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## **Sunday Schedule for March 18, 2018**

**8:45 a.m.** While this is usually the meeting time of our Small Groups and Sunday School, this week all groups are meeting in the Worship Center as Sanford B leads us to consider Discipleship and Multiplication

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

**10:00 a.m.** Worship with Guest Missionary

**2:00 p.m.** Open Gym

## **From Couch to 5K (and beyond!) Running Club and Bible Study for Men**

Hey men! Are you looking for a great way to get active and get connected? Join **David Armstrong** and **Tom Blazi** starting Monday, March 19 as they teach running technique and get into God's word. Meet under the steeple outside Building D off HWY 102 at 6:30 p.m..

## **Wednesday Schedule for March 21:**

- **Wednesday Night Meal**  
We will not have a meal on March 21 during spring break.
- **Pastor Joshua Babb** will lead the Adult Bible Study on Genesis, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Because of Spring Break, we will not have children's and youth activities, or choir & orchestra rehearsals.

## **Help Make Possible the Easter Egg Hunt with Centerton 4H, March 31**

For a number of years, our church has hosted an Easter egg hunt put on by the Centerton 4-H Club. As we do with FourthFest and Fall Festival, we find great joy in welcoming the community to our campus for the purpose of displaying Christ and our love for our neighbors.

This spring, we have decided to host the Easter egg hunt with greater intentionality. Instead of simply opening our campus to local families for the egg hunt, we are going to communicate the true focus of

Easter in the gospel of Jesus Christ. In addition, we plan to tell our neighbors about our church, explain how our ministries advance the gospel, and invite them to our Easter service.

The 4-H Club has notified us that they have received fewer donations of plastic eggs and candy this year, so we as a church have the opportunity to step in and fill the gap.

For the **next two Sundays**, you will see a cart for plastic egg and wrapped candy donations in the Atrium. Would you consider donating some plastic eggs and wrapped candy for this event? We have the opportunity to bless our community with these donations, but more than that, we have the opportunity to either expose or reaffirm the gospel to a large crowd that will gather on our campus Saturday, March 31. Please help us in our efforts to preach Christ crucified.

### **Sunday Schedule for March 25**

- 8:45 a.m.** Small Groups Studying “The Atonement”  
Here ([fbccenterton.org/#/connect/small-groups](http://fbccenterton.org/#/connect/small-groups)) is a list of our Groups for Adults  
**Pastor Babb** leading “**Starting Point**” class in the Media Library
- 10:00 a.m.** Worship
- 2:00 p.m.** Open Gym
- 4:00 p.m.** Financial Peace University in A-222
- 6:00 p.m.** Lord’s Supper, Presentation of New Members, & First Family Fellowship  
Please join us next Sunday evening for our First Family Fellowship following the Lord’s Supper service. Please bring finger foods, such as sandwiches, chips & dip, etc.

### **Women's Ministry Update**

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### **Bible Study Opportunities**

- **Monday Mornings**—began March 12 at 9:30 a.m. at **Gail Lambert’s** home, *Lord, Is It Warfare? Teach Me to Stand*, from the book of Ephesians. Please contact **Gail Lambert** at 757-570-0786 if you wish to attend so that she can order your book, which costs \$15. This is a 12-week class. More information is available on our CCB website for the class [myfbc.ccbchurch.com/group\\_detail.php?group\\_id=582](http://myfbc.ccbchurch.com/group_detail.php?group_id=582).
- **Sunday Mornings**—begins April 8 at 8:45 a.m. in room A-224, *Your Eternal Reward*. Ladies of all ages, from high school to senior adults are invited. Please contact **Gail Lambert** at 757.570.0786 or by email, [lambert.refuge@gmail.com](mailto:lambert.refuge@gmail.com), if you wish to attend so that she can order your book, which costs \$10. You will also need a three-ring binder for worksheets. More information is available on our CCB website for the class [myfbc.ccbchurch.com/group\\_detail.php?group\\_id=588](http://myfbc.ccbchurch.com/group_detail.php?group_id=588).
- **Sunday Mornings**—Mom’s class with **Lisa Baxley** in room A-227 this class is ongoing.
- **Wednesday Nights**—Began a study of Esther on March 14. Ladies of all ages are invited to join us.

### **Mentor/Mentee Opportunities**

- **Mentor Training**—This is for all ladies interested in being a mentor for the 2018-2019 mentoring year. It will be held the morning of **July 21** at FBC Centerton.
- **Mentor/Mentee Kick-Off for 2018-2019**—evening of **August 24**

### **Future Women’s Ministry Opportunity**

- **Fourth Annual “Come to the Table” Banquet—April 14**
- **Tuesday Table**—May 8, June 12, September 11, November 13, December 11 at 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- **Ladies Fall Retreat 2018**—Save October 5-6 for this getaway. Details to follow in the Event Calendar and here in the eNewsletter for all opportunities as the dates approach.

