



GRACE AND PEACE IN CHRIST OUR LORD

I wanted to start by saying thanks for your awesome response to our efforts to care for our neighbors last week! We were privileged to host around 60 of our neighbors last Tuesday night. We had more than enough willing hearts and hands to serve. I was so proud of our care for people. Forget the food - so many of you made people feel welcome and loved. Kind greetings, smiles, loving their children, and making our building feel like a home! Awesome work, beloved First Family. This is who you are at your best!

As for what we plan next, we're going to stop for this week, but hang in there and stay tuned. Most of what we've seen is that people are reluctant to admit they need help. We've got plans ready to move on quickly if we see the need for it and we'll let you know.

THANKSGIVING BANQUET - THIS SUNDAY NIGHT! 5 PM

If you haven't made plans to join us Sunday evening for our Thanksgiving Banquet, I hope you will! You can still purchase tickets this week in our offices at the \$5 rate. If you wait till Sunday, the price jumps to \$10. We started with 500 tickets to sell and we've sold most of them! Join us for this wonderful evening of celebrating God's goodness to us.

Even if you don't come to the meal, there's no cost for our comedy concert featuring Shama Mrema! We'll begin around 6:30 PM for the concert in our Worship Center. I trust you'll come and share a laugh with us!

CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES (FORMERLY KNOW AS WHITE HARVEST)

For our Christmas outreach, we're changing gears. This year, we're partnering with our friends at Mission Agape in their work! I'm excited about their work in previous years. Last Christmas, they served over 1,200 families! Surely, we can do more together than we can going at it alone.

We will, however, still do our White Harvest food boxes! At our Thanksgiving Banquet, you'll have your first opportunity to pick up a box and take it home! We'll need them back no later than Dec 14. We'll have trailers set up in our west, north, and east parking lots on December 7 and 14 to allow you to drive up and have us unload it from your vehicle.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - DUE THIS SUNDAY!

If you picked up an Operation Christmas Child box, we kindly ask that you return it this Sunday! Bring it to the fireplace in the Welcome Center and drop them off there. If you need assistance in getting your box there, please let one of our greeters know and we'll be sure you get that help!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR WEST PARKING LOT?

A few of our church family have asked why our west parking lot is so full during the week. In partnership with our neighbors at Midland Memorial Hospital, we're providing space for some of their employees and staff to park in our lots during this phase of their ongoing construction. With the continuing work at the hospital, the need for these spaces is evident to anyone who has tried to visit there recently. This should be a short-term situation. Praise the Lord we can be good neighbors!

Your servant,

Darin

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

November 09, 2025

OFFERING		WEEKLY		YEAR TO DATE
FBC Offering	\$	145,142	\$	867,027
Budget Requirement	\$	146,985	\$	881,910
Over/Under Budget	\$	-1,843	\$	-14,883
Hope 1:8	\$	50	\$	2,262

SUNDAY • 11/16

- 8:30 AM Worship Service* (Worship Center)
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- New To FBC Class (E109)
- 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 Thanksgiving Banquet (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 PM Shama Mrema (Worship Center)

* 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 • 11/17

- 11:45 AM Brotherhood Luncheon (Fellowship Hall 2)

WEDNESDAY • 11/19

- 4:45 PM Wednesday Family Meal (Fellowship Hall)

MEAL IS \$7.00, WITH THE FAMILY MEAL \$25.00, HAMBURGER \$5.00

Menu: Beef Lasagna, Green Beans, Tossed Green Salad, Garlic Bread, & Brownies

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 Room)
- 1st Kidz Praise: 1st-2nd (D219) 3rd-5th Grade (D205)
- Wed. Evening Bible Study & Prayer (E114)
- Women's Bible Study (E102)
- 6:30 PM Adult Choir (Choir Room)
- Orchestra (Worship Center)
- Student's Friendsgiving (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM PreK & Kinder Missions (JAM Room)
- 1st-6th Grade Missions (2nd floor "A" Hallway)

THURSDAY • 11/20

- 12:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 6:30 PM ESL Class (North entrance, follow the signs.)

FRIDAY • 11/21

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

Millions of Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts are collected each year from locations in North America and throughout the world, including Australia, Austria, Finland, Germany, New Zealand, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

Tens of thousands of volunteers from local churches around the world partner with us to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ at festive outreach events where children are surprised with these shoebox gifts.

November 16th • Return boxes to the Fireplace in the Welcome Center.

