



The BANNER

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DEAR FIRST FAMILY.

Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord. Praise the Lord for seasons and chapters in our lives! And the one we marked last Sunday was special. Our graduating students have worked hard to prepare for this moment. Join me in praying for them as they enter the next chapter of their lives. A special word of thanks to Rachel Hoffman and Sadie Dockrey for speaking Sunday morning!

OUR SABBATICAL IS HERE!

Through your kindness and generosity, my family and I will be taking a few weeks away for our sabbatical. This is an incredibly generous benefit, and I wanted to express my gratitude to you, my First Family, for this opportunity. While I'm away, I'm confident our ministry team will serve you well. If you need anything, please call my office. I'll be in touch with my friend Moe Bomer and my assistant Jessica.

For the next two weeks, we're traveling with our friend Dr. Todd Still in Greece and Turkey on a Steps of the Apostle Paul / Churches of Revelation tour. We'll return to the US on Friday, June 5th. I'll continue my time away the following week attending a conference with New Testament scholar Dr. N.T. Wright, as he leads a four-day conference I'll be attending in Houston. In God's mercy, I'll be back in place on June 14th, ready to serve the Lord and our church again.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND - ONE SERVICE ONLY - MAY 24TH

Make a note! This Sunday we'll have just our 11 AM service. Sunday School remains at our usual time of 9:45 AM, but adjust your schedule for this Sunday, Memorial Day weekend! You'll be led this week by my friend Dr. Jacob West, dean of theology at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Dr. West has a long history as a pastor and is a dear friend. I'm sure you'll welcome him warmly.

LUNCH AND LEARN - MAY 26 - BRIAN JONES - FAMM (FOR ALL MANKIND MOVEMENT)

We are pleased to welcome our friend Brian Jones to our campus for lunch on May 26th. Brian is a gracious and godly man, leading a wonderful and broadly based ministry. His ministry is our partner for the Sri Lanka trip we have taken the last two summers and the one planned for July of this year. If you love missions, this is the talk for you! I hope you'll join in and learn about the work of FAMM!



A SALUTE TO OUR HEROES

In 2017, my friend Dean Rippetoe wrote this about Memorial Day. I wouldn't dream of trying to improve on it. Be blessed by Dean's wisdom and grace.

"One of the most difficult days of my life was the day I boarded a train in Dallas, Texas, going to New York City and eventually, Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. I knew I was being sent somewhere in Europe and that I would be gone for at least 18 months – maybe longer, with a chance of no return. The thoughts that passed through my mind as I stepped on the train were burned into my brain – forever.

There was nothing I could do about it. My country had called and I had answered. I knew not what was ahead. And I had it easy compared to many others. Today, I think of those before me and those who came after me – being in the same situation – thinking the same thoughts. I am also thinking of those who were facing going into battle with a less than 50-50 chance of survival, and wonder what their thoughts were. All who have been through it know what I am talking about – those who have never experienced this will never know.

And then I wonder what the thoughts were of those who had been mortally wounded as they breathed their last breath. I am sure that many were thinking of home and loved ones and were confident that those left behind would defend America just as they had. I am sure that most, if not all, felt that America would be a better place because of their sacrifice.

I think most would tell you today – get out the Bar-B-Que pit, eat a hot dog at a ball game, worship at a church of your choice, spend time with family and friends, and enjoy life, liberty, happiness, and freedom. I think they would tell you that this is what they died for.

Today, we honor those who never returned. We honor those brave men and women who never had the opportunity to enjoy the lives they could have had. We give thanks to God for those who gave their all that we might have what we have today. We honor our heroic and patriotic dead by being true Americans and by faithfully fighting the battles of our day as they fought the battles of their day.

If they had the opportunity to speak today, I think they would tell us this - Take up our quarrel with the foe: to you from failing hands, we throw the torch; be yours to hold it high. If you break the faith with us who die, we shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders Fields. May each of you have a great Memorial Day and remember those who made it possible." Dean - Memorial Day, 2017"

Your servant,

Dr. Darin Wood
Senior Pastor



WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY • 05/24 • MEMORIAL WEEKEND SUNDAY

9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service* (Worship Center)
 First Baptist en Español Service (Chapel)
 International Bible Study (D100)

* 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

The church office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

WEDNESDAY • 05/27

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

Menu: Brisket, Pinto Beans, Baked Potato, Tossed Green Salad, Honey Cornbread Muffin, & Berry Crumble Dessert Bar
Kids: Corndog, French Fries, & Chocolate Chip Cookie

