

THE BANNER

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ENCOUNTER · EQUIP · ENGAGE

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

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR EVENING ACTIVITIES DEC. 29

**CHILD CARE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR
BABIES THROUGH PRE-K**

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.

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Dr. Darin Wood
Senior Pastor

This Sunday, December 22

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

"The Miracle of Love"

1 John 4:7-12

5:00 p.m.

Table Talk in the Fellowship Hall
*A walk through the church of the holy
nativity in Bethlehem*

From the Pastor

Dear First Family,

Grace and Peace to each of you my beloved family! What a joy it is to celebrate Christmas with you! Thanks for the privilege of serving Jesus and each of you.

THE GIFT / THE MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS

Some weekends are big – others are ENORMOUS! This was an enormous one! Let's start with The GIFT.

When I got to the church Saturday morning around 7:45, many of you were already there, serving, preparing and getting your hearts and hands ready to serve our friends who were coming. I prayer-walked the building, stopping at each "station" to ask God's powerful hand on each area, each guest, each volunteer and each act of service. At 9 AM, our guests began to arrive. . . .and we were ready! The hours we had spent preparing for them came to fruition. My assignment was to proclaim the Gospel of Christ to our friends at the drama in the Chapel. As anyone who served at The Gift can tell you, a new shift came every thirty minutes so there wasn't much time to reflect – just opportunities to serve coming regularly. We got to serve more than 100 families with Christmas gifts, food and, most importantly, the Gospel. Through the course of the day, we saw at least 12 come to faith in Christ! That's worth every moment of work!

The Miracles of Christmas musical on Sunday night was equally amazing! Led by Aaron Hodges and Jeff Wash, our musical was different than any musical I've ever attended before and praise the Lord for it! We had an experience of worship, not a performance. I was so proud of each of those who served! Our orchestra, choir, dramatic actors led by our man Greg West, and our technical staff worked so tirelessly to envision a Christmas musical for the 21st century! Thanks for your vision, your passion, your time and your service to the Lord!

Overall, throughout the weekend, I was humbled by the heart of service I saw all over the building! To each of our volunteers who served this weekend – whether it was as a choir member, orchestra member, actor, tech volunteer, GIFT volunteer or any other role, let me just say THANK YOU for being active in Missions right here in Midland. May God bless your generosity of self!

FINAL BANNER OF THE YEAR

The Banner you now read is the last one for 2019. As you prepare for the new year, I want to invite you to see clearly in 2020. Beginning this Sunday, you'll find a brochure in our foyers entitled "Seeing Clearly in 2020." It's a Bible reading plan for the coming year. You can read through all 66 books of the Bible in approximately 15 minutes a day and this plan will help you do it. In bite-sized portions, this reading plan is one you can use with confidence. I've used it before and can promise you it's time-friendly. I truly believe spending time each day in the Bible is life-altering. I challenge you to commit to it! Join me on a journey through the Bible in 2020 and let the Word of God clarify your vision!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SUNDAY NIGHT

After some confusion, I wanted to clarify for you about Sunday School and Sunday Night. We WILL HAVE SUNDAY SCHOOL and SUNDAY NIGHT this week, Dec 22. We will NOT HAVE either one Sunday, Dec 29th. We will resume our normal schedule on January 5th.

Your pastor,
Darin



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.



**PRAY FOR FBC DIRECT SUPPORT MISSIONARIES:
Baptist Student Ministries at Midland College**

Currently, the BSM at Midland College is without a campus leader. Please pray that God will fill that need by sending a leader who loves the Lord and has a passion to reach college aged students with the love and hope of Christ.



Ladies Lunchtime Bible Study (\$6 optional lunch)
"All Things New" by Kelly Minter

Kelly Minter will lead you through the Letter of 2 Corinthians, exploring the anchoring truths of bearing treasures in jars of clay, meeting Christ through a pressing thorn, opening wide your heart in the midst of hurtful relationships, and what it means to embrace the lost and lonely as ministers of the new covenant. Each of us has a message to proclaim and live by: Because of Jesus the old has gone, the new has come. Study books can be purchased for \$15 and optional lunch is available for \$6. Led by Kristie Garnett, beginning January 16th at 11:30 am in Room D101-103.

NO VALET PARKING, DECEMBER 29 ONLY

Due to FBC Midland's holiday schedule, we will not have valet parking or Sunday School, Dec. 29.



