



**GRACE AND PEACE IN CHRIST OUR LORD!**

He is RISEN! He is RISEN INDEED! Happy Easter! In God's goodness, we've made it to Resurrection Sunday, and we rejoice in it. When you come Sunday, I pray that you'll come with full and excited hearts, ready to rejoice together in Christ's resurrection and the promise of new life we enjoy! I'm excited to share it with you – see you Sunday!

**PALM SUNDAY WAS EXCEPTIONAL!**

Before we leave last Sunday behind, I wanted to express my gratitude and appreciation to you, First Family, for your patience. Jeff and I knew we had too much in the service this past Sunday – your patience made the service all the richer. From our Mayflower friends to our choir and orchestra, from the Lord's Supper to the Baptism to end the 11 AM service, it was a wonderful way to start Passion Week leading up to Easter. May God continue to speak through it into our lives throughout this week.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES • FIRST METHODIST THURSDAY 7 PM**

I want to remind you about our service for Maundy Thursday this week. Maundy means "mandated" reminding us of Jesus' mandate to us in John 13:34-35. He says, "A new commandment I give to you – Love one another!" This command is what we honor at the service as we remember Jesus' last night before His crucifixion. In liturgical terms, this is called a "Tenebrae" service. Tenebrae is a Latin phrase meaning "darkness" or "shadows." As the service progresses, the lights are dimmed and candles extinguished, allowing darkness to take a larger place just like it did on the night Jesus was arrested. I hope you'll join us for this meaningful time of remembrance.

**GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER TIME • 7 AM TILL 7 PM**

On Good Friday, our chapel doors will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM. There's no program, music, preaching, or schedule – just a quiet time for prayer, meditation, and reflection. Many are off work and out of school this Friday – I want to encourage you to make plans to be there. If you can't make it, pray wherever you are.



**EASTER SUNDAY MORNING**

When you come on Sunday, please do what you can to park as far out as possible to allow space for our new friends to park closer. While it might be inconvenient, small sacrifices like that make a world of difference! Recently, I was at a church I had not visited before. I didn't know where to go or even where the auditorium was. It was a great reminder of what it's like to be new. I'm confident you'll welcome our new friends warmly and with your customary kindness. May God be glorified this and every Sunday!

Your servant,  
 Darin

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

April 13, 2025

OFFERING	WEEKLY	YEAR TO DATE
FBC Offering	\$ 98,156	\$ 4,822,798
Budget Requirement	\$ 134,566	\$ 4,291,557
Over/Under Budget	\$ -36,410	\$ 531,241
Hope 1:8	\$ 100	\$ 32,390
Annie Armstrong Goal: \$40,000	\$ 3,455	\$ 33,621

## WEEK OF APRIL 20TH

### SUNDAY

- 8:30 AM Easter Worship Service\* (Worship Center)  
Livestream/Overflow Viewing (Chapel)
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Easter Worship Service\* (Worship Center)  
First Baptist en Español Service (Chapel)  
International Bible Study (D100)
- 2:00 PM Grief Share (D106)

**No evening events on church campus in honor of the Easter holiday.**

\* Extended care is available for Birth - PreK during worship services.

Worship Services are live streamed on our website at: [fbc-midland.org](http://fbc-midland.org) as well as [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), & [Vimeo](#).

### MONDAY

- 11:45 AM Brotherhood Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

### WEDNESDAY

- 4:45 PM Wednesday Family Meal (Fellowship Hall)

**MEAL: \$7.00 | FAMILY MEAL: \$25.00 | HAMBURGER: \$5.00**

**Menu:** Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Tossed Green Salad, Garlic Bread, & Carrot Cake

**Kids:** Steak Fingers, French Fries, & Chocolate Chip Cookie

- 5:15 PM Preschool Pizza & Playground (A-Hall)
- 6:00 PM 3 yr-olds Music & Missions (A117)  
PreK & Kinder Music (JAM Room)  
**1st Kidz Praise:**  
1-5th graders (D205)  
Wed. Evening Bible Study & Prayer (E114)  
Women's Bible Study (E102)
- 6:30 PM Adult Choir (Choir Room)  
Orchestra (Worship Center)
- 7:00 PM PreK & Kinder Missions (JAM Room)  
1st-6th Grade Missions (2nd floor "A" Hallway)  
Women's Choir (Choir Room)

