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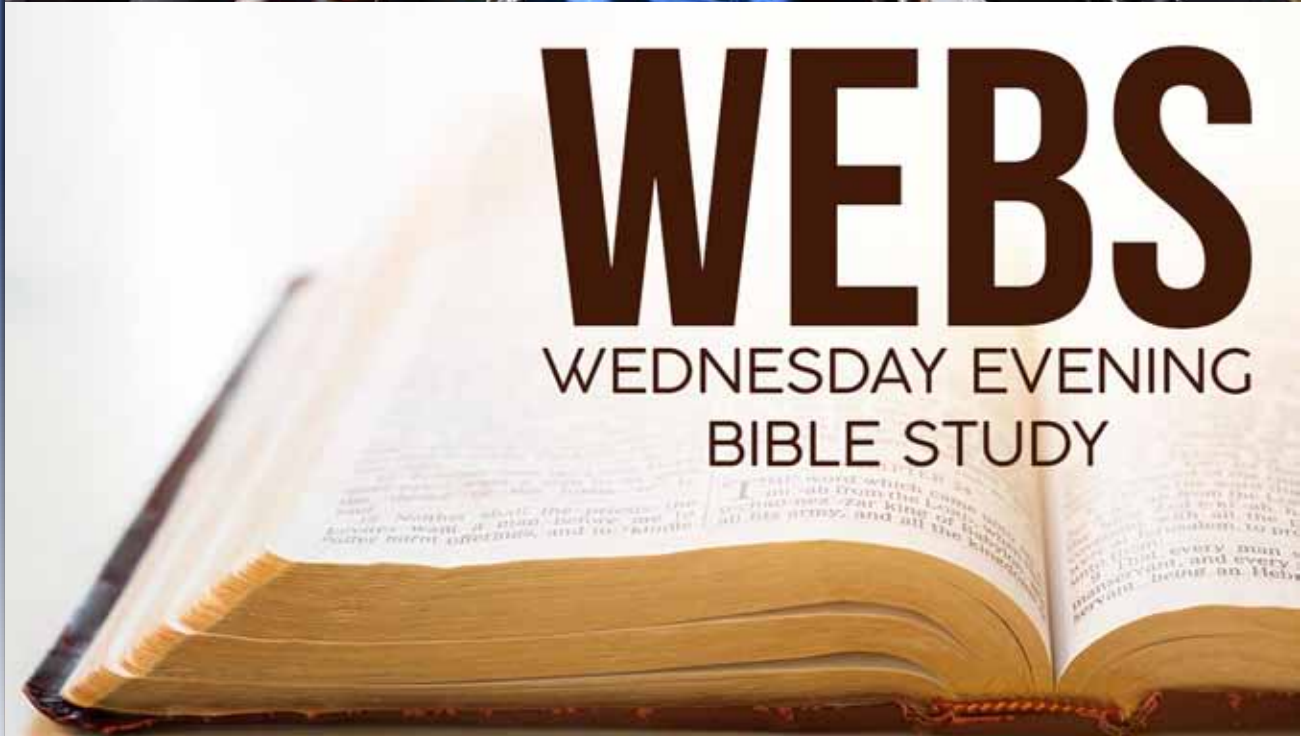
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## TUNE UP

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FOR DR. WOOD'S NEW YEAR SERIES



# WEBS

WEDNESDAY EVENING  
BIBLE STUDY

JOIN DR. WOOD AT 6:00 P.M. IN E114  
FOR JANUARY'S WALK THROUGH PSALMS

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Dr. Darin Wood  
Senior Pastor

## This Sunday, January 12

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

Dr. Wood's series continues  
"Tune UP Our Families"

5:00 p.m.

Table Talk in the Fellowship Hall

### From the Pastor

Dear First Family,

Grace, Peace and Happy New Year! May God's strength sustain each of us in this coming year!

#### SEEING CLEARLY IN 2020

Our Bible reading plan is off to an extraordinary start! If you're following our prescribed plan, you've already read about Creation, Noah and the Flood and the beginning of Abram's Covenant. You've also read the Sermon on the Mount as well as the first several Psalms, and the first chapter of Proverbs! You're doing great! Far too many Christians have good intentions about reading through the Bible, but never actually do so. This is your chance to not only complete a full reading of the Bible but to do it with your church family!

Remember, you can find a downloadable plan at our church website. It's not too late to join us. Someone asked me recently, "Darin, what is it that you're hoping for if all of us join you in this adventure?" I answered honestly – I don't know but I'd like to find out! What I believe about reading the Bible is simple: spending time each day in God's Word and in prayer changes lives. It creates disciples and reshapes hearts. THAT is why I pray you'll join us on this journey through God's Word.

#### TUNE UP

This week's Tune UP is aimed at our Families. We spend our lives with our families and yet sometimes they are the most neglected area for renewal. For some, there appear to be a belief that just being close to one another physically will automatically build a healthy family. We know better but we don't often take time to Tune UP our families. Come this Sunday and let's talk about how we do that very thing!