SUNDAY AT 5PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

IRON MEN STUDY

"Soul Keeping" by John Ortberg

The health of your soul isn't just a matter of saved or unsaved. It's the hinge on which the rest of your life hangs. It's the difference between deep, satisfied spirituality and a restless, dispassionate faith. In an age of materialism and consumerism, many souls are starved, unhealthy, and unsatisfied. We've neglected this eternal part of ourselves, focusing instead on the temporal concerns of the world and not without consequence. John Ortberg will help you discover your soul the most important connection to God there is and find your way out of the spiritual shallow-lands to true divine depth. Led by Berry Simpson; begins January 9th, 6:30am, Room D101. \$15.



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.

**FINAL ISSUE FOR 2019
MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

This will be our final issue of "The Banner" for 2019. Please make note of all important dates through January 2. From all of the Media Team, many blessings to you for a very Merry Christmas & joyful new year.



The Missions Office would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make THE GIFT a success.

We would especially like to thank Linda Freeman, Julie Elphick, and Connie Bentz for all the countless hours and hard work spent making sure each gift was received and accounted for.



Grab your hard hat and tool belt!

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

CONCRETE & CRANES

Pray about how God can use your talents and abilities. Sign up to help by calling 432-683-0809 to volunteer in Grades 1-6 or 432-683-0611 to volunteer in the Preschool area.

THANK YOU



Thank you to 4th Grade GA's for packing our Food2Kids bags.

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH



Spencer Nordman



Luke Valles

Baptized in Christ
Spencer Nordman

Profession of Faith/
Requesting Baptism
Luke Valles

Our Deepest Sympathy to...

Karen Ivy in the death of her mother-in-law,
Mrs. Peggy Ivy.

Jay Ivy in the death of his brother, Leonard Ivy.

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.

Community Bible Study (CBS)

This interdenominational Bible study is made up of 200+ ladies of all ages from a variety of backgrounds. Schedule includes both large and small group time. Limited space in the children's program for 0-5 years available; register in advance. For more information, contact Nancy Spear at 432-853-9925 or nancy@spearbrothersgroup.com or visit www.midland.cbssclass.org. Begins January 8th, 9:15-11:15am in the Chapel. \$35.



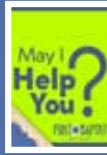
PRAYER TIMES AT FIRST BAPTIST

- **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 Saves

Matthew 1:18-25; Numbers 21:6-9

Students

Turn to Jesus

(7th - 12th grades)

Matthew 1:18-25; Numbers 21:6-9



Children

The Birth of Christ

(1st - 6th grades)

Matthew 1:18-24, 2:1-12



Preschool

The Birth of Christ

(Babies-Kindergarten)

Matthew 1:18-24, 2:1-12




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

No Meeting December 23 & 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



WMU Prayer Lunch

Monday, January 6, 2019

11:30am to 1:00pm in D100/102

Hear the latest prayer requests and praises from our FBC Missionaries and Ministries, and enjoy sweet fellowship (\$6 lunch is optional).

NO WEDNESDAY FAMILY MEAL

DECEMBER 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS
JANUARY 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Sunday School Attendance

♦ Main Campus	1007
♦ Mission Midland.....	101
TOTAL	1108

Week Day Bible Study

♦ Child Development Center	132
♦ Children's Day Out.....	104
TOTAL BIBLE STUDIES.....	1344

Stewardship Report

December 15, 2019

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 192,263	\$ 2,587,893
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 262,416	\$ 1,867,249
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ -70,154	\$ 720,643
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 5	\$ 13,461
Lottie Moon.....	\$ 15,012	\$ 36,560

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Children's Ministry - 683.0609
Preschool Ministry - 683.0627
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Children's Day Out - 683.0632
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Family Ministry - 683.0612
Media Ministry - to 683.0622
Membership - 683.0616
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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

HOLIDAY BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Please see the schedule below for television broadcasts of FBC Midland's Christmas Eve Service & The Miracles of Christmas Musical presentation.

KWES (NBC)

10:30-11:30pm, December 24 – Christmas Eve Service
1-2:00pm, December 25 – The Miracles of Christmas Musical

KOSA (CBS) and NOSA (MyTV) CBS7

NOSA – 7-8:00pm, December 24 – The Miracles of Christmas Musical
NOSA – 8-9:00am, December 25 – The Miracles of Christmas Musical
KOSA – 6-7:00am, December 25 – The Miracles of Christmas Musical

KMID (ABC)

9-10:00pm, December 24 – The Miracles of Christmas Musical
11am-12:00pm, December 25 – The Miracles of Christmas Musical

KPEJ (FOX)

10-11:00pm, December 24 – The Miracles of Christmas Musical
9-10:00am, December 25 – The Miracles of Christmas Musical

1st Sunday Food Drive

FBC Midland collects food for the Baptist C.R.I.S.I.S. Center the first Sunday of each month. There will be boxes around the church where you may drop off your items. If you need more information about FBC missions or the Benevolence Ministry, 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

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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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