



GRACE AND PEACE IN CHRIST OUR LORD!

What a joy it was to be together on Sunday! Shane and Shane led us so well! If you missed it, catch it on our broadcast this Sunday at 7 AM, or record it at 10 AM for later viewing. These anointed men were exceptional! Thanks to each of you in our choir, orchestra, and media team who worked so hard to partner with them! If you don't do anything else, look up their songs "You've Already Won" and "Psalm 23 (Surely Goodness and Mercy)." You'll be glad you did.

PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOLS SUNDAY! AUGUST 17TH

This Sunday is a big one! For most of us, it's the last Sunday before school goes back! We want to set aside this Sunday to pray for the upcoming school year. For our teachers, administrators, school board, coaches, paraprofessionals, custodians, bus drivers, and especially our students! For most of us, our lives revolve around the school calendar and here is where it begins. Wear your school colors, come ready to celebrate God's goodness in delivering us to a new start and let's kneel together in unity committing ourselves to God's great mercy for this coming school year!

SRI LANKA MISSION TEAM REPORT - 5 @ 5 THIS SUNDAY NIGHT

This Sunday evening, we're pleased to welcome our Sri Lanka team to bring a report about their recent trip to serve the Lord in a far different place! While it may be far away and nothing like our beloved Midland home, what they found in their journey is consistent with God's people and humanity looking for God. I hope you'll plan to join us this Sunday evening!

PROJECT 140 COMING ON AUGUST 24TH! BOTH MORNING SERVICES!

Sunday, August 24th, we'll take time for our annual state of the church talk. It's vital to remind ourselves of our purpose and direction to make sure we don't forget why we exist as a church. On January 11, 2026, we'll celebrate our 140th Anniversary - we'll take time to begin the celebration on August 24! I hope you'll make special plans to be there!

THE LORD'S SUPPER - AUGUST 24TH

In addition to our state of the church talk, we'll commemorate the Lord's Supper in each of our morning services. I'm excited to share this special day with you.

CHURCH CONFERENCE - AUGUST 24TH

Our evening service will be our monthly church conference. A wonderful time of stewardship, this is our time of practicing wisdom over the resources God has granted us. If you've ever wondered how we make decisions as a church, this is it. I hope to see you there.

BIBLE READING INSIGHTS - DOING MORE TOGETHER

On Monday, our Bible reading plan introduced us to Nehemiah. In chapter 4, we read how each family/tribe was given a focused portion of the wall they were rebuilding. Their partnership and consistent faithfulness to the task led them to do something together that they never could have accomplished alone. I read it this year as if I were following a football team, where each part relies on the others. If one part doesn't perform, the others suffer the loss. In God's kingdom, the mercy of God has given us each the chance to serve. While our God is a gentleman - he won't FORCE you to serve - the opportunity to serve is a rich and beautiful one. It frees us from the limitations we place on ourselves and grants us the joy of seeing God use us. Moreover, in using the gifts God has given us, many times that takes us to places we would never have chosen for ourselves, but it is exactly where we find God's glory made manifest in our lives. Like Nehemiah and the people of his day, let's join arms in prayer and focused effort to see God's glory revealed!

Your servant,

Darin

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

August 10, 2025

OFFERING	WEEKLY	YEAR TO DATE
FBC Offering	\$ 123,115	\$ 7,085,665
Budget Requirement	\$ 134,566	\$ 6,579,179
Over/Under Budget	\$ -11,451	\$ 506,486
Hope 1:8	\$ 0	\$ 37,912

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE

AUGUST 31ST

IN HONOR OF LABOR DAY

11:00 AM

FOLLOWING
SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45 AM

WEEK OF AUGUST 17TH

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 Sri Lanka Mission Trip Report (Fellowship Hall)

* 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

- 4:45 PM Wednesday Family Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- MEAL: \$7.00 | FAMILY MEAL: \$25.00**
- HAMBURGER: \$5.00**

Menu: Meatloaf, Macaroni & Cheese, Broccoli, Tossed Green Salad, Honey Wheat Roll, & Carrot Cake

- 5:30 PM Wed. Evening Bible Study & Prayer (E114)
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Kickoff (Football Stadium)
- 6:30 PM Adult Choir (Choir Room)
- Orchestra (Worship Center)

THURSDAY

- 12:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

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.

- David Draper in the loss of his son, Jason Draper

2025 BLESS 'EM & DRESS 'EM IS IN THE BOOKS!

Over the past few weeks, our First Family once again came together to provide school clothes for Midland students in need. This year, FBC clothed 110 children from various agencies in our community—a significantly larger number than in previous years.

Through your generosity and willingness to show God's love, we were able to meet this important need in Midland. A special THANK YOU to Jamie Begeman for her leadership and dedication to this ministry.

Thank you, First Family, and may God bless you in return.

Randy Kolb and the members of FBC WMU

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MISSION TRIP REPORT SRI LANKA

Come to hear stories of how God moved through our mission team in Sri Lanka.

**SUNDAY
AUG 17TH • 5 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL**



GAME ON! Kickoff at the Stadium – A Night for Families!

Get ready for an exciting Wednesday Night Kickoff as we launch the new year of ministry for 1st Kidz Praise, RA's, GA's, and Mission Friends! We're inviting all children and their families to join us on the field at Midland Memorial Stadium for an evening of fun, food, and connection.

This is more than just a gathering—it's the start of a season where our kids will grow in faith, worship, and mission. Come meet your leaders, reconnect with church friends, and find your place in this vibrant midweek ministry!

What to Expect:

- Free food & drinks
- Field games & inflatables
- Music and fun
- First look at what's coming this year!

Bring your whole family, wear your sneakers, and join us on the turf for a memorable night of faith and fun!