#### W.E.B.S!

Our new W.E.B.S. (Wednesday Evening Bible Study) series began Jan 8! I want to invite you to join our study even if you never have! We're beginning a study through the Book of Psalms. Make plans to join us at 6 Pm in E 114. We'll have a time of prayer and then a brief Bible study.

#### PRAYER FOR OUR ELECTED LEADERS

Since this is an election year, will you join me in praying for our elected leaders as well as our electoral process? As Americans, we are blessed with a wonderful gift – freedom. We exercise it best when we vote for our leaders. As we begin this election year, please pray with me for the following:

1. Those we've already elected. Pray that God's wisdom and strength would be upon them.
2. Those who God has called to run for office - we need godly people to run for public offices.
3. We need to guard our minds and hearts to discern the difference between what's eternal and what's opinion. Pray with me that we'll have perspective to see the difference. Too many times, we devolve into our "tribes" believing the worst about those who differ from us. May we remember that our unity is key to any healthy nation and it's a precious and fragile thing – act accordingly.
4. We need to guard our tongues in the way we speak to one another and about those in leadership.

This may prove to be a divisive year for us as a nation, but it doesn't have to be so. We can choose differently but we must be deliberate in doing so. Join in praying that we – the church that sees Jesus as King regardless of who is president (or any other office for that matter!) – will lead the way in seeking healing, peace and unity.

Your pastor,

Darin

#### PRAY FOR FBC DIRECT SUPPORT MISSIONARIES: David Wall w/ Agape Ministries in Juarez, Mexico



In 2003, Agape Ministries began in a neighborhood outside El Paso with a vision of a social ministry that would reach people and plant a church with a core vision of missions. Through different social ministries Agape Baptist Church, the Love of God Baptist Church and the Bread of Life Baptist Church began. While establishing the churches in Juarez, we began a work in the Sierra Tarahumara among the Raramuris. We are working in four communities and God has granted five full time workers among the Raramuris, who we depend on. The most important social ministry we have fulfilled is the Feeding Halls of Love--four in the City of Juarez and one mobile kitchen. Through this ministry began a music school, medical teams, support for senior citizens and a program to help people with special problems. In the Tarahumara we have two feeding halls.



## Golden Marriage Celebration

**Saturday, February 8, Fellowship Hall, 5PM  
w/ Special Guests Steve & Annie Chapman**

Couples married 50 years or more as of February 8, are eligible to sign up in your S.S. department or by calling Susan Upham at 432.683.0604 before Sunday, February 2. If this is your first year to attend, please bring a current photo & a wedding photo (or photo taken around wedding date) to Susan by Friday, January 31.



The Chapmans have performed their family focused music at over 2,500 churches across the nation as well as at various conference centers such as The Cove/Billy Graham Training Center in North Carolina, Sandy Cove Conference Center in Maryland, Spruce Lake Conference Center in Pennsylvania and Word of Life Conference Center in New York. Also, the Chapmans have conducted marriage events for the Air Force at various bases around the world including Pensacola, Korea, Germany, Hawaii and Montana.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:nancy@spearbrothersgroup.com) or visit [www.midland.cbsclass.org](http://www.midland.cbsclass.org). Begins January 8th, 9:15-11:15am in the Chapel. \$35.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES

### The Smart Stepfamily by Ron Deal

In *The Smart Stepfamily*, leading expert Ron L. Deal reveals the seven fundamental steps to blended family success and provides practical, realistic solutions to the issues you face as a stepfamily. Whether married or soon-to-be married, you'll discover how to communicate effectively and solve the everyday puzzles of stepchildren relationships. Begins January 15th at 6 pm. Register for the class on the church website. Cost of the study guide is \$10. Led by Cory Brand.

### Parental Guidance Required by Andy Stanley & Reggie Joiner

Of all the assignments God will give you during your time on earth, none may be more sacred than the task of raising your children. The *Parental Guidance Required* study is designed to give you the counsel you need to help prepare your children for the future. *Parental Guidance Required* is a practical resource that will encourage you to look at the relationships in your children's lives and ask the important questions. Books for the class are \$10, and couples can share a book (if desired). Begins January 22nd at 6 pm. Register for the class on the church website. Led by Amy Brand; Please contact Amy if assistance is needed.

### Grandparenting Matters

This study is designed to encourage and equip Christian grandparents to leave a legacy of faith to their grandchildren. It begins January 29 at 6 pm in room E 102. Register on church website or contact James at [jervin@fbc-midland.org](mailto:jervin@fbc-midland.org). Cost of the workbook is \$12.

### Through the Darkness by Tommy Nelson

If feelings of anxiety and depression are limiting you from living the life you could be, you're not alone. But you don't have to feel unloved, afraid, or misunderstood anymore, because there is a God who sees and knows your pain. After years of struggling with anxiety and depression, Tommy Nelson shares his story in hopes of bringing you closer to hope, healing, and Jesus. Led by Larry Grimes. If interested in attending, please contact Larry at [lgrimes@fbc-midland.org](mailto:lgrimes@fbc-midland.org). Begins February 5th at 6:00 pm.

