



Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord, both for your family and for our city. I want to begin by saying thanks to Melinda Little and our student ministry volunteers for an extraordinary weekend! While many of us were at football games or doing chores on Friday evening and Saturday, our students were serving the Lord with "Love Midland" at Mission Agape, one of our ministry partners. In addition to the ministry service, they were blessed with the leadership of the Flourish Worship Team and our longtime friend, Daniel "Tiny" Dominguez. They were challenged to IGNITE the world around them with the Gospel and then got to live it out with their ministry service. Well done, students, and well done, Melinda and team!

#### **GOD SPEAKS!**

One of the most remarkable realities for humanity is the concept of God speaking into our lives. For many, they want God to speak in spectacular or supernatural ways. Most times, when I've heard God the clearest, it's been through the un-extraordinary - God's word, the church, and friends who know and love me. Through these, God has made his direction and will for me into sharper focus than anything else. And thank God for that, for that means I didn't have to wait for the extraordinary - God had already provided His Word and His people to shepherd me. May God make that true for each of us.

# LET'S TALK ABOUT OUR AUDITORIUM'S STAINED GLASS! - OCT 26 - 4 PM

In conjunction with our Project 140 Committee, I want to invite you to join me for a conversation about the stained glass windows in our auditorium. This conversation will revolve around the symbols in the windows AND pictures of the windows that were on the lower level! This is meant to be informal, with time to ask questions about what we'll discuss. No one's going to decide what we'll do going forward. This is designed to make sure we know what we already have! We'll conclude in plenty of time to get to our Experiencing God study at 5 PM!

#### A COMMITTEE RUN CHURCH!

As the new church year has just begun, some of you have engaged in serving committees within our church. Let me say thanks for your willingness to do so. We are a church operated by committee. That only works if we have people willing to serve on those committees! By doing so, you are serving the Lord as well as our church! I'm grateful for your time, investment of energy and wisdom, and your vision for seeing how God can and will use your service for His glory!

Perhaps you are just now rolling off a committee. Let me say thanks for your sacrifice of time, dedication, and wisdom. We're a better place for your willingness to serve! From a grateful church and pastor, let me say thanks!

## **CANDY JAM - OCT 29!**

We're pleased to roll out the red carpet to our community for this year's Candy Jam! Our main man, Nathan Wennerlind, and his awesome team are working hard to put this together. I hope you'll plan to come with your children or grandchildren. We need your willing hands and hearts as volunteers! We need your help in gathering packages of prewrapped candy and two-liter soda bottles to give away. Please bring the items and place them in the orange buckets scattered around our building. Most of all, pray for the Gospel conversations we'll engage in during our evening spent together. God bless Candy Jam!

Your servant,

Darin

# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Month Ending: September 2025							
OFFERING	MONTHLY		YEAR TO DATE				
FBC Offering	\$	658,468	\$	8,052,746			
Budget Requirement	\$	538,264	\$	7,521,141			
Over/Under Budget	\$	120,204	\$	531,605			
Hope 1:8	\$	830	\$	39,342			
Mary Hill Davis	\$	15,754	\$	26,099			

October 5, 2025							
OFFERING	WEEKLY		YEAR TO DATE				
FBC Offering	\$	127,744	\$	127,744			
Budget Requirement	\$	146,985	\$	146,985			
Over/Under Budget	\$	-19,241	\$	-19,241			
Hope 1:8	\$	480	\$	480			

# **WEEK OF OCTOBER 12TH**

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### **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)

Church Discussion: Stained Glass (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.

## **MONDAY**

11:45 AM Brotherhood Luncheon (Fellowship Hall 2)

#### WEDNESDAY

4:45 PM Wednesday Family Meal (Fellowship Hall)

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

Menu: Brisket, Herb Roasted Potatoes, Pinto Beans, Tossed

Green Salad, Cornbread Muffin, & Apple Pie

Kids: Chicken Nuggets, 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 Grade (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)

12:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

6:30 PM ESL Class (North Entrance, follow the signs.)

#### **FRIDAY**

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

Find out more about these events and other activities at: fbc-midland.org/events

# OCTOBER 12TH 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.

# OCTOBER 16TH (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

# GENERATIONS LUNCHEON WITH DR. JIM BURKE - VENTRILOQUIST & ILLUSIONIST.

Dr. Jim Burke has served as a pastor, foreign missionary, Associational Missions Director, and Seminary Extension Director in a maximum-security prison. He enjoys using the performing/creative arts of ventriloquism, juggling, drama, and illusions to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Dr. Burke and his wife Sharon have four children and four grandchildren. He looks forward to spending this special time with you.

#### OCTOBER 19TH

## PRESCHOOL FIDDLESTICKS FARM ADVENTURE

Preschool Families are invited to sign up to spend an afternoon at Fiddlesticks Farm. Register through FBC Midland Preschool at *fbcm.info/1019ff* to take advantage of the discounted admission fee! For any questions contact Allison Ashmore at 432-683-0611 or *aashmore* @fbc-midland.org

Fiddlesticks Farm, 5610 E County RD 120, Midland TX 79706

# OCTOBER 29TH

# CANDY JAM – A SWEET NIGHT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Join us for Candy Jam, FBC's community-wide fall celebration! We're blocking off the street for an evening filled with bounce houses, carnival games, and tons of fun for all ages. Families can also walk through our halls to collect candy along the way. This is our way to share the love of Christ with our community while providing a safe, exciting, and family-friendly alternative to Halloween. Bring your kids, invite your neighbors, and don't miss this sweet night together!



## NOVEMBER 6TH (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

GENERATIONS LUNCHEON FEATURING: DR. SHELLIE O'NEAL PERFORMING "GOD BLESS AMERICA: A WWII RADIO HOUR".

Our Generations Luncheon will meet early this month as we gather to honor our veterans in recognition of Veterans Day. This special program will feature *Shellie portraying Sally Brennan*, a WWII radio personality who brings history to life by singing our nation's favorite anthems and radio commercials of the era, while sharing the stories behind the music and the people who helped shape our great country. Join us for fellowship, encouragement, and a meaningful time of gratitude for those who have served.











MIDLAND CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 2025 - HEAVEN'S GREATEST GIFT DECEMBER 13 - 2:30PM; DECEMBER 14 - 2:30 & 6:00PM

Once again, our worship arts ministry pours countless hours of prayer, rehearsal, and preparation into presenting the Midland Christmas Festival. But why do we do it? What makes this musical so important?

At the heart of our efforts is a simple truth: Christmas is about Jesus—Heaven's Greatest Gift. Through music, drama, and scripture, we will tell the story of God's love in a way that touches both heart and mind. We believe music has a unique ability to communicate the gospel with beauty, power, and clarity. For some, this musical may be the very first time they hear and understand that Christ came for them.

This is why your role is vital. Each year, God uses this presentation not just as a concert but as a gospel invitation. We pray that every note sung and every scene presented points people to the hope found in Christ. But the story can't be heard unless people are in the room. That's where you come in.

Who in your life needs the encouragement of Christmas? Who needs to be reminded—or to hear for the very first time—that God loves them and sent His Son for them? A personal invitation from you could make all the difference.

Let's not keep this gift to ourselves. Together, let's fill the room with friends, neighbors, coworkers, and family who need the message of Jesus this Christmas.

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## **Church Office Hours**

Mon-Thurs, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Fri 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM 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

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All televised services are broadcast with a one-week delay.



