



The BANNER

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HI BELOVED FIRST FAMILY!

Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord! Thanks to our friend Rev. Grantham Wash for leading so very well this past Sunday!

As for me, this was the last Sunday of summer for our family, and our son's extracurricular activities start on August 3. Josh and I opted to go see my dad and catch a Rangers game. I'll be back in place this Sunday, August 2.

BIG NEWS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY!

If you were at the Church Conference last Sunday night, you've already heard this, but if not, I've got great news! In concert with the Personnel Committee and the Church Council, I'm pleased to tell you our friend Rev Jeff Suggs has agreed to become our permanent student minister! On August 16th, we'll vote to make it official. Jeff brings a wealth of student ministry experience, having served for 15 years at Pine Cove Camps near Tyler as part of their administrative staff. His genuine love for students and their families has been evident in his time as our interim, so when I approached him about taking on this role, his enthusiastic response was refreshing. In each of our morning services on August 16, we'll hold a vote on calling Jeff to this role.

As is our habit, we'll hold a Q & A time with Jeff on Saturday, August 15th, at 2 PM in our Fellowship Hall for all who would like to come. I hope you're as excited as our committees and I are about this direction. May God's mercy and wisdom guide us going forward.

As for Jeff's current role as our Missional Catalyst, we're going to pause that role

for now. That decision wasn't made lightly or quickly. The need still exists. But our original plan for this role called for a cooperative funding of the position by several local churches. Sadly, that partnership never materialized. Our greatest need is for Jeff to serve in our student ministry, so we'll put this role on pause for now and revisit it later.

GAME NIGHT! • AUGUST 2 IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Our summer Sunday nights have been a joy! As we transition to August, we wanted to start off with a bang on Sunday night! Meet us in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday night for an awesome night of games. Unlike the one we held in the Activities Building a couple of weeks ago, our friend Nathan Wennerlind has some fun up his sleeve for us! Join us for the joy of being together, especially if you have children!

ANNIE MOSES BAND • AUGUST 8-9

We are pleased to welcome the Annie Moses Band to our campus soon! This is far more than just a concert as we've done in the past - this is more akin to a conference! We're pleased to welcome you to participate in Saturday's breakout sessions. Elsewhere in this Banner, you'll find a complete list of the options for Saturday afternoon.

On Sunday morning, Aug 9, we'll share worship with our guests, who will lead us. Their love for the Lord and their leadership for God's people is something I'm excited to share with you.

Sunday evening, we'll welcome them back to the Worship Center for a concert!

PROMOTION SUNDAY • AUGUST 16

We're excited to move our children and students up to their new grade levels! Sunday, August 16th, we'll invite them to join their new classes! If you're a parent, expect an email or card with directions on where to take them. If you don't receive one, please reach out to our offices to ensure we have the correct information.

SHORT SEASONS, LONG SEASONS

As I looked at the calendar and realized just how little summer remains, I was stunned. How could the summer go by so quickly? For that matter, here we are almost into the 8th month of the year.... already! When we gather for our staff planning retreat on August 13th, one of our prime topics will be CHRISTMAS! It's shocking how fast the season slides by! It's a good time to remember: our God isn't limited by seasons, even though He is the author of them. His steadfast love never changes! His eternality grounds me in my temporality. Take time today to read Psalm 19 and Isaiah 43, and be reminded that our God is carrying us through, no matter the season.

Your servant,

Dr. Darin Wood
Senior Pastor



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

July 26, 2026

OFFERING	WEEKLY	YEAR TO DATE
FBC Offering	\$ 106,041	\$ 6,454,896
Budget Requirement	\$ 146,985	\$ 6,539,366
Over/Under Budget	\$ -40,944	\$ -84,470
Hope 1:8	\$ 80	\$ 10,695

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY • 08/02

- 8:30 AM Worship Service* (Worship Center)
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service* (Worship Center)
- First Baptist en Español Service (Chapel)
- 5:00 PM Summer Sunday Nights: Game Night in the Fellowship Hall

* Extended care is available for Birth - PreK during worship services.

Worship Services are live streamed on our website at: fbc-midland.org as well as Facebook, YouTube, & Vimeo.

MONDAY • 08/03

- 11:30 AM WMU Prayer Luncheon (D101/10)
- 11:45 AM Brotherhood Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY • 08/05

4:45 PM Wednesday Family Meal (Fellowship Hall)
MEAL: \$7. | FAMILY MEAL: \$25. | HAMBURGER: \$5.

- 6:00 PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study (E114)
- 6:30 PM Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)
- Orchestra Rehearsal (Worship Center)

THURSDAY • 08/06

- 12:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

FRIDAY • 08/07

- 6:30 AM Men's Prayer (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY • 08/08

- 2-5 PM Annie Moses Band Workshop & Seminar in the Worship Center

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES



GUEST SERVICES MINISTRY

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Do you want to make sure our church is a friendly place where everyone feels welcome? Come be a greeter with our Guest Services Ministry! Volunteers are needed for 20 minute time slots at 8:15, 9:30, and 10:45 at every door of the building, or drive a golf cart to pick people up.

Contact Ray Ramirez at (432) 661-7800 for more info.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

BEREAVEMENTS

In this moment of profound loss, we wrap our arms around you with compassion, surrounding you with our deepest love, tender prayers, and unwavering support. Though words cannot heal the pain of grief, we stand beside you, honoring the memory of those who have been so deeply loved and so deeply missed.

