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Saturday, February 11, 6:30 p.m: "Hope in Life"

**Baron Batch to speak at
First Baptist Church in Midland**

MIDLAND, Texas—Pittsburgh Steelers running back and 2006 Midland High School graduate Baron Batch will be a special featured speaker at First Baptist Church in Midland. Batch's presentation entitled "Hope in Life" specifically will be targeted to youth. Batch was asked to speak to a Midland audience in response to the recent teen suicides in the community.

After graduating from Midland High School, Batch played football for Texas Tech University where he was the school's eighth-ranked all-time leader in rushing with 2,501 yards. During his senior year at Texas Tech, Batch led the team in rushing with 816 yards on 177 carries, an average of 4.6 yards per carry. He also caught 32 passes for 226 yards and three receiving touchdowns.

After being drafted by the Steelers, Batch tore his ACL during a training camp practice on August 11, 2011, and was officially placed on injured reserve during the 2011 season.

Batch speaks to young people throughout the nation on the importance of faith, life and maintaining future dreams.

Tomorrow evening's presentation is FREE and will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church.

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