

Making More Room for More People to Know Christ

FBC Bremen Town Hall 2.1.26 6pm

- Beginning Sunday, March 15, 2026, we are adding an additional worship service.

Our New Sunday Schedule

9:15 AM

- NEW Worship Service
- Sunday School Groups (children, youth, adults – unchanged)

10:45 AM

- Worship Service

We are simply adding a worship service at 9:15 AM and moving our current service back by 15 minutes to allow time between services.

If you love Sunday School at 9:15 followed by worship, that pattern still exists—worship will now begin at 10:45 AM instead of 10:30 AM.

Worship Services: Fraternal Twins Same Womb, Different Expressions

Both services share the same preaching, theology, and commitment to our mission.

9:15 AM Worship Service

- Praise team leads congregational singing
- Guitar, electric guitar, keyboard, and drums etc

10:45 AM Worship Service

- Worship Choir leads congregational singing
- Piano, organ, drums & other instruments as available

Distinct expressions. Same gospel. Same church. Same core musical convictions

What About Sunday School Groups?

We are **adding** a worship service—not removing Sunday School groups.

- Children, youth, and adult Sunday School groups continue to meet at **9:15 AM**
- Those groups then attend worship at **10:45 AM**

If You Choose the 9:15 AM Worship Service

We do need some folks to help pioneer this new service.

- Sunday School Groups for the 9:15 worship service will not be available immediately
- We will build those pathways as we learn who is committed to attending that service

Think of it like opening a second checkout lane—you don't have to move, but a new lane is now open.

Student Ministry Discipleship

If Nothing Changes for Your Family:

- Students attend **Sunday School at 9:15**
- Students attend **Worship at 10:45**
- Wednesday student gathering continues at **6:00 PM**
- Youth small groups will soon begin to meet on **Sunday evenings**

If a Family Chooses the 9:15 Worship Service

- Students attend worship at **9:15 AM**
- There will not initially be a student Sunday School group at 10:45 AM

Instead, students may **serve** during the 10:45 hour:

- Choir, First Impressions / Hospitality, Audio/Visual & Tech, Parking Ministry, Children's Ministry, etc

Students will still receive discipleship through:

- Sunday evening youth small groups
- Wednesday night student gathering

This creates a healthy “**Attend One, Serve One**” rhythm for our students.

Our Groups Strategy: Two Simple Tracks

Sunday School Groups

- Meet on campus on Sunday mornings
- Gather around the Word for prayer, care, and fellowship

Small Groups

- Meet any time besides Sunday morning
- On-campus or off-campus
- Gather around the Word for prayer, care, and fellowship

Some people will be part of **both**—and that's a good thing.

Why We Are Not Returning to the “Sunday School Sandwich” Model

Many of us remember a time when our church followed this schedule:

- Early Worship
- One Sunday School hour
- Late Worship

That model served our church well for a season, and we are grateful for the fruit God brought through it.

However, our current reality is different.

1. Our Campus Cannot Sustain That Model Today

That schedule worked in the past because we had:

- More usable classroom space
 - Sunday School groups met underneath the old sanctuary and 1930s building which is currently condemned.

Today, placing *every* Sunday School group into a single hour:

- Maxes out nearly every usable room
- Leave little to no room for growth
- Create bottlenecks that limit future ministry

2. The Sandwich Model Requires Three Straight Hours of Volunteers

That model requires:

- Early worship coverage
- Sunday School coverage
- Late worship coverage

That's three consecutive hours of volunteers every Sunday.

Our current two-service model requires two hours of coverage, which:

- Protects volunteers from burnout
- Creates sustainable rhythms for families
- Encourages joyful, consistent service

We believe healthy ministry flows from healthy volunteers, not exhausted ones.

3. A Reality We Are Stewarding

We've also observed that while our worship services continue to grow, participation in Sunday School Groups have not always grown at the same pace.

That doesn't mean Sunday School Groups are not valuable.

It means people are navigating busy and complex lives, and we need structures that meet people where they are.

Our goal is not to pressure people into one pathway, but to provide multiple healthy pathways for discipleship.

Remember, we are wanting to make More Room for More People to Know Christ.