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THE *Miracles* OF CHRISTMAS

Dramatic Musical • This Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENTED BY THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ORCHESTRA & CHOIR.

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

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

FBC TO DATE: \$21,548

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Dr. Darin Wood
Senior Pastor

This Sunday, December 15

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

"The Miracle of Joy"

Luke 2:10; Psalm 51:8,12

6:00 p.m.

The Miracles of Christmas Musical
presented by the FBC Orchestra & Choir
in the Worship Center

From the Pastor

Dear First Family,

Grace and Peace to each of you today! Merry Christmas and God bless your December! What a joy it is to join in the celebrations December brings! A special word of thanks to each of you who have been so careful and kind to invite myself and our staff to your class and department Christmas gatherings! What a privilege to live life together!

THE GIFT

THIS SATURDAY is The Gift! If you signed up to help serve, you should receive communication from our missions office reminding you of when you've committed to serve. If you do not, please call our missions office to make sure we have you down! We want to make sure everyone has the chance to serve Christ by serving people! As you come to serve, please bear in mind that our purpose is NOT to put Christmas gifts and good food in the hands of our friends who will come. Our purpose is to share the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ! We are about PEOPLE, not the task of the Christmas gifts and food. While we delight in sharing these things with them, let's keep our minds and hearts clear – it's people Jesus came for! They were his focus! And indeed they must be ours as well. Saturday, come ready to serve people!

THE MIRACLES OF CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

You will definitely want to be back Sunday night for our choir and orchestra's musical, "The Miracles of Christmas." Led by our man Aaron Hodges at 6 PM (notice the time), this worship experience will help us sharpen our focus on our Savior and His miraculous entrance! When you arrive Sunday morning, our Worship Center will have some additional equipment erected for our musical. I pray you'll join us for what promises to be a rich and beautiful worship experience.

THE MIRACLE OF JOY

This Sunday morning, we'll turn our attention to the miracle of JOY! Using the stories of lives changed by the power of Christ and the joy that change brought, we'll embrace the Lord's joy for each of our lives. I pray you'll be with us Sunday morning!

DECEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES

Speaking of our worship services, we're doing things a little differently for the next three Sundays. Due to the needs of our music ministry, we're going to do identical services for all of our time slots for the next three Sundays, including our chapel services. If you're accustomed to worshipping in the Chapel at 11:05, you're more than welcome to do so but there will be no live music in the Chapel for the next three weeks. If that's you, please receive this as an invitation to join us in the auditorium for the next three weeks for our identical services.

Living in the Joy of John 1:14,

Darin

PRAY FOR FBC DIRECT SUPPORT MISSIONARIES:

Teen F.L.O.W. Youth Ministries in Midland, TX



SAMANTHA CARRELL - Teen F.L.O.W.

Outreach Ministry is in its 19th year of reaching young people with the message of the Gospel and helping prepare them for a Godly and productive adulthood. Over 150 kids between the ages of 13 and 18 come on a weekly basis and leave a little better than when they arrived. Along with Bible study and fellowship, they are infused with life skills, morals, and principles that will serve them all their lives. Many are considered "at risk", and our building and programs serve as a safehaven from a world full of temptations and pitfalls for young people in these times. Trips to summer camps give some their first opportunity to travel outside of Midland and experience God first-hand in a wilderness environment.

Prayer requests:

-For the Lord to open our students' hearts to the Lord and strengthen their understanding/connection of their walk with Christ.

-That the Lord would provide his strength for all staff, mentors, and volunteers in supporting our students for this upcoming school year.

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 this Sunday, December 15, 2019.**



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

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!

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00, 6:00 & 8:00 P.M.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC BEGINS 30 MINUTES PRIOR
TO EACH SERVICE • FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT FOR ALL
WATCH THE SERVICE AT HOME ON KWES (NBC9) AT 10:30 P.M.



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.

GRIEF SHARE

BEGINS MONDAY,
JANUARY 6, 2020
6:00-7:30 P.M. - 13 WEEKS
ROOM D100-102

A special weekly seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. Grief Share features biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics from many experts who are authors, counselors, speakers and pastors. To register, call Mickey Trimble at 432.238.1239.

Grab your hard hat and tool belt!

SAVE THE DATE
for
**FIRST BAPTIST
MIDLAND
VBS 2020**
**MONDAY - THURSDAY
JUNE 1-4, 2020
9AM-12PM**

Pray about how God can use your talents and abilities. Sign up to help by calling 432-683-0609 to volunteer in Grades 1-6 or 432-683-0611 to volunteer in the Preschool area.

