



The BANNER

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DEAR FIRST FAMILY.

Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord! How good it was to be back with you on Sunday! I missed being here with you and missed the warmth of our services. You are a blessing to me and I'm grateful for each of you. Not every church, beloved First family, is like ours and I'm deeply glad to be home.

I wanted to offer a special word of thanks to Dr. Jacob West, James Cosentino, and Shelden Kinnison for their fine preaching in my absence! Despite the time difference, I was able to catch at least a part of each of their services and was so pleased by their faithfulness to God's Word and their love for God's people! Thanks, friends, for leading so well!

OUR TIME AWAY

Our time away was rich and beautiful, a time of learning and experiencing God's goodness in a land long blessed by His presence and power. We visited almost every site on Paul's Second Missionary journey - Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, and Corinth on the Greek side and Ephesus on the Türkiye side. We also visited 5 of the 7 churches of John's Revelation (Thyatira and Philadelphia have not been excavated).



My favorite stop was the ancient city of Ephesus. The picture I've included in this article is my wife, son, and me in Ephesus. That's the Library of Celsus behind us. In the Ancient World, this library was second only to the Library of Alexandria. Ephesus is a remarkable city in that not only was this a place where the Apostle Paul spent three years (his largest block of time spent anywhere!),

but it was also the place where the Apostle John fled with Mary, mother of Jesus, sometime in the late 60's during the Jewish revolt in Jerusalem. Traditionally, John's burial place is here, returning to Ephesus after his exile to Patmos. We have no other parallel city with such significant Apostolic overlap.

At a date yet to be determined, we'll give a presentation on our trip for anyone who's interested. We'll keep you posted.

FATHER'S DAY! THE LORD'S SUPPER! THIS SUNDAY - ALL SERVICES

We welcome you to rejoice in honoring our fathers this weekend! To commemorate the occasion, we'll honor our Heavenly Father with the Lord's Supper in each of our services. As has become our habit for Father's Day, we'll invite husbands, fathers, and deacons to lead families spiritually. Far too often, we men shirk that responsibility. Sometimes, it's because we don't feel qualified. Other times, it's because we don't know how or lack the opportunity. Our vision and purpose for this Sunday is to create the opportunity for fathers to lead their home even if they have never done so before.

SONSHINE HOUSE - OPEN HOUSE THIS SUNDAY! 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

On your way into Sunday School or out after worship, we invite you to drop by and visit our newly renovated Sunshine House! It's our mission house used for visiting/furloughing missionaries. In the summer, it hosts our interns or guest leaders. At the end of June, our friends who will be leading Connect Camp for us will be staying there. Before they arrive, we wanted to give you the chance to see it. A special word of thanks to Kim Norris and Sarah Beebe for their work on design, color choices, and arrangement. Another special word of thanks to Joe Jones, Bryan Pinson, and Eva Diaz for their work in keeping the project moving. We replaced the doors and windows, painted the walls, added new lighting, placed new furniture in there and generally gave the place a whole new identity! Come see it this weekend!

LET FREEDOM RING SUNDAY! - JUNE 28

We are pleased to welcome our friend Steve Amerson back to FBC for our "Let Freedom Ring" Sunday! We'll join together in one service at 11 AM that day to celebrate God's goodness to us as a nation! If you're not familiar with Steve and his exceptional voice, here's a link to preview his music - steveamerson.com

More than that, Steve frequently serves the Lord in Washington as a voice of encouragement and spiritual counsel to many of our elected representatives. I can't think of anyone better qualified to lead us for this important service! Join us for the celebration!

Your servant,

Dr. Darin Wood
Senior Pastor



SUNDAY • 06/21 • FATHER'S DAY
 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)
 International Bible Study (D100)

No evening events on church campus.

* 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 • 06/22

11:45 AM Brotherhood Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY • 06/24

4:45 PM Wednesday Family Meal (Fellowship Hall)

MEAL: \$7. | FAMILY MEAL: \$25. | HAMBURGER: \$5.

Menu: Chicken Fajitas, Refried Beans, Mexican Rice, Tossed Green Salad, Salsa & Queso, & Strawberry Cream Pie

Kids: Corndog, French Fries, & Chocolate Chip Cookie

6:00 PM Women's Bible Study (E102)

Wednesday Evening Bible Study (E114)

6:30 PM Adult Choir (Choir Room)

Orchestra (Worship Center)

THURSDAY • 06/25

12:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

FRIDAY • 06/26

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



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 \$1050 per person.

We will have an interest meeting **Wednesday, June 24th at 4:30 PM** and **Sunday, July 12 @ 4 PM**.

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

You can register at fbcm.info/balloon2026.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

June 14, 2026

OFFERING	WEEKLY	YEAR TO DATE
FBC Offering	\$ 82,453	\$ 5,577,699
Budget Requirement	\$ 146,985	\$ 5,657,456
Over/Under Budget	\$ -64,532	\$ -79,756
Hope 1:8	\$ 0	\$ 9,960

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With Father's Day coming up, I've been thinking a lot about my dad. My dad passed away in 2004 from complications with MS. And like many of you who have lost a parent, there are certain seasons that just bring the memories back a little stronger.

