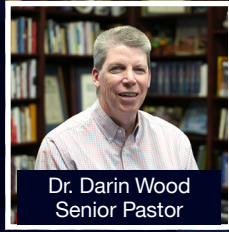


*Dear Beloved  
First Family*



Dr. Darin Wood  
Senior Pastor

Grace and Peace in Christ our Lord! May God's mercy guide you in these closing days of the school year and the beginning days of our summer!

### ANGEL AND MADDIE POZO – IN VIEW OF A CALL FOR FBC EN ESPAÑOL – MAY 25-26

First family, I'm excited for you to meet Angel and his lovely wife, Maddie! He's a gifted and gracious young man with a bright future! For the last three years, we have had the privilege of partnering with Angel in his education at Truett Seminary, and now he's graduated! We are thrilled to welcome them here to serve with us! As has become our custom, we will have a Q&A session on Saturday afternoon, May 25, at 2 PM. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet them, hear something from their hearts, and understand how they came to serve here with us. On Sunday morning, we'll hear from Angel in our morning services. Sunday night, May 26th, we'll hear a message from Angel and vote on calling him to this part-time role with our Español campus. I know you'll welcome them warmly so begin now praying for them in their transition.

### VBS – “BREAKER ROCK BEACH!” – JUNE 3-6

If you haven't already noticed, VBS is already beginning to make its appearance all over our campus! And praise the Lord it is! Every time you see a poster or decoration, I want you to pray for VBS, for the children who will be here, for their parents and families, for our volunteers, and for the opportunity to share the Gospel lovingly, passionately, and enthusiastically! Pray for God's mercy and kindness to guide us through this vital week. Pray especially for Wednesday night – Family Night! – as we welcome parents and families to join their children on our campus. We will proclaim the Gospel there to all of them! Put on your calendars to join our prayer walk on June 2 at 5 PM. We'll start our prayer time in the Worship Center and end in the same spot.

### WAYNE AND DANI DELSO'S COMMISSIONING TIME – JUNE 2 – 5 PM

When we get back to the Auditorium from our prayer walk, we will take time to commission our friends Wayne and Dani Delso as they leave for Colorado. We hate to see them leave, but we want to bless them on the next chapter of their walk with the Lord. When you read through the Book of Acts, you'll find this is a common practice – the sending church blessing those they send. Find it in Acts 11 and Acts 19-20. My prayer is that you join us.

Following our commissioning for the Delsos, our student ministry will hold a dessert fellowship for them, and you're invited to join us!

### UNDERSTANDING OUR TIMES BIBLICALLY

The world we live in seems to be tearing itself apart. Each day seems to bring more bad news than we already had! The war in Israel, the war in Ukraine, uncertainty about what happens with our elections this fall, and the spectacle that election season brings – it's easy to get overwhelmed! The burden of these challenges and difficulties is enough to cause us to cower.

Remember, bad news is merely a fulfillment of what Jesus said in John 16:33 – “In this world, you will have trouble!” Aren't you glad Jesus told us the truth? Likewise, in Matthew 24:6-13, Jesus warns of “wars and rumors of wars.”

Lean on the promise that bad news is not the final word. John 16:33 concludes with, “But take heart! I have overcome the world!” Leaning on this promise gives us the luxury of knowing our challenges are only temporary. They have already been defeated because of the work of Jesus!

So why do these problems continue if they've been defeated? Understand that sin has created brokenness in everything. Sin wrecked our relationship with God but also our relationship with others and even with ourselves. Sin is the root cause of most everything wrong! But. . . .

Christ came to remedy the sin problem once and for all! His victory at the cross and the empty tomb means sin is a defeated foe! Standing in Christ secures our eternity AND stabilizes our present. That means bad news doesn't have to rule you since all of it already stands defeated.

When the bad news parade makes you despondent, take time to remember these anchor points so you don't get swept away. Take time to thank God for his authority over it all and rest easy remembering He's already won.

Your servant,  
Darin



**VBS 2024**  
**BREAKER ROCK BEACH**  
**VOLUNTEER**  
ROMANS 12:2  
**June 3-6**  
Sign up at: [fbcmidland.com/VBS2024](http://fbcmidland.com/VBS2024)

## WEEK OF MAY 19TH

### 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 Study (D100)
- 5:00 PM Deacon Ordination (Worship Center)

\* 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:** Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Tossed Green Salad, Garlic Bread, and Key Lime Pie

**Kids:** Hotdog, French Fries, & Chocolate Chip Cookie

- 5:00 PM Students (SM Coffee Shop)  
Student Ministry Dinner (Coffee Shop)
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study • WEBS (E114)
- 6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
Orchestra Rehearsal (Worship Center)
- 6:40 PM Junior High Bible Study (Student Worship Room)
- 7:00 PM High School Bible Study (Student Worship Room)

### THURSDAY

- 6:30 AM Iron Men Book Study Group • Ends 5/23 (D101/103)
- 12:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 6:30 PM ESL (North Entrance) Follow signs.

### FRIDAY

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

## STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

May 12th, 2024

Offering	Weekly	Year to Date
FBC Offering	\$ 178,712	\$ 4,968,532
Budget Requirement	\$ 125,800	\$ 4,859,229
Over/Under Budget	\$ 52,912	\$ 109,303
Hope 1:8	\$ 300	\$ 24,109

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

### BEREAVEMENTS

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

- » Pat Causey in the loss of her husband, Marion Causey & to Gary Causey in the loss of his father.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MAY 19TH

#### GRADUATING SENIOR SUNDAY

We will honor our graduating senior high school students in the morning services and present them with a Bible. These are some extraordinary young men and women, and we want to celebrate them well! In our Welcome Center, you'll find tables with Bibles for our graduating seniors and you're invited to highlight or underline your favorite verse or write a note of encouragement. Bibles will be available up to 11 AM on Sunday.

Let us make these Bibles a memorial stone for them to anchor to. May God bless our graduating seniors and the future God has planned for them!

### JUNE 2ND

#### • VBS GREETER MEETING AT 4:30 PM (E102)

We need greeters all over the building during VBS, June 3-6! If you'd like to greet, please attend a short training meeting, led by James Ervin.

Call Sarah at 432-683-0607 if you have any questions.

#### • 1ST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

Please bring your food items and place them in the blue food bins located around the church property for the Midland Baptist Crisis Center. Requested items: Peanut Butter, Jelly (NO glass jars), Canned Spaghetti Sauce (NO glass jars), Canned Soup, & 13 Gallon Trash Bags.

### JUNE 3RD

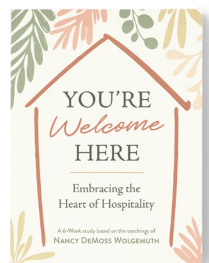
#### WMU PRAYER LUNCHEON PLUS AT 11:30 AM (D100/102)

Email Kay Kolb at [kkolb351@gmail.com](mailto:kkolb351@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

### JUNE 19TH

#### YOU'RE WELCOME HERE: EMBRACING THE HEART OF HOSPITALITY

A six-week summer Bible study where you can discover how imperfect you and your imperfect home can point others to a perfect God. Starts June 19 at 6 PM with an introductory meet up and goes until July 31. Cost: \$10 for a book. Location: the Parlor.



## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

### WAINSCOTT-LACY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship applications are available now and will be due by Friday, June 14th. For an application, please contact Jessica Torres at: (432) 683-0604 or [torres@fbc-midland.org](mailto:torres@fbc-midland.org). All applicants must be attending any Baptist college, university, or seminary.