### Precept Upon Precept Bible Study



Thursdays, starting January 9. 9:30 am in E102; led by Katy Little. Studying the Sermon on the Mount. Books are \$20. Come with the first lesson complete. To pick up your book, contact Katy at 432.557.9768.



Thank you to CDC for the food drive for our Food 2 Kids Program.

**THEY COLLECTED 9,482 ITEMS!**



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 432-683-0609 to volunteer in Grades 1-6 or 432-683-0611 to volunteer in the Preschool area.



### PRAYER TIMES AT FIRST BAPTIST

• **6:00PM, Tuesday**, FBC Midland Prayer Room (located just north of Welcome Center - Garfield St. side)

• **6:00PM, Wednesday**, W.E.B.S. w/ Dr. Wood (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)

### Our Deepest Sympathy to...

Marjorie Boyd in the death of her husband, Charlie Boyd.

Maria Arizpe in the death of her mother, Rose Arizpe.

Jimmy Rogers in the death of his wife, Shirley Rogers.

Roseanne Reese in the death of her mother, Bettye Funk Carr.



FBC 55+ ADULTS PRESENTS

### GAITHER VOCAL BAND

**FRI., FEB. 7 · 7:00PM · FBC ABILENE**


Cost is \$25 and transportation by church vans will be available if you choose to travel as a group. FBC vans will depart Midland at 3 pm. We will have dinner in Abilene before the concert. Please register at [fbc-midland.org](http://fbc-midland.org) or by using the registration envelope in your Sunday School class. Deadline to register for group tickets is Sunday, January 26.

### An Expert Guide to Planning for Your Senior Years

**Saturday, January 25 · 8:30 am · Cost: \$10**  
**Fairmont Park Church of Christ – 3813 Midland Dr.**

Experts will provide information on these topics: Legal Issues, Assisted Living, Home Care, Financial Issues, Alzheimer, Hospice, Medicare and funeral planning. Register at [www.fmpchurch.com/seniorseminar](http://www.fmpchurch.com/seniorseminar) or call Galen Bock at 432-352-0931

### Children's Ministry Host Homes Needed!

 Pine Cove's Camp in the City, which is an onsite camp for kids who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade, is coming to FBC June 29-July 3. Pine Cove's staff members will need places to get some rest. Host families will provide breakfast and three dinners throughout the week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday). Host homes will need to host a minimum of 3 staffers of the same gender. Host families will not need to provide transportation.

Please contact Children's Minister, Sarah Arrambide, at 432.683.0607 or email her at [sarrambide@fbc-midland.org](mailto:sarrambide@fbc-midland.org) if you'd like to host some of these great young adults, or if you have any questions.



# 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

**January 13 - Brian Colbath, Circle 6 Camp**

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

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

## 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](mailto:lgrimes@fbc-midland.org)



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

### Adults

God Expects  
Numbers 32:2-32

### Students

Covenant Keeping  
(7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades)  
Numbers 32:2-32



### Children

The Captives Came Home  
(1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades)  
Ezra 1-3



### Preschool

Obadiah the Prophet  
(Babies-Kindergarten)  
Obadiah



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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.

## JANUARY 15

Entree: Brisket, Sweet Potato Fries, Pinto Beans, Tossed Green Salad, Mexican Cornbread

Dessert: Chocolate Chip 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, January 5, 2020

### Sunday School Attendance

♦ Main Campus .....	1102
♦ Mission Midland .....	97
TOTAL .....	1199

### Week Day Bible Study

♦ Child Development Center .....	132
♦ Children's Day Out.....	104
TOTAL BIBLE STUDIES.....	1435

## End of Month Report

December 2019

Offering	Monthly	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$1,169,825	\$ 3,236,969
Budget Requirement.....	\$1,312,082	\$ 2,392,082
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ -142,257	\$ 844,887
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 2,830	\$ 15,446
Lottie Moon.....	\$ 89,873	\$ 95,604

## Stewardship Report

January 5, 2020

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
First Baptist.....	\$ 150,883	\$ 3,387,852
Budget Requirement.....	\$ 135,000	\$ 2,527,082
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ 15,883	\$ 860,770
Hope 1:8.....	\$ 355	\$ 15,801
Lottie Moon.....	\$ 670	\$ 96,274

We're in the Bible App.



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Preschool Ministry - 683.0627  
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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

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.



### MEDIA MINISTRY - Associate Media Director

Please contact Jeff Wash @ 432.683.0622 or email  
[jwash@fbc-midland.org](mailto:jwash@fbc-midland.org)

### 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](mailto:ahodges@fbc-midland.org)

Check out our website for complete job descriptions:

[fbc-midland.org/about/employment-opportunities](http://fbc-midland.org/about/employment-opportunities)

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FIRST BAPTIST  
MIDLAND

### Join us in giving online at our church

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