

First Baptist Church of Aledo



April Newsletter

Pastor's Corner

“Worry about nothing, pray about everything.”

Philippians 4:6 (paraphrased)

What do terrorism, presidential campaigns, the economy, and Christianity have in common? Two things: people are involved, and God is involved. We worry about all kinds of things, and I have only highlighted a few of the most current issues. It's hard not to be concerned about terrorism, when we have attacks being executed on a monthly basis somewhere in the world. It's hard not to be concerned about the presidential campaign when it's on every media outlet every single day. It's hard not to be concerned about the economy, when our livelihoods are constantly at stake. It's impossible not to be concerned about our friends and family who have no relationship with Jesus Christ as we see the dark world getting darker moment by moment. So, what are we to do? Oftentimes, as people come to some sad conclusion about the hopelessness of one of these topics, someone will say, "but we shouldn't worry, because God is still in con-

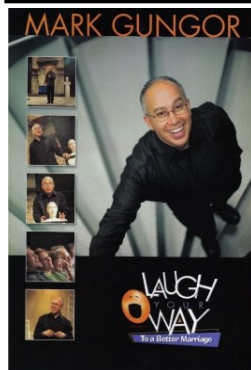
trol." Which is hard to disagree with. It's true. God is in control. It's also true that we aren't supposed to worry. But I also think we aren't supposed to be disengaged or unconcerned. The Bible tells us not to worry, but to pray. Jesus said that we shouldn't worry about tomorrow's troubles, because each day had enough troubles of it's own. I believe there are two basic concepts that we need to follow when it comes to worry/anxiety. The first thing we need to do is use our anxiety as a reminder to go to God in prayer. I know that sounds simple, and it is, but I am convinced that there is no better solution for the anxious person. When you pray about the things you're worried about two things begin to happen. 1) you begin to sense God's will/direction/wisdom in that area, 2) you begin to change your mind about that issue in your life. Anxiety is

primarily a state of mind. If you begin to consistently change your state of mind through prayer, you'll eventually become a much less anxious person. If we take Jesus words seriously about not being anxious about tomorrow, what that should do is compel us to take care of the real issues of today rather than the possible issues of tomorrow. In other words, we become productive. Often, it seems, those that worry about tomorrow are too stressed to deal with whatever is going on right now. If you find yourself to be overwhelmed, my guess is that you likely are thinking about things that are 1) out of your control or 2) issues that are too far in the future to deal with. So, since we know we can cast all our anxieties on Christ, because He cares for us, let's do so this month, and have a wonderful April.

In Christ, Pastor Luke

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Sunday Night Remix!

2 more Sundays for the Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage Series. We will meet in our Sanctuary on Sunday, April 3rd and finish on Sunday April 17th. Sunday, April 10th we will break from the marriage series and have Dr. David Olshien who is a Family Systems expert. Everyone is invited to attend Dr. Olshien's presentation. See Youth News for registration details.



Collide continues for Jr. High and High school students every Wednesday from 6:30-8pm.

During prayer group this morning one of the students who recently started coming to Collide said me, "I had a conversation with my mom and grandma last night about my faith. My mom doesn't like it that I'm a Christian now, but my grandma was telling her that she needs to let me find my own faith, even if she doesn't agree with it."

This made me smile, because the first words out of this girls mouth when I met her a few months ago was, "I'm an atheist, I don't believe in God." Now, she's claiming Christianity as her faith, despite what opposition in her life might try to tell her. I saw something change in her after the 5th quarter party. God met with her there through the music and the testimonies.

Pray for this young girl. Ask God to cover her by His grace and for any remaining doubt to be transformed into deeper faith as she gets to know God more. I bought her the teenage version of, "The Case for Christ," and she loves it.

She's one of the girls we pick up from the west end every Wednesday. Of the 4-5 students we pick up and take home from over there each week, three of them have made Jesus the Lord of their life. In fact, one young man was just recently baptized. Truly, I am blown away and so thankful for all of the people who drive out to the west end to pick up these students. Lets rejoice together in all God is doing in and through the youth ministry. Ask Him to keep reaching students! For His glory!

