



The BANNER

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BELOVED FIRST FAMILY,

Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord. Happy Fall, y'all! In God's mercy and kindness, we've survived the summer! The promise of the Lord's faithfulness supersedes all seasons, so as we begin this new season, thanks be to God. No matter what this fall may bring, we can confidently say our God is already there and promises to not abandon us in it. Thanks be to God for guiding us through EVERY season.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

THIS SUNDAY 5 PM IN THE CHAPEL

We invite you to join us for our final church conference for the church's fiscal year this Sunday evening at 5 PM in our Chapel. Elsewhere in this Banner, you'll find our agenda for this Sunday's conference.

We'll follow that up with our Bible study on the Gospel of John. This Sunday evening will be led by our friend James Cosentino!

BE SALTY!

EVANGELISM TRAINING WORKSHOP SEPT 29, TUESDAY 6 PM - 8 PM

We are pleased to welcome you to join us for a conversation about being better prepared to share your faith in Christ as your Savior. Our friend Dr. Gary Stidham is coming to town to lead our study. Gary was the longtime Baptist Student Ministry director at the University of Texas at Arlington. We've already had a wonderful response, with more than 30 people registered, but we welcome you as well! All you have to do is let us know you're coming so we can save you a seat at the supper table. Call our offices to let us know and we'll put you down!

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY WORKSHOP OCT 3 AT 9:00 AM IN THE CHAPEL

If you're a Sunday School teacher, a department director, a Bible study leader for Community Bible Study, or just someone who wants to learn more about the Bible, we invite you to join us as we

welcome Dr. Daniel Hays to our campus. Dr. Hays is a professor of Old Testament at Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth, TX, and a gifted scholar. He'll be leading us in preparing for the upcoming Sunday School lessons on 1 and 2 Samuel. If discipleship is one of our core values - and it is! - then this is a wonderful opportunity to grow and learn, challenging ourselves in deeper waters. Make plans to join us that Saturday morning.

LOVE MIDLAND - OCT 3

If you're not going to the Biblical Theology workshop, we invite you to get out your work clothes and gloves and join us at Astound Stadium for Love Midland. This kickoff rally is an awesome place to see the best of Midland! It's a chance to find places to serve and to jump in! The gates open at 8 AM. At 10 AM, projects all over the city will kick into motion! Some of the tasks are things we've done before - sorting clothes at the Baptist Crisis Center. Other tasks are new to us - building a backdrop for the Breaking Bread Christmas event, painting projects all over town, planting flowers at the Jubilee Center and lots more. You can find the whole list at their website: lovemidland.org. If you'd rather skip the rally and just get to work, you can reserve a project with a team of your own and get down to it! The key is to get busy serving our city for Christ. This isn't meant to be a single-day event but rather a kickoff event, so if you're busy or out of town that day, you can still jump in with us. My prayer is that we'll take John 13:34-35 and 1 John 4:7-8 as a call to action for our city!

CHRIST'S VISION FOR SEEING LIVES CHANGED LED TO "SEE YOU AT THE POLE"

In September 1990, 36 years ago, two youth leaders - Neil and Rick - in Burleson, TX, had a dream: reach students for Christ on their own campuses with their

classmates leading the way. This big vision called for a simple starting point - a prayer meeting at the school campus flagpole on the final Wednesday morning of September. The rallying cry was as easy to remember as it was simple: "See You at the Pole." It didn't take long for the movement to spread - in that first year, 45,000 students across the DFW area and North Texas participated. The following year, it was across the state. The following year, it was across the nation and around the world. This year - on Sept. 23 - all around the world, thousands of students joined in prayer for revival for their campuses, awakening for our nation and world, and personal transformation. Would you commit to join in prayer? It's never been more important to pray for our students AND for revival. (You can learn more about this event at www.syatp.com).

On our campus, we'll join the thousands of students in praying for our nation. Many of us have been using the "Let's Pray: 60 Second Devotionals" throughout this month. When you reach the end, start over and pray again. With the mid-term elections just around the corner, the need for passionate and vigilant prayer warriors has never been greater. Too often, our prayers are weak and tepid, afraid to ask God for too much or believe too big from Him. When our prayers are at their best, we get the chance to ask BIG things of God, believing that He can and will do big things! Let your prayer life be shaped by our God, not your circumstances.

Your Servant,

Dr. Darin Wood
Senior Pastor



WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY • 09/27

- 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)
 2:00 PM Grief Share (D106)
 5:00 PM Church Conference followed by
 Sunday Night Studies (Chapel)
 6:00 PM Rooted • Students 9-12th grades (SM Coffee Shop)
- * 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 • 09/28

- 11:45 AM Brotherhood Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY • 09/29

- 6:00 PM Be Salty (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30 PM ESL Classes (North parking lot - follow signs)

WEDNESDAY • 09/30

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

Menu: Chicken Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes / Gravy,
 Green Beans, Tossed Green Salad, Biscuit, & Pecan Pie
Kids: Steak Fingers, French Fries, & Chocolate Chip Cookie

- 5:15 PM Preschool Pizza & Playground (A-Hall)
 5:30 PM SWAT (Student Worship Area)
 6:00 PM 3-yr-olds Music & Missions (A117)
 PreK & Kinder Music (JAM)
 1st Kidz Praise:
 Grades: 1st-2nd (D219) 3rd-5th (D205)
 Half-Time • Students, 6-12th grade, (SM Coffee Shop)
Equip Classes:
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study (E114)
 Deep Discipleship (E111)
 Sign Language Class (E112)
 Women's Bible Study: The Way of Wisdom (D103)
 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 Orchestra Rehearsal (Worship Center)
 Equip Class: Moms of Prodigals (D104)
 7:00 PM PreK & Kinder Missions (JAM Room)
 1st-6th Grade Missions (2nd floor "A" Hallway)

THURSDAY • 10/01

- 9:00 AM Precept Upon Precept (E102)
 10:30 AM Joyful Sound Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 12:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
 Women's Bible Study: The Way of Wisdom (D101/103)

FRIDAY • 10/02

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

SATURDAY 10/03

- 8:00 AM Love Midland (Astound Stadium)
 9:00 AM Biblical Theology Workshop (Chapel)

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.

