

First Baptist Church of Aledo



April Newsletter

Pastors Corner

*Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine like lights in the world.” ~
Philippians 2:14-15*

March was kind of a blur to me. Mollie and I left for Israel on March 9th, and immediately after we returned our church had a funeral a wedding and Life Action Ministries arriving for a two week revival, which will conclude on Easter Sunday. I enjoy the special times as well as returning to a normal schedule. What I am learning through all the various seasons of the year and stages of life is that my attitude is the most important factor to both my enjoyment of it and my ability to glorify God through it. When I grumble, complain or question I will almost never be able to enjoy what’s going on, or be content with a stage or season of life. And when I grumble, complain or question various

circumstances of life, I am a poor witness for Christ. This doesn’t mean that I’m always happy about a particular situation, there are things in life that are impossible to be happy about. We have three people in our church right now dealing with cancer. No one is happy about having cancer, nor the difficult process of chemo therapy. But all three people are trusting God through the process of treatments, and haven’t grumbled, and whatever questioning has taken place has been quickly turned to claiming the truth of Romans 8:28 (all things work for good for those who love God and called according to

His purpose). With this type of faith, God is glorified and the edge of despair is avoided. It can be very difficult to keep our attitudes from getting sour when circumstances in our lives aren’t what we want them to be, from major health issues, to the minor annoyances of being inconvenienced. If we can remember to do so, not only will we enjoy life more, but the world will see the reflection of Christ in our lives.

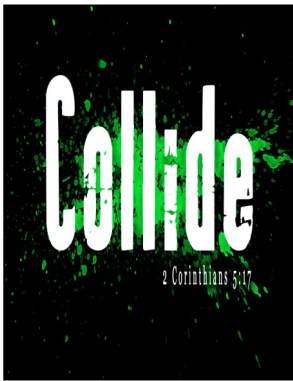
In Christ,
Pastor Luke

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Church Family, I remember a basketball coach starting every practice with fundamentals. Fundamentals are the basic and necessary component of something. We all hated, what felt like, going back over and over the basics but we became a better team and it also helped us see some weak areas. For Believers Basics our fundamental component is Jesus Christ. Christ is the foundation and we are all building a work upon that foundation. We will one day all give an account for what work we built upon Christ. I would encourage anyone who would like to check over the building structure of their work to come to this class. This is not just for new believers but all believers with a desire for spiritual growth. This class will go for about four months and will help us discover the truth in Scripture. Open to all and no cost but please sign up on the connection card or at the office window.

Your Brother In Christ—Seth Bowker



Youth Group during the Revival

All ages will meet during the Revival Sundays from 6-8pm and Monday-Thursday 6:30-8:30pm starting in the Youth Room! We will resume regular Collide after the Revival on April 12th for High School and April 8th for Junior High

It has been so encouraging for me to see all of the families attending the revival each night. I know that lives will be changed and students will be impacted greatly for the cause of the gospel, if they are here each night, hearing and receiving the word of God.

The greatest thing that we can teach our children is to love God, to honor Him and to serve Him. Life can be full of so many distractions. There are so many "good things" that we can do in life, but the question is, what does God want us to do? Many of you have chosen being in church over participating in other activities that can grab a family's time and attention. Ultimately, those things, although good, can take us away from God, if we allow them to become priorities over being with God.

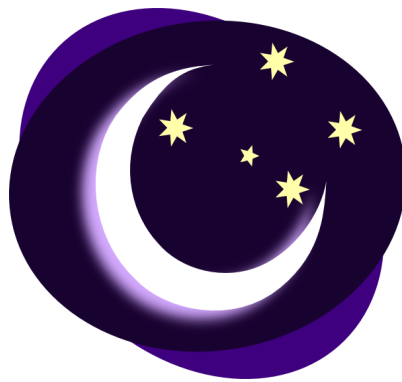
Parenting is one of the hardest jobs anyone will ever do! This is why we need one another to love and minister to our young people. It is no small task, but as a church family, we can come alongside each young person and offer the love and support they need to grow and flourish in their faith.

