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CHRISTMAS 2019
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MIDLAND

Both Christmas gifts/toys and food boxes are to be dropped off at the Fellowship Hall on the following days and times:

Saturday, December 7: 10:00am-1:00pm

Sunday, December 8: 8:00am-11:00am & 4:00pm-7:00pm

Monday, December 9 & Tuesday, December 10: 5:00pm-7:00pm

PLEASE CALL THE MISSIONS OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS 432.683.0623.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®
— *for international missions* —

FBC MIDLAND'S 2019 GOAL: **\$130,000**

FBC TO DATE: **\$10,734**

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Dr. Darin Wood
Senior Pastor

This Sunday, December 8

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

"The Miracle of Peace"

Ephesians 2:11-18

5:00 p.m.

THE GIFT Drama Presentation
in the Worship Center

From the Pastor

Merry Christmas First Family,

Grace, Peace and Christmas blessings to you! I love the first week of Advent! As decorations begin to appear, it's almost like Christmas awakens! It's a joy to see Christmas decorations go up.

LOTTIE MOON INTERNATIONAL MISSION CHRISTMAS OFFERING

As you may have heard this past Sunday, our annual Lottie Moon offering began this week. We've set a goal of \$130,000 for this offering. The Lottie Moon Offering goes to support missionaries serving in international locations. None of this offering gets retained in the US for administrative costs – it ALL goes international. For my family, the gift we give to the Lottie Moon Offering is one that we regard as our Christmas gift to Jesus.

ADVENT GUIDES

In our Welcome Center, we still have several copies of our advent guide "The Songs Tell the Story" by Janet Denison. While it started on Dec. 1, it's not too late to pick up a copy and get started! The best gift you can give yourself is a daily encounter with God and His Word. This book represents a "kick-start" to get that habit going. You'll be stronger and wiser for having spent time with the Savior each day!

THE GIFT

A reminder that we need all gifts and food boxes back at the church this weekend. THE GIFT begins this Sunday night! In our evening service, we'll share our worship time led by our drama presentation we'll present to our guests at THE GIFT. It's not too late to volunteer! Perhaps you can't serve in some of our mission trips or other activities, but you can give a few hours one Saturday to serve the Lord and His people. **THIS IS YOUR BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR A MISSION TRIP!** I pray you'll join us in serving. Find the volunteer sign-up sheets in the Welcome Center.

This Sunday night, Dec 8th, our drama team will present the Living Nativity for this year. Meet us Sunday night at 5 PM for a wonderful time of seeing the dramatic presentation we'll present to our guests at The Gift. We're only doing it once this year so come early!

Your servant,

Darin

PRAY FOR FBC DIRECT SUPPORT MISSIONARIES: Leon Taylor w/ Vietnamese Bible Inc. in Midland, TX



1. Regarding VBI: For our Lord to give William L. Holmes (Bill) wisdom and Holy Spirit discernment as he counsels and helps churches and their leaders, as we print and distribute NVB Scripture for Vietnam, under his leadership. Bill chairs our Publication Committee and is our representative in Vietnam. He oversees all of our printing and distribution, going in and out of Vietnam to do so. As a Christian businessman in Midland/Dallas, Bill juggles a myriad of business and VBI matters. Ask the Lord to overshadow his beautiful family; his wife, Mary Jane, and their three children.
2. For Dr. Dao Tran and his wife as they face the trials of aging. His wife, Diane, will soon need knee surgery and has back problems. Dao develops all our training curriculum for churches and pastors who use the New Vietnamese Bible. He also oversees and approves all the final texts of NVB Scripture to be printed in Vietnam. He leads pastoral training in Vietnam, through the Vietnamese Baptist Theological College.
3. For Evaughn and me as we undergird the work that VBI must do and to assist them in every way needed. We are facing aging and health problems, but the Lord has called us to this ministry.
4. For Bill Holmes, me and the VBI Board of Directors, whom God has called into this ministry for the glory of Christ in Vietnam.

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



Thank you, First Family, for your participation in this year's Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drive! Your desire to reach children with the Gospel of Jesus Christ resulted in 439 boxes being packed and sent out all over the world! We may never see the faces of the children who receive these boxes or ever fully realize the impact these shoeboxes made in their lives, but God does!



Some online Anonymous Gifts need a home before year end! If you feel like you did not get your account set up with your name & address, please come visit LaNell Dean in the Finance Office 8:30am-5:00pm, Monday-Friday.

FIRST BAPTIST
MIDLAND

FBC End of Year Contributions

All contributions for 2019 must be in the Business Office by 5:00 pm on December 31. If you are mailing your gifts, the postmark date on the envelope must be on or before December 31, 2019. Thank you for your gifts!

Please feel free to call the Business Office at 432.683.0615 or 432.683.0613.

See other ways to give on the last page of this issue.

DEC. 15, 22 & 29 WORSHIP
BLENDED SERVICES
8:25 & 11:05AM

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR EVENING ACTIVITIES DEC. 29

CHILD CARE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BABIES THROUGH PRE-K

FBC Artists Needed to Display Art

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.



Oilfield Christian Fellowship of the Permian Basin

Thursday, December 19, 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!

Wainscott/Lacy Scholarship

If you are attending a Baptist College, University or Seminary, you are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Applications are in Susan Upham's office for the Spring 2020 semester and **must be turned in by December 15, 2019.**



IS SERVICE CALLING OUT TO YOU?



No matter what your gifts are, FBC Midland will put them to the Lord's use. Whether you serve as a mentor, a greeter or an extra pair of hands, Christians with a spirit for service are needed for countless volunteer opportunities in our church family.

Call today to find your mission, 432.683.0600!



