



The BANNER

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HI BELOVED FIRST FAMILY!

Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord! May God's mercy and kindness bless your week.

JEFF SUGGS IN VIEW OF A CALL THIS WEEKEND!

We're excited to make Jeff's new role in our church official. Thus, we invite you to join us this weekend in affirming God's call on his life for this new chapter for the Suggs family, our student ministry, and our church. If you'd like to have a question or two answered, we invite you to join us this Saturday at 2 PM in Fellowship Hall for a Q&A with Jeff.



On Sunday morning, Jeff will share his heart about how God has shaped his thinking for this new chapter. At the conclusion of each of our services, we'll hold a vote to officially call Jeff. I trust you'll be there, understanding what a significant and powerful chapter this is for our church.

PROMOTION SUNDAY - THIS WEEK!

Don't forget to take your children to their new class this Sunday! We're excited to welcome them! If you have not received an email, card, or letter with directions, please contact our offices. We will make sure you know where to go!

LET'S PRAY • 60 SECOND PRAYERS FOR AMERICA AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND!

Through the kindness and generosity of a church member, we're pleased to invite you to receive a free copy of "Let's Pray: 60 Second Prayers for America." This is a 30-day devotional book filled with prayers of God's kindness and mercy for His people and for our nation. Written by the America First Policy Institute and edited by Sharon Bolan and Dr. Richard Rogers, this book also includes a daily snippet of American history. When you arrive this Sunday, find a copy in the Welcome Center or Chapel Foyer. We've shared copies with our sister churches in town as well.

Our vision for using this book together is to begin on September 1 and run through the entire month. The hope for our nation is that these prayers, shared in unison with fellow believers across the country, will unite our minds and hearts in Christ for our shared homeland.

THE LORD'S SUPPER • MORNING SERVICES - AUG 23

As the summer begins to wind down, it's important that we honor the Lord's Supper together as a church family to set our minds and hearts down the right path. We'll do so on August 23 in each of our morning services. Make plans to join us as we commemorate the Lord's crucifixion, the unity we share around the table of the Lord and the common future we share when Jesus returns!

CHURCH CONFERENCE • AUG 23 - 5 PM

We invite you to join us for this month's church conference. In next week's Banner, you'll find the agenda for the meeting.

SRI LANKA MISSION TEAM REPORT - AUG 23

We're pleased to welcome you to stick around after the conference for our Sri Lanka mission team and their reports! I've been blessed to hear some about their journey and experiences and want you to be blessed by that as well. It's amazing to see and hear how God answers prayers and how God's Spirit moves! You'll want to be there and share in their joy!

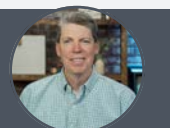
BIBLE READING INSIGHTS

If you're in our annual reading plan, you've just started Nehemiah. It's one of my favorite books of the Bible and rightfully so, for it paints the picture of a comeback no one ever saw coming, led by someone who had no business doing it. And yet, God chose to do it His way with His people in His place. Nehemiah was an unlikely hero. If we were taking resumes for his role, he wouldn't have made the first cut! We need a CEO, not a cupbearer! Further, the timing stinks! Why should God do this NOW? Aren't there still too many hurdles and problems? The answer is YES. But God chose now!

Could it be that God is still in the business of using the least likely? To produce the MOST results? At just the right time? In His own way? Of course he is. Perhaps God is calling you to lead something that looks overwhelming (and probably is humanly speaking), has too many enemies, and way too many obstacles. The best place to be is where God calls you! If you're not sure where that is, ask God to make it clear and then serve there with all of your might.

Your servant,

Dr. Darin Wood
Senior Pastor



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

August 09, 2026

OFFERING		WEEKLY		YEAR TO DATE
FBC Offering	\$	169,640	\$	6,781,404
Budget Requirement	\$	146,985	\$	6,833,336
Over/Under Budget	\$	22,655	\$	-51,931
Hope 1:8	\$	50	\$	10,975

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY • 08/16

- 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:
Painting Night (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 • 08/17

- 11:45 AM Brotherhood Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY • 08/19

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

MENU: Meatloaf, Macaroni & Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Honey Wheat Roll, & Banana Cream Pie

- 5:30 PM SWAT (Student Worship Area)
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study (E114)
- 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- Orchestra Rehearsal (Worship Center)

THURSDAY • 08/20

- 10:00 AM Joyful Sound Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 11:45 AM Generations Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

FRIDAY • 08/21

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

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.

- Susan Upham in the loss of her husband, James Upham
- Family & Friends of Peggy Cook



FBC MIDLAND'S SUMMER SUNDAY NIGHTS

PAINTING NIGHT August 16th 5:00 PM

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AUGUST 19 AT 5:30 PM
STUDENT WORSHIP AREA (E HALL)

Do you love to sing, play an instrument, create graphics, run cameras, produce video, or help with worship technology? SWAT (Student Worship Arts Team) is a place for students in 6th grade and up to discover, develop, and use their God-given gifts in worship and media

ministry. No experience is required—just a willingness to learn and serve.

SWAT helps students grow in musical skills, worship leadership, production, and friendships while serving the Lord alongside others.

Contact Erin Downey at edowney@fbc-midland.org for more information.



