

First Baptist Church Centerton

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Dates & Events in Focus

- >> UKRAINE MISSION TRIP
July 15–27
- > PRAYER AT ROBIN GILL'S
July 18
- >> MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
KNOW WHAT YOU BELIEVE
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- >>> DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
MISSION TRIP
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CHILD MEETING
July 24
- >> UPWARD CAMP
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July 27
- >> STUDENT EVANGELISM
CONFERENCE
July 28–31
- >> SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP
SUMMIT
July 31
- >> UPWARD SOCCER
EVALUATIONS
August 1, 3, 5



- >> READY (EVANGELISM TRAINING)
August 7, 14, and 21
- >> SET (ALL ON THE ALTAR)
August 21
- >> GO! (12 WEEKS OF VISITATION)
August 28 and following

Grace & Peace

Greetings Church... The Bell family will be home from vacation tomorrow. Thank you for praying for us during this time away. We have enjoyed our time together, and look forward to being with you Wednesday night to study Psalm 68; and again Sunday morning, as we pick up our study in John.



Wasn't That Special?

I am sure you joined in the celebration of God's blessings to our church last week in regards to the credit line! Paid off! Zero debt! Praise the Lord!

Many of you will remember that we began construction on Building A, a \$4.5 million project, including parking and crosswalks, just a few weeks after September 11, 2001. It was a sad and difficult time for our nation, but we sensed God's direction to move forward with the project. By faith, we launched!

The project was built in stages. We left the shell empty for about a year and a half before constructing 30,000 sq. ft. of the interior space. Later we added another 10,000 sq. ft., before finishing out the 20,000 sq. ft. upstairs space. The final construction had to do with the expansion of the Worship Center.

God blessed the willing sacrifice of his people in four capital campaigns over the past 10 years: "Over and Above," "Year of Praise," "He is Able," and "Attack the Debt." So many of our people actually contributed sweat equity in several of the building stages, including the Cross Walk Project and the Nehemiah Project, capably led by our own **Ray Cothorn**.

Along the way, we reminded ourselves that building projects are about souls! Space was needed to reach people for Christ. We sensed that we did not have to provide such space as to financially cripple our church for years to come. Financial freedom is an important guideline. By God's grace we will move forward in the future with this same commitment.

Have a good day of worship hearing two of our own: **Gary Burney**, a veteran pastor; and **Aaron Chastain**, our Student Pastor.

Pray for Missions

Please join our missions support effort by praying for the following needs, teams and individuals.

Ukraine (July 15–27): **Don and Gabby Crowley** are there now.

Dominican Republic (July 22–29): **Alice and Jerry Harris**, and **Chick Reid**. We will commission them tonight.

Operation Christmas Child to Minneapolis, Minnesota (November 2011): Who will join the Bices and the Barfields on this FAMILY trip?

Passion 2012 at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta (December 31, 2011–January 6, 2011): Who will join Bob Metcalf on this mission to serve college students at Passion?

Brazil (March 16–25): We need commitments and applications from six high school seniors or college students to form a team to students in Brazil during Spring Break.

Pray... Give... Go! Look forward to helping us commission these teams on the Sunday evenings prior to their departures.

Information flyers for these and four more mission opportunities are in the Atrium on the Missions Wall next to map of the world.

Parents—

NO "Kids in Action" for the month of July

Nursery and Preschool will be available 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Upward Notes

Basketball camp registration forms are available in the Atrium, or from the church website at www.fbccenterton.org/upward. The camp is scheduled for **July 25–29** from **6–9 p.m.**

Rising first through sixth graders may attend at a cost of \$45. The deadline for registering is **tomorrow, July 18**.

Coaches who serve all week on the camp faculty will get a special discount for their child's participation.

Contact **Bob Metcalf** if you are available to serve during Upward Camp at bob@fbccenterton.org, or through the church office.

What Dads Provide Their Children

The National Center for Fathering shares the following on their website about the impact of dads on their children. They tell us that children with involved fathers are: (1) More confident and less anxious in unfamiliar settings, (2) Better able to deal with frustration, (3) More likely to mature into compassionate adults, (4) More likely to have higher self-esteem and grade point averages, and (5) More sociable. To encourage dads, and to help all of us discover how this involvement commitment is linked to biblical faith, we will be rolling out a LOT of information about a new feature film scheduled to open in NWA on **September 30**. Watch for ways you can plug in to *Courageous!*

Operation Christmas Child Trip Meeting

Todd Barfield and **Betty Bice** will lead a brief meeting next Sunday morning, **July 24, at 10:30–10:45 in the South end of the Fellowship Hall**. Information about the Operation Christmas Child trip in November will be discussed. The trip will be the week of Thanksgiving. The team will be going back to the Minneapolis processing center. Information is also available on the Missions Wall in the Atrium.