Please join us for the revival during the second week as well. Also, don't forget, ALL NIGHT OUT is April 3rd. Space is limited, so get those forms in ASAP!

Make sure to mark your calendars for this as well- **Collide Newcomers Lunch**- If you're a 5th grader going into 6th grade we want you to meet some of the Collide JH Students! Join us for a FREE lunch on May 3rd at Rodrigo and Heather's House, 203 SE 5th St. from Noon-1:30pm. If you're an 8th grader going to become a freshman, please join us for a FREE lunch on April 26th at Rodrigo and Heather's House from noon-1:30pm.

Blessings! Heather Q.

Upcoming Collide Youth Events!



ALL NIGHT OUT- April 3rd, from 6pm-6am, 6-12th grade, cost \$24 with some scholarships available. The first 40 students registered with money turned in will be able to go. The night will be full of Comedy Sportz, Pizza, Wendy's Frosties, bowling, and the YMCA! Drop your child off at the church by 5:50pm and please pick them up at the YMCA at 6am the following morning.

2015 WEEKLY INFORMATION CENTER

Date	Nursery	Kids Club Worship	Greeters
4/5/15	Betty Williams, Connie Mattson, & Grace Buttgen	Life Action Revival Team	John & Sherry Huffstutler Paul & Kay Hedrick
4/12/15	Betty William, Ronda Moffitt & Veronica Moffitt	Lynda Castor & Tina McCaw	Monica Dennison Paul & Cara Svoboda
4/19/15	Betty Williams, Susan Potthast, & Lisa Clawson	Shay & Lisa Litwiler	Laurie Louck Lonnie & Cindy Maynard
4/26/15	Betty Williams, Sharon Moffitt & Bryce Moffitt	Nadine & Alison Lafever	Dawn Douglas Mike & Kathy Sponsler

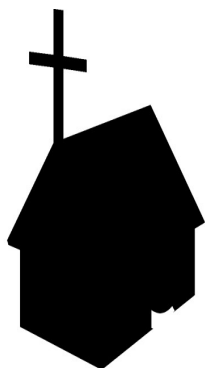
If you are unable to serve the day you are scheduled in the Nursery, please make arrangements in advance to switch with another person on the schedule. Please contact **Ronda Moffitt, Nursery Coordinator, for all concerns on her Cell:(309)371-3021**. Thank you! **Kids Club Worship**—PLEASE come to the Fellowship Hall by **9:45am** so you can help & prep. *Please continue to let me know if you are switching with somebody. I have it set up so there are two adults plus myself helping at a time. Please do not switch with a couple if you are an individual. Thank you so much for your service! ~Mollie. If you need to contact Mollie about Kids Club Worship call -309-371-6962.

Finance Board Member of the Month for April – John Huffstutler
Trustee Member of the Month for April — Todd Coulter

Weekly Attendance & Offering



DATE	3/1/15	3/8/15	3/15/15	3/22/15	3/29/15
8 AM	47	62	64	65	76
10 AM	242	256	234	296	268
TOTAL	289	318	298	361	344



Date	3/1/15	3/8/15	3/15/15	3/22/15	3/29/15
Current Expense	\$10,087.00	\$11,181.84	\$7,168.10	\$8,199.00	\$9,206.10
Building Fund/Mem.	---	\$935.00	\$285.00	\$430.00	\$525.00
Benevolence	\$705.00	\$470.00	\$530.00	\$425.00	\$55.00
Total	\$10,792.00	\$12,586.84	\$7,983.10	\$9,054.00	\$9,786.10

April News—Kids Club Ministry



A while back Luke and I were committed viewers of the weight loss TV show, Biggest Loser. It's a show where folks who are obese are given the opportunity to get healthy. Throughout the season they compete against each other to lose the most weight. I remember watching the introduction footage of each contestant, seeing their unhealthy eating habits and destructive life patterns. They knew they were unhealthy, they loathed the state at which drove them to sign up for the show, and consistently across the board they were extremely unhappy because their physical state kept them from living their life abundantly. It always baffled me to see that they seemed to continue those choices all the way up to the first day of the show, instead of making gradual changes until the show began. It wasn't until they were completely immersed in the show and had an entourage of people to help them and hold them accountable, that they were able to start gaining victory in their lives over their health.

