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Sunday Schedule for January 7, 2018

8:45 a.m. Small Groups and Sunday School

Here (fbccenterton.org/#/connect/small-groups) is a list of our Groups for Adults

9:00 a.m. Open Forum on Guiding Children to Worship. Meet in the Student Center at 9:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Student Ministry Parent Meeting

World Mission Offering Report

We are thankful that the Lord led individual believers and families to give over and above their commitments to the Ministries Budget of our church for this year's World Mission Offering. The offering collected will be distributed this month in the following percentages and amounts:

World Mission Offering for 2017	\$90,374.95
• Lottie Moon (70%)	\$63,262.46
• Annie Armstrong (20%)	\$18,074.99
• Dixie Jackson (10%)	\$9,0037.50

Wednesday Schedule for January 10

Family Night of Prayer Leads Off our Winter Wednesdays

On **Wednesday, January 10**, all Mission Friends, GAK, students, worship ministry, and adults of the church will be together in the Worship Center for a Family Night of Prayer. Anticipating the possibility of inclement weather, the time of prayer with your church family will take place in smaller prayer groups within the Worship Center at **6:00 p.m.**

The **family meal at 5 p.m.** will be pre-ordered from Chick-Fil-A this week. You may order online ***HERE*** or sign up in the Atrium this morning. Place your order for either Chick-Fil-A chicken sandwiches, Chick-Fil-A spicy chicken sandwiches, or Chick-Fil-A classic 8-piece chicken nuggets. Chips, a cookie, and drinks will be provided.

The cost is \$5 per adults and \$3 per child 6th grade and under. We will still observe the \$20.00 per family maximum for this event. If you reach the family maximum of \$20 while ordering online, please choose "Pay Later" and contact the church office for payment. For this week, pre-ordering is essential for having enough entrees from Chick-Fil-A. You may order through noon on Monday, January 8th.

You can stay together as a family and combine smaller families to make groups that will pray for the ministries that occur throughout our church and school campus. It will be both educational and inspirational as we spend a brief night in prayer for what God is doing at First Baptist Church.

Sunday Schedule for January 14

8:45 a.m. Small Groups

10:00 a.m. Worship

Women's Ministry Update

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• Bible Study Opportunities

- Monday mornings— 9:30 a.m. at **Seena Varghese's** home, "Your Eternal Reward," begins **January 8**. Please contact **Gail Lambert** at 757-570-0786 if you plan to attend so that she can order your book, which costs **\$10**. You will also need a three-ring binder for worksheets.
- Wednesday nights — 6:30 p.m. Study of Ephesians
- **Ladies' Game Night** — 6:00—9:00 p.m. on Saturday, **January 20** in the Student Center.

The STUDENT Section

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- **Student Worship**— Wednesday night at 6–7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center with our church family for the Family Night of Prayer.
- **Parent Meeting—Sunday, January 7** in the Student Center immediately following the Worship service. You will receive information about GENERATE, the student camp we will be attending June 11-15, 2018 in Ruston, Louisiana. Our students will participate in SERVE, which includes light construction, Backyard Bible Clubs, community outreach, and more. The total cost is \$299 per student with a deposit of \$60.00 due **January 28, 2018** and the balance due March 28, 2018. Contact **Kenny Wieda** if you have questions.
- **Website/Text Messages**— Our webpage is a great source for parents to see what is going on in the Student Ministry. We generally send out a text to let you know when updates have been made. Also, if you or your student wants to receive text messages, please respond to ***students@fbccenterton.org*** with your name, cell phone number and cell provider (AT&T, Verizon, etc.) and we will make sure you begin receiving our text message updates.

Children's Ministry Update

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• GAK (God's Amazing Kids)

GAK starts back on January 17th! We will start the new year off with a crazy hat night! Who can find the tallest hat? The most colorful? The wildest? We'll find out on January 17th!

- **GAK verse for January: "The Lord delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love."**

- **Camp Siloam.**

We have officially signed up to bring our 3rd-6th grade kiddos to **Camp Siloam June 18-22!** If you are not familiar with Camp Siloam, I encourage you to watch the video below. God uses that camp to turn students' hearts toward Him, and we're super excited to go back this year!

Camp Siloam Video: <https://youtu.be/W5jUB2i64g8>

- **Kids in Worship at Centerton**

The parents of Kindergarten through 4th graders are invited to join Pastor Joshua Babb for an Open Forum this morning in the Student Center. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. after we have helped our kids get to their Sunday School classes. What kinds of questions and comments have been a part of your drive home after Sunday services? Let Mrs. Tidwell or one of the pastors know what your family is experiencing as our children have been worshipping with us on Sunday mornings.

Men’s Ministry Update

- **Winter Retreat Planned for Horton Farms February 2–3, 2018**

MEN: Look for sign up information for the **Johnny Hunt Simulcast “UNSPOKEN: What Men Won’t Talk About and Why”** that will be coming to you this week. This cuts two hours off of our travel time, and allows us to sleep at home in our own beds this year. More to follow.

Life Way News and Information

- **Basketball Teams in Action in January**

All of the Life Way basketball teams are at home this week with junior high games **Tuesday, January 9 at 5 and 6 p.m.**, and **Thursday, January 11 at 5 and 6 p.m.** The varsity teams are away in Colcord **January 9**. All teams except the varsity girls will be home **Friday, January 12** for **Homecoming** games beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Attendance Recap from Past Weeks

December 24 (Morning)	428
December 24 (Candlelight Service)	296
December 31 (Lord’s Supper)	351

Focus on Giving for October 1—December 31, 2017

While a general budget report will be shared this month, and we will continue to give weekly giving reports (resuming next Sunday), we want to share the following update on contributions that accumulated over the first three months of our budget year, and mission giving for 2017 today.

General Fund:

Budget to date	\$393,246.00
Giving to date	\$363,584.73

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