Sunday School Leadership Summit

Our students, children, and preschoolers will promote to their new school grades **Sunday, August 7**. This is also the day **READY Evangelism Training** will begin for those preparing to be a part of a Sunday School **“GO!” Team**.

Every Sunday School Teacher, Outreach-Evangelism Leader, Secretary, Associate Teacher, Class or Group Leader, or Helper in Sunday School is encouraged to be present for a **Leadership Summit with the Pastor, Sunday, July 31 at 5:30 p.m.**

Leaders who have achieved some milestones in ministry will be recognized. Orientation to the **“GO!”** process will be shared with the leaders we count on to keep our classes and departments growing. Sunday School leaders are important servants of God in our church. We want them to feel charged up, and ready to GO as we launch a new year of Sunday School ministry.

Know What You Believe

As you share what you believe from the Bible with a friend, how would you respond to the statement, “I’ve always thought the Bible is just a collection of stories or myths”? We will look at “Is the Bible God’s Word?” and “How does the Bible differ from other religious books that claim divine authority?”— **Know What You Believe, Thursday at 6:30 in A-239 (NEW room)**.

Community Blood Center

NWA area blood donors are invited to take part in the 4th annual **Bleed Blue Thursday Blood Drive**, July 21, 11 a.m.—6 p.m. at the CBCO Donor Centers in Springdale (3503 South Thompson Street) and Bentonville (1400 SE Walton Blvd.). Participants will receive two tickets to a NWA Naturals game, a team logo t-shirt, and free ballpark food. On July 27, our church will host a blood drive for Community Blood Center at 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Look for the blood mobile in the Bldg. B parking lot. All donors will receive a free cholesterol screening.

Teens in Focus

Today: SNL 5:00–9:00

5:00 STU-GO

6:30 Worship

7:30 Pool Party at the Freeman’s

Directions from the church:

Take a left on Highway 102. Turn right on Highway 279. Turn left on N. Mt. Olive Road. Their house is the first on the left (13595 N. Mt. Olive Rd in Centerton).

Monday: 9th-Grade Guys’ Fellowship at Chastain’s 6:00–8:00 p.m., bring snacks and drinks to share!

Tuesday: Tourney Tuesday: “Bring your appetite...” in Student Center 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Don’t forget LIVE, 6:05–7:30 in the summer! Ultimate Frisbee!, RSVP by **today** for **Big Splash Tulsa**.

Thursday: Do something with your family...

Family Friday: Big Splash in Tulsa, \$15/person plus \$\$\$ for food afterward, meet at church at 2 p.m., return at midnight. ***must RSVP to Michelle by Wednesday, July 20***

Student Evangelism Conference (SEC) 2011

July 28–31: \$150; Dallas, Texas; Conference; Six Flags; Water park; Texas Rangers Baseball Game. Only 6 guy spots remaining!

*****Sunday, July 24 we will have a parent meeting with more details regarding the trip. At this time, the last payment of \$50 is due.*****

Menu for the Week

July 20 Menu: Lasagna, corn, salad, garlic bread, dessert; Adults—\$5; Children (6th grade & under)—\$3; Family Max.—\$20

For reservations call the church office at 479.795.2591 by noon Monday. Menu is subject to change.

Sunday Schedule

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Services	8:00 a.m.
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STU-GO Training	5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship Service	6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Fellowship Meal	5:00 p.m.
Live @ 6:05 (Students)	6:05 p.m.
Mid-Week Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
ONE (18, 19, & 20-Somethings)	9:00 p.m.

Focus on Attendance

For the week of:	07/10/11
Sunday School	673
Morning Worship	754

Focus on Giving

Weekly Budget Receipts	\$28,725.16
World Mission Offering Receipts	\$1,057.00
World Mission Offering Total (Jan. 1 to present)	\$42,685.63
Savings Account	\$315.00
Savings Account YTD	\$697.31