



GRACE AND PEACE IN CHRIST OUR LORD!

I write to you from the fully renovated and freely traveled Garfield Street. About lunch on Monday, the barricades and cones were removed and traffic began to flow freely outside our building for the first time in 27 months. God's grace has carried us thus far and we are grateful for it! By Sunday, the fencing on our west parking lot will be down and we will begin to return to a new normal. Gratefully, I say thank you, church family, for your patience and your faithfulness in pressing on through the construction zone season. We also offer a hearty "well done" to the men and women who planned and executed this project. It's been a long slog, but we receive this new season with joy! See you Sunday WITHOUT the fence on our west side!

CHURCH CONFERENCE • SUNDAY @ 5 PM

This Sunday at 5 PM, we'll convene for our church conference. This is our opportunity to practice stewardship and leadership over the blessings God has bestowed upon us. Elsewhere in this Banner, you'll find an agenda for our time together Sunday night. I hope to see you there!

MISSION TRIPS AND REC TEAMS

Our Sri Lanka Team arrived safely and in good order! They are getting down to work and seeing God at work! Pray for their work and safety as they strive to honor Christ and serve the Kingdom of Heaven.

Our Rec Team arrives in Shamrock, TX this week, serving the Lord in their next-to-last week. Pray for God's favor for them to finish well and to serve their last two weeks with excitement and enthusiasm!

DRESS 'EM AND BLESS 'EM!

As the calendar sneaks toward the beginning of school, we are honored to serve the children of Midland with our annual "Dress 'Em and Bless 'em" event. If you took a card, we need

you to deliver those goods back to the church this Sunday. That will allow us time to ensure we get them to the right student/family in time for the school year. God has blessed us in so many ways! Blessing families with school clothes is a wonderful way to show others God's blessings to them!

AUGUST 9 • SHANE AND SHANE IN CONCERT

We are excited to welcome Shane and Shane to FBC on Saturday, August 9th! If you're not familiar with their music, check it out here: shaneandshane.com. They are godly men and gifted musicians. Their concert on Saturday night serves as a precursor to Sunday morning, when Shane & Shane will join our choir and orchestra to lead worship in both services. They will also be featured as our interview guests! God has blessed these men and used them in remarkable ways! Mark the days down to be with us!

AUGUST 24 • A SPECIAL SUNDAY!

Finally, I want to invite you to mark August 24. In our morning services, we'll be introducing PROJECT 140 - our anniversary celebration! While our official anniversary isn't until January 10, 2026, we've been working on various projects for months, and we're now introducing this special project. You will NOT want to miss it!

Your servant,

Darin

CHURCH CONFERENCE AGENDA

JULY 27TH • 5 PM (CHAPEL)

Approval of Minutes

- Church Conference June 22, 2025

Approval of new members (June)

Grant Church Letters

Reports:

1. Church Council Chairman
2. Finance Committee Chairman
3. Personnel Committee Chairman

Old Business

New Business

- Presentation of edits to Governance Documents
- Motion to create a Project 140 Anniversary Committee

Other Business

Adjourn

WEEK OF JULY 27TH

SUNDAY

- 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)
- International Bible Study (D100)
- 5:00 PM Church Conference (Chapel)

* 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

- 11:45 AM Brotherhood Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY

There will be no Wednesday Night Meals throughout the month of July.

- 5:30 PM Wed. Evening Bible Study & Prayer (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY

- 12:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

FRIDAY

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

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY



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BIBLE STUDY**

JOIN US FOR A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Meets: Wednesdays 10:10 to 11:55 a.m.

Starting: August 20, 2025

Location: First Baptist Church

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Nancy Spear at midlanddaycbs@gmail.com Register for our Ladies Day Class with Children's Program (Birth – 5 yrs) at fbc-midland.org/info/cbs25

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 Jay Warren

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

July 20, 2025

OFFERING	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE
FBC Offering	\$ 99,197	\$ 6,672,601
Budget Requirement	\$ 134,566	\$ 6,175,481
Over/Under Budget	\$ -35,369	\$ 497,119
Hope 1:8	\$ 300	\$ 37,082



MISSION AGAPE SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

We're partnering with Mission Agape to help students in our community start the school year ready and equipped!

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Pick up extra supplies while you shop and bring them to the Welcome Center on the listed Sundays. Your donations will directly bless local students through Mission Agape's outreach programs.

