



Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord! Our weekend was supremely blessed, wasn't it? A glorious rain, a gracious time of fellowship on Saturday and a wonderful time of worship Sunday morning and night!

A hearty "well done" to James Ervin and Katy Little for their faithful work leading our "Called to Greatness" conference. The conference was well-attended, lovingly led, and received so well. It was great to see our breakout leaders back home – Dr. Gary Dyer, David and Cathy Johnson, and Janna Boyd. We also welcomed a former Nobles Scholarship recipient and current Southwestern Seminary instructor, Dr. Jenny Kim!

A special thanks to Shane Dockrey and June Williamson for leading our Sunday evening worship time honoring our Bible Drill students. We are very proud of our Bible Drill students! We also took time Sunday night to bring our staff and deacons to the platform for our chance at Bible drill. Other than one of our staff bringing a hymnal to the stage instead of a Bible, our staff and deacons did okay!

**CHURCH CONFERENCE – THIS SUNDAY NIGHT!**

Our church conference meets this Sunday night at 5 PM. It's our chance to practice stewardship over the blessings God has given us and to make decisions as the body of Christ. While we've got a full agenda elsewhere in this Banner, we've got a few special elements this time and I wanted to highlight:

- Our slate of new deacons was approved by our deacon body and has been forwarded to the church for your approval to install them officially in their roles. Pending your approval on Sunday evening, we will welcome them to deacon service and ministry on Sunday, May 19th, in our PM service. They are: Mike Lockwood, David Irving, John Wheeler, Jon Kejr, and Thomas Alleman. Mike was ordained at a previous church, so we won't be ordaining him.

**CHURCH CONFERENCE AGENDA**

**APRIL 28TH IN THE CHAPEL FOLLOWING 5@5**

**Approval of Minutes**

- » Church Conference March 24, 2024

**Approval of new members (March)**

**Grant Church Letters**

**Reports:**

1. Church Council Chairman
2. Finance Committee Chairman
3. Personnel Committee Chairman

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- New Deacons for Ordination
  - » David Irving
  - » John Kejr
  - » Jon Wheeler
  - » Thomas Alleman
  - » Mike Lockwood (previously ordained)

- Vote on Messengers for 2024 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting (Indianapolis)

- » Dale & Judy Pond, Berry & Cyndi Simpson, Dr. Darin Wood, Bryan Pinson, Richard Arreguin, Allison Ashmore, Katy Little, & James Ervin
- » Approval of Jarrod Sparks as an additional teacher for the As One SS Department

**Other Business**

**Adjourn**

- We will elect representatives for this year's Southern Baptist Convention on June 13-16 in Indianapolis. These representatives, known to the SBC as "messengers," are as follows: Berry and Cyndi Simpson, Dale and Judy Pond, Katy Little, Richard Arreguin, Allison Ashmore, James Ervin, Bryan Pinson, and myself. We will return with a full report, likely akin to our "family meeting" last summer after the SBC meeting. Pray for us and God's wisdom throughout this year's conference.

**MUSICALS!**

We are excited to share the fruits of the hard work from several of our groups over the next few weeks. This Sunday, April 28th, immediately following our church conference, we'll be blessed by our Preschool Choir! I can't wait to hear these beautiful children singing God's praises!

On May 5th, in our morning services, we'll gladly hear our Children's choir with their musical "The Greatest Hymn on Earth!" I'm excited about our children's hard work in preparing – this promises to be a wonderful time of celebration and worship! Pray for their preparation!

That same day, our evening service will feature our Joyful Sound Choir! I'm delighted for them to share their hard work as well! Pray for them as they lead our evening service in worship!

**BIBLE READING INSIGHTS**

As we enter the last week of April, we begin the book of Judges on our annual reading plan. If there is a book more appropriate to our current age, I don't know what it is. Judges 21:25 "In those days, there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in their own eyes." Such a sad testimony to the realities of their season. . . and of ours. The greatest challenge facing us, and our future is an epistemological one: What is truth? Just last week, the CEO of a national news organization declared truth wasn't a verifiable subject because there are "so many truths." Such nonsense is the essence of Judges 21:25. The clear truth is that there IS truth, as painful and inconvenient as it may be. Jesus IS the truth! As such, He has established some realities – gravity for example. I notice no one wants to declare themselves free from that truth. If they did, they would be – and should be – mocked for their lunacy. Some of what we're seeing today is no less ludicrous. I beg of you – make sure you spend time with the Lord and His word regularly to ensure you don't get fooled by someone selling their version of their "truth." Remember: Satan is the deceiver and can disguise himself. Make sure you hold firm to Jesus, the one and only truth.

