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## DEAR FIRST FAMILY.

Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord. As I write you, I'm in my home office, looking out at the snow covering our neighborhood and wishing we could've gathered for worship yesterday! Praise the Lord for the ability to do so online and via TV!



## SNOW DAYS - CANCELED!

After the week we've had, we've made the difficult decision to cancel our Snow Days event. We were concerned that, after several days of being confined due to the snow, there may be a level of fatigue that would limit both volunteer involvement and overall participation.

In addition, our friend Moe Bomer—who has faithfully served as the point person for this event in years past—is unavailable at this time. Taking all of this into consideration, we felt that, as a church, we would be best served by postponing this event to a later date.

We know some will be deeply disappointed by this decision, and we understand that. We trust you'll also understand our desire to be wise and godly stewards of both the Lord's money and—more importantly—the Lord's people. We look forward to placing this event back on the calendar at a future time.

## CHURCH CONFERENCE FEB 1 - 5 PM

Due to the weather, we postponed our church conference until this Sunday evening. We'll begin our Sunday evening worship time with our church conference, then quickly return to our study!

## TAME YOUR THOUGHTS

FEB 1 - 5 PM

We're back on track this week with our Sunday evening study! We've received our books and we'll welcome you to grab one when we return Sunday evening. We've changed our strategies for this book, asking you to contribute \$5 toward its purchase. If that's a burden, we'll be glad to share one with you. Our desire isn't profit but rather investment. When you get something for nothing, sometimes that's all it's worth to you! We want you to invest in your own spiritual growth! Let it start here!

If you can't make Sunday evenings, we STILL want you to participate! This is a Right-Now Media study (rightnowmedia.org), so you can catch it wherever you are! In previewing them, I watched the videos over lunch at a local restaurant. Each of them are about 20 minutes long. They work to create a synergy toward the transformation of the mind that the Apostle Paul called for in Romans 12! If you need access to Right Now Media, drop me a note at Dwood@fbc-midland.org. The best part it's FREE!

## DISCIPLE NOW • FEB 12-14

Students and parents, I'm pleased about our approaching DiscipleNow event! This year, we've opted to hold the event at Circle 6 Encampment near Stanton. Melinda has put together a fabulous lineup for us! While the sign-up deadline has passed, I ask that you pray for our students!

## ASH WEDNESDAY

4 MIDLAND GATHERING • FEB 17

I'm pleased to invite you to join us for Ash Wednesday on Feb 17th. This time, WE GET TO HOST IT! While we've participated in this event for several years now, this is our first time hosting Ash Wednesday. This is our best-attended service in our 4 Midland calendar, so I invite you to come early. This service is our first step

toward Easter (April 5th this year) and begins preparing our hearts for Christ's resurrection celebration. During this service, we invite people to have ashes imposed on their foreheads as a sign of repentance and grief, BUT should that make you uncomfortable, please know the ashes are NOT required of you.

## PARTNERSHIP WITH FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

I wanted to make a brief note about a recent change. Our friends at First Pres are doing some significant renovations to their sanctuary. In the spirit of Christ-centered unity, we've invited them to use our sanctuary for funerals and services during the week. If you're not in the building regularly, you might not have even noticed! They're planning to finish their work sometime this summer. May God bless any service they need to hold in our place.

Your servant,

Dr. Darin Wood  
Senior Pastor



## 2026 BIBLE READING PLANS

Available in the common areas and to download at:  
[fbcm.info/bible](http://fbcm.info/bible)



## MISSION TRIPS 2026

|           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| TORONTO   | JUNE 30 - JULY 6 |
| MONTANA   | JULY 4 - 10      |
| COLORADO  | JULY 15 - 20     |
| SRI LANKA | JULY 16 - 25     |

Details and registration can be found at:  
[fbc-midland.org/events](http://fbc-midland.org/events)

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY • 02/01

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 Church Conference (Fellowship Hall)  
 "Tame Your Thoughts" Book 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](http://fbc-midland.org) as well as [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), & [Vimeo](#).

### MONDAY • 02/02

11:45 AM Brotherhood Luncheon (Fellowship Hall 2)

### WEDNESDAY • 02/04

4:45 PM Wednesday Family Meal (Fellowship Hall)  
 MEAL: \$7. | FAMILY MEAL: \$25. | HAMBURGER: \$5.

**Feb Menu:** Meatloaf, Macaroni & Cheese, Broccoli, Tossed Green Salad, Honey Wheat Roll, & Apple Cobbler  
**Kids:** Chick-Fil-A Sandwich, Waffle Fries, 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 Equip Discipleship Studies:**  
     • Wed. Evening Bible Study & Prayer (E114)  
     • *Identity: Who You Are in Christ* (E118)  
     • *Sunday School Matters* (E111)  
     • *Sign Language Class* (E112)  
     • *Women's Bible Study: Isaiah* (E102)  
 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)  
 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 • 02/05

9:00 AM Precept Upon Precept (E102)  
 10:30 AM Joyful Sound Choir Rehearsal (D101-103)  
 11:30 AM Women's Bible Study: Isaiah (D101-103)  
 12:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Chapel)  
 Generations Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)  
 6:30 PM ESL Class (North entrance - follow signs)

### FRIDAY • 02/06

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

### SATURDAY • 02/07

9:30 AM Worship Workshop  
 Choir (Choir Room)  
 Orchestra (Worship Center)

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**GOLDEN MARRIAGE FEBRUARY 12 AT 5PM**  
**FEATURING: MATT & DARLENE TULLOS.**

If you have recently celebrated a 50th anniversary and are an FBC member please contact Jennifer Cox [jcox@fbc-midland.org](mailto:jcox@fbc-midland.org) to get on the list.

