.....	1403

## End of Month Report

March 2019

Offering	This Month	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 629,565	\$ 4,202,010
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 695,000	\$ 4,312,231
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ -65,435	\$ -110,221
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 1,546	\$ 30,811
Annie Armstrong.....	\$ 39,584	\$ 40,000

## Stewardship Report

March 31, 2019

Offering	This Week	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 106,557	\$ 4,202,010
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 139,000	\$ 4,312,231
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ -32,443	\$ -110,221
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 115	\$ 30,811
Annie Armstrong.....	\$ 2,075	\$ 40,000



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# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Food Drive

**A reminder!** We are still collecting food for the Baptist C.R.I.S.I.S. Center on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. There will be boxes around the church where you can drop off your items. If you need more information, please call the Missions Office at 432.683.0623

- Preschool ..... macaroni & cheese boxes, canned tuna
- Grades 1-4 ..... meaty soups, canned pork 'n beans
- Grades 5-6 ..... 1 lb. corn meal, canned tomatoes
- Grades 7-10, Compass ..... 1-2 lb. dry pinto beans, canned tuna
- Grades 11-12, College ..... 1-2 lb. dry pinto beans, canned tomato sauce
- GAP, Bar-Simon ..... 1-2 lb. dry rice, 1 lb. flour
- Andrew ..... 1 lb. sugar, canned pork 'n beans
- Song of Solomon, Philip, Rachel ... 1 lb. sugar, 1-2 lb. dry rice, canned tuna
- Thomas, Isaac, Peter ..... dry milk (10 pack boxes), meaty soups
- Stephen, David ..... 1 lb. sugar, liquid cooking oil, canned tomatoes
- Barnabas ..... dry milk (10 pack boxes), cooking oil
- Ezekiel ..... dry macaroni, meaty soups, macaroni & cheese boxes
- Gabriel, Silent Friends ..... 1-2 lb. dry rice, 1-2 lb. dry pinto beans, canned tomato sauce
- Marcos, Compass, Grace ..... dry milk (10 pack boxes), 1-2 lb. dry pinto beans
- Nehemiah ..... macaroni & cheese boxes, canned tuna, cooking oil
- Joseph, Luke, Refine, As One ..... 1 lb. flour, 1 lb. corn meal, canned tomatoes



"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness..." ~Psalm 100

## WORSHIP

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP TEAM REHEARSALS**  
Orchestra, 6-7:30 p.m. • Choir, 7-8:00 p.m., Wednesdays  
Meet in the Sanctuary/Choir Room

For more info contact Worship Ministry @ 432.683.0618  
[www.fbc-midland.org/ministries/worship](http://www.fbc-midland.org/ministries/worship)

## FBC DIRECTORY

[www.fbc-midland.org](http://www.fbc-midland.org)

Main Phone - 432.683.0600 Main Fax - 432.683.0660  
Prayer Line - 432.683.0683

- Pastoral Ministry - 683.0604
- Missions Ministry - 683.0623
- Music & Worship Ministry - 683.0618
- Administrative Office - 683.0616
- Activities Ministry - 683.0647
- Children's Ministry - 683.0609
- Preschool Ministry - 683.0627
- Child Development Center - 683.0638
- Children's Day Out - 683.0632
- Student Ministry - 683.0603
- Family Ministry - 683.0612
- Senior Adult Ministry - 683.0653
- Media Ministry - 683.0616
- Membership - 683.0616
- Duplication Svcs - 683.0626
- Library - 683.0625

Live and On-Demand  
streaming of Sunday's  
message is available at  
[www.fbc-midland.org](http://www.fbc-midland.org)

Sunday Morning Services at 8:25 a.m. & 11:05 a.m.

Childcare available for birth - 4 years

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. (all ages)

Sunday Evening Service at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
Wednesday Evening Activities 6:00 p.m.

Service Televised weekly at 7:00 a.m. on KOSA (CBS), Channel 7  
& 10:00 a.m. on MyTV, Channel 16 (or DirectTV Channel 40)  
Televised services are on a one-week tape delay

**FBC offers the opportunity for online giving using your smart phone, tablet, or home computer. It's convenient, simple, and secure.**

**To Give via the FBC Website:**

- On your computer browser, visit [www.fbc-midland.org/how-to-give](http://www.fbc-midland.org/how-to-give)
- Click on the "Give Online" link
- Fill out the information requested as either a first-time giver or as a registered user

**Text to Give:**

- In your smartphone SMS window, text FUNDS to 432-201-3327. You will receive a list of fund names available for donations.
- Text the amount + fund name (i.e. \$10 Lottie Moon) where you want your gift attributed
- First-time donors are prompted to visit a secure URL to register and provide debit card information.
- Once completed, the donations will be processed and you will receive a confirmation text.

**ShelbyNEXT Giving Smartphone App:**

- Visit the Apple or Google Play store to download the ShelbyNEXT | Giving App
- Search for our organization by name (First Baptist Church Midland) or by zip code (79701)
- Select our church and create and account if a first-time user...otherwise, enter your login information
- Click the "Give Now" option at the top of the app.