Items Needed: Crayons, markers, highlighters, dry erase markers, #2 pencils, pencil pouches, plastic pencil boxes, pink erasers, glue & glue sticks, scissors (blunt & sharp edge), composition notebooks, wide-rule notebooks, 1-inch binders, watercolors, and sheet protectors.

- Drop-off: July 27
- Location: Welcome Center

Thank you for making a difference!

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 28-31

VOLLEYBALL CAMP • Cost is \$100

- 1st-4th Grade meet at 9:00 - 11:30 AM
- 5th-8th Grade meet at 1:30 - 4:00 PM

CAMP REGISTRATIONS

In person at FBC Activities Building, call 432-683-0648, or email Bethany at: boconnor@fbc-midland.org

SEPTEMBER 7 • 12:00 PM (FELLOWSHIP HALL)
WIDOWS & WIDOWERS LUNCHEON

BIBLICAL TEACHING WORKSHOP

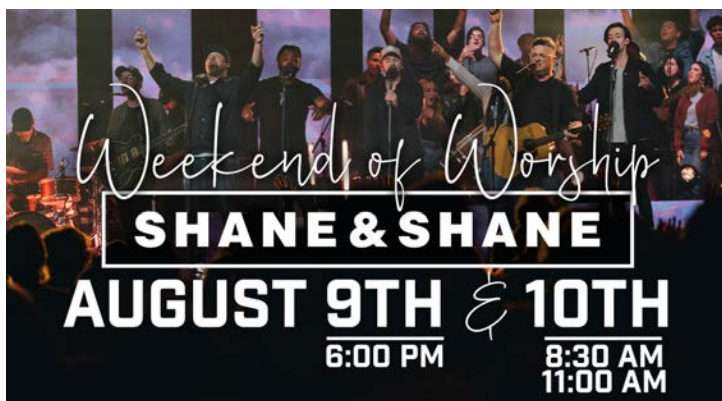
with Dr. Joshua Williams

SATURDAY • AUG 2ND

9 AM – 1 PM • Free Lunch

RSVP by Monday, **July 28th**

at fbcm.info/btw25



An Afternoon in Tuscany

The Deacons of First Baptist Church and their families warmly invite all widows and widowers to a special afternoon of Italian food, fellowship, and uplifting entertainment by David Johnson, Janna Boyd, and Elisabeth Ream.

If you are a widow or widower and didn't receive an invitation, please know you're warmly invited—we don't want anyone to be overlooked. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect, be encouraged, and enjoy a joyful time together.

To help us prepare, kindly reserve your seat and let us know if a caregiver will accompany you. Contact **Jessica Torres** by **August 17** at jtorres@fbc-midland.org or 432-683-0604

We look forward to sharing this joyful time together!



THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU IN WORSHIP MINISTRY THIS FALL!

As summer winds down and a new season begins, we're excited to invite YOU to be part of what God is doing through the Worship Ministry at First Baptist! Whether you sing, play an instrument, or want your kids and students involved, there's a place for everyone to grow and serve together this fall.

Here's what's coming up:

- **Adult Worship Choir** - Begins Wednesday, August 6 at 6:30 PM. Whether you've sung in choirs before or are brand new, we'd love for you to join us!
- **Church Orchestra** - Also starting August 6 (experience required). If you play an instrument, come help lead our congregation in worship.
- **Joyful Sound Choir** - Resumes Thursday, August 28 at 10:00 AM. We're kicking off the season with special guest Trent Blackley—you won't want to miss it!
- **Student Worship Arts Team (SWAT)** - For students in grades 6–12, meeting Wednesdays from 5:30–6:15 PM. Encourage the students in your life to jump in!
- **1st Kidz Praise** - For children ages 3 through 5th grade, starting Wednesday, August 20. This is a wonderful way for kids to experience worship and music.

As you can see, there's something for every age and stage in our Worship Ministry. Why not make this the season you step in and discover the joy of serving through worship?

For more information or questions, call the church office. We'd love to help you find your place!



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Church Office Hours - Summer Schedule

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.



2025-2026 School Year NOW ENROLLING

Preschool 3's (Must be 3 by September 1, 2025)

Pre-K 4's (Must be 4 by September 1, 2025)

Please call the CDC office for more information.
432/683-0638 or email dwinston@fbc-midland.org