

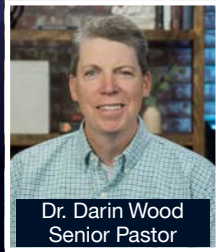


GRACE AND PEACE IN CHRIST OUR LORD!

Praise God for his goodness and his sovereignty! As I walked through the last week, watching the drama of one tragedy after another unfold, I kept coming back to those two realities. Consider this: If God is good but isn't sovereign, there is no center of gravity holding all things together - his kindness is welcome, but without sovereignty, he's as toothless as a doting grandfather indulging every whim with no power to stop anything bad. If God is sovereign but not good, he's a tyrant, holding us as unwitting pawns in a cosmic game with no clear direction for us and no benevolence for those caught in it. BUT, if God is both sovereign AND good, then He is the Loving Father the Bible portrays him to be. The cross of Christ, his empty tomb, and the unchanging Word of God should set our minds and hearts at peace. Today, with all of the insanity around us, rest in that as we lean on God's goodness and sovereignty.

DISCIPLESHIP COLLECTIVE THIS SATURDAY! 9 AM!

If you're a Sunday school teacher, department director, or interested student



Dr. Darin Wood
Senior Pastor

of the Bible, this meeting is for you! Join us Saturday morning as we explore the blessings of God's Word, church life, and what that means for us. Our friends from the Texas Baptist Convention will be leading our time together. I know it's a Saturday and there

are a million other options, but let me encourage you to invest in your spiritual growth for this Saturday and see God's hand at work.

MISSIONS FAIR • SEPTEMBER 28 IN THE WELCOME CENTER

One week from Sunday, we're pleased to welcome several of our local mission partners to our Welcome Center for a missions fair! Each of these partners are budget partners meaning we give to these ministries as part of our budgeted giving. That means we have a high level of confidence in their work and ministry! Led by our friends Bryan Pinson and Eva Diaz, this ministry aims to introduce you to partners whose lives your giving already supports. A secondary reason is to introduce you to ministries that need volunteers to serve with them! My prayer is that you'll take time to look around the room and ask the Lord if one of them is where you need to serve!

EXPERIENCING GOD CONTINUES

One of my favorite parts of our Experiencing God study is the discussion groups. Seeing and hearing the energy, enthusiasm, and passion from the groups

brings me joy! This is where growth usually happens! If you're tracking along with us in our study but you are NOT joining us for Sunday evenings around the tables, you're missing out! This is the best way to get the most out of the Experiencing God study! It's not too late to join a Sunday night group, so come out and join us!

BIBLE READING INSIGHTS

Our journey through the Bible brings us to Isaiah, the prophet most closely associated with prophecies about Jesus. Written somewhere around 750 BC, Isaiah stands at the crossroads of history. In just a few years, the Northern Kingdom will fall due to their disobedience to the Lord. In less than 200 years, the Southern Kingdom will fall for the same reasons. And yet, in Isaiah's 66 chapters, we find the prophet speaking to the birth of Jesus (Isaiah 9) and the death of Jesus (Isaiah 53-55). It's almost as if God is whispering into the heart of the prophet, "I'm not done with you yet. While this season of crisis and darkness seems overwhelming, there is more in my heart for you and your people." (Isaiah 40-43). The same might be said for us. Lean into that newness today.

Your servant,

Darin

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

September 7, 2025 (Updated)

OFFERING	WEEKLY	YEAR TO DATE
FBC Offering	\$ 138,993	\$ 7,533,271
Budget Requirement	\$ 134,566	\$ 7,117,443
Over/Under Budget	\$ 4,427	\$ 415,828
Hope 1:8	\$ 730	\$ 39,242
Mary Hill Davis	\$ 282	\$ 10,627

September 14, 2025

OFFERING	WEEKLY	YEAR TO DATE
FBC Offering	\$ 116,997	\$ 7,650,268
Budget Requirement	\$ 134,566	\$ 7,252,009
Over/Under Budget	\$ -17,569	\$ 398,259
Hope 1:8	\$ 0	\$ 39,242
Mary Hill Davis	\$ 600	\$ 11,227

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)
- 4:00 PM Bible Drill 4th-6th Grade (A209)
- 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: Beef Rib Patty, Ranch Style Beans, Potato Salad, Tossed Green Salad, Cornbread Muffin, & German Chocolate Cake

Kids: Corndog, 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)
- Moms of Prodigals • Women's Study (D104)
- 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

- 6:30 AM Iron Man Book Study (D101/103)
- 9:00 AM Precept Upon Precept (E102)
- 10:30 AM Joyful Sound (D101-103)
- 12:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

FRIDAY

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

First Baptist Church Family,

The altar flowers from First Baptist were gorgeous! We really enjoyed seeing the special arrangement and appreciate the recognition of our 140th Anniversary.

Thank you very much!

The Pastors, Staff, and Members of the First Methodist Church

FBC Midland Missions,

Thank you for the abundant support we have received through prayer, words of encouragement, and thoughtful gifts! We are blown away by your kindness and generosity. We have been taken care of well by you guys and we can't fully express the gratitude we feel towards you. We thank God for people like you!!

The McMurry's

SEPTEMBER 25TH • 11:45AM (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

GENERATIONS LUNCHEON

Generations Pastor, James Cosentino, will share his testimony and encouragement from God's Word as well as lead in a few songs of worship.

Register at <http://fbc-midland.org/gen0995>



REGISTER TODAY!

1ST - 6TH GRADE BOYS & GIRLS

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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!

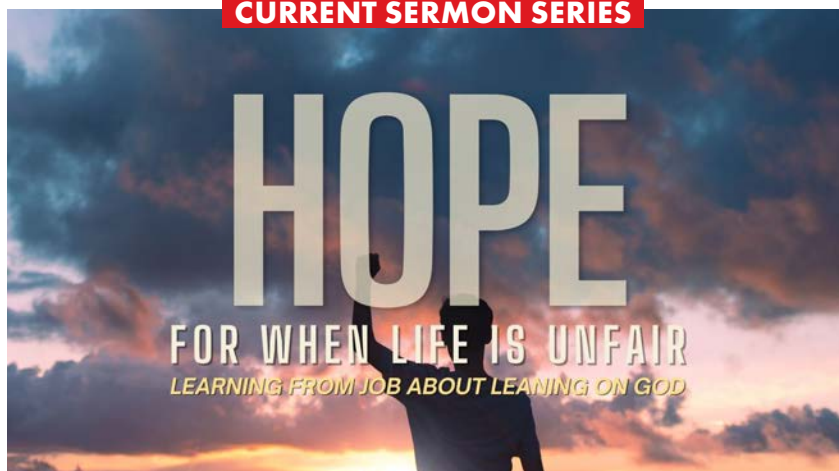
Mission Partners

- 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
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- Kairos

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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

fbcmidland.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.

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