Collide wraps up with an end of the year party at Mike Bowns' farm, 1687—100th Ave., Aledo from 6:30-8pm on April 20th. It's also time to get signed up for summer conferences. More info is at the connection center in the church lobby.

Lastly, make sure to join us for Family Systems expert, David Olshine, on Sunday, April 10th from 4-7pm. The cost is \$5 per parent which covers dinner. Childcare is provided and we'll feed your kids. Call the church office to get signed up 582-7812.

In Christ, Heather Q.

Dr. David Olshine

10 APRIL

4-7pm
dinner provided
\$5 per parent

FAMILY SYSTEMS EXPERT

Generation to Generation Understanding your family systems and parenting style and how it impacts your kids. Please join us for a 3 hour seminar with childcare and dinner provided. (seminar for parents only)

Please RSVP to First Baptist Church 582-7812

Upcoming Collide Youth Events!

Generation to Generation: Understanding your family systems & Parenting Style Presentation—Sunday, April 10th from 4-7pm—Presented by Dr. David Olshine. Dr. Olshine is the author of 19 books and a Professor of Youth Ministry, Family and Culture at Columbia International University. Free childcare provided. Please RSVP on today's Connection Card, cost is \$5 per person for a catered dinner (kids eat free.)

Last Collide- April 20th, End of the Year Party at the Bowns' farm- 1687 100th Ave. Aledo. Hot Dogs, smores, testimonies, swimming in the pond and games!

HS and JH Summer Conferences!- JH "Mix Conference" June 6-9th, cost \$140 (normally \$274, but church pays half) only 12 students can go. HS "Move Conference" July 25-29th cost \$145 (normally \$289, but church pays half) only 12 students can go. Forms can be found at the connection center. To reserve a spot please turn in registration form with a \$50 non-refundable deposit.

2016 Mission Trip Registration Forms- Mercer County: Mission Serve - August 4th -9th. For students going into 8th grade and up. Registration forms can be found at the Connection Center in the lobby.



2016 WEEKLY INFORMATION CENTER

Date	Nursery	Kids Club Worship	Greeters
4/3/16	Betty Williams, Paul Hedrick & Susan Potthast	Nadine Coulter, Alison Lafever, Jason & Brady Connell & Brian Rind	Bill & Arlene Bewley Janet Rind
4/10/16	Betty Williams, Ronda Moffitt, Veronica Moffitt	Denise & Eli Kelly & Kelly Higgins, Jen Miller, & Shannon Sedam	Lonnie & Cindy Maynard Anita & Halie Parkinson
4/17/16	Betty Williams, Vivian Kopp, Maddie Dunn	Sarah Kellett, Tina McCaw, Paul Hedrick & Cora Whitenack	Mike & Kathy Sponsler Troy Riddell
4/24/16	Betty Williams, Sharon Moffitt, Bryce Moffitt	Lisa & Shay Litwiler, Beth Whitenack & Todd Baldwin	Paul & Cara Svoboda Charlie Douglas
5/1/16	Betty Williams, Lisa Clawson, & Crystal Clark	Brooke, Joe & Caleb Loving, Denise Bowker, Haley & Josh Johnson	Bill & Marsha Loving Shay Litwiler

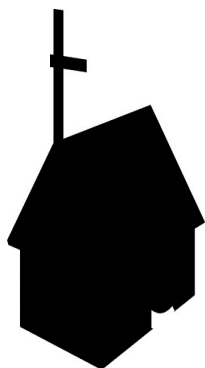
If you are unable to serve the day you are scheduled in the Nursery, please make arrangements in advance to switch with another person on the schedule. Please contact **Ronda Moffitt, Nursery Coordinator, for all concerns on her Cell:(309) 371-3021.** Thank you! **Kids Club Worship**—PLEASE come to the Fellowship Hall by **10:00am** 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 of the Month for April — Todd Coulter