This is how it can be in our spiritual lives too. Surrendering our lives to Jesus is a daily task and it's not easy. If we don't remain diligent in walking toward the Lord, we can easily wander off course and enter into a state of spiritual numbness. I haven't met a Christian who doesn't spend some time feeling numb in their faith walk every once in a while. We're human, we get tired and worn down, we get disappointed or jaded, and it happens. While we can look at shows like The Biggest Loser and wonder how in the world they let themselves get to that extent, we do the same thing in our faith walk.

As believers we know that Jesus is our only HOPE for change, but we have to do the work! God loves us so much and has blessed us with tools to grow close to him. These tools include having a relationship with him through prayer and study, direction through his Word and encouragement and accountability in Christian fellowship. Our faith walk wasn't meant to be taken alone. We need God's help and we need each other. I bet if you ask anybody who feels spiritually numb, at least one of these tools aren't being used. We're all guilty of this sometimes.

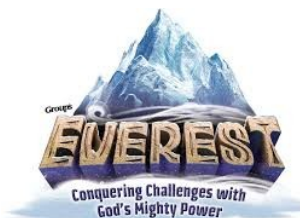
The Life Action Revival is going on here at FBC until Sunday, April 5th. If you haven't made it a point to come out and see what God has in store for you I strongly encourage you to join us no matter where you are in your faith walk. If you make those first steps you WILL be blessed. Thanks for reading! Mollie

Ephesians 6:10-18 - ¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.



Upcoming Events!

Family Fun Night at the Y: The whole church is invited to join us at the Y on Sunday, April 19th from 4-6pm. This is a free event & friends are welcome to join us. There will be swimming, food, and open gym. No need to sign up. *If parents can't attend, children who are seven years and older may be dropped off if they can swim without a flotation device. Contact: Mollie at 309-371-6962.



Our **EVEREST Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for the week of **June 29th-July 3rd** from 9am-noon. It's for kids ages 3 years old—5th grade (completed). We'll have our VBS program during the 10am worship service on Sunday, July 5th and our Family Swim Party at the Aledo pool later that same day. We're starting to recruit volunteers so please let me know if you're interested in serving! Thanks and have a blessed spring!



SUMMIT
REVIVAL CONFERENCE

CALLING GOD'S PEOPLE TO GOD'S PRESENCE

Revival continues at FBC through April 5th. Please join us for the final days of the Summit at 6:30pm Wednesday, April 1st, Thursday, April 2nd and Sunday, April 5th at 6pm. *Please watch and listen for a possible additional Summit Service on Monday, April 6th.* There is also a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, April 4th at 8am in Fellowship Hall.



Women's Ministry
Think Tank- No
Women's Ministry
Think Tank Meeting
and no Ladies Meet &
Mingle in April.

Mentor Support Meet-
ing- April 12th at
4pm for mentors only.

**Council Meeting & Quarterly
Business Meeting**

The **Church Council** will meet at 7pm Tuesday, April 14th. Please have quarterly reports turned into the church office by Sunday, April 12th.

Quarterly Church Business Meeting is Sunday, April 19th following the 10am service.

What's Coming Up!

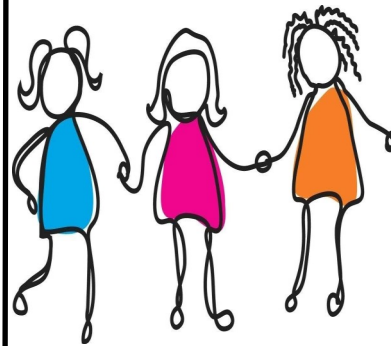


Deacons will meet on Tuesday, April 7th at 7pm.