Letters that Lift

During a time like this, we learn how much our family & friends mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you from all our family for all you did.

Betty Barker & family

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for all the love and prayers sent our way at the passing of my father Mack Van Sickle. The phone calls, encouraging cards and beautiful flowers were comforting. The meal served to our family by Fuffy Green and her team was perfect. The donation to Buckner Children and Family Services is appreciated.

With love, Robin Hoke and Family

Dear First Baptist Family,
Thank you for honoring our mother with a gift to Buckner Children & Family Services in her name. She would be so proud & grateful for this thoughtful tribute. She LOVED children, & they loved her. In the early 1960's she helped a lot of 5 year olds at FBC Midland!

Much love, Mary Lambeth

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the kindness shown to our family in the recent loss of our mother, Mary Margaret Norman. For someone who spent her entire life teaching children about the love of Christ, the donation to Buckner Children & Family Services was particularly appropriate. We thank you for honoring her in this way.

In His Love, the Bobby Norman family



MUSIC MINISTRY - P/T Pianist/Accompanist

- Required Skills: Must be an accomplished pianist willing to audition and interview.

Please contact Aaron Hodges @ 432.683.0619 or email ahodges@fbc-midland.org

Check out our website for complete job descriptions:
fbc-midland.org/about/employment-opportunities

Also visit our Facebook page:
First Baptist Church of Midland (FBCM)

startingpoint

FBC's Starting Point training course is available on the FBC website at

www.fbc-midland.org/starting-point

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH



Jeremy Reich



Mollie Kelley



Maddie Kelley



Kara O'Briant

Letter

Jeremy Reich

Baptized in Christ

Mollie Kelley

Maddie Kelley

Profession of Faith/Requesting Baptism

Kara O'Briant

Our Deepest Sympathy to...

Mr. Jim Hunnicutt in the death of his mother,
Mrs. Eleanor Hunnicutt.

Joyful Congratulations to...

Hank and Dawna Henry on the celebration of their
50th wedding anniversary.

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY NEEDS TEAM MEMBERS



We are looking for new Preschool Team members who would be willing to lead and care for little ones during the 8:25 or 11:05 Worship services. We have lots of new families in our church and want to provide the very best experience for them, as we partner with parents to make disciples! Contact Amy Brand (432.683.0627) or Allison Ashmore (432.683.0611) if you can serve once or twice each month, weekly, or would be interested in subbing.

Bereavement Meal Ministry



One way FBC ministers to a family, upon the death of a loved-one, is by offering to prepare a meal for them the day of the funeral. We have a wonderful group of volunteers who set up the meal, serve the family, & then clean up afterward. If you would like to volunteer to receive training, or just want more information about this ministry, please contact Susan Upham at 432.683.0604

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

December 9

For more info, contact Dave Pearcy (432) 528-4221, or see fbc-midland.org/men

THIS IS OPEN TO ALL MEN, FBC & NON-MEMBERS! BRING YOUR FRIENDS/NEIGHBORS TO FELLOWSHIP WITH US



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

• **6:30AM, Friday** - Men Only. Meet at coffee pot across from kitchen. (North end of building - Cuthbert Ave)

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 A.M.

Adults

God Judges
Numbers 14:5-19

Students

Judgment & Pardon
(7th - 12th grades)
Numbers 14:5-19



Children

No Room at the Inn
(1st - 6th grades)
Luke 2:4-7



Preschool

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream
(Babies-Kindergarten)
Daniel 4



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WEDNESDAY FAMILY MEAL

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

Now accepting credit /debit cards for WFM Nights

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

DECEMBER 11

Entree: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Tossed Green Salad, Biscuit

Dessert: Banana Cream Pie



We will have Chick-fil-a sandwiches, waffle fries & cookies available as an additional option to our Wednesday Family Meal menu. Limited supply; first come first served!

Sunday, December 1, 2019

Sunday School Attendance

◆ Main Campus	855
◆ Mission Midland.....	102
TOTAL	957

Week Day Bible Study

◆ Child Development Center	132
◆ Children's Day Out.....	104
TOTAL BIBLE STUDIES.....	1193

End of Month Report

November 2019

Offering	Monthly	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$1,579,865	\$ 2,067,144
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 540,000	\$ 1,080,000
Over/Under Budget.....	\$1,039,865	\$ 987,144
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 1,366	\$ 12,616
Lottie Moon.....	\$ 4,706	\$ 5,731

Stewardship Report

December 1, 2019

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 77,776	\$ 2,144,920
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 262,416	\$ 1,342,416
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ -184,640	\$ 802,504
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 385	\$ 13,001
Lottie Moon.....	\$ 5,003	\$ 10,734

We're in the Bible App.



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Live and On-Demand
streaming of Sunday's
message is available at
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

this is motherhood



REGISTER ONLINE NOW TO JOIN YOUR NEW COMMUNITY!



Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) registration is open for 2019-2020! MOPS meets on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month from 9-11:00AM! Contact Lauren Ward at mrs.laurenward@gmail.com with more questions. Visit www.fbc-midland.org/ministries/preschool/mops to get a registration form!

KINGDOM WOMEN

Connecting women who seek first His kingdom



Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) Prayer Lunch

First Monday of the Month *(unless otherwise noted)*
11:30am to 1:00pm in Room D100/102

Women of all ages are invited to join us in hearing the latest prayer requests and praises from our FBC Missionaries and Ministries, and enjoy sweet time of fellowship (\$6 lunch is optional).

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Join us in giving online at our church

- Must add your name for your year-end report.
- Must use a new browser: Windows Edge, Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox

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recurring giving
credit card
bank giving
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