- John Norwood in the loss of his wife, D'Ann

CHURCH CONFERENCE AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 27 AT 5PM (CHAPEL)

Approval of Minutes

- Church Conference August 23, 2026

Approval of new members (August)

Grant Church Letters

Reports:

- Church Council Chairman
- Finance Committee Chairman
- Personnel Committee Chairman

Old Business

New Business

- Demolition of the Dr. office on Louisiana
- 2026/2027 FBC Committees

Other Business

Adjourn

UPWARD BASKETBALL
REGISTRATION IS OPEN
 BOYS & GIRLS | 1ST-6TH GRADES
 COST: \$125



Details at:

fbc-midland.org/events

BeSALTY
 Everyday Gospel Conversations
SEPT. 29
 6:00-8:00



fbcm.info/salty

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

September 20, 2026

OFFERING	WEEKLY	YEAR TO DATE
FBC Offering	\$ 103,959	\$ 7,618,470
Budget Requirement	\$ 146,985	\$ 7,715,246
Over/Under Budget	\$ -43,026	\$ -96,776
Hope 1:8	\$ 100	\$ 11,800
Mary Hill Davis	\$ 2,455	\$ 9,537

FREE

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY WORKSHOP

WITH DR. DANIEL HAYS
from
SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

OCT. 3 • 9:00AM




FBC Midland

PRESCHOOL Ministry

Family Event at
Fiddlesticks Farm

> Oct 18, 1-6 PM <

Registration starts Oct. 5th
fbc-midland.org/events



FBC Women's Retreat

How Long, O LORD?

October 16-17 | **The Way Retreat Center** | **Cost: \$25 for retreat \$50 for overnight**

Register by Oct. 10 at:
fbcm.info/fbcwr



A WOMEN'S RETREAT

Waiting. Mourning. Seeking. Suffering. We've all experienced seasons when those words become our prayer. Join other women from FBC Midland for a meaningful weekend in the Psalms as we discover what God desires to do in us while we wait on Him.

Featuring teaching by Katy Little, breakout session by Julie Wood, and worship led by Dave and Meirah Koenig, a father-daughter duo out of Fort Worth.

REGISTER BY OCTOBER 10 AT: fbcm.info/fbcwr

SADDLE UP

for a
BANQUET HONORING WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

SUNDAY OCT. 11 • 12 PM
FBC FELLOWSHIP HALL

RSVP to Jennifer Cox at
jcox@fbc-midland.org or 432-683-0616



WIDOWS/WIDOWERS BANQUET

Saddle up for good food, great company, and a special gathering honoring our widows and widowers! Texas Roadhouse is catering the meal, so come hungry and ready for a wonderful time together. **Don't wait to RSVP—the deadline is September 27!** Please also let us know if a caretaker will be joining you.

FIDDLESTICKS FARM

Round up the family for an afternoon of fall fun at Fiddlesticks Farms! Our Preschool Ministry families are invited to enjoy the farm, make some memories, and spend time together outside the usual Sunday routine. Grab the kids and join the fun! Registration opens October 5 at fbc-midland.org/events.

It's All About Jesus!

Join what God is doing:
PACK A SHOEBOX!

Nov 1-15



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world, sharing the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

By filling an ordinary shoebox with fun items, you can help give a child what may be their first gift ever! Local churches in more than 100 nations distribute these gifts at outreach events where they share the Gospel in a child-friendly way.

Each box becomes a tangible expression of God's love to a child, their family, and their community. Many children also participate in The Greatest Journey, a 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program.

Shoeboxes will be available beginning November 1 and should be returned by November 15.

More about these events and others at:

fbc-midland.org/events

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



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fbc-midland.org/giving

FBC DIRECTORY

www.fbc-midland.org

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Worship Arts Ministry	683.0620
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Business Office.....	683.0615
Children's Ministry	683.0609
Preschool Ministry	683.0611
Child Development Center	683.0638
Children's Day Out	683.0632
Student Ministry.....	683.0606
Family Ministry.....	683.0653
55+ Ministry	683.0653
Membership.....	683.0653
Duplication Services.....	683.0626
Library.....	683.0625

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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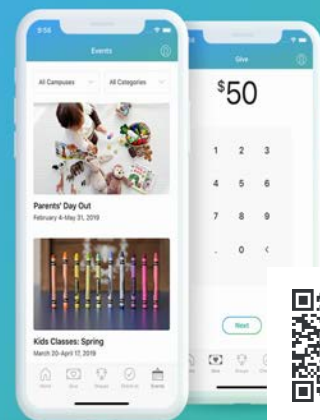
Sunday Service Televised at
7:00 a.m. on KOSA CBS 7
10:00 a.m. on CW Channel

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

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- Service Times
- Easy Giving
- Event Signups
- Community Connection
- Family Pre-Check

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JUNE 14-17



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