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Sunday Schedule for April 15, 2018

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

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

10:00 a.m. Worship

2:00 p.m. Open Gym

4:00 p.m. Financial Peace University in A-222

From Couch to 5K (and beyond!)

David Armstrong and **Tom Blazi** lead a men's fellowship for guys who want to get active and get connected. This group is for men of all ages and all running levels (from beginner to experienced). Join David and Tom as they teach running technique and open up the Word of God. The group gathers **under the steeple outside Building D off HWY 102 on Mondays at 6:00 p.m.** After going for a run, the group comes together for Bible study in room **D-262** until about 7:30 p.m. Call or text David at 479.586.0953 or Tom at 479.619.8772 for more details.

Wednesday Schedule for April 18, 2018

- **Wednesday Night Meal Menu**

Chicken on bun, mac-n-cheese, baked beans, chips, dessert; (Menu is subject to change, so watch our Facebook page for updates and corrections: [facebook.com/firstbaptistchurchcenterton/](https://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistchurchcenterton/)) Adults—\$5; Children (6th grade & under)—\$3; Family Max—\$20.

- **Pastor Joshua Babb** will lead the Adult Bible Study on Genesis, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our Students (7th–12th grades), children (K–6th grades), and Mission Friends (three and four year olds) will meet at 6:00 p.m. All groups will dismiss at 7:30 p.m.

Life Way Musical, April 20 or 21

Come support the Life Way Christian School drama department when they perform Mary Poppins JR on April 20 & 21! Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and show starts at 7:00 p.m. on both nights! To order tickets online, go to this link: LWCSAR.com. Tickets are \$7.00 each or 5 tickets for \$28.

Secret Church Live Stream, or Archived Studies

David Platt's *Secret Church Simulcast* will happen again this year but it was moved from Good Friday to this coming **Friday night, April 20**. This year's topic is "Cults and Counterfeit Gospels." While we will not simulcast at the church this year, small groups may wish to gather in your home to participate in the six-hour study. Packages for groups of five people or more may be arranged through **Radical.Net**. The cost is basically \$10 per person. Listening guides will not arrive in time for the simulcast but they can still be ordered and distributed after the simulcast, along with an answer sheet for the study.

Fifteen previous Secret Church simulcasts are now available to you at NO COST through our church subscription to Right Now Media. If you wish to host a study of any of Dr. Platt's studies first aired as simulcasts, you may stream it at no cost. However, listening guides must be ordered. Here is a link for those who have set up their Right Now access—**Dr. Platt's Secret Church Studies on Right Now**.

Centerton Seniors Fish Fry, April 21

This Saturday, **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. However, we have decided to ask folk to bring a side dish to complement fried fish. We will have plenty of ice and fish! **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. Please sign up at the table in the Atrium if you plan to attend. Or, you may sign up by calling or emailing the church office by Monday.

Sunday Schedule for April 22

- 8:45 a.m.** Starting Point Class Begins
Small Groups
Here (fbccenterton.org/#/connect/small-groups) is a list of our Groups for Adults
- 10:00 a.m.** Worship
- 2:00 p.m.** No Open Gym (Setting Up for Life Way Art Fair)
- 4:00 p.m.** Financial Peace University in A-222

Starting Point Class, April 22

Pastor Joshua Babb will begin a "Starting Point" class next **Sunday, April 22**. The six-week class will highlight the DNA of our church in faith, doctrine, practice, vision, and mission. It will meet in room **A-216**, the Library, at **8:45 a.m.** The class is for people who want to consider joining this assembly in worship and service. For more information, contact the church office at **479.795.2591**.

Women's Ministry Update

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- **Bible Study Opportunities**
 - **Monday Mornings**—Meets 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.

- **Sunday Mornings**— *Your Eternal Reward* at 8:45 a.m. in room A-224. 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, 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.
- **Sunday Mornings**—Mom's class with **Lisa Baxley** in room A-227. This class is ongoing.
- **Wednesday Nights**—Ladies of all ages are invited to join us for a study of Esther.
- **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**
 - **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**—Join us this Wednesday night from 6–7:30 p.m. in the Student Center.
- **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 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)**—Next Wednesday night, **April 18**, will be Patriotic Night at GAK. Dress in red/white/blue or military-style clothing. (Please no costumes that include weapons.)
- **GAK verse for April:** "Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people both now and forevermore."—Psalm 125:1-2
- **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.
- **Back-Yard Bible Clubs**—We've set the dates for Back-Yard Bible Clubs this summer for **June 27-29**. Now all we need are the **locations, the workers, and the kids!** Think of back-yard Bible clubs as a mini VBS that we do on location! Both **Lori & Tim Shepherd** and **Mike and Makayla Brown** have offered their homes as locations for Bible clubs this summer. We would love to have a few more

homes! If you would be interested in hosting a Back-Yard Bible Club, or just want more information about one, please let me know. I also need volunteers to work. Backyard Bible clubs will be from 6:00-7:30 in the evening, so even if you work days, you could help us! **We would love to bring the gospel to your neighborhoods!**

- **VBS**—Mark your calendars now for VBS 2018! Our dates will be **July 9-13!** VBS is one of our biggest outreach events of the year. **Can you help us?** Find out how by emailing notifications@ccbchurch.com!

Lawn-Care Team Update

The Lawn-Care Team has begun to serve with mowing and trimming being scheduled through a team of volunteers. There is still more that can be done, and room for your help with the team. For example, we have flowers and shrub beds around the buildings that would look better if they were weeded at the beginning of the growing season.

If you would like to adopt a bed to keep it looking sharp, please contact Luke Bowers. Maybe you have another idea as to how you can help. We don't turn down helpers willing to serve in this ministry. 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**.

Disaster Relief Volunteers

Two “rebuild” weeks are scheduled on the Texas Gulf Coast **May 6–12**, and **May 20–26**. These dates include travel days. Locations and details are yet to be determined by Texas Baptist Men. We will share that information with the teams as we receive it. If you want to reserve a place on what will be a rather large team, please contact **Pastor Bob Metcalf** for registration information. There is no cost except your meals when traveling between Arkansas and Texas.

Attendance Recap from Past Week

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| Connect Groups (April 2—April 8) | 86 |
| Sunday Small Groups..... | 301 |
| Sunday AM Worship Gathering | 434 |

Focus on Giving for April 8, 2018

General Fund:

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| Weekly Average Need | \$28,089.00 |
| Weekly Receipts | \$33,422.83 |

Designated Funds:

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| World Mission Weekly Receipts | \$1,251.00 |
| World Mission YTD | \$12,801.28 |
| Direct Missions | \$30.00 |
| Building Forward Balance | \$38,141.07 |
| Walkers in Ecuador..... | \$565.00 |
| Seattle..... | \$295.00 |
| Ivy Memorial | \$25.00 |
| Benevolence..... | \$25.00 |

First Baptist Centerton “App” is Still Available

Our online-giving partner, **PushPay**, has helped us develop our own free iOS and Android App that includes sections providing easier access to our sermon audio files, directions to the church (for guests), connection tools for prayer requests and calendars, online giving and more. If you need help with the apps, call the church office at **479.795.2591** and we will walk you through the process. Online giving is one way to express your commitment to biblical stewardship even when you are away from home when the church meets for worship.