



The BANNER

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HI BELOVED FIRST FAMILY!

Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord! As I write to you, it's raining! What a beautiful sight and sound! Praise the Lord for this refreshing moment!

DRESS 'EM AND BLESS 'EM - SIGN UPS THIS WEEKEND!

Teachers, administrators, and school staff, please avert your eyes. Now, for everyone else, it's time to begin preparations for the new school year! Our annual Dress 'em and Bless 'em event begins this Sunday. For those who may not know, this is our opportunity to equip needy students with clothing for the coming school year. Last year, we blessed more than 100 children! While we may not have that many this year (some of those were our friends from the Mayflower Church), we will bless all that God sends our way. In our Welcome Center, you'll find a sign-up table and the chance to engage your heart and hands. If you'd like to just ask questions about it, find our friends leading this ministry at the table.

SUMMER SUNDAY NIGHTS - BOWLING THIS WEEK! - SUNDAY EVENING 5 PM - 7 PM - LUCKY STRIKE BOWLING

We're pleased to invite you to join us at Lucky Strike this Sunday evening for an evening of fellowship around the lanes! We'll cover the cost of bowling and pizza; you bring your family! What I've appreciated most about these Summer Sunday nights is the relationship building we've been able to do. If you feel disconnected as a part of FBC, these events are made to help! I hope you'll join us on Sunday night!



MISSION TEAMS

Please continue praying with me for our mission teams and activities. Our Student Ministry left on Wednesday to go to Berthoud, Colorado, to work with our friends at Dwell Church, where former FBC staff member Wayne Delso serves as pastor. Our Sri Lanka team left on Thursday and will be there until late next week. Katy Little is leading that trip.

Our Rec Team is in Priddy, TX this week, serving the Lord and spreading the Gospel there. Pray for their efforts and for receptive hearts!

Reaching Midland continues next week as well. Our Activities Building will host our next Day Camp, led by the fearless Nathan Wennerlind, our Rec Team, and interns. This is a wonderful opportunity to reach children and families right here at home!

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO YOU?

In last week's Banner, I noted that we are at the mid-point of the year. It caused me to consider more deeply - what is God saying to you? If you're not sure, let today be the day you begin asking God to make it clear. Far too many people never ask God to speak into their lives, and so they live directionless, wondering where they are headed and how they'll ever get anywhere. I want more than that for this church family, so I'm asking you - what is God saying to you?

You might say, "How will I know it's God speaking to me?" Here are a few notes on this that have helped me discern God's voice and direction:

1. He speaks through His Word. It's really hard to hear from God if you never engage His Word. Further, God will never violate His Word. If what you feel like you're hearing is contrary to God's Word, it's not God.
2. He speaks through others - If I'm constantly talking to people about other things, God can get crowded out.
3. He usually speaks into stillness when I'm silent. Being still is harder now than ever. Finding silence even harder. It has to be sought or it won't be found. But if we want to hear from God, it must be deliberate.

My prayer for us is the prayer Samuel prayed in 1 Samuel 3:10 - "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

Your servant,

Dr. Darin Wood
Senior Pastor



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

July 12, 2026

OFFERING	WEEKLY	YEAR TO DATE
FBC Offering	\$ 110,821	\$ 6,031,085
Budget Requirement	\$ 146,985	\$ 6,245,396
Over/Under Budget	\$ -36,164	\$ -214,310
Hope 1:8	\$ 0	\$ 10,490

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY • 07/19

- 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: Bowling Night at Lucky Strike Bowling Alley.

* 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 • 07/20

- 11:45 AM Brotherhood Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY • 07/22

- 6:00 PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study (E114)

THURSDAY • 07/23

- 12:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

FRIDAY • 07/24

- 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.

- Family & Friends of Jacque Wise
- Family & Friends of Jan Owen

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES



Guest Services Ministry

GUEST SERVICES MINISTRY!

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.

DRESS 'EM & BLESS 'EM JULY 19TH



On July 19, the names of students will be available in the church Welcome Center for you to choose to shop and pray for. You will have the opportunity to bless a student with your prayers for them this year as well.

We are also looking for people who enjoy shopping. Some of our church members can contribute to this ministry but are unable to shop. If you are interested in helping in this way, you can sign up at our table on July 19.

