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## **Sunday Schedule for August 12**

- 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 and Commissioning of Teachers

## **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 15**

Our seventh–twelfth-grade students will meet in the Student Center at **6:00–7:30 p.m.** **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 19

- 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
- 2:00 p.m. Open Gym

### Project Prayer: Adopt a Teacher

We know from Scripture that our enemy, Satan, is working to destroy us (1 Peter 5:8). He would like nothing more than to start with our most precious—our children and teens. This truth puts school teachers who stand for Christ each day on the very real front lines of the spiritual battle. We want to invite our church family to join us in supporting our teachers in prayer by adopting a Life Way Christian School or other local school teacher to pray for and encourage regularly throughout the school year! On Sundays, **August 26** and **September 2**, **Dwight** and **Jenifer Siemens** will be stationed in the foyer and visiting small group classes to match individual teachers with prayer partners. Thank you for considering being a part of Project Prayer: Adopt-A-Teacher! *"With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints."* Ephesians 6:18

### 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](mailto:anitaburney@outlook.com) or visit [www.trektoisrael.weebly.com](http://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](mailto:info@fbccenterton.org)**

- **Women-Twogether Discipleship Opportunities**
  - **Kick-Off for 2018-2019**—evening of **August 24**  
This is a group of women following the principle found in Ecclesiastes 4:9, teaching us that two are better than one. If you would like more information about joining this group of ladies, please call the church office at 479-795-2591.
- **Future Women's Ministry Opportunities**
  - **Tuesday Table**—September 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** A weekend of Biblical teaching open to ALL women of FBC Centerton. Registration coming soon.
  - If you are not receiving email updates please contact the church office to be added to the women's ministry group.

### The STUDENT Section

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**Email: [students@fbccenterton.org](mailto:students@fbccenterton.org); Website: [www.fbccenterton.org](http://www.fbccenterton.org).**

- **Wednesday nights (beginning August 29)**  
Wednesday nights for students this fall will have the same components, but they will be rearranged. Following the meal in the Fellowship Hall, the Student Center will be open for games and fellowship. At **6:15 p.m.**, the students' worship service will begin. After worship concludes at **7:00 p.m.**, the students can enjoy extended fellowship by participating in a group activity/competition.
  - 5:00 p.m.** Fellowship Meal
  - 6:15 p.m.** Worship Service
  - 7:00 p.m.** Group Activity

- **Sunday Morning Structure**—Sunday mornings will have a slightly different format beginning **September 2**. We will begin with a brief rally time with all students at **8:35 a.m.** that will include singing, praying, and a quick preview of the focus points that will be discussed in the small groups. Parents, you are invited to participate in this rally time to pray for your children before you go to your small group. After small group teaching time, the students will reassemble to go over that morning's focus points again and to pray with/for each other. After the post-breakout rally, the students will gather with the larger body of Christ at FBC Centerton for worship.
- **Student Ministry Fall Retreat** -We are planning a Pastor-led Fall Retreat for **Friday, September 28** – **Sunday morning September 30**. A registration form and more details will be coming soon.

**Children’s Ministry Update**

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- **GAK is Back**—The children's ministry is super excited to start up GAK (God's Amazing Kids) on **August 22!** For those who don't know, GAK is our weekly Wednesday children's discipleship time. We have a time of Bible study, Bible memory verse work, a study of missionaries and mission work, and game time. Students also have a time of reflection and "talk back" with their leaders each week. **You can register your student here:** <https://myfbc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/153/responses/new>  
We need lots of enthusiastic volunteers to make GAK happen. Maybe you've stepped away from children's ministry for a while; this could be your chance to jump back in with both feet! We need leaders who can build relationships with these students and help us disciple them. If you would like to join us, or want more information, please reply to this email or text me at 479-883-2137 and I'll let you know how you can help.

Join us in this important ministry! At GAK, we have a knack to yack about Jesus! Boom!

**Attendance Recap from Past Week**

Connect Groups (July 29–August 5).....	45
Sunday Small Groups.....	323
Sunday AM Worship Gathering .....	440

**Focus on Giving for August 5, 2018**

**General Fund:**

Weekly Average Need .....	\$28,089.00
Weekly Receipts .....	\$33,499.40

**Designated Funds:**

World Mission Weekly Receipts .....	\$1,173.00
World Mission YTD .....	\$29,963.18
Building Forward Receipts .....	\$20.00
Building Forward Balance .....	\$38,721.07
Benevolence Offering .....	\$900.00
Seattle.....	\$375.00
Walkers in Ecuador.....	\$220.00

**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\*\*](mailto: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.