Before MS changed so much of his life, my dad was quite the athlete. He was an all-state high school football player in 1955-56 in Stamford, Texas. Right after high school, he married my mom—his high school sweetheart—and then spent four years serving in the Navy. After that, he gave more than 20 years of his life as a physical therapist at Medical Center in Odessa, helping people heal, walk, recover, and keep going.

And then, eventually, MS forced him to retire.

But when I think about my dad, the first thing that comes to mind is not really the football stories, or the Navy stories, or even his career. What I remember most is how he loved and cared for me.

He was always there.

He was my coach in baseball. He was there for basketball. He was there for golf. He showed up. He encouraged me. He taught me. He watched. He cared. And I never had to wonder if my dad was in my corner.

That is a gift I understand even more now than I did then.

And as I've been thinking about Father's Day, I've also been reminded that one of the greatest truths of Scripture is this: we have a Heavenly Father who is always there.

Psalm 103:13 says,

"As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him."

I love that picture.

God is not distant. He is not distracted. He is not too busy. He is not absent. He is compassionate. He is near. He is faithful. He is a Father who sees us, knows us, loves us, and walks with us.

Some of us come into Father's Day with great memories. Some come with grief. Some come with complicated feelings. Some come with an empty chair at the table. But wherever you are this week, I hope you will remember this: your Heavenly Father is always there for you.

- *He is there in the joy.*
- *He is there in the loss.*
- *He is there in the memories.*
- *He is there in the moments when you feel strong, and He is there in the moments when you feel weak.*

This week, I'm thankful for my dad. I'm thankful for the way he loved me, coached me, encouraged me, and showed up for me.

And even more, I'm thankful for a Heavenly Father whose love never fails, whose presence never leaves, and whose compassion never runs out.


So this Sunday, as the choir sings **"No Fear,"** let's not just sing it as a song. Let's sing it as sons and daughters who know we are held by the compassion of the Father.

And let's rest in the love of our Father in heaven, who is always there.

Jeff Wash, Minister of Worship Arts

"I Won't Go Back"








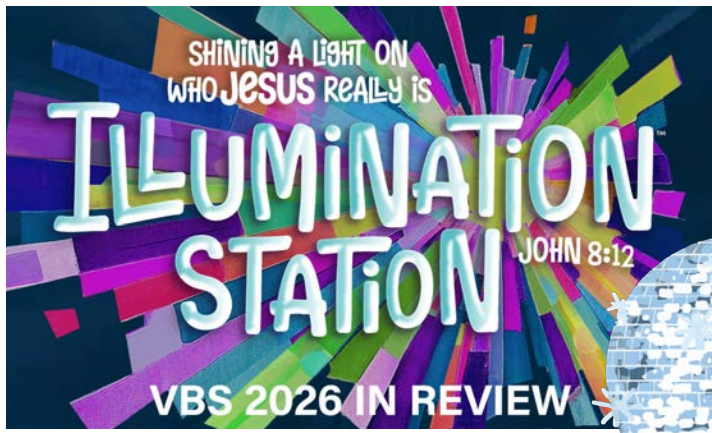
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- Service Times
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Dear FBC Church Family,

What an incredible week we had at Vacation Bible School! From the joyful laughter of children to the life-changing lessons shared, none of this would have been possible without you.

We thank God for the 37 children who gave their hearts to Jesus! It was exciting to see the joy on their faces as they prayed the prayer of salvation. To God be the Glory!!!

Thank you for your prayers, your time, your donations, and your encouragement. Whether you taught a class, prepared snacks, decorated rooms, led worship, or simply showed up with a smile, you played a vital role in planting seeds of faith in young hearts.

Because of your love and dedication, our children experienced God's Word in a way they will never forget. You have truly been the hands and feet of Jesus, and we are so grateful for the way you serve.

With love and appreciation,
Sarah Arrambide and
Allison Ashmore





ILLUMINATION
STATION JOHN 8:12



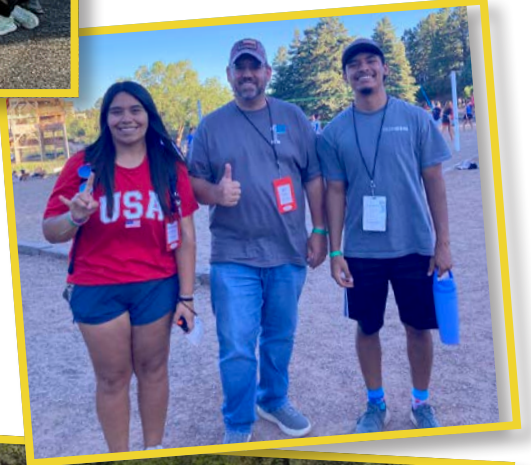


Student Camp 2026 was an incredible week of spiritual growth, meaningful conversations, and life-changing encounters with God. Throughout the week, students explored the camp theme, “Own It. Live It. Share It.,” challenging them to take personal ownership of their faith, live it out daily, and boldly share it with others.