Weekly Attendance & Offering



DATE	2/28/16	3/6/16	3/13/16	3/20/16	3/27/16
8 AM	66	77	75	71	84
10 AM	264	255	238	277	307
TOTAL	330	332	313	348	391



Date	2/28/16	3/6/16	3/13/16	3/20/16	3/27/16
Current Expense	\$10,521.61	\$13,325.49	\$6,082.50	\$10,045.75	\$6,983.75
Building Fund/Mem.	\$260.00	\$600.00	\$50.00	\$835.00	\$125.00
Benevolence	\$658.01	\$746.00	\$822.05	\$1005.00	\$567.00
Total	\$11,439.62	\$14,671.49	\$6,954.55	\$11,885.75	\$7,675.75

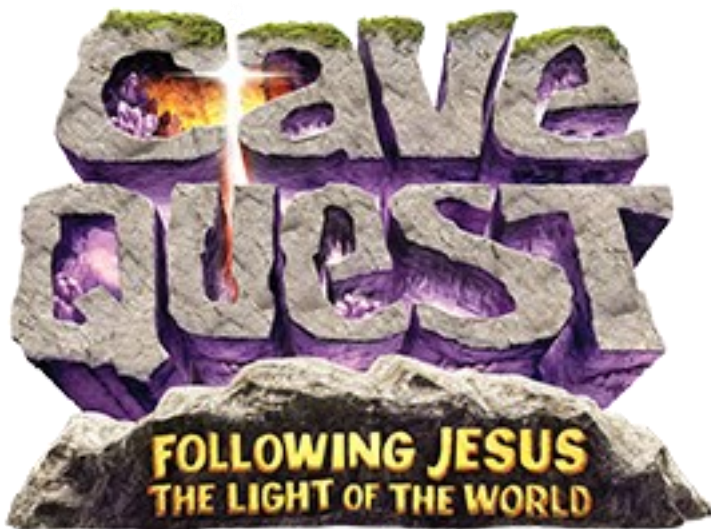
April News—Kids Club Ministry



One Sunday about two years ago, I was coming up the back stairs behind the sanctuary. Service had already begun and I was suddenly slammed with an overwhelming movement of the Holy Spirit. I felt tingles go up and down my arms and my heart was stirred. I couldn't see anything, but I knew something was going on inside the sanctuary. I walked inside and up on the platform was a large group of men huddled around one of our church members, praying for him. Now that's some kind of power that I felt it even before I could see it! A couple weeks ago, dozens of believers from our church and from the St. Louis area were praying diligently for a scared, young woman who was scheduled to have an abortion. Many, many heart-felt prayers were being prayed for this young woman, her unborn child, and for the woman who was encouraging her to turn to God during this time and to not abort her child. Praise the Lord! The young woman canceled her appointment just hours beforehand and I whole heartedly believe it was the power of prayer that saved that baby. I have so many more examples of when God was at work through his people praying. Matthew 18:20 says, **"For where two or three gather in my name there am I with them."**

There is power in the name of Jesus. The deceiver of all deceivers wants us to hide our pain, disappointments, fears, and frustration. He wants us to fester in them and to find our own way through them. He wants our hearts to harden and forget to pray. He wants us to point our finger at God and blame him, not turn to Him and ask him for help. And he certainly doesn't want us to gather together to pray because God works mightily when his children join together and reach out to him. There's a very important purpose in gathering together in worship, prayer, and learning God's Word together. When we're together, God is present and working in a way that is so powerful.

If you're walking through a difficult time right now, this is the time to be leaning into your church family! Come to church EVERY week, tell us what you need prayers for, join one of our many Bible study groups or ask a friend to study and pray with you, and don't forget to get on your knees and talk to God. The moments we are at our weakest and darkest, are the moments we have the most potential to grow closer to God. Those moments remind us of why we need him and that his hope and peace can carry us through anything. Prayers of peace and rich blessings in Jesus' name going your way! Mollie



Upcoming Events

Vacation Bible School: Save-the-date for VBS during the week of June 20-24th from 9am-noon for kids ages 3 years old— 5th grade graduates.



Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry Think Tank Saturday, April 2nd at 9am in the Enon Room. All ladies are invited to attend.

Ladies Meet & Mingle—Dawn Douglas will host April's Meet & Mingle Friday, April 22nd at 6:30pm at her home-502 NW 9th Ave. Aledo. Women are asked to bring a NEW potholder or dish towel for a game we will be playing, as well a snack to share.

