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Sunday Schedule for August 19

- 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**.

Life Way Update

The school year has started and we are excited to be a part of the discipleship of 470 students this year at Life Way. What a blessing it is to be able to communicate the truth of God's word as we prepare young people to obey God's purpose for them; to fill the earth and have a Christ-honoring influence wherever He calls them. We thank you for your prayers and support this year and invite you to the following events:

Wednesday, August 22— Sub Training: If you would be interested in being a substitute teacher at Life Way this year, we will have an informational meeting at 8:00 a.m.

- **Thursday, August 23**— Home Volleyball games at 5:00 and 6:00 p.m.
- **Monday, August 27**— Home Volleyball game at 5:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, August 30**— Home Volleyball games at 5:00 and 6:00 p.m.

This year's theme is *In It To Win It* based on 1 Corinthians 9:24 where Paul says, "Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win." Our prayer is that God will use Life Way this year to disciple and equip parents and students to run in such a way that pleases the Lord and draws others to Him. Thanks again for your prayers!

Wednesday Schedule for August 22

- **Wednesday Night Meal Menu** Spaghetti, corn, salad, garlic bread, 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 **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.**

The Full Wednesday Schedule

Our Fall schedule for ministries will kick off **August 22** and 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 26

- 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
- 6:00 p.m.** Lord’s Supper & First Family Fellowship
Please join us on **August 26** for our First Family Fellowship following the Lord’s Supper Service. Please bring finger foods, such as sandwiches, chips & dip, etc. We will also take a Benevolence Offering as a part of our service.

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 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

- **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

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

Email: students@fbccenterton.org; Website: 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 and Mission Friends**—Summer is almost over, and **we've missed you**, kiddos! We're excited to announce that GAK and Mission Friends are back on **August 22!** That night, **from 6:00-7:30**, we'll have an opportunity for you to **get registered, meet your teachers**, play with your friends on the **playground**, climb around on **INFLATABLES**, and have some yummy **ICE CREAM!** (We will have our preschool inflatable set up for our Mission Friends kiddos only).

GAK Parents, you can register your child on **August 22** and meet their teachers while they play. Or, if you want to get ahead of the curve, you can **register them online here:**

<https://myfbc.cbchurch.com/goto/forms/153/responses/new>

Mission Friends Parents, remember that **you must stay on campus** (Bible study attendees, GAK workers, choir/orchestra, youth workers) in order for your child to attend Mission Friends each week.

Our first regular night of GAK/Mission Friends will be **Wednesday, August 29**. It's going to be a great year!

- **CPF Training**—As I mentioned last Sunday, we have several spots we need to fill each month in our children's ministry. Our most pressing needs are opportunities to serve in **nursery and preschool**. If you feel like you could help us out by volunteering for a monthly rotation in one of these areas, we need you to go through "Child Protection First!" training. CPF! training is mandatory for all of our volunteers. Our next training will be **this Sunday, August 19** during small group (Sunday School) hour. Participants will be trained in how to insure the safety of all of our children. They will also go through a background check. Training will be from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. in the library (A-216). Please let me know if you are interested in helping and/or are able to make it to this training. We will have future training times if you can't make this one. (Also, if you have already been through this training, you do not have to do it again). Thank you to those who will step up to for serve your church and your Lord!

Attendance Recap from Past Week

Connect Groups August 6–August 12).....	62
Sunday Small Groups.....	306
Sunday AM Worship Gathering.....	454

Focus on Giving for August 12, 2018

General Fund:

Weekly Average Need.....	\$28,089.00
Weekly Receipts.....	\$34,358.80

Designated Funds:

World Mission Weekly Receipts.....	\$643.00
World Mission YTD.....	\$30,606.18
Direct Missions	\$30.00
Building Forward Receipts.....	\$100.00
Building Forward Balance.....	\$38,821.07
Walkers in Ecuador	\$550.00
Seattle	\$325.00

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.

Operation Christmas Child

Take an ordinary shoe box, fill it with toys and other gifts, and you have an extraordinary gift for a child in need of joy and hope. Most have heard of **Franklin Graham’s Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child**. It is time to begin compiling those gifts that will fill a shoe box for a child in one of the for-flung corners of the world. Most importantly, these shoe boxes provide opportunities to tell children about the love of Jesus Christ. Items you might include: small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, sewing kits for girls, tools for boys. A collection point will soon appear in the Atrium for your donations. Until then, we are ready to receive your donations in the church office.