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BELOVED FIRST FAMILY,

Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord! May God bless you this short week!

MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING WEEK OF PRAYER BEGINS THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Beginning this Sunday, we invite you to join us for a week of prayer for the missionaries and ministries served by the Mary Hill Davis State Missions offering. Our church goal is \$25,000. The statewide goal is \$3.5 million. Through this offering, Texas Baptists fund church starts, disaster recovery, college ministry, evangelistic events, disability ministries, and ministries to assist with multicultural work across the state. With more than 30 million people now living in Texas, the need for this ministry has never been greater.

A million years ago, I was a brand-new college graduate. Through the generosity of the Mary Hill Davis State Mission offering, a new ministry was formed from the Evangelism offices of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. I was invited to be part of this new ministry, sending college grads and college students to lead revivals across Texas for 10 weeks in the summer. That summer was a turning point in my life. If it had not been for that ministry, I might not have met my wife, my best friend and found so many others along the way. This offering is something near and dear to me. Pray for wisdom about what God would compel you to give.

SUNDAY NIGHT STUDIES BEGIN THIS SUNDAY NIGHT! 5 PM IN OUR CHAPEL

This Sunday evening, we begin a new series on Sunday evenings. It's a hybrid between a "normal" preaching service and the discussion-oriented studies we did in the last year. We'll featuring "The Bible Recap: Knowing Jesus as God" by Tara-Leigh Cobble. It's a 10-week study through the Gospel of John and a good one at that! You can grab a copy Sunday night and follow along, or you can just come to the study on Sunday evening and participate there. Homework is invited but not required. We've invited several staff members and others to lead on Sunday night. I'll lead us

off this Sunday night with John 1-3. I hope you'll make plans to join us!



MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP - HOPE TAKES FLIGHT! - SEPT 19-20

If you love missions, this is for you. If you love technology, this is for you. If you have kids, this is for you. Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) is coming to our campus next weekend! While this group might be new to you, they are definitely not new. Their work stretches back more than 60 years. You can learn about them on their website, www.maf.org. With a global reach, they exist to serve Christ through flight! Suppose you are a missionary serving in rural Mozambique (Africa) and you have a severe medical need. MAF can come get you and bring you to help! Suppose you are a missionary serving in rural Ecuador (South America) in need of supplies. MAF can bring them to you!

When our MAF friends reached out with this event, I was excited that we could say yes. Their event invites you to join them on a "flight." When you arrive, you'll be ushered into a Sunday School room and invited to put on a pair of VR (Virtual Reality) goggles. These will allow you to "see" the flight in 360-degree clarity. You'll fly out to drop supplies and return with a medical need. The entire process is 40 minutes.

The best part is that it is FREE! All you have to do is register your participation and choose your time. To make the most of MAF's time and effort, we'll open registration beginning Monday to anyone in our church partnership network, so if you plan to sign up, get online this week and get it done! I'm hoping you will.

Visit fbcinfo/hope to learn more, view a video, and to sign up.

LOVE MIDLAND - OCT 3

I'm pleased to invite you to join a city-wide effort to love our city, showing the love of Christ in a tangible way. Oct 3 at Astound Stadium, we'll gather for a brief meeting before we launch out to serve Christ by serving people! I know there are many other things to do on a Saturday, but I'll welcome you to join us for this particular Saturday of service.

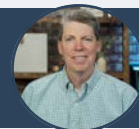
ISAIAH AND HIS SEASON OF SERVICE

If you're following our Bible reading plan, you've just started the book of Isaiah. We term Isaiah's book as one of the "Major Prophets," meaning their work represents a significant shift in understanding God's directives to His people. For Isaiah, written some 750 years before Christ, we have a crossroads like few before him. His encounter with God at his throne (Isaiah 6) sets the tone for what follows. Isaiah 7 and 9 contain some of the clearest prophecy regarding the advent of Christ. We cannot know what Isaiah knew or understood about what God whispered into his heart with this prophecy. His season of service was exactly what God had in mind for him.

For each of us, like Isaiah, we cannot know all that God has planned for us or how God intends to use our days. But we CAN know the God who leads us, even through the most difficult days. My prayer is for each of us to join Isaiah in trusting God's Word, timing, plans and promises, even when it's uncertain how we will find our way through them.

Glad to serve as your pastor,

Dr. Darin Wood
Senior Pastor



WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY • 09/13

- 8:30 AM Worship Service* (Worship Center)
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
New to FBC Class (E109)
- 11:00 AM Worship Service* (Worship Center)
First Baptist en Español Service (Chapel)
- 2:00 PM Grief Share (D106)

* 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 • 09/14

- 11:30 AM WMU Prayer Luncheon (D101/103)
- 11:45 AM Brotherhood Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY • 09/15

- 6:30 PM ESL Classes (North parking lot - follow signs)

WEDNESDAY • 09/16

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

Menu: Beef Enchiladas, Refried Beans, Mexican Corn, Tossed Green Salad, Chips, Salsa & Queso, & Tres Leches Cake
Kids: Chicken Nuggets, 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)
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 • 09/17