Hearts at Home Information - Reminder for the ladies who are registered for Hearts at Home it is April 21st-23rd.

Single Ladies April Outing — You're invited to The Journey Women's Conference at the Aledo United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 9th. If you would like to attend "The Journey," please e-mail Ruth Dulaney at ruthdulaney@gmail.com for registration/ticket information and we'll just meet up at the event. Questions, see Pam Spangler.

JOY Circle—All ladies are invited to JOY Circle (Jesus, Others, Yourself)—Tuesday, April 26th at 7pm in the Enon room.



First Baptist Aledo is participating in the Safe Families for Children Program

It's not too late to become a "Safe Family." Safe Families for Children volunteers include singles, married couples, empty nesters all who simply decided to make room in their hearts and homes for children in need. This is not foster care, volunteers can have a powerful impact in the lives of others while being transformed themselves by practicing biblical hospitality and extending the love of Christ to people in need. Want more info, sign up on Sunday's Connection Card, call Emily Baldwin our lead volunteer coordinator at 309-582-6953 or visit www.safe-families.org. There is training for participating families at FBC, Saturday, May 14th from 9am to noon in the Enon Room.

What's Coming Up!



Deacon Meeting— Tuesday, April 5th at 7pm.

Trustee Meeting— Sunday, April 10th following the 10:15am service.

Church Council & Quarterly Business Meeting The Church Council will meet, Tuesday, April 12th at 7pm in the Enon Room. Please have your quarterly report turned in by Sunday, April 10th. The Quarterly Business Meeting will be Sunday, April 17th following the 10:15am service.



Israel 2017

Pastor Luke is taking a group to Israel March 20th-29th,

2017. If you have interest in learning more about this trip, call the church office at 309-582-7812. Trip brochures can also be found in the lobby. You can save \$90 per trip if you register before March 20th, 2016.



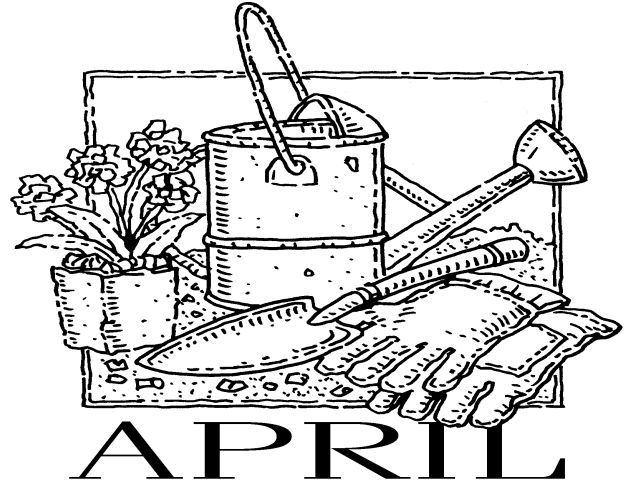
Do you have a graduate?

Are you a member or regular attender at First Baptist and have a 2016 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. FBC will be recognizing all our graduates on Sunday, May 29th, 2016.

Church Calendar will be on this page

HAPPY 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
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 Castor Mendoza	April 25
Sandy Cooper	April 26
Adam Maynard	April 27
Dean Buttgen	April 29
Dave VanderHeyden	



**LIES
WOMEN
BELIEVE**



AND THE TRUTH THAT SETS THEM FREE

New Women's Study Begins April 4th!

All ladies are invited to join us for "Lies Women Believe, and the Truth that sets them free" by Nancy Leigh DeMoss. We'll meet on Mondays beginning April 4th through May 23rd from 6:30-7:45pm. This is for all women ages 18 & older. Sign up on Sunday's Connection Card or call the church office at 582-7812. Please let us know if you need childcare.

Hearts at Home Women's Conference in Peoria April 21st-23rd



For those ladies who pre-registered, just a reminder the Hearts at Home Conference is April 21st-23rd in Peoria, IL.