Trustees will meet on April 12th following the 10am service.

The church office will be closed on Good Friday, April 3rd.

**Single Sisters Trip to
Kolona, Iowa
Saturday, April 25th**



Caravan
from FBC
Parking Lot
at 8:30am.
Noon meal
prepared by
Amish so
need RSVP

by April 17th. Meal Cost: \$14. For questions or RSVP call Pam Spangler at 309-582-6416.



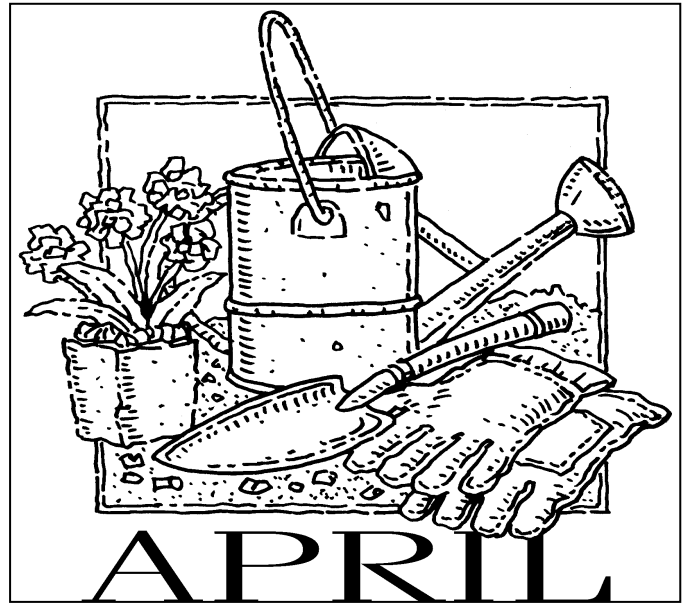
**Do you have a
graduate?**

Are you a member or regular attender at First Baptist and have a 2015 8th grade, High School or College Graduate in your family? Please e-mail the office with the information at fbcale-do2@frontiernet.net so we can recognize your graduate. Also, if you are hosting a graduation party and want the FBC family invited we can add your invite to the list, you simply need to provide us with the details.

Church Calendar will be on this page

BIRTHDAY

Dean McCormick	April 1
Parker Dixon	
Austin Korn	
Dawn Douglas	April 3
Diane Nelson	April 4
Deb VanderHeyden	
Kalie Duncan	April 5
Kurt Diesch	
Marsha Loving	April 6
Shelly Snyder	
Kay Hedrick	
Emily Bowns	
Noah Hammill	April 8
Bill Kelly	April 9
Derald Jones	
Alberta Schrock	April 10
Barb Milburn	
Jeannene McNall	
Betty Leslie	April 12
Angie Monson	April 14
Jeremiah Melvin	
Shane Adams	April 15
Mary Bewley	
Veronica Lukaszewski	April 16
Seth Potthast	April 17
Trace Ham	
Linda Bowlyou	April 19
Emily Brown	April 22
Nate Hofmann	April 24
Alexa Mendoza	April 25
Sharon Dilts	
Sandy Cooper	April 26
Adam Maynard	April 27
Dean Buttgen	April 29
Jennifer Sproston	
Dave VanderHeyden	

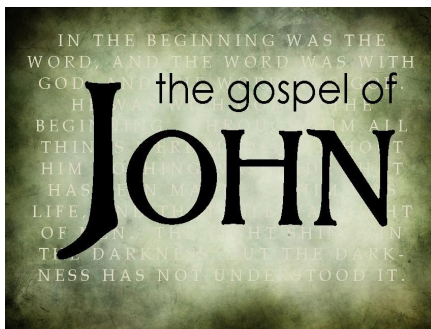


Baby Shower For Mary (Bodeen) Rohm

All ladies from the church are invited to a baby shower for Mary Rohm at the church in the new addition Saturday, April 11th at 2pm. Mary is registered at Target and Baby's R Us!