### THURSDAY

- 6:30 AM Iron Men Book Study (D101/103)
- 9:00 AM Precept Upon Precepts (E102)
- 10:30 AM Joyful Sound Choir Rehearsal (D101/103)
- 12:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 6:30 PM ESL (North entrance, follow signs)

### FRIDAY

- 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.

- Kim Castillo and Debbie Scott in the loss of their grandmother/mother, Audrey Brooks

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL 20TH • 8:30 & 11:00 AM

#### EASTER SUNDAY

Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with powerful worship and the message of hope! Our choir and orchestra will lead us in joyful praise during both services.

### APRIL 27TH • 8:30 & 11 AM

#### (WORSHIP CENTER)

#### WOMEN ONLY WORSHIP

Ladies, Come Sing With Us!

All ladies (1st grade and up) are invited to be part of a special Women's Choir leading in both services on Sunday, April 27.

**Rehearsal is Wednesday, April 23 at 7:00 PM** in the Choir Room. Mothers, bring your daughters!

### APRIL 27TH • 5:30 PM

#### PIE & PRAISE

Following our Church Conference, enjoy an uplifting evening of music with our Joyful Sound Choir, Sonshiners, and Faithful Men. Pie fellowship to follow!

### MAY 1ST • 6:30 PM (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

#### 2025 BASIN BSM BANQUET

You're invited to come learn about and celebrate the work of Baptist Student Ministry in the Permian Basin. BSM Director, Tyler McMurry, will share about how the Lord is at work at UTPB, Midland College, and Odessa College. Tyler will also share ways you can be involved in the work of reaching college students in the Permian Basin.

The cost is \$10 and you can register at:

[fbcm.info/bsmbanquet](http://fbcm.info/bsmbanquet)

### MAY 4TH 8:30 & 11:00 AM

#### 1ST KIDZ PRAISE SPRING MUSICAL

On Sunday morning, May 4, our children will lead in worship with their Spring musicals. Older children will present *The Bumblebee Attitudes*, while our preschoolers share *This I Know*.

Come ready to smile and be inspired!

### MAY 15TH • 5:30 PM

#### GENERATIONS DINNER AND CONCERT

#### FEATURING THE SINGING MEN OF WEST TEXAS

Don't miss a time of fun and fellowship with a barbecue dinner followed by an amazing and inspirational concert by the Singing Men of West Texas!

Dinner at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, Concert at 6:30 pm in the Worship Center.

Cost \$10 for the catered meal

Register by May 12 at [fbcm.info/gen0515](http://fbcm.info/gen0515), in your Sunday School Class, or by calling the church.

## COMING SUMMER 2026

### JUNE 28-JULY 6, 2026

#### HYMNS, WORSHIP & MINISTRY IN ENGLAND

Join us on a deeply meaningful journey through England. Discover the stories behind beloved hymns like *Amazing Grace* and *Just As I Am*, visit sites connected to the Wesleys and other hymn writers, and participate in hands-on ministry with Hampton Wick Baptist Church near London.

**Interest Meeting: Sunday, May 4 at 4:00 PM in the Choir Rm.**

  
**APRIL 27TH**  
 5:30 PM  
**PIE & PRAISE**  
 with  
**JOYFUL SOUND CHOIR**  
 BRING A  
**SWEET OR SAVORY PIE  
 TO SHARE!**  
 WORSHIP CENTER THEN FELLOWSHIP HALL



  
**VBS**  
**JUNE 2-5**  
**2025**  
**Registration is OPEN!**  
[fbcmidland.org/vbs2025](http://fbcmidland.org/vbs2025)  
 PSALM 34:3  
**MAGNIFIED!**  
 DISCOVERING THE BIGNESS OF GOD  
 IN THE SMALLEST OF THINGS  


Registration is open for Summer Events!