Men's Momentum at Life Action Camp Buchanan, MI—April 29th — May 1st

Pastor Seth will once again be taking a group of FBC men to the Men's Momentum Retreat. Cost is \$100. Cost includes meals while at the conference. Departure time will be on Friday, April 29th at 10am and we'll be back in Aledo on Sunday, May 1st in the early evening. If you have questions, see Pastor Luke or Pastor Seth. Call the church office at 582-7812 to register.



What is Momentum? Men do not thrive on bread alone (although the food is great at a Momentum retreat!) Food, fellowship, and spiritual recharging mark these men's times together. Guests are challenged in their Christian walk, prompting many to make life-changing decisions. We encourage men to lead their families—and ultimately our nation—with deliberate action, resisting the role of passive onlooker.

Note: This retreat is designed for men ages 16 and older.

Taco Dinner/ ComedySportz Fundraiser

Join us at FBC Sunday, May 1st for Tacos and laughter! Dinner served in Fellowship Hall anytime between 5:30-6:30pm. The



ComedySportz Show starts at 6:30pm. Tickets cost—\$15

for tacos and the show and \$10 for just the show! For tickets contact Heather Quiroz.

Proceeds go to the Summer Youth Mission Trip.



A Note from Pastor Seth

My big fat Greek word of the month! Douleuo = 1398—to serve as a slave, having all personal ownership-rights assigned to the owner; (figuratively) to willingly give over the prerogative to be self-governing.

Pastor Luke preached the “Greatest Message Ever Preached” by any man on Easter Sunday. Fulfillment of the law and prophets was done in Christ Jesus our Lord. This is the Gospel. Now Romans 8:3-4 comes to life “For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.” The righteous requirements of the Law have now been fulfilled in us through Jesus Christ our Lord’s Spirit. Now I have a duty to preform, to walk in the Spirit, of Christ and not my flesh. Christ’s Spirit leading me to set down my rights deny myself and take up my cross daily. I hear Paul teaching us about that cross to bear in 1 Corinthians 9:19 “For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them.”

I could go on and on as the Bible continues through the New Testament about fulfilment of the law in us. Type the word “fulfill” in your Bible application and start in Romans and go throughout the New Testament. It comes down to you and me walking in the Spirit and giving out Love and Serving one another in Love.

This is a quick picture of our Deacons/Deaconess in the Church. The word Deacon itself means servant. We have a group of volunteers (The Diaconate) laying their lives down to have no rights and just simply wanting to love you and serve you. I say, put them to work. Call them and let them serve you and pray for you. Hebrews 10:24 “And let us consider how to **stir up one another to love and good works.**” Let us lay down all our personal entitlement and self-governing first to Christ’s Spirit allowing the Law to be fulfilled in us. Then in the freedom He gives us in His Spirit turn and serve one another to win more to Jesus’ saving grace.

Your Diaconate Board

Perry Baugher—309-371-7956 - Elden Cirks 309-582-7072
Kurt Diesch—309-738-2592 - Sherry Huffstutler 309-582-2907
Vickie Korn 309-582-4042 - Laurie Louck 309-236-9751
Lonnie Maynard 309-644-0311

New Sunday School Class Beginning Sunday, April 3rd at 9am

Taught by: Pastor Seth Bowker
Room: Lower level in Collide Room “F”
Class: Make This Your Church Orientation



For all those interested in learning about the basics of the church, statement of faith, what we believe, and what it means to be a member. If you are interested in joining this class, just go to the lower level of the church to the Collide Room “F” at 9am this Sunday, April 3rd.

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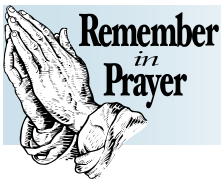
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HEALTH & WELL BEING

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NURSING HOME

Ron Rhine and Kathryn Baugher

MISSIONARIES & MILITARY

Alex & Jess Etheridge, Danika Higgins & Rigoberto Cruz
Spencer Zielke, Jon Szalonek, Christopher Schultz, Austin Weir, Tyler Mattson, Kyle Mandle, Charles Schultz, Terry Schaefer, Caleb VanderHeyden & Matt VanderHeyden

OTHER CONCERNS

The church & all decisions