- 9:00 AM Precept Upon Precept (E102)
- 10:30 AM Joyful Sound Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 11:45 AM Generations Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
Women's Bible Study: The Way of Wisdom (D101/103)

FRIDAY • 09/18

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

September 06, 2026

OFFERING	WEEKLY	YEAR TO DATE
FBC Offering	\$ 236,766	\$ 7,334,841
Budget Requirement	\$ 146,985	\$ 7,421,276
Over/Under Budget	\$ 89,781	\$ -86,434
Hope 1:8	\$ 500	\$ 11,700
Mary Hill Daivs	\$ 662	\$ 1,102



SEPTEMBER 29 6:00-8:00 (FELLOWSHIP HALL)
EVERYDAY GOSPEL CONVERSATIONS
Sharing the Gospel Compassionately

No Cost

Join us for dinner and an encouraging evening with Gary Stidham, Director of Training for Texas Baptist Student Ministry, as he shares a simple, practical approach to evangelism. Gary will introduce simple tools to help you confidently share your faith in a way that feels genuine and personal.

Dinner is included with register. Because meals will be ordered in advance, please register at fbcm.info/salty if you plan to attend and eat with us.

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.

- Ray Ramirez in the loss of his mother
- Family & Friends of Webb Farish

**LOVE MIDLAND
VOLUNTEER DAY**
OCTOBER 3 KICKOFF AT 8:00 AM
AT ASTOUND STADIUM
Serve our City at 10:00 AM.

Love Midland is a city-wide movement seeking the social, economic, and spiritual flourishing of our community through the demonstration of Christ's love. Families, groups and individuals are all encouraged to participate as we serve our neighbors, strengthen our community, and share His love in meaningful ways. Find your place to serve today at LoveMidland.org.

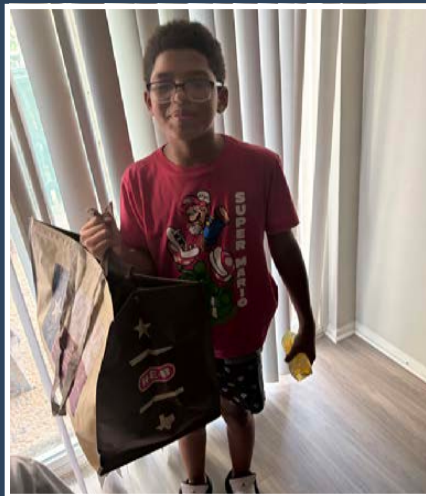
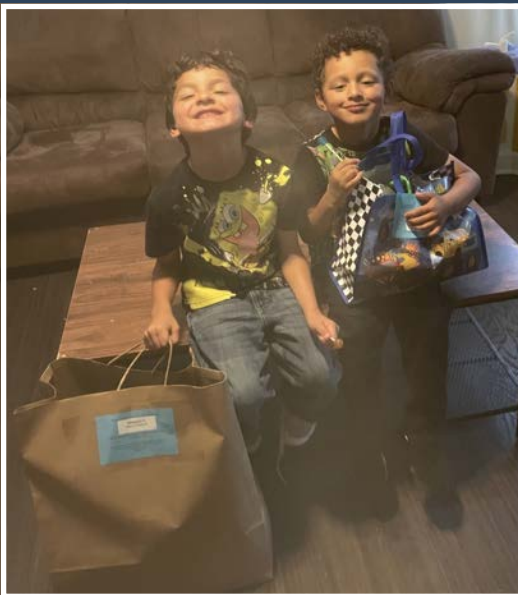


Dress 'Em & Bless 'Em 2026

Through Dress 'Em & Bless 'Em, FBC Midland's WMU helps provide local children with new clothing as they prepare for the school year. Family Promise of the Permian Basin is one of four local agencies WMU and FBC Midland partner with to help connect these gifts with families in our community.

Members of our First Family shopped for new clothing and prepared gifts for children served through these ministry partners.

The purpose is simple: provide children with needed back-to-school clothing while reminding families that they are cared for and supported by their community. Through these partnerships, children can begin the school year with clothing they need and a tangible expression of Christ's love.



Dear First Baptist,

On behalf of the staff and residents at Midland Fair Havens, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous contributions to the "Dress 'em and Bless 'em". Your kindness and support have made a significant impact in our community and more specifically our resident families.

We are deeply thankful for your willingness to partner with us in helping others. Your generous hearts and dedication to loving like Jesus are truly inspiring. The new clothing for a new school year makes a tremendous difference in the lives of our children and provides them with confidence, comfort, and joy as they start the year. Thank you for boosting their spirits in such a huge way!

*With Sincere Gratitude,
Midland Fair Havens*

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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.



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:
fbc-midland.org/fbcwr

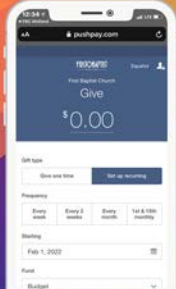
OCTOBER 16-17 (FRIDAY-SATURDAY)

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: fbc-midland.org/fbcmr



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