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Sunday Schedule for August 5

- 8:45 a.m.** Small Groups and Sunday School
Here (<http://fbccenterton.org/about-us/small-groups>) is a list of our Groups for Adults
- 10:00 a.m.** Worship
- 2:00 p.m.** Open Gym

Starting Point Class, September 9

Pastor Joshua Babb will begin a "Starting Point" class **Sunday, September 9**. 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**.

Wednesday Schedule for August 8

Our seventh–twelfth-grade students will **not** meet on Wednesday, August 8, but will meet **August 10-11** for the Back-to-School Lock-in. **Pastor Joshua Babb** will be the speaker in the Adult Bible study at 6:30 (until 7:30) in the Fellowship Hall. There will be no Wednesday night meal until GAK resumes, **August 22**.

Looking Ahead to Wednesdays in the Fall

Life Way Christian School begins its first day of school for students on **Wednesday, August 15**, joining students from all of the surrounding schools. We will have a **Family Night of Prayer** that evening rather than our usual Wednesday schedule.

Our Fall schedule for ministries will kick off **August 22**, meet on the following schedule:

- 5–6:00 p.m. — Family Night Meal, Student Worship Choir
- 6–7:30 p.m. — Nursery, Mission Friends, God's Amazing Kids [GAK], Student Night of Worship, and Adult Worship Choir
- 6:30–7:30 p.m. — Adult Bible Study
- 7:00–8:00 p.m. — Orchestra Rehearsal

Sunday Schedule for August 12

- 8:45 a.m.** Small Groups
Here (<http://fbccenterton.org/about-us/small-groups>) is a list of our Groups for Adults
- 10:00 a.m.** Worship and Commissioning of Teachers
- 2:00 p.m.** Open Gym

2018 Israel Trip Update

It's not too late to join **Gary & Anita Burney** as they lead a trip to Israel **December 3-12** this year. They still have room for a few more couples and a few more singles. If you are interested in going or have questions, please contact them at anitaburney@outlook.com or visit www.trektoisrael.weebly.com for more details.

Women's Ministry Update

For more information, contact the church office. Phone: 479.795.2591

Email: info@fbccenterton.org

- **Mentor/Mentee Opportunities**
 - **Mentor/Mentee Kick-Off for 2018-2019**—evening of **August 24**
Please contact the church office if you are interested in participating in the mentor/mentee part of our women's ministry.
- **Future Women's Ministry Opportunities**
 - **Tuesday Table**—September 11 and December 11 at 6:30-8:30 p.m.
You will hear from ladies in our church on how God is working in their life.
 - **Craft Time**—November 10 at 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Registration coming soon.
 - **Ladies Fall Retreat 2018**—Save **October 5-6** for this getaway. Details to follow in the Event Calendar and here in the e-Newsletter for all opportunities as the dates approach. If you are not receiving email updates please contact the church office to be added to the women's ministry group.

The STUDENT Section

For more information, contact the church office. Phone: 479.795.2591

Email: students@fbccenterton.org; Website: www.fbccenterton.org.

- **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.
- **Student Ministry Lock-in**—We are planning a **Back-to-School Lock-in** for **Friday, August 10 at 6:00 p.m. until Saturday morning, August 11 at 8:00 a.m.** There is not a better time and place to immerse your friends in getting to know the students and leadership team doing ministry together at First Baptist Centerton. There will be a prize worth winning for the student who personally brings the largest number of registered guests to the Lock-in.

This will be your last chance to interact with a few Summer team members before they head back to college, and your first chance to meet the new students and many of their parents who are moving in to join us in student ministries. The cost is \$10 per student to cover group admission to High Rise, Rogers Bowling Alley, inflatables, and food that will be just a part of the plan for the evening. While your parents may not be a regular part of our student ministry yet, encourage them to respond to one of the many "help-make-it-happen" volunteer roles our leadership team is enlisting for the event. For more information, contact **Veronica King at 479.544.4834.**

Children’s Ministry Update

Laura Tidwell, Director of Childhood Ministries, Phone: 479.883.2137

Email: *ltidwell@lwcsar.com*

- **Children’s Sunday School Promotion**—Preschool through High School classes will promote on **August 5, 2018.**

Attendance Recap from Past Week

Connect Groups (July 23-July 29).....	36
Sunday Small Groups.....	300
Sunday AM Worship Gathering.....	357

Focus on Giving for July 29, 2018

General Fund:

Weekly Average Need.....	\$28,089.00
Weekly Receipts.....	\$26,386.36

Designated Funds:

World Mission Weekly Receipts.....	\$1,094.15
World Mission YTD.....	\$28,790.18
Direct Missions	\$30.00
Building Forward Balance.....	\$38,701.07
Lord’s Supper Benevolence Offering.....	\$839.16
Seattle	\$585.00
Walkers in Ecuador	\$235.00

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, you may wish to 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.

Watchman Prayer Ministry

Even when our church is scattered between meetings for study and worship, we have a group of prayer warriors who want to know how they can pray for needs expressed by our brothers and sisters in Christ. If you have an email address, and would like to be a part of this group of prayer warriors, we would like to add you to the Watchman Prayer Ministry group on CCB. We average about a prayer request daily from folks who have contacted the church office with their needs. To become a part of this ministry, simply email ***pam@fbccenterton.org*** and tell **Pam Varnell** you would like to receive Watchman Prayer notices by email. When you receive a prayer message from the church, we ask you to call out that request to the Lord as you go about your daily duties. If you have a prayer request, you may email it to Pam or call the church office at 479.795.2591.

We Have Received Thank You Messages From...

Beverly Shaddy

Thanks to **Michael Gower** for organizing the mowing of my yard for July. Thanks to: **Miles Bailey** and his son for mowing and then raking the whole yard; **Warren Gaydusek** and his son, **Gracen**, for mowing, pulling weeds, and sweeping; **Jim Daniel** and his son, **Jacob**, for mowing and sweeping; **Luke Bowers** for mowing. Thank you, men of God, for helping me with my yard.

Connie Adams

Thank you, church family for your prayers, the food, and cards during my recent illness. I have been blessed by the Lord and am feeling better. I appreciate our church, and I’m thankful that the Lord takes care of me.