ARE YOU IN NEED OF PRAYER?

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



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.



Thank you to 3rd Grade RA's for packing our Food2Kids bags.

startingpoint

FBC's Starting Point training course is available on the FBC website at www.fbc-midland.org/starting-point

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

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!



Teen F.L.O.W. of Midland seeks to help students develop the skills necessary for personal success and allow for a spiritually transformative experience to direct their lives both now and well into the future. Currently, Teen F.L.O.W. is in need of mentors. They meet Tuesdays, 4:30-7:30pm. Contact Roman Acuna at 432.307.9815 or roman@teenflow.com to get involved.



Letters that Lift

First Baptist Church Midland,

Thank you for your financial and prayerful commitment to TBM – Texans on Mission – as together we share the love of Christ to those in need. Your partnership in the mission of TBM is extremely valued and enables us to do what we do in Texas and around the world.

In His Name, Becky Majors, Donors Relations Coordinator

**Gift was \$25,000 from the Vision Fund for disaster relief as a result of Tropical Storm Imelda*

First Baptist Church Midland,

Just wanted to make sure you knew how appreciated you are not only for all you do, but for who you are – a reflection of the One you serve, Jesus Our Lord. We are most grateful for your love, care and kindness.

God Bless You So Much, Bishop Jeremiah Kibobi

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your gift to Buckner Children & Family Services in memory of my brother, Joe Shuffield. Joe would be pleased that a gift was made in his memory to such a wonderful & worthy organization.

Love, Kathy Long

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for your cards, flowers & visits while I was in the hospital. Thank you especially for the prayers. FBC truly feels like a family.

God bless, Karen & Vic Morris

First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for your gift to Buckner Children & Family Services in memory of Percy Tate. This would please him so much. Thank you for your kindness & thoughtfulness.

Sincerely, The family of Percy Tate

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the love you showed us when we moved. You were truly a family to us for so many years. God used you to teach us, encourage us & help us raise our children. It was a joy for us to serve with you. We will always consider First Baptist Midland our home & family.

Love to you all, Carol & Aaron Dover



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)

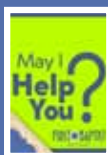
• **Noon, Thursday** - FBC Midland Chapel

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

FBC Greeter Ministry

Scripture tells us to "Practice Hospitality" -Romans 12:13

Remember when you were new at FBC? We have a large building and many ministries to help people find. FBC needs you to help us in our effort to greet guests each Sunday during all hours! Everyone can do this ministry and help guests know we are glad they are here. Training will be provided. Contact Larry Grimes lgrimes@fbc-midland.org



SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 A.M.

Adults

God Requires
Numbers 20:1-13

Students

Tough Love
(7th - 12th grades)
Numbers 20:1-13

Children

Of Shepherds and Angels
(1st - 6th grades)
Luke 2:8-20

Preschool

Daniel in the Lions' Den
(Babies-Kindergarten)
Daniel 6



We're in the Bible App.



Download the latest
version of the Bible App.



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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

Our Next Meeting is December 16

(No Meeting December 23 or 30)

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

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

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 18

Entree: Honey Glazed Ham, Dressing, Gravy, Sweet Potato Casserole, Honey Wheat Roll, Tossed Green Salad

Dessert: Boston 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 8, 2019

Sunday School Attendance

♦ Main Campus	1119
♦ Mission Midland.....	99
TOTAL	1218

Week Day Bible Study

♦ Child Development Center	132
♦ Children's Day Out.....	104
TOTAL BIBLE STUDIES.....	1454

Stewardship Report

December 8, 2019

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 250,710	\$ 2,395,630
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 262,416	\$ 1,604,833
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ -11,706	\$ 790,797
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 455	\$ 13,456
Lottie Moon.....	\$ 10,814	\$ 21,548

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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
Media Ministry - to 683.0622
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

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

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).



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)**

Pastoral Care Ministry: Hospital Visits



Robbie Boyd, FBC's Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care makes the First Baptist Church family hospital visits in Midland and Odessa. If you or a family member are going into the hospital, please contact Susan Upham at 432.683.0604 in advance. This will ensure your name will be on our hospital list.

FIRST BAPTIST
MIDLAND

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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one-time gifts
recurring giving
credit card
bank giving
manage account