### The STUDENT Section

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- **Student Worship**— We will not meet March 21, spring break week. **Pray for our Haiti team.**
- **Summer Camp JH— The Uprising**  
Camp Generate is **June 11-15**, Ruston, LA. The theme is **The Uprising**.  
For more info, head over to the **Generate webpage**. Sign up using the link in the parents' weekly newsletter or **online at our website**.
- **High School Only Wyoming Mission Trip**—Join us as we partner with a local church plant in **Laramie, WY, June 18-24!** We will be partnering with local believers to canvas the area, host block parties, and participate in local service projects for the community. We are looking forward to laying a foundation for the gospel to be shared through this new church plant. We hope you join us on mission! Cost and sign up link available soon!
- **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](mailto: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 is back **March 28** after spring break. **GAK verse for March:** "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26
- **MAX** is back after spring break, and it will be at a new time! For 5 weeks in March and April, 1st through 6th Grade students will have the opportunity to participate in Music and Arts for Christ (MAX) with **David Poemoceah**. Instead of our usual 4:00—5:15 times, **MAX for these 5 weeks will be from 6:00-7:30**. During MAX, students will have the opportunity to sing, play instruments, and use drama to give God MAXimum praise! **MAX students will still an opportunity for game time with our GAK leaders**. If your child would like to be a part of MAX, please sign up at **[myfbc.cbchurch.com/goto/forms/142/responses/new](http://myfbc.cbchurch.com/goto/forms/142/responses/new)**.
- **FBC Centerton** is partnering with **Centerton 4H** to help with their annual Community Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt will be at church on Saturday morning, **March 31 starting at 10:00**. We will present a short introduction to the hunt utilizing Resurrection Eggs to tell the Easter story. We will also have bottled water, flyers with church information, and some prizes to distribute. We would love for you and your kiddos to come out! Let's have a strong presence at this community event! **If you would like to help by working in our church tent, please let me know.**
- **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! See the Camp Siloam Video at **[youtu.be/W5jUB2i64g8](http://youtu.be/W5jUB2i64g8)**.
- **VBS**—Mark your calendars now for **VBS 2018!** Our dates will be **July 9-13!**

### Help Form New Lawn-Care Team

**Needs:** The church grounds will need weekly care as the weather warms up in the spring. Are there members willing to help us steward our resources by joining a team of people responsible for operating lawnmowers, grass trimmers, brooms, and leaf blowers in order to keep our grounds looking nice?

- We are praying for one **lawn care leader** to step up and organize volunteer schedules, maintain equipment (or oversee the maintenance of the equipment), and manage the funds budgeted by the church to accomplish this work. If you are interested in applying for this volunteer role, please contact **Luke Bowers**.

- We are praying for six to ten members to serve under the leadership of a lawn care leader, operating the previously described equipment to accomplish this work. If you are interested in applying for one of these volunteer roles, please contact **Luke Bowers**.

**Centerton Seniors Fish Fry, April 21**

Save the date. **April 21, 4-6 p.m.**, our Centerton Senior Adults will have a Fish Fry at The Beach and Pavilion at Lake Avalon in Bella Vista. It is the perfect location for a Fish Fry. The parking and pavilion are on level ground for the convenience of our oldest members. The beach has been remodeled this winter, and the site includes restrooms and horseshoe pits. There will be no cost to our seniors and their guests. **Brother Jim Daniel, Sr.** will entertain and inspire us with his stories. Please plan to bring friends to meet your church family. We can count on Brother Jim to include a clear explanation of the gospel when he shares his remarks.

**Attendance Recap from Past Week**

Connect Groups (March 5—March 11) .....	84
Sunday Small Groups .....	293
Sunday AM Worship Gathering .....	413

**Focus on Giving for March 11, 2018**

**General Fund:**

Weekly Average Need .....	\$28,089.00
Weekly Receipts .....	\$26,333.29

**Designated Funds:**

World Mission Weekly Receipts .....	\$1,208.00
World Mission YTD .....	\$8,862.28
Building Forward Receipts .....	\$100.00
Building Forward Balance .....	\$38,091.07
Seattle.....	\$635.00
Walkers in Ecuador.....	\$260.00
Haiti.....	\$250.00
Ivy Memorial .....	\$25.00

**We Received a Thank You Message...**

**From John & Laura Ford**

A special “thank you” to our pastors and church family members who visited Laura while she was in the hospital. We appreciate your fervent prayers and concern on our behalf. God bless you, and we love you.

**Ministry Anniversary for Laura Snowden**

Last week, we let slip an opportunity to recognize **Laura Snowden** as she completed her nineteenth year of service to First Baptist Church. Laura has served in the past as our Financial Secretary, and is currently serving our Worship Ministry and Student Ministry as their Ministry Assistant. Please let Laura know that you appreciate the love and concern she puts into the work she does for our church family.