

# FAQ's

## **Q: Why are we making this schedule adjustment?**

**A:** We are continually evaluating all that we do in order to fulfill our God-given mission to proclaim Christ and make disciples. As part of that ongoing evaluation, we feel like this schedule adjustment will help us do a better job of helping people of all ages move forward in becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. This schedule will enable more of our folks to participate in some of these growth opportunities as well as add some new opportunities for growth, service and discipleship. It also allows us to better live out our value of prayer by prioritizing a monthly time of corporate prayer on our church calendar.

## **Q: What is DiscipleLife?**

**A:** DiscipleLife is the name of our Sunday evening environments of short-term studies, classes and other activities that are designed to help equip you to live life as a disciple.

## **Q: Who is the target audience for the Sunday Evening DiscipleLife time?**

**A:** Different activities and events have different focuses and therefore different target audiences. While we have many activities and events that are open to anyone at any time including all of our Sunday Morning activities, the Sunday evening DiscipleLife time will be for FBCFM attenders/members. This will enable us to best focus our resources (time, space and leadership) in investing in the spiritual growth and development of the entire FBCFM family from preschoolers through adults.

We also realize that there is an unhealthy trend toward “Consumer Churchianity” in our culture where people pick and choose various programs and activities from a wide variety of churches. This seems to be so contrary to the New Testament understanding of what it means to be a part of a local church fellowship. We want to encourage anyone that is a part of another local church to be “All In” at that local church where they feel God wants them to be. We do not want to do anything that would contribute to the “consumer mentality” or possibly draw someone away from another local church family.

## **Q: What is happening for Kindergartners – 5<sup>th</sup> Graders during the new Sunday night sessions?**

**A:** K-5<sup>th</sup> will have a Music Focus during the Fall Session. This will not be a traditional choir format and it will not be learning a musical. The kids will be involved with multiple rotations including learning songs, music theory, making instruments, hearing from guests and more. Depending on numbers of kids participating, we anticipate 3 groups: K/1, 2/3 & 4/5.

## **Q: What is happening for Infants – PreK 4s during the new Sunday night sessions?**

**A:** Our youngest children will be provided great care and age-appropriate activity. The older preschoolers will have a music component added to their evening.

## **Q: What about Bible Drill?**

**A:** This amazing opportunity for 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders is moving to Sunday evenings. These older kids will have a choice of Bible Drill or Music, but must make a decision and sign up prior to the session starting. Parents should

prayerfully consider which option is best for their child. Bible Drill will involve skills and scripture memory that will last a lifetime. Similar to learning multiplication facts, parent involvement is needed at home for the child to be most successful. *Bible Drill is a full-year program (both Fall & Spring sessions) with Spring drills for the older kids.* More information needed? Contact Gina ([msu2dawgs@aol.com](mailto:msu2dawgs@aol.com)).

**Q: How will the children's classes be staffed?**

**A:** By FBCers!! We will not use paid staff on Sunday nights. We believe that if adults are learning and growing in such great class options, our kids should have that same opportunity which cannot happen with paid workers. This is a perfect time for our FBC Family to step up and serve, particularly if serving is not an option on Sunday mornings for some reason. Staffing of children's classes is happening NOW – contact Joy ([jcanupp@fbcfm.com](mailto:jcanupp@fbcfm.com)) to see how you can plug into this 12-week serving opportunity.

**Q: Will kids get a snack since this is during supper time?**

**A:** 5<sup>th</sup> & under will actually be provided with a simple snack supper each Sunday night! We anticipate “bag meals” that might include easy sandwiches (no peanut butter), individually wrapped chips, fruit, water or juice, etc. The snack supper will be provided during one of the rotations for older kids and mid-session for the youngest children.

**Q: Who will provide the snack suppers?**

**A:** The church will take care of the expense. A *Snack Supper Volunteer Team* is needed to make this happen each week. This team will solely focus on purchasing, prepping and distributing the bag meals. This team will not serve in any of the classrooms. Interested in serving on this team? Contact Joy ([jcanupp@fbcfm.com](mailto:jcanupp@fbcfm.com)).

**Q: What children can attend?**

**A:** Sunday night children's programming is open to FBC families whose parents are attending an adult class or serving. Sunday evening Life Groups may also consider bringing their kids if they are meeting within the 6:00-7:30 p.m. time frame.

**Q: Do children need to be signed up in advance?**

**A:** Absolutely! Children's Ministry must have adequate time to staff and prepare for the children we get to hang out with on Sunday evenings. We need enough volunteers, enough supplies and enough food! Please be sure you sign up each child (Infant – 5<sup>th</sup>) as you are registering for an adult class or volunteering or planning to participate in a Sunday evening Life Group. There is no cost for children to attend.

**Q: What will check-in & security look like on Sunday evenings?**

**A:** We will use the same lanyard/pick-up number process that happens on Sunday mornings. Our system is designed in such a way that we can create a DiscipleLife for Kids group based on those who are on the sign-up sheets (another very important reason to sign up). We are also planning toward Priority Gold Team availability on the halls during the sessions for an extra layer of security and assistance.

**Q: What will take place for children during the monthly Fresh Encounter prayer times?**

**A:** There will be age-appropriate care and activity for Infants-5<sup>th</sup> graders of families who are participating in the Prayer Service or volunteering on the Children's Ministry halls.

**Q: How will the changes impact High School D-Groups?**

**A:** High School D-groups will meet as they did in the past. Leaders and students will coordinate the best time for them to meet. There will be a High School D-group meeting in August to communicate more about the meeting time and places.

**Q: What will Middle School D-groups look like on Sunday nights?**

**A:** Students will have a choice of two classes. The schedule will be as follows:

- Snack supper at 6:00 p.m.
- Classes – 6:30-7:00 p.m.
- Small groups – 7:00-7:30 p.m.

**Q: What will Sunday nights look like for High School students?**

**A:** One of our values is to train our students to lead and serve. High Schoolers will have the opportunity to serve in the children's ministry area on Sunday nights. The High School Leadership Team will continue to lead Middle School D-groups.

**Q: When can I sign up to attend DiscipleLife adult classes?**

**A:** Sign-ups will start on Sunday, July 24, and end on Sunday, August 14. Sign-up sheets will be available in the back lobby of the Worship Center.

**Q: Is there a cost to attend DiscipleLife adult classes?**

**A:** Most classes use participant guides or workbooks. The participant's price for a DiscipleLife class is half of the suggested retail price for the guide or workbook.

**Q: What is the schedule and duration of the fall DiscipleLife adult classes?**

**A:** Classes start on Sunday, August 21. The adult classes will meet for 12 weekly sessions. The last Sunday night classes will meet is November 20. In addition, DiscipleLife classes will not meet on Sunday, September 4, and Sunday, October 30.