Until then, please pray for all our students, teachers, and all who work to make school happen. Thank you!

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FBC MIDLAND'S
**SUMMER
SUNDAY NIGHTS**

FREE

**MOVIE
NIGHT**

July 26th • 5:30 PM

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SUMMER SUNDAY NIGHTS UPCOMING

- ▶ July 19 Bowling Night at Lucky Strike • 5 PM
- ▶ July 26 Movie Night
- ▶ Aug 2 Game Night
- ▶ Aug 9 Concert: Annie Moses Band
- ▶ Aug 16 Painting Night • Studio by Kidds

More Info: fbc-m.info/summer26

Faith, Family, and Music

with the
Annie Moses Band
First Baptist Midland
August 8-9, 2026



Saturday, August 8 • 2 - 5 PM • Workshop & Seminar
Sunday, August 9 • Morning Worship & Evening Concert

WHAT'S FOR SUMMER?

CHILDREN EVENTS

DAY CAMP #2 • JULY 20 - 24

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

Register at fbc-midland.org/events

JULY 24TH, 6:30-8:00 PM

FAMILY BIKE NIGHT

Join us in the West Parking Lot for a Family Bike Night. Bring your bike, helmet, and plan to get wet!



STUDENT EVENTS

JULY 22ND • 6 - 8 PM

Just Chilling. Meet at the Activities Building at 6 PM. We will eat, play games, Bible Study, and Worship.

JULY 27-28TH

Six Flags and Rangers Game. Sign up on the church website to go with us to Six Flags and a Rangers game. Space for this trip is limited so sign up early. Cost is \$50

JULY 29TH • 6 - 9 PM

Movie and Board Games. Meet at the Activities Building at 6 PM. We will put a movie on the giant screen while we play board games, Bible Study, Worship, and hang out together.

AUGUST 5TH

Balmorhea Pool! Beat the heat of the summer as we head to Balmorhea for a day trip of swimming. We will leave in the morning and be back mid-afternoon. There will be no evening activities on August 5th.

Visit the Student Webpage for details about these events and other activities planned for the rest of the summer.

fbc-midland.org/students

MISSION TRIP REPORT

England Hymns Tour 2026

What a joy it was for 24 members and friends of First Baptist Church to spend eight unforgettable days exploring the rich hymn heritage of England. We had the opportunity to visit places connected to some of the great hymn writers and leaders of the faith—people like John and Charles Wesley, John Newton, William Cowper, Charlotte Elliott, and Francis Ridley Havergal. These are names we often sing about, but being where they lived and served made their stories come alive in a whole new way.

Standing in those places reminded us that the hymns we sing each Sunday aren't just beautiful songs—they're powerful testimonies of God's grace, faithfulness, and transforming work across generations.

While every stop along the way was meaningful, one of the highlights of our trip was our weekend of ministry with Church on the Thames, where our son, Grantham Wash, serves as pastor.

On Saturday morning, we had the simple but meaningful task of preparing gifts for future first-time guests. We wrote personal notes of encouragement inside brand-new Bibles and placed them into welcome bags that will be given to newcomers. It was such a blessing to think that even after

we returned home, people we may never meet will receive God's Word along with a reminder that they are loved, prayed for, and welcomed.

Sunday morning was especially meaningful as we worshiped together with our brothers and sisters at Church on the Thames. We helped with children's ministry, spent time encouraging families, connected with church members, and experienced the joy of serving alongside a congregation faithfully sharing Christ in one of the world's great cities.

All throughout the trip, we were reminded that the legacy of these great hymns isn't just found in historic buildings or museum displays. Their real legacy is the gospel—the same gospel that is still changing lives today. The songs we love continue to point us to the unchanging truth that Christ saves sinners, His grace is enough, and His Church is called to share that message with the world.

Thank you, First Baptist Church, for praying for our team. We came home

encouraged, inspired, and even more committed to leading God's people in worship that is rooted in Scripture and focused on making disciples. Our prayer is that the same God who worked through generations before us will continue to work through our church as we faithfully share His greatness with the next generation.



See blog post with more photos at:
fbc-midland.org/fbc-life

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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

Worship Services Online

fbc-midland.org • facebook.com/fbcmidland
youtube.com/fbcmidland • vimeo.com/fbcmidland

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