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First Baptist Church of Aledo



August Newsletter

Pastor's Corner

"Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." -

James 1:4

Nothing gets done unless someone perseveres long enough to see a job through to the end. As the construction continues at the church, it's exciting to see progress. Each day something new is happening, and something else is wrapping up. And while there are some wonderful improvements being made, if the work stopped at this point, we would be pretty unhappy with the results. We want to see the job completed, not just started. This is what God wants to see in our lives as well. He started a good work in us, and He will complete it in the final day when we are transformed into the perfect image of Christ. In the meantime, God calls us to persevere in our faith, and to continue to seek Him and grow mature in our walk with Christ. We always hope that everything we do as a church enables

and encourages that maturity to happen, even while we seek to keep the message of the Gospel simple and clear enough to reach new souls for Christ. That's our hope with Praise in the Park and Family Festival on August 30th. We are so excited to pour all our energy into a fantastic day of worship and fun in the Lord. We want to encourage everyone in the county to attend, and I believe anyone and everyone will have a great time, whether they are looking for a good time of worship, listen to some Christian musicians, have some food, enjoy a reptile handler from the Creation Museum, or play on some huge water inflatables... there's something for everyone. And it's our kickoff event for a new session of Wednes-

day Night Live where whole families can come and learn more about some aspect of life from a Biblical perspective. All ages will have a great time. The kids will have Kid's Club, the teenagers will have Collide, and the adults will have a variety of classes to choose from. I'm excited to teach a Chronological Adventure through the Bible. I encourage you to persevere this Fall, and don't just start a class, but make a commitment to see it through to the end, and I believe you'll be blessed. It's exciting to get a project started, but it's so much more rewarding to see the project completed.

In Christ,

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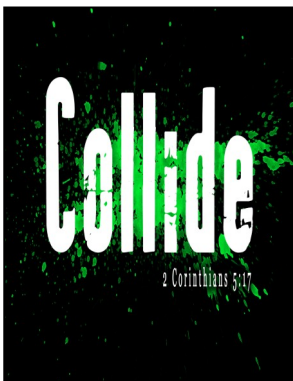
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**FBC is going to Israel in 2017!
Take a guided tour with
Pastor Luke!**

March 20-29, 2017

Watch and listen for details!



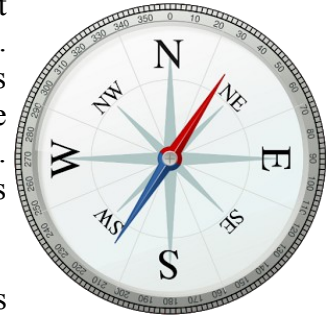


Stronger Together!

Please be in prayer for the El Salvador Youth Mission Team. They will be in El Salvador from August 1st-7th.

Here we go! If you're reading this that means that the youth mission trip is on their way to El Salvador! The months of preparation and planning have finally come to an end. Our group changed quite a bit throughout the year, but 18 of us (9 students and 9 adults) will be spending a week doing construction and youth outreach with our brothers and sisters in Christ in El Salvador.

Please pray for our group as we go to serve in the name of Jesus. Pray for the Holy Spirit to go before us. Ask God to teach us something more about Himself through the people of El Salvador. As the gospel is being shared, pray that God would open hearts to receive Christ as Lord and Savior. Ask God to show up and show off in mighty ways for His namesake! Pray for unity amongst our group and stand in the gap for us against the spiritual warfare that we will be facing. We are hopeful and trusting in the good work that God wants to do in our time there.



Our team motto is STRONGER TOGETHER. The students came up with it, because we believe that together, as a team, not as individuals, we can serve with greater strength, purpose and passion. We understand that we need each other to accomplish the work God has for us. Pray that we would be reminded of that when we are tired, cranky and hungry. Ask God to constantly fill us with the power of the Holy Spirit, so that we might be "stronger together."

Thank you for those who supported us financially to help us reach our goal of over \$22,000 dollars! Our church always goes above and beyond to help us meet our needs.

In Christ's Love, Heather Q.

Upcoming Collide Youth Events!



Summer/Fall Collide - Summer Collide is now over. Fall Collide will begin Sept 2nd. Jr. High and High school students will both meet during Wednesday Night Live from 6:30-8pm. Students will break out into separate age groups.

Collide Parent and Student Luncheon – Sunday, **August 23rd** from 11:30-1:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Heather - collideyouthministry@gmail.com

Collide Fall Retreat — Mark your calendar now for Oct 10th & 11th for Youth Fall Retreat at Camp Summit. Watch and listen for details.