Your servant,

Darin

**SUNDAY**

- 8:30 AM Worship Service\* (Worship Center)  
Livestream/Over-flow Viewing (Chapel)
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service\* (Worship Center)  
First Baptist en Español Service (Chapel)  
International Bible Study (D100)
- 3:30 PM Kidz Praise Rehearsal (Worship Center)
- 5:00 PM 5 @ 5 followed by Church Conference (Chapel)
- 6:00 PM Night of Preschool Praise(Chapel)

\* 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**

- 11:45 AM Brotherhood luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

**WEDNESDAY**

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

Meal is \$7.00, with the Family Meal \$25.00, Hamburger \$5.00

**Menu:** *Brisket, Baked Sweet Potato, Corn on the Cob, Tossed Green Salad, Cornbread Muffin, and Cherry Cobbler*

**Kids:** *Chick fil A Sandwich, Waffle Fries, & Cookie*

- 5:00 PM Students (SM Coffee Shop)
- 5:15 PM Preschool Pizza & Playgrounds (A-Hall)  
3 yr-olds Music & Missions (A117)  
PreK & Kinder Music (JAM Room)  
Student Ministry Dinner (Coffee Shop)
- 5:30 PM 1st Kidz Praise: 1st-5th graders (Worship Center)
- 6:00 PM EQUIP Discipleship Studies:  
•Women's Bible Study led by Katy Little (E102)  
• Wednesday Bible Study • WEBS (E114)
- 6:40 PM Junior High Bible Study (Student Worship Room)
- 7:00 PM High School Bible Study (Student Worship Room)  
PreK & Kinder Missions (JAM Room)  
1st-6th Grade Missions (2nd floor "A" Hallway)

**THURSDAY**

- 6:30 AM Iron Men Book Study Group (D101/103)
- 10:30 AM Joyful Sound Choir Rehearsal (Worship Center)
- 12:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 6:30 PM ESL (North Entrance) Follow signs.

**FRIDAY**

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

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

**BEREAVEMENTS**

Our deepest sympathy, prayers, and love go out to the family members in the loss of their loved ones.

- » Perry Taylor in the loss of his mother, Betty Taylor

**STEWARDSHIP REPORTS**

April 21, 2024

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 100,322	\$ 4,481,437
Budget Requirement	\$ 125,800	\$ 4,481,829
Over/Under Budget	\$ -25,478	\$ -392
Hope 1:8	\$ 500	\$ 23,309
Annie Armstrong	\$ 30	\$ 67,262

**FBC KIDZ PRAISE MUSICAL**  
**SUNDAY MAY 5TH**  
**8:30 & 11 AM**

**THE GREATEST HYMN ON EARTH**  
A KIDS MUSICAL  
CREATED BY Christy Sorenson  
ARRANGED BY Daniel Beardsley & Nathaniel Sorenson

**SUNDAY NIGHT**  
**Hymns of the Faith**  
**MAY 5th at 5 PM**

A night of worship singing the great hymns of our faith, led by the Joyful Sound Choir.

**MAY 12TH**

**PARENT COMMISSIONING FAMILY DEDICATION SERVICE**

IF INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING PLEASE EMAIL ALLISON AT [AASHMORE@FBC-MIDLAND.ORG](mailto:AASHMORE@FBC-MIDLAND.ORG).

**VBS 2024**  
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ROMANS 12:2  
**June 3-6**

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**CENTENNIAL PARK  
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**NATIONAL  
DAY OF PRAYER 2024**

**THURSDAY  
MAY 2  
7 PM**

**CITY-WIDE EVENT**  
SPONSORED BY  **MIDLAND**  
MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

**1st Sunday  
OF THE MONTH  
FOOD DRIVE**  
FOR  
**MIDLAND BAPTIST  
CRISIS CENTER**

- Peanut Butter
- Jelly (NO glass jars)
- Canned Spaghetti Sauce (NO glass jars)
- Canned Soup
- 13 Gallon Trash Bags




**NEW TO  
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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.

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**Church Office Hours**  
Mon-Thurs, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Fri 8:30 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  
*Televised services are on a one-week tape delay*



**SCHOLARSHIP**

**MARTHA ADAMS SCHOLARSHIP**

Applications for the Martha Adams Scholarship are now being accepted. This scholarship is open to all graduating seniors who are members of FBC Midland to help with college tuition for Fall 2024.

Applications and guidelines can be picked up and returned to the main church office when completed. **The deadline for submitting applications is May 15.** This scholarship is made available through the gifts in memory of missionary Martha Adams.