6:30 PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study (E114)
 Adult Choir (Choir Room)
 Orchestra (Worship Center)

THURSDAY • 05/28

12:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

FRIDAY • 05/29

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

May 17, 2026

OFFERING	WEEKLY	YEAR TO DATE
FBC Offering	\$ 254,149	\$ 5,017,819
Budget Requirement	\$ 146,985	\$ 5,069,516
Over/Under Budget	\$ 107,164	\$ -51,697
Hope 1:8	\$ 100	\$ 8,850

WAINSCOTT-LACY SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship applications are available now and will be due by **Friday, May 29th**. For an application, please contact Jessica Torres at: (432)683-0604 or jtorres@fbc-midland.org. All applicants must be attending a Baptist college, university, or seminary.



WMU Women's Build

October 18-23 Mission, TX

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JUNE 1 SPACES ARE LIMITED

Details: fbcm.info/wmubuild

Women's Build a ministry of WMU of Texas

WMU WOMEN'S BUILD

October 18-23 in Mission, TX

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JUNE 1! LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!

Cost:

\$185 per person paid to WMU. All meals, lodging, and a participant t-shirt are included in the registration fee.
 \$250 per person paid to FBC Midland.

Register at fbcm.info/wmubuild

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"BREATHE: MAKING ROOM FOR SABBATH" BY PRISCILLA SHIRER

- **June 17 - July 29**
- **Meeting Wednesday nights at 6 pm in E102**
- **Led by Trisha Upchurch.**
- **Cost: \$10.**

In this Bible study, we'll learn that Sabbath was given to the Israelites as a gift, and it is still a gift to us today. If you are weary, worn out, and exhausted, then the concept of Sabbath will change your life.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

THANK YOU

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for the many acts of kindness, prayers, flowers, calls, visits, and words of comfort shown during this time of loss. Your love and support have brought strength and peace to our hearts, and we are deeply thankful to each of you. May God bless you for your thoughtfulness and compassion.

The family of Michael Hawley

HOW CAN I HELP FOR VBS?

VBS PRAYER WALK

SUNDAY, MAY 31ST AT 3 PM-5 PM (CHAPEL)

Joins as we walk the FBC Campus and pray for God's intervention into the lives of each VBS child and the family they represent.

VBS GREETER TRAINING

SUNDAY, MAY 31ST AT 4 PM-5 PM (E102)

VBS Greeters play a vital role in forming a visitor's first impression of our church, and to some, their first impression of Jesus Christ. Your warm smile and friendly demeanor will go a long way in helping our VBS visitors form a favorable opinion of our church. We invite you to join the greeter team!



JUNE 6 AT 10:00 AM (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

What is FMT? It stands for Family Matters Too — a ministry dedicated to reaching families who may not yet know the love, hope, and support found in Christ and His Church. Through this effort, we can connect with unchurched families whose children attended VBS and remind them that they matter deeply to God and to us.

This ministry is more than a visit or a delivery. It is a chance to open doors for relationships, encourage parents, pray for homes, and help families take their first steps toward a life-changing connection with Jesus. Every conversation, every smile, and every act of kindness can have an eternal impact.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for training as we prepare together for this important mission. We will spend time equipping and encouraging one another to serve families with compassion, purpose, and the love of Christ. Every willing heart and helping hand can make an eternal difference.

Volunteers will deliver prepared "Goodie Bags" to these families as part of an intentional, timely follow-up effort. This is meaningful kingdom work — the kind that changes lives, strengthens families, and advances the Gospel, one home at a time.

We need caring hearts willing to serve. Thank you for being part of something that truly matters.



CAMPS: REGISTER YOUR KIDS TODAY!

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL • JUNE 1 - 4

Give your kids an unforgettable summer at Vacation Bible School—packed with faith, fun, and new friendships! **Register your children or volunteer** at fbcm.info/vbs2026 and be part of an adventure they'll always remember.

BASKETBALL CAMP • JUNE 15 - 18

- 1st-3rd grade 9 AM - 11:30 AM
- 4th-6th grade 1:30 PM - 4 PM
- Cost: \$100

Register at fbc-midland.org/events

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

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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.



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

- ▶ May 31 No PM Service
- ▶ June 7 Green Acres Mini Golf • 5 PM
- ▶ June 14 Rockhounds Baseball • 1 PM
- ▶ 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: fbc-m.info/summer26

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