2015 WEEKLY INFORMATION CENTER

Date	Nursery	Kids Club Worship	Greeters
8/2/15	Betty Williams, Connie Mattson & Grace Buttgen	Sarah Kellett & Shannon Sedam	Paul Hedrick & Paul & Cara Svoboda
8/9/15	Betty Williams, Ronda Moffitt, Veronica Moffitt	Kelly Higgins & Beth Whitenack	Mike & Kathy Sponsler & Rodrigo Quiroz
8/16/15	Betty Williams, Crystal Clark & Diane Hessman	Nadine Coulter & Alison Lafever	Dawn Douglas Bill & Marsha Loving
8/23/15	Betty Williams, Sharon Moffitt, & Bryce Moffitt	Denise Kelly & Jen Miller	John & Sherry Huffstutler Anita & Halie Parkinson
8/30/15	Praise in the Park	Praise in the Park	Praise in the Park

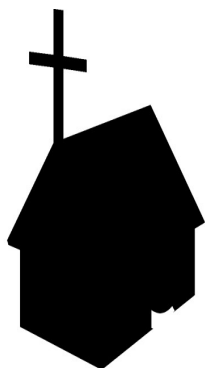
If you are unable to serve the day you are scheduled in the Nursery, please make arrangements in advance to switch with another person on the schedule. Please contact **Ronda Moffitt, Nursery Coordinator, for all concerns on her Cell:(309) 371-3021.** Thank you! **Kids Club Worship**—PLEASE come to the 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 August – Diane Nelson
Trustee Member of the Month for August — Shay Litwiler

Weekly Attendance & Offering



DATE	7/5/15	7/12/15	7/19/15	7/26/15
8 AM	59	61	67	68
10 AM	348	256	322	253
TOTAL	407	317	389	321



Date	7/5/15	7/12/15	7/19/15	7/26/15
Current Expense	\$10,085.13	\$7,744.25	\$6,125.55	\$9,461.16
Building Fund/Mem.	\$1,281.00	\$1,920.00	\$155.00	\$0
Benevolence	\$923.00	\$230.00	\$855.00	\$2,127.00
Total	\$12,289.13	\$9,894.25	\$7,135.55	\$11,588.16

August News—Kids Club Ministry



The Root of the Matter: Part 3 “A Servant’s Heart”

At the beginning of the summer the Dunn gals made a list and they called it “The Summer Bucket List.” Here’s just a few items ... 1) Visit the hotdog cart at central park for lunch, 2) Have a slumber party, 3) Make “real” chocolate chip cookies (not the healthy ones), 4) Go to Weed Park, and well, you get the idea. If I were making the list, it would be a lot different. However, because I love my girls and I want to please them, I’ve been helping them tackle most of what’s on their list. I do these things with them and for them out of love. So, last week we tackled the mini-slumber party. I added the “mini” part. They had a whole other list just for that party. Every day Lucy counted down and reminded me that we were a day closer. So, when the day finally arrived, I was happy to accommodate them, but I wasn’t necessarily all crazy with excitement like they were. I was doing great, too, until about 7:30pm. This was also the time we were doing the “spa” activity on their list. So, I’m on my knees, washing the fourth pair of little girl’s feet, rubbing and exfoliating them like a pro, when Maddie puts her hand on my shoulder and says quietly in my ear, “Thanks for doing this, Mom.” I have to say I wasn’t doing it for the thank-you, but hearing the thank you made me wish I had more feet to massage. It made me realize that she recognized that this was an act of service for me.

God’s word says in **Philippians 2:3-4**, “*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*” Serving from the heart doesn’t always come with warm fuzzy feelings. We’re selfish creatures! That’s a sin—weed we have to keep digging out over and over again. We don’t always feel like serving others, especially our families. This passage, however, points out that we need to value others more than ourselves above our personal feelings and selfishness...at home, at work, at church, at the next family reunion, at our child’s ball game, and you fill in the blank. I fail at this just as much as the next person, but we are THE EXAMPLE of service for our kids. We are God’s example of love. If we don’t work on our own personal selfishness, we can’t expect our little ones to. How can we live by example? 1) Take your two thumbs and point to your chest. Now say, “It’s not about me, it’s about God.” 2) Find ways to serve and do it with a happy heart. Sometimes serving isn’t always what we want to do but it’s something that needs to be done. Be the one to do it and don’t complain or boast about it. 3) Get in the habit of saying thank you to everybody! Say it to the cashier, the waiter, your Sunday School teacher, your kid’s coaches and teachers, the guy you hire to get something done, etc. Saying “thank-you” can actually become an act of service in and of itself and we need to drill this into our kids. They won’t remember to pay this courtesy to others unless we remind them over and over again. And finally, 4) Share with others and teach your kids to share with one another. Enjoy the rest of the summer and thank you for reading!!! Mollie



What’s Coming Up for the Kids!

Kids Club: The new session begins on Wednesday, September 2nd and is every Wednesday from 6:30-8pm for kids ages 3-5th grade. Register today!



Secret Keeper Girls Club: This brand new club for moms and their