



GRACE AND PEACE IN CHRIST OUR LORD!

May God's mercy and kindness guide our journey through the fall.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS RETURN THIS WEDNESDAY!

One of the surest signs of fall is the advent of our Wednesday night events! If your children are involved in our activities, I encourage you to stay for one of our Equip classes!

In addition, we've introduced a session of Experiencing God in case you can't make/missed Sunday night! The Wednesday night session is the same one as the one on Sunday evening. I've asked Bryan Pinson and James Cosentino to lead the Wednesday night study.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SEPT 3 • BEYOND THE BRICK

I'm pleased to welcome you to a special Wednesday evening study this week featuring our friend Kemp Laidley from Beyond the Brick and from Liberian Deaf School in Ganta, Liberia, Africa. Our friend Janice Tankersley connected us with this extraordinary work. As a church, we've

partnered with them several times in the past. Kemp will be sharing our history together, the history of their work, their vocational school, and the curriculum they have developed to reach those who need them. They will be bringing examples of their handiwork - I trust you'll come by and visit them even if you're engaged in another study. They'll set their handiwork out on tables in the E-hallway!

EXPERIENCING GOD WORKBOOKS ARE WAITING FOR YOU!

One of the most powerful elements of "Experiencing God" is the workbook portion. The design of the book is intended to be immersive, sweeping you into a deeper and broader conversation that covers much more than Sunday's discussion. Let me invite you to grab a book and join us! To be clear, you don't have to do the workbook portion to participate in Sunday nights / Wednesday nights, but it will maximize the impact of your effort to develop a deeper experience with God. Likewise, for the Scripture memorization portion of the study. There won't be a quiz. Like most anything else, however, you'll get out of it what you put into it. My prayer is that you'll dive in deeply and grow in your journey with Christ.

MY FRIEND DALE POND

Last Saturday, we laid to rest FBC member and one of God's finest servants, Dale Pond. A product of our church and

community, Dale served the Lord faithfully and with distinction. Thousands of lives - if not millions! - are changed because of Dale's ministry, both here and at Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler, including mine. In the summer of 2015, not long after I had come out to Midland for the first interview to be considered as your pastor, I got a call from Dale. I didn't know Dale, but his pastor was a dear friend. Dale called to ask if he and Judy could come to our home to discuss FBC Midland. A few days later, Judy and Dale sat in our kitchen sharing ice cream they brought and sharing their reflections and memories about FBC. What struck me most was the fondness Dale spoke of our beloved church. The people, the history, the heritage of the church, and the future she was sure to enjoy. I knew he had been in Tyler a long time, but it sounded like he had just left there. His love for the Lord and this church was palpable! Likewise, for his kindness and gracious generosity. I remember telling Julie, "If everyone at FBC is like the Ponds, it must be an extraordinary place!" Dale showed me a kindness I could neither earn nor deserve and helped me understand the heart of this church better than any other conversation up to that point. Dale's loss should grieve us all, but let us rejoice that he's home. Like my mom, he's no longer sick. Thanks for the kindness and faithful example of love for the Lord, your wife, and your family, Dale. I'll meet you at home.

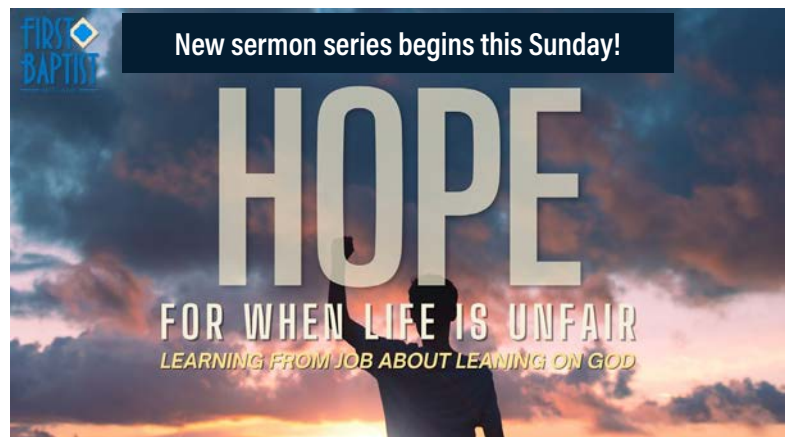
Your servant,

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

August 31, 2025

| OFFERING | WEEKLY | YEAR TO DATE |
|--------------------|------------|--------------|
| FBC Offering | \$ 77,087 | \$ 7,391,820 |
| Budget Requirement | \$ 134,566 | \$ 6,982,877 |
| Over/Under Budget | \$ -57,479 | \$ 408,942 |
| Hope 1:8 | \$ 50 | \$ 38,512 |



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7TH

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)
- 12:00 PM Widows/Widowers Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 PM Experiencing God Study (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](#).