Students engaged in worship services, Bible studies, breakout sessions, small groups, recreation, and fellowship. Key lessons focused on removing idols that compete for our devotion to God, learning the biblical power of forgiveness, and understanding the certainty of the Gospel. Through stories such as Gideon destroying idols, Joseph extending forgiveness, and Zacchaeus encountering Jesus, students were challenged to deepen their relationship with Christ and trust His transforming work in their lives.

Leaders observed students building new friendships, participating in authentic worship, and engaging in meaningful spiritual discussions. Many students wrestled with important questions about faith, while others took steps toward spiritual maturity and a deeper understanding of God’s love and purpose for their lives.

The week was made possible through the dedication of church leaders, chaperones, interns, and the Rec Team, who faithfully invested in our students. As camp concludes, our prayer is that what God started in Glorieta will continue to grow, producing lasting faith and lifelong devotion to Christ.



WHAT'S FOR SUMMER?

CHILDREN CAMPS

CONNECT CAMP • JUNE 29 - JULY 2

- Cost \$214
- K-8th grades

Exciting news—Connect Camp is returning to FBC Midland! Get ready for a high-energy, fun-filled week that your kids won't want to miss.

For full details and registration, visit:

connectcamps.com/midland

Scholarships are available and for more information, contact Sarah Arrambide at: sarrambide@fbc-midland.org

JOIN THE CONNECT CAMP TEAM!

Connect Camp is returning to FBC Midland and we're looking for students and adults entering 9th grade and older to help create an unforgettable week for kids. Whether you lead activities, encourage campers, or serve behind the scenes, you'll have the opportunity to make an eternal impact.

Sign up today and be part of what God is doing through Connect Camp! connectcamps.com/midland

DAY CAMP #1 • JUNE 22 - 26

- 1st-6th grade children
- 9 AM - 3 PM
- Cost: \$125

Register at fbc-midland.org/events

DAY CAMP #2 • JULY 20 - 24

- 1st-6th grade children
- 9 AM - 3 PM
- Cost: \$125

Register at fbc-midland.org/events



JUNE 24TH • 6 - 8 PM

Dirty Sodas and Clean Souls. Meet at the Activities Building for a Dirty Soda party, games, Bible Study, and Worship.

JULY 1ST • 6 - 8 PM

Scavenger Hunt. Meet at the Pavilion at Hogan Park in Midland for a night of Sno Cones, Scavenging, Bible Study, and Worship.

JULY 8TH • 7 - 9 PM

Pool Party! Meet at the Washington Pool in Midland at 7pm. We have rented the pool for our own night of fun. Dress appropriately and be ready to cool down from the heat of the summer. No cost to attend.

JULY 15TH • 6 - 9 PM

Urban Air! We are joining with our 4Midland friends and renting out Urban Air. Meet at Urban Air at 6pm and be ready to have your parents sign off on the Urban Air waiver. No cost to attend.

JULY 15-21

1st Student Colorado Mission Trip

Visit the Student Webpage for details about these events and to view the complete schedule of activities planned for the rest of the summer.

fbc-midland.org/students



Sunday nights are taking on a fresh, fun twist this season! Join us for special events designed to build community, deepen relationships, and enjoy life together. While our regular Sunday night Bible studies pause for the summer, these gatherings offer meaningful connection, laughter, and fellowship for all ages. Don't miss it!

SUMMER SUNDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

- ▶ June 28 Movie Night
- ▶ July 5 No PM Service
- ▶ July 12 Ice Cream & Game Night at the AB
- ▶ July 19 Bowling Night (Tentative)
- ▶ July 26 Movie Night
- ▶ August 2 Game Night
- ▶ August 9 Concert: Annie Moses Band
- ▶ August 16 Painting Night • Studio by Kidds

More Info: fbcm.info/summer26

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Mission Agape

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Some parents raising kids can't afford to buy school supplies. Mission Agape needs your help to bless students by donating school supplies listed below. Last year, they helped 1,200 students! Please help them reach this goal again this year. TOGETHER we ensure that children have the tools they need to be successful.

SUPPLY LIST

- Crayons (24 count)
- Markers, Highlighters
- Dry Erase Markers
- #2 Pencils & Colored Pencils
- 3-hole pencil pouch or plastic box
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Pink Erasers
- Glue & Glue Sticks
- Scissors (blunt & point)
- 3x5 lined index cards
- Watercolors
- Rulers
- Wide Ruled Notebook Paper
- 1 Subject Spiral Notebook-Wide Ruled
- Composition book – Wide Ruled
- 1 inch, 2 inch & 3-inch Binders
- Earbuds

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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

Worship Services Online

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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.

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