- Family & Friends of Fannie "Mae" Dawson
- Family & Friends of Janet Pollard
- Family & Friends of Yvonne Miller

1st Sunday OF THE MONTH FOOD DRIVE FOR MIDLAND BAPTIST CRISIS CENTER

- Peanut Butter (Small jars)
- Jelly (NO glass jars)
- Pasta (Any Kind)
- Mac & Cheese
- Hamburger Helper
- Green Beans
- 13 Gallon Trash Bags



A CLASS FOR NEW MEMBERS, NEW BELIEVERS, & ANYONE CURIOUS ABOUT FIRST BAPTIST MIDLAND.

2nd Sunday of each month
in E109 at 9:45 am.

See you there!

FBC MIDLAND'S SUMMER SUNDAY NIGHTS

PAINTING NIGHT

August 16th
5:00 PM

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 – WORKSHOP & SEMINAR

2:00–2:30 p.m. — Opening General Session

The Annie Moses Band opens the afternoon with live music, personal testimony, and an inspiring vision for faith, family, and the arts. This shared session sets the tone for the workshops that follow.

2:45–3:45 p.m. — Adult Choir & Orchestra Breakout

Adult choir & orchestra members will rehearse 'Our Father in Heaven' with the Annie Moses Band in preparation for Sunday morning worship. This session will focus on musical preparation, expression, and singing as an act of worship.

2:45–3:45 p.m. — Children & Youth Choir Breakout

Children and youth singers will prepare 'We Have the Hope of Eternal Life' and 'God So Loved the World' for the Sunday evening concert. The session will give young singers the experience of working directly with the band in a joyful, worshipful setting.

2:45–3:45 p.m. — Why Beauty Matters

For parents, worship leaders, and non-performers, this breakout explores the meaning of praise and worship and why the arts matter in the life of the Church. It is designed for anyone who wants to think more deeply about music, beauty, and Christian formation.

4:00–5:00 p.m. — Nurturing Artistic Success in Children

Annie and the band lead a candid seminar for families seeking to cultivate excellence and faithfulness in young artists. Topics include the myth of talent, the spiritual power of music, love and loneliness in artistic development, why music lessons often fail, and a concluding Q&A with Annie and the band.



From July 2nd to 11th, a group of 15 from our church, including 10 interns, the Ashmore family, and Moe Bomer, drove 21 hours to Helena, Montana, for a mission trip with Capstone Church. We were blessed to serve alongside church planters Caleb and Courtney Groteluschen and their children, Grayson, Lyla, Harper, and Liam. Our primary focus was leading Adventure Camp, an outdoor VBS for children entering Kindergarten through completed 5th grade. The week was a tremendous success, with an average of 140 kids attending each day from Tuesday through Thursday. During Adventure Camp, our campers started the morning with some worship, then their color groups (divided by grade) went to their rotations, which included REC, Adventure, Story, Snack/Music, and Craft. Our REC team, Moe and Titus, led the REC rotation, while the rest of our interns served as leaders for each color group. Our team worked tirelessly, setting up and leading camp from 9 AM to 12 PM.

Beyond Adventure Camp, our team found numerous ways to serve the Helena community and to connect as a team. On Saturday, July 4th, we enjoyed a free day exploring the area, including the Gates of the Mountains boat tour on the Missouri River, where we learned about the Lewis and Clark Expedition and local history, and ended the evening with fireworks with the Groteluschen family. On Sunday, July 5th, we worshipped at Capstone Church, where our intern Jarrett Lynch helped lead worship for both services, followed by training with Caleb in the evening. Throughout the week, our interns also gave back by assisting at a local Pregnancy Center, doing yard work for a family that runs an organization called The Foster Closet, mowing and cleaning up around the church, and putting together their Children's Sunday School curriculum. On Wednesday evening, our interns energized Capstone's Youth Night with s'mores and games, including an epic toilet paper dodgeball tournament against junior high and high school students. It was their best-attended youth night ever, with 12 regular attendees and 24 additional campers and siblings. We concluded the Adventure Camp week on Thursday evening with a vibrant Family Night, serving hot dogs and hamburgers alongside two other mission teams, and enjoying a bouncer and games with the campers and their families.

It was a week filled with service, connection, and seeing God at work in Helena.

By the end of the week, we were all exhausted and ready to make the drive back home, but we were all so excited to see how God moved and worked in Helena while we were there. Although Helena is more than 90% unreached, we could definitely feel God's presence there. It was so great to hear so many parents say their kids look forward to Adventure Camp and that it's their favorite camp! God is so good!

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Our Generations ministry will be going to the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta this October! We will leave on Thursday, October 8th and return home on Saturday, October 10th. The cost for a two-person room will be \$650 per person and a single-person room is \$1,050 per person.

Deadline to sign up is **Sunday, August 2nd.**

You can register at fbcmidland.info/balloon2026.

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Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM & Fri, 8:00 AM to Noon
Sunday

Worship Services at 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM • Sunday School at 9:45 AM
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Sunday Service Televised at

7:00 a.m. on KOSA CBS 7

10:00 a.m. on CW Channel

All televised services are broadcast with a one-week delay.

CAN YOU OFFER HOPE?

Volunteer to correspond,
anonymously, and grade
inmates' **Bible lessons.**



Interest form at fbcmidland.info/prison



**2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR
NOW ENROLLING**

Preschool 3's (Must be 3 by September 1, 2026)

Pre-K 4's (Must be 4 by September 1, 2026)

Please call the CDC office for more information.

432-683-0638 or email dwinston@fbc-midland.org