Generations
LUNCHEON
11:45 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL
\$7 MEAL

AUGUST 20

FEATURING AUSTIN NEAL
Worship Pastor
Antioch Baptist Church • Conway, Arkansas



HOPE TAKES FLIGHT

SEPT. 19 & 20

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Grief Share

Begins August 23rd at 2 PM (Sunday)
Room: D106
Cost: \$10
Led by Mickey Trimble

Register at: fbcm.info/gs0826

SRI LANKA MISSION REPORT

On July 16, 2026, five FBC missionaries traveled to Sri Lanka to serve with our FBC Mission partner FAMM (For All Mankind Movement). Katy Little, Jen Sullivan, Stevie Young, John Kejr, and Seth Kelley prepared Bible stories and personal testimonies and partnered with local pastors and translators to share the gospel through these stories and testimonies in remote villages. Our ministry objective was to share personal testimonies and gospel stories with small groups of unbelievers, many of whom have no knowledge of Jesus, as well as offer individual prayer with anyone who wants it.

We also had the opportunity to enjoy hospitality as we strengthened and encouraged believers who face various challenges as a result

of their faith. We are often the ones blessed, challenged, and encouraged by these faithful brothers and sisters!

Everywhere we went, we saw God answer our prayers. Many people responded to the stories that we told by believing in Jesus. People who accepted Christ were connected with local story groups for discipleship. Hundreds of people came forward for prayer and witnessed Jesus' life-changing power firsthand. God prepared an abundant harvest and provided everything we needed every step of the way so that we could be His hands and feet and demonstrate His love to everyone we encountered.



Take the next step in your faith journey with Equip Discipleship Studies! Choose from practical, Bible-centered studies designed to deepen your understanding, strengthen your faith, and build meaningful community. There's a place for you to learn, grow, and live equipped.

THE BOOK OF JOHN: KNOWING JESUS AS GOD

Jesus is God. This is revealed throughout Scripture, but no book makes this truth clearer than the gospel of John. The entire book is a revelation of God's character as witnessed by the man closest to him.

- Begins September 13 (Sunday)
- 5 PM in Fellowship Hall
- Led by Dr. Darin Wood
- Cost: \$10

DEEP DISCIPLESHIP

Join us as we begin a 3-semester journey into Deep Discipleship where we will grow and develop a greater love and knowledge of God and learn to live by faith and obedience to Him. Through this course, we will gain an overview of the Christian story (Scripture), Christian belief (basic Christian theology and doctrine), and Christian formation (spiritual disciplines). This will be a beneficial class for anyone at any stage of their Christian life who wants to go deeper in their walk with Jesus.

- Begins September 2 (Wednesday)
- 6:00 PM
- Room E111
- Cost: \$25 (Covers 3 semesters)
- Led by James Cosentino

GRIEF SHARE

Grief Share is a Christ-centered ministry that helps people apply biblical principles as they deal with the emotions and life stresses following the death of a loved one.

- Begins August 23rd (Sunday)
- 2:00 PM
- Room: D106
- Cost: \$10
- Led by Mickey Trimble

Register at: fbcn.info/gs0826

IRON MEN BOOK STUDY GROUP

The Five Marks of a Man by Brian Tome

This men's book study will cover Brian Tome's *The Five Marks of a Man*. What separates men from boys isn't age, relationship status, or career aspirations. The difference is in how they live. Boys live passively; men live intentionally. In a world that needs courageous manhood now more than ever, the five marks provide an accessible path forward.

- Begins September 10 (Thursday)
- 6:30 AM
- Room D103.
- Led by Berry Simpson.
- Cost: \$12

MISSION OF GOD

This 10-week course is designed to enhance a person's understanding of God's heart for the nations and how every person can be involved in the Great Commission. We will be partnering with 4 local churches in this unique opportunity.

For more information and to register, contact Bryan Pinson: bpinson@fbc-midland.org

- Begins September 13 (Sunday)
- 5:30 PM
- At Stonegate Fellowship Church
- Cost: \$20

MOMS OF PRODIGALS

Are you navigating the difficult journey of a prodigal child? Come join other moms as we learn practical ways to manage our mama emotions and entrust our prodigals to their Creator. Bring your Bible. All other materials will be provided. For Women Only.

- Begins September 2 (Wednesday)
- 6:30 PM
- Room: D104
- Limited to 10 women
- Led by Robbie Campbell
- No Cost

PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT

Studying Hebrews 11-13, this is the third part of a three-part study in Hebrews. Without faith it is impossible to please God. So what is faith? Where do I get it? And what does it look like lived out in my life? This study will answer these questions and more, encouraging you to fix your eyes on Jesus and run with endurance to the finish line.

- Begins September 3 (Thursday)
- 9:00 AM
- Room: E102
- Cost \$15
- Led by Katy Little

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS

This beginner's American Sign Language (ASL) class is open to anyone interested in learning the basics of sign language. Whether you want to better communicate with the hearing-impaired community or simply learn a new skill, this class offers a welcoming environment to start. Come learn, practice, and discover new ways to connect with others.

- Begins September 2 (Wednesday)
- 6:00 PM
- Room: E112
- No Cost

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY THE WAY OF WISDOM:

A Study in the Book of Proverbs

Join Jen Wilkin, Ruth Chou Simons, Kelly Minter, Adrienne Camp, Elizabeth Woodson, and Courtney Doctor as they invite you to place your feet firmly on the path of life revealed in the book of Proverbs.

- Begins September 2 & 3
- 6 PM, Wednesday in Room D103
- 12 PM, Thursday in Room D101/103
- Led by Trisha Upchurch
- Cost: \$10

For more information and to register for these studies, visit: fbc-midland.org/equip

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- Green Beans
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NEW TO FBC CLASS

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!

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