◆ **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL • JUNE 2ND - 5TH**

Give your kids an unforgettable summer at Vacation Bible School—packed with faith, fun, and new friendships! Register your children or volunteer today at [fbcmidland.org/vbs2025](http://fbcmidland.org/vbs2025) and be part of an adventure they'll always remember.

◆ **DAY CAMP #1 • JUNE 23-27**

- Cost is \$125
- 1st-6th Grade children.

Register at the FBC Activities Building, 432-683-0648, or contact Bethany at [boconnor@fbc-midland.org](mailto:boconnor@fbc-midland.org).

◆ **CONNECT CAMP • JUNE 30-JULY 3**

- Cost \$197
- 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](http://connectcamps.com/midland)

◆ **BASKETBALL CAMP • JULY 7 - JULY 10**

- Cost: \$100
- 1st-3rd Grade 9am-11:30am
- 4th-6th Grade 1:30pm-4pm

Register at the FBC Activities Building, 432-683-0648, or contact Bethany at [boconnor@fbc-midland.org](mailto:boconnor@fbc-midland.org).

◆ **DAY CAMP #2 • JULY 14-18, 9 AM-3 PM**

- Cost is \$125
- 1st-6th Grade children.

Register at the FBC Activities Building, 432-683-0648, or contact Bethany at [boconnor@fbc-midland.org](mailto:boconnor@fbc-midland.org).

◆ **SPORTS, SPEED, & AGILITY CAMP • JULY 21-24**

- Cost is \$100
- 1st-4th Grade meet at 9:00 - 11:30 AM
- 5th-8th Grade meet at 1:30 - 4:00 PM

Register at the FBC Activities Building, 432-683-0648, or contact Bethany at [boconnor@fbc-midland.org](mailto:boconnor@fbc-midland.org).

◆ **VOLLEYBALLCAMP • JULY 28-31**

- Cost is \$100
- 1st-4th Grade meet at 9:00 - 11:30 AM
- 5th-8th Grade meet at 1:30 - 4:00 PM

Register at the FBC Activities Building, 432-683-0648, or contact Bethany at [boconnor@fbc-midland.org](mailto:boconnor@fbc-midland.org).

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## North Carolina Trip

Our recent Generations trip to North Carolina (March 30-April 5) was an unforgettable experience, filled with the gospel, mountainous beauty, and Christian fellowship.

- We began our journey in Asheville, and we enjoyed a Senior Salt Hymn Sing at the Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove.
- Tuesday found us on the Great Smokey Mountain Railroad, leaving from Bryson City, where we stopped at the Nantahala Gorge and saw the trailhead for the Appalachian Trail.
- On Wednesday, we toured the Biltmore Estate, where we marveled at the grand architecture, lush gardens, and rich history.
- On our last day in Asheville, we went to a local farmer's market, viewed spring gardens at the Asheville Arboretum, and ate at tasty local restaurants.
- Next, we traveled to Charlotte, to experience the Billy Graham Library, where we learned about the life and ministry of Billy and Ruth Graham. We heard the gospel preached in depth as we learned about God's special call on Billy Graham's life and the millions of lives he touched.

It was a fitting end to a tour full of praising God in the midst of His glorious creation and being reminded of the saving power of the gospel.

## FBC DIRECTORY

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### Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Fri 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM

### Sunday

Worship Services at 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM • Sunday School at 9:45 AM

### Worship Services Online

[fbc-midland.org](http://fbc-midland.org) • [facebook.com/fbcmidland](https://facebook.com/fbcmidland)  
[youtube.com/fbcmidland](https://youtube.com/fbcmidland) • [vimeo.com/fbcmidland](https://vimeo.com/fbcmidland)

### Sunday Service Televised at

7:00 a.m. on KOSA CBS 7  
10:00 a.m. on CW Channel

*Televised services are on a one-week tape delay*



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Visit the help desk. (Welcome Center)

Sundays: 9:30 - 9:45 AM or 10:45 - 11 AM

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