Pastor Seth will be starting a new Sunday School Class beginning Sunday, April 12th. If you want to learn the basics of the Christian Faith, this class is for you! We hope you'll join us downstairs in the Youth Room just off of Fellowship Hall.

Class Name: Believer Basics
Class Location: Collide Youth Room
Teacher: Pastor Seth Bowker
Time: Sundays at 9am
Questions—See Pastor Seth



New Sunday School Class

Ron Moffitt has started a new Sunday School class called Forward for Christ - they meet at 9am in the room across the hall from the Enon Room. The current study is the Gospel of John. All are adults are welcome to attend.



FBC Revival
Men's Breakfast
All men are welcome
Saturday, April 4th at 8am
Fellowship Hall
No Cost to attend



Men's Momentum

April 24th-26th at Life Action Camp in Buchanan, Michigan. Cost is \$100. Sign up at the Connection Board in the lobby. Cost includes meals while at the conference. Departure time will be on Friday, April 24th at 10am and we'll be back in Aledo on the 27th in the early evening. If you have questions, see Pastor Luke or Pastor Seth.



He is Risen!

Easter is Sunday, April 5th!

Join us for these Easter Services

Easter Sunrise Service will be April 5th at 6:30am. The sunrise service will be followed by a free breakfast in Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to the church office at 582-7812 if you plan to eat breakfast with us.

Sunday School on Easter — Please note, adults and children are all invited to the Sanctuary for an Gospel Magic Presentation by the Life Action team which will begin at 9:15am on Sunday, April 5th. Following the presentation the children will be dismissed to Happy Hearts City & Base Camp.

Invite your friends and family to our **Easter Services**—8am Traditional Easter Service & 10am Contemporary Easter Service.

We will also have **Revival Services** from **6-8pm** on Easter Sunday, April 5th.

Upcoming Sermon Series By Pastor Luke



“The Revived Life”

Walking through the themes presented by the Life Action Revival Summit Team.

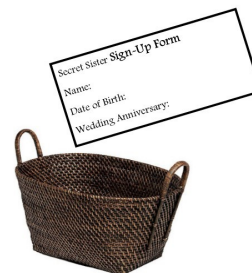
Secret Sisters

All women (seriously—any age) are invited to join us in a fun way to encourage one another from May through October. We'll be putting our names in a basket beginning Sunday, April 12th, and we'll take a name out on Sunday, April 26th.

Keep the name you draw a secret!

If you don't have her address in your church directory, just call the church office.

We hope that you'll pray for your sister, send her some notes of encouragement and scripture a few times each month, even treat her to little surprises if you'd like for her birthday or on her anniversary. Just always remember to do it in a way that she can't discover who you are. We'll have our "reveal party" on Sunday, November 1st so mark your calendars. For our younger women, make sure that it is ok with mom that you sign up. And remember that if you put your name in, you must draw a name out, otherwise we'll have some sisters left out.



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HEALTH & WELL BEING

Daniel Murphy, The family of Ed Reid, Kash Schweninger, The family of Sherrie McCarty-Cloyd, Nancy Bonyng, Larry Bull, Jim Norwick, Julie Smith, Roger Andress, the Revival Summit, Jean Easley, Vickie Korns, Larry Moore, Ethel Welch, Josh Johnson, Carol Smock, Vada Morgan, Ashlin Klev, Jayne Fitzsimmons, Jim & Marjie Earl, Deb Bruning, Bud & Carol Schaefer, Derald Jones, Jean Ball, Connie Vail, Peg Cox, Caryl Leslie, Jennifer Franks, Dee Shea, Krista Bear, Shelly Upson, Brenda Leng, Connie Armstrong, Lori Strom, Kate Hermanson & Carolyn Hanson

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Alex & Jess Etheridge & Jim Earl

Austin Weir, Tyler Mattson, Caleb VanderHeyden, Kyle Mandle, Charles Schultz & Terry Schaefer

OTHER CONCERNS

The church & all decisions