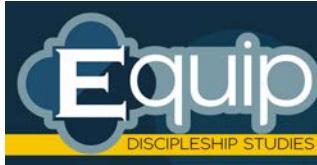
If you are already on the list from previous years, you will be receiving an invitation soon!



## FINAL CALL!

**REGISTRATION FOR THE HYMNS, WORSHIP & MINISTRY TOUR TO ENGLAND CLOSES JANUARY 31.**

Join us this summer (June 28–July 6, 2026) as we explore the stories behind beloved hymns like Amazing Grace, visit historic sites across England, and partner in ministry with a local church in London. A few spots remain—contact Jeff Wash for details and registration information.





For details, scan the QR Code, or visit:  
[fbcm.info/Equip](http://fbcm.info/Equip)

**January 2026**

Equip Discipleship is a strategic framework for adult spiritual growth. They are designed to deepen biblical understanding, strengthen faith, and develop practical discipleship skills. By following the Equip Pathway alongside regular participation in Sunday Bible Study, adults are given clear, intentional steps toward lasting spiritual maturity.

While personal study is valuable, Equip offers what personal study can't—community, accountability, and the sharpening that comes from learning and growing with others. You'll be encouraged, challenged, and better equipped to live out your faith in everyday life.

## ADULT WORSHIP CHOIR

The Worship Choir is a community of worshippers that regularly lead our congregation. We minister to and encourage each other weekly through rehearsal, connection, friendship, prayer, devotion, and much more.

- Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
- Where: Choir Room
- Led by Jeff Wash

## WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

- Wednesday nights at 6 PM
- Room: E114.
- Led by Dr. Darin Wood

Our weekly prayer meeting and Bible Study is a great way to connect with others and be encouraged by the Word of God.

## SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: TAME YOUR THOUGHTS

- Sunday nights beginning Jan 18 at 5 PM
- Room: Fellowship Hall
- Book Cost: \$5.

Max Lucado's *Tame Your Thoughts: Three Tools to Renew Your Mind and Transform Your Life*. Have you been feeling weighed down by worry? Or caught up in a web of self-critical thoughts? The good news is that with God's help, you can learn to renew your mind, break free from negative patterns, and become a little more like Jesus every day.

## GRIEF SHARE

Grief Share is a Christ-centered ministry that helps people apply biblical principles as they deal with the emotions and life stresses following the death of a loved one.

- Sundays Beginning Jan 18 at 2:00 PM
- Room: D106
- Cost: \$10
- Led by Mickey Trimble

## IDENTITY: WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST

- Wednesday Nights beginning Jan 14 at 6 PM
- Room E118 (Parlor)
- Led by Jeff Suggs, *Missional Catalyst*

Jeff designed this class to help each person to step into the identity that God has given us in Christ.

## IRON MEN: HOW GOD MAKES MEN

- Thursday mornings beginning Jan 15 at 6:30 AM in D103.
- Led by Berry Simpson.
- Cost: \$12.

Studying *How God Makes Men: Ten Epic Stories, Ten Proven Principles, One Huge Promise For Your Life*, by Patrick Morley. Men are under severe attack. The battle line against biblical manhood is clearly drawn and fiercely contested. Fortunately, the Bible preserves crucial details about the powerful lessons learned by men who have already faced these issues. Don't settle for less. Join us on this epic adventure of becoming God's man. You'll discover how to prevail in tough times and release God's power in every area of your life.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL MATTERS

- Wednesday nights beginning Jan 14 at 6 PM in E111
- Led by James Cosentino.

A class for Sunday School teachers, directors, or anyone interested in stepping into leadership in Sunday School. Be encouraged, be equipped, and get excited about Sunday School again!

## SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS

- Wednesday nights at 6 pm in E112.

This beginner's American Sign Language (ASL) class is open to anyone interested in learning the basics of sign language. Whether you want to better communicate with the hearing-impaired community or simply learn a new skill, this class offers a welcoming environment to start. Come learn, practice, and discover new ways to connect with others.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: ISAIAH

**"Isaiah: Striving Less & Trusting God More"**  
by Melissa Spoelstra

- Wednesday nights beginning Jan 14 at 6 PM in E102
- Thursdays beginning Jan 15 at 12 PM in D103
- Cost: \$10

Following God isn't just about striving: it's about trusting God more. Trust is at the heart of every healthy relationship, especially your relationship with God. In this 7-session study, you will be encouraged to let go of striving and learn to trust in God's character, His comfort, and even His correction.

You can find all the class registration links at: [fbcm.info/Equip](http://fbcm.info/Equip)  
(URL is case sensitive)

## MISSION CHRISTMAS RECAP

This Christmas season, our church family showed up in a big way—bringing hope, generosity, and the love of Christ to our community and beyond!

Thanks to the incredible hearts of our people, 400 food boxes were donated to bless families in need. Of those, 280 boxes were packed by church members, while 120 boxes were joyfully packed by our RAs and GAs, proving that missions truly spans every generation.

These boxes didn't stay on shelves—they went straight into action! They were distributed through Mission Agape and the Baptist Crisis Center, with some even traveling across the border to Mexico, extending our reach far beyond Midland.

And the generosity didn't stop there. We also delivered an amazing 483 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to Crestview, each one filled with gifts, prayer, and the message of God's love.

What a powerful reminder that when we come together, God multiplies our efforts. Thank you for making this Missions Christmas one that truly changed lives!



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| 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

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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.