

Weekly Calendar	
August 31, Sunday	
Early Morning (Main Bldg.).....	8:30 a.m.
Morning Worship at NorthPoint (FLC)	9:30 a.m.
Bible Study (Main Bldg.)	9:45 a.m.
Bible Study at NorthPoint (FLC)	10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship (Main Bldg.)	11:00 a.m.
No Evening Activities – Family Night at Home	
September 1, Monday	
Labor Day – Church Office & FLC Closed	
September 2, Tuesday	
Celebrate Recovery (FLC-Loft/5:45 – 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Time)	6:30 p.m.
September 3, Wednesday	
Senior Adult Exercise Class (FLC)	9:00 a.m.
Discipleship Pathway Group.....	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Meal (FH) Baked Potato Bar/Salad Bar/Cookies	5:15 – 6:15 p.m.
Mission Friends (3s, 4s, 5s & Kindergarten).....	6:30 p.m.
TeamKID (Grades 1-6)	6:30 p.m.
The Loft @ FLC (Grades 7-12).....	6:30 p.m.
Discipleship Pathway Groups	6:30 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	7:30 p.m.
September 5, Friday	
Senior Adult Exercise Class (FLC)	9:00 a.m.



Labor Day Holiday Schedule

There will be no evening activities on Sunday, August 31, so you can enjoy a family night at home. The church office and Family Life Center will be closed Monday, September 1, for the Labor Day holiday.

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The Pastor's Corner

I asked my *Best of Ray VanderLaan* class this summer, what the four devotions of the early church were. (At the beginning of this year, I spent four weeks going over the things that Acts tells us the early church was “devoted to.” Before problems arose, before Annais and Saphira tried to lie to God, before deacons needed to be appointed, when the church was growing daily, they committed themselves wholeheartedly to focus on four basic things to keep themselves close to God and to one another.) My summer class could name three out of the four devotions. I repeated the question last Sunday during the 11:00 a.m. service and they could name two of the devotions. I am not criticizing anyone! We need repetition to learn. Once and done simply doesn't work, so this Sunday we will return to the four devotions of the early church for a review and a reminder as to who we are and what we focus on as a 21st century congregation. If you read this and can't remember what the four devotions were, this sermon is for you, if you can recall most of them or even all of them, it is for you too. We all need to be reminded of the main thing from time to time! See you Sunday,

Pastor James

Sunday School Class Breakfast & Outreach Blitz

Sunday, September 7

Senior Adult (55+) September Trip

Pythian Castle, Springfield

Thursday, September 18

Leave: 9:00 a.m. Return 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30 (includes lunch at Flat Creek, Republic)

Sign up and pay in the church office no later than September 11.

First Steps Class

Sundays, September 7, 14, 21, 28 at 9:45 a.m.

Room 307

Kids who've recently made a decision to follow Christ or are close to doing so. Contact Rebecca at 417-847-2965 or rwhite@fbccassville.org to sign up. We ask that at least one adult attend with their child.

A Note from the Youth Minister

This past Saturday, I was able to take a group of 10 teenagers to an event called AAA Chick-fil-A. This was a multi-church event organized by Doug Henry at New Site in Monett. AAA Chick-fil-A is a youth evangelism training paired with some catered Chick-fil-A, a pretty good combination. At the event, Jerrod Gunter, a youth pastor from inner city Nashville, led our students through the evangelism technique referred to as AAA. AAA stands for Ask, Admire and Admit.

The first A, **Ask**, students are given directions on how to generate casual conversation with anybody they might come in contact with, but with the intent of transitioning the casual questions into a spiritual conversation. This transition question prompts the person to share where they are spiritually. Next, the students then move to the second A, where they find something to **Admire** about the person's spiritual beliefs. For example, if talking to a Mormon, you might compliment them on their belief that there is a true God or their tenacity in doing door-to-door missions. If talking to an agnostic, you admire their desire to think intellectually or scientifically about our world. By admiring something, barriers are removed and the door can be opened for more challenging conversation. That brings us to the last A, **Admit**. At this point, the student shares their belief. Jerrod taught the students how to articulate the Gospel story and their own faith story and then finish with a final challenge to the person. The student might finish with, “Do you have a story like this, or would you like to have a story like this?”

The AAA technique is not a revolutionary concept, but it is a tool that can easily be passed to a person to help them engage in gospel conversations with anyone. Our students who attended had great things to say about the event and they learned a lot. Not only did they learn the AAA technique but they roleplayed the use of the technique with other students from other churches they didn't know. My hope is that they might take this technique into their schools this year and be willing to have these conversations.

Matt

Hospital Update

(as of 8-25-2025)

Lyndell DeJarnatt – Recently Dismissed

Mission Brunch

Saturday, September 20

Singles Lunch

Any single (widowed, divorced, etc.)



Let's get together for lunch on Thursday, September 4. We will meet at Weezers Chicken & Seafood at 11:00 a.m. for a time of fellowship and food. For more information or questions, call Gerald Jost at 417-896-0296.

Leaders Needed

3-Year-Old Mission Friends Teachers – This is a once-a-week commitment on Wednesday evenings.

Contact Rebecca in the church office at 417-847-2965 or rwhite@fbccassville.org with questions or to volunteer!



Baking Bash

Sunday, September 21

Grades 1-6

2:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Sign up online at www.fbccassville.org.

Cost \$5 per child (A permission slip is required.)

Join us for some fall fun! We will be picking apples from the Exeter Corn Maze and baking at the Family Life Center.

Wedding Shower

Please join us for a wedding shower in honor of Taylor Weaver and Jared Ellis, Sunday, September 14, at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The shower is hosted by Jill LeCompte, Kristie Preddy, Lisa Schell and Catherine Weaver. Join us in celebrating their love story. The couple is registered at Amazon and Walmart.

Needed for

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Looking for one yard cuts of cotton fabric to be used to make little girl dress for OCC shoeboxes. Donations can be dropped off in the box in the church foyer or Fellowship Hall.