WEDNESDAY

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

Menu:

Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes / Gravy, Green Beans, Tossed Green Salad, Biscuit, & Peanut Butter Pie

Kids:

Steak Fingers, French Fries, & Chocolate Chip Cookie

- 5:15 PM Preschool Pizza & Playground (A-Hall)
- 5:30 PM Student Worship Arts Team S.W.A.T. (Choir Room)
- 6:00 PM 3 yr-olds Music & Missions (A117)
- PreK & Kinder Music (JAM)
- 1st Kidz Praise: 1st-2nd (D219) 3rd-5th Grader (D205)
- Half Time Student Dinner (Coffee Shop)
- Wed. Evening Bible Study & Prayer (E114)
- Experiencing God (Fellowship Hall)
- Women's Bible Study (E102)
- 6:30 PM Adult Choir (Choir Room)
- Orchestra (Worship Center)
- 6:45 PM Half Time Student Bible Study (Coffee Shop)
- 7:00 PM PreK & Kinder Missions (JAM Room)
- 1st-6th Grade Missions (2nd floor "A" Hallway)

THURSDAY

- 9:00 AM Precept Upon Precept (E102)
- 10:00 AM Joyful Sound (D101-103)
- 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.

- Family & Friends of Dale Pond
- Family & Friends of Dal Watson
- Karen Wood, Buddy & Sally Sipes in the loss of their husband/son, Gil Wood



SEPTEMBER 12TH AT 9:30 AM (D101) THE WELL

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 - May) here at FBC from 9:30 - 11:30 AM.

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 14TH AT 9:45 AM (E109) NEW TO FBC CLASS

Hey First Family, If you meet someone visiting our church, be sure to invite them to our New to FBC class! This is a relaxed and welcoming space where guests can learn more about who we are, ask questions, and connect with others—without pressure or fear.

Whether someone is exploring faith or looking for a church home, we're here to walk alongside them. Even better, consider joining them as they discover what makes FBC a place where you can truly belong!

Our New To FBC Class meets every 2nd Sunday of the month.

SEPTEMBER 16TH • 10:00 AM UPWARD BASKETBALL 25-26 SEASON Online registration opens!

Get ready—Upward Basketball is back! Registration for the 2025–2026 season opens Tuesday, September 16 at 10:00 AM. Don't have your 1st through 6th grade boys or girls miss the opportunity to be part of a Christ-centered sports experience that builds skill, character, and faith.

Key Dates:

- Player Evaluations: November 8–13
- First Practices Begin: December 8
- First Game: January 17
- Last Game: February 28

Register online at fbc.info/up2025

SEPTEMBER 18TH GENERATIONS NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Sight and Sound Theater presents "Noah!" at Cinemark in Odessa. Tickets are \$15 each.

Meet in the bus barn at 6 PM.

To register, call the church office, or register online at fbc.info/noah



DISCIPLESHIP
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Sunday School Leaders & Volunteers

SEPT. 20TH
9 AM - 12 PM

IN THE
WELCOME CENTER

Register at: fbcm.info/0920dc

SEPTEMBER 20TH • 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM
IN THE WELCOME CENTER

DISCIPLESHIP COLLECTIVE

For Teachers and Sunday School Leaders

Discipleship Collective is a leadership training gathering designed for both new and seasoned volunteer and staff leaders involved in Sunday School and Small Group ministry across Texas. This year's emphasis is on excellence in teaching, offering practical disciple-making tools for leaders overseeing kids, teens, and adult groups.

Let us know you are attending by registering at: fbcm.info/0920dc

LOCAL MISSIONS FAIR



Between each service, you are invited to visit each table and learn about our Mission Partners. Partners will have information on their ministry and how you can get involved!

SEP 28, 2025
8:00 AM-12:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 28TH (WELCOME CENTER)

LOCAL MISSIONS FAIR

Join us for our Local Missions Fair, happening between each service from 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet our Mission Partners, learn more about their ministries, and discover how you can get involved in serving our community.

Come visit the tables, connect with local organizations, and explore ways to make an impact through Christ-centered service in Midland and beyond!

Mission Partners

- Midland Baptist Crisis Center
- Buckner Family Place
- Mission Agape
- Teen Flow
- Young Life
- Basin Dream Center
- The Life Center

- First Priority PB
- Friendship House
- Gideons
- Idle Hands
- TX Baptist Home for Children
- Love Midland
- Reflections Ministry
- Baptist Student Ministries PB

- Christmas in Action
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- The Field's Edge
- Midland Fair Havens
- Midland Soup Kitchen
- Stepping Stone Ministries

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NEW TO FBC CLASS

A CLASS FOR NEW MEMBERS, NEW BELIEVERS, & ANYONE CURIOUS ABOUT FIRST BAPTIST MIDLAND.

2nd Sunday of each month
in E109 at 9:45 am.

We look forward to meeting you!

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| Missions Ministry | 683.0623 |
| Worship Arts Ministry | 683.0620 |
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| Activities Ministry | 683.0647 |
| Business Office..... | 683.0615 |
| Children's Ministry | 683.0609 |
| Preschool Ministry | 683.0611 |
| Child Development Center | 683.0638 |
| Children's Day Out | 683.0632 |
| Student Ministry..... | 683.0606 |
| Family Ministry..... | 683.0653 |
| 55+ Ministry | 683.0653 |
| Membership..... | 683.0653 |
| Duplication Services..... | 683.0626 |
| Library..... | 683.0625 |

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.



1st Sunday OF THE MONTH FOOD DRIVE

Peanut Butter Jelly (NO glass jars)
Canned Spaghetti Sauce (NO glass jars)
Mac & Cheese
Hamburger Helper
Green Beans
13 Gallon Trash Bags

FOR
MIDLAND BAPTIST CRISIS CENTER



Simple and secure.

HOW TO GIVE
with our PushPay app at:
fbcm.info/give

Other ways of giving:
fbc-midland.org/giving