EXPERIENCING GOD

This 12-week Equip Study will guide you to discover the joy of a deep, personal relationship with God—one where you clearly hear His voice, understand His will, and experience Him working through you in powerful ways. **Schedule**

- 1st session:
Sunday at 11 AM on August 31st in the Worship Center and
Wednesday at 6 PM on September 3rd in the Fellowship Hall
- Subsequent Sessions:
Sundays at 5 PM, and Wednesdays at 6:00 PM
- Room: Fellowship Hall
- No Cost for workbook
- Led by Dr. Darin Wood

IRON MEN BOOK STUDY GROUP

Wild Goose Chase by Mark Batterson

Mark Batterson's book about the wild, untamable nature of the Holy Spirit and how pursuing a relationship with Him can lead us on an unpredictable, sometimes dangerous, but always meaningful adventure.

- Thursdays at 6:30 AM • September 4th to October 30th
- Room: D101/103
- Cost for the book is \$15
- Led by Berry Simpson

Register at fbcn.info/f25im

MOMS OF PRODIGALS

Are you navigating the difficult journey of a prodigal child? Come join other moms as we learn practical ways to manage our emotions as moms and entrust our prodigals to their Creator. Bring your Bible. All other materials will be provided. No cost! **FOR WOMEN ONLY!**

- Wednesdays at 6:15 PM • September 3rd to 24th
- Room: D 104
- Led by Robbie Campbell
- Register at fbcn.info/f25mop

PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT

Starting with a 7-week study in Leviticus, we will spend the rest of the year in an extensive study in Hebrews.

- Thursdays at 9:00 AM • August 14th - September 25th
- Room: E102
- Cost \$20
- Led by Katy Little
- No registration required.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Amos: An invitation to the good life by Jennifer Rothchild. Through this study, you'll be invited to live assured, faithful, chosen, humble, justly, prayerful, and hopeful. Ultimately, you'll be invited to "seek God and live" (Amos 5:4).

- Wednesdays at 6:00 PM • September 3rd - October 22nd
- Room: E 102
- Cost: \$10

Registration at fbcn.info/f24wbs

MISSION TRIP REPORT

MISSION TRIP WITH GLOBAL MISSIONS PROJECT AND THE METRO BIG BAND

On June 12, Cyndi and I, along with Rabon Bewley and Craig Freeman, traveled to Toledo, Brazil, to join musicians from several states and three countries as part of the Global Missions Project (GMP). Together, we formed the Metro Big Band and spent the week worshipping, playing music, and ministering alongside local churches.

GMP's mission is to assist and strengthen local ministries. During our time in Brazil, we played concerts in schools, the municipal cultural center, outdoor venues, and two churches. Each event aimed to build relationships between local churches and the community, increasing the churches' visibility and outreach. Since its first trip in 2003, GMP has sponsored more than 150 projects in over 40 countries worldwide.

Our schedule was intense—18 performances in just six days, including eight in a single day. We were met everywhere with smiles, open arms, and meaningful conversations about both music and Jesus. Many concerts included personal testimonies from band members, while our director, Ken Hughes, often introduced songs—even jazz standards like *Someone to Watch Over Me* and *Blue Skies*—by connecting their themes to the greater story of Christ. We also performed jazz arrangements of hymns and praise songs such as *He Keeps Me Singing*, *Power in Praising the Lord*, and *Get Happy*.

One memorable evening was our concert in the campus cafeteria at the Federal Technological University of Paraná. We were surprised by how many students stayed after dinner to listen, and encouraged to see the music open doors for believing students and administrators to connect with those seeking truth.



A local journalist captured the experience well: "For the third time in Toledo, the musicians of the American band 'Metro Big Band' delight the audience wherever they go. The rhythms of jazz and blues have been brilliantly developed by these experienced and dedicated artists, inspiring and captivating the most varied audiences with the energizing talent of their members."

For Cyndi and me, the opportunity to play challenging music with world-class musicians while sharing the Gospel is rare and deeply rewarding. We first joined GMP through Rabon Bewley—when it comes to music, we'll follow Rabon anywhere. This was our fifth trip; Craig has served on ten, and Rabon on fifteen.

Mission trips often prompt the question: What do I have to give? Sometimes, the answer lies in something we've done all our lives—maybe even something we love. For us, music is that gift, and sharing it for God's glory has been one of the most fulfilling experiences of our lives.

Report from Berry Simpson.

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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.

ADDITIONAL WOMEN BIBLE STUDIES

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY (CBS)

WEDNESDAYS AT 10:10 AM, STARTING AUGUST 20TH HERE AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Ladies, join us for a 30-week study of Psalms! This powerful collection of prayers invites us into honest conversations with God—validating our doubts, fears, passions, and longings. Organized thematically, this study will help you grasp the Psalms' key messages and apply them to your daily walk with Him.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Nancy Spear at:

midlanddaycbs@gmail.com To register for the bible study.

For our Ladies Day Class with Children's Program (Birth – 5 yrs), register at fbc-midland.org/info/cbs25.

THE WELL

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12TH AT 9:30 AM (D101)

Mothers, do you need encouragement, fellowship, and prayer? This might be the place for you! We meet on the 2nd & 4th Friday every month (September to May) here at FBC from 9:30AM-11:30AM. We welcome moms of children of all ages. Childcare is available.

For questions and more information please email:

thewellofmidland@gmail.com

*The Well is also looking for childcare volunteers.



SEPTEMBER 7TH • 12:00 PM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS LUNCHEON

An Afternoon in Tuscany

The Deacons of First Baptist Church and their families warmly invite all widows and widowers to an 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 welcome—we don't want anyone overlooked. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect, be encouraged, and share joyful time together.

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