If you would like to build a shoebox online, you may do so here!

samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline



Thanksgiving Banquet
NOV. 16TH • 5 PM

TICKETS ARE ON SALE!
IN THE WELCOME CENTER

ADVANCE \$5 PER PERSON **AT DOOR \$10 PER PERSON**



SHAMA MREMA

FOLLOWING
THANKSGIVING BANQUET
FREE COMEDY SHOW
NOV 16TH
6:30 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6:15 PM

HOW TO GIVE
with our PushPay app at:
fbc-m.info/give

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

Get The Banner delivered straight to your inbox!
Email jtorres@fbc-midland.org to subscribe.

NOVEMBER 19TH
STUDENT MINISTRY "FRIENDS-GIVING" 6:30 PM
(FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Come celebrate thankfulness, friendship, and fun at our Friends-giving Night! A big Thanksgiving style meal; Games and activities; Time to connect and grow in faith.

Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share!

NOVEMBER 23 OR 30
CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES (PREVIOUSLY WHITE HARVEST)

Fill it with the items listed on the sheet inside the box. Bring your boxes on December 7th & 14th. Trailers will be set up in the North and West parking lots and attendants will be there to assist you in unloading.

A list is also available on the event page on the FBC Website.



DECEMBER 4TH
GENERATIONS CHRISTMAS GALA 2025 AT 5:30 PM
(FELLOWSHIP HALL)

We will have Nathan Drake of *Reawaken Hymns* lead us in Christmas hymns and carols. And then we will have a Christmas message by Daniel McCord.

Cost is \$10 per person.

DECEMBER 7TH
HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS AT 4 PM (CHAPEL)

Each year during the holiday season, our church offers a service of remembrance to honor church family members and loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord during the previous twelve months. We call this remembrance service "Hope for the Holidays."

If you would like to submit a photo of your loved one, we will include it in a media presentation. Please include the name, and the date of passing and send it by email to Jennifer Cox at jcox@fbc-midland.org, or take it to the church office no later than November 21st.



VOLUNTEER FOR OUR LIVING NATIVITY

Once again, we will present FBC's Christmas card to our community to share the hope that began in a manger over 2000 years ago. This is an outdoor event (on the corner of N Street and Cuthbert Avenue). The dates are December 9, 10, & 11 (Tuesday through Thursday.)

BACKSTAGE (LADIES)

• **ASSIST WITH DRESSING THE CAST**

We need at least 3 ladies, this is a three-night commitment from 5:30 - 8:30 PM, but if you can only come one night, we would still like you to volunteer.

• **ASSIST WITH MAKEUP**

Our makeup will be minimal this year. We need at least 3 ladies, this is a three-night commitment from 5:30 - 8:30 PM, but if you can only come one night, we would still like you to volunteer.

CAST: LADIES & TEEN GIRLS (MINIMUM AGE 12)

• **MARY**

One-night commitment from 5:30 – 8:30 PM

• **ANGELS**

We need 3 – 5 each night, and you may volunteer for more than one night from 5:30 – 8:30 PM

CAST: MEN AND TEEN BOYS (MINIMUM AGE 12)

• **JOSEPH**

A one-night commitment from 5:30 – 8:30 PM.

• **WISEMEN**

We need three each night, but you may volunteer for more than one night from 5:30 - 8:30 PM

• **SHEPHERDS**

We need at least 3-5 each night, and you may volunteer for more than one night from 5:30 – 8:30 PM

Please pray about volunteering for the Living Nativity. We know this is a busy season for you and your family, but we promise you will be amazed at the blessing you receive by participating in this event during this Christmas season.

SIGN UP / QUESTIONS:

Retha Hunnicutt 432-557-6496; Kristal Cotton 432-638-0769; Janice Tankersly 432-638-2626; or Lela Kaufman 432-889-2071.

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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

10:00 a.m. on CW Channel

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

HEAVENS Greatest Gift

Presented by
FBC Worship Arts Ministry

DECEMBER
13TH
2:30 PM

Sign Language Interpreted

DECEMBER
14TH
2:30 PM

6:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION

Midland
CHRISTMAS
Festival

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THE MIDLAND CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 2025 PRESENTED BY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MIDLAND

Celebrate the joy and wonder of Christmas at The Midland Christmas Festival 2025: *Heaven's Greatest Gift*. This original drama brings the story of Jesus' birth to life through inspiring music, powerful storytelling, and a multigenerational cast and choir.

Follow the journey of Pappy, a shepherd who once saw the skies filled with angels, as he shares the miracle of that holy night with his family. Experience the awe of the shepherds, the devotion of the wise men, and the hope that transforms hearts—even today.

Join us as we celebrate Heaven's Greatest Gift—Jesus. Bring your family and friends for an unforgettable Christmas tradition filled with music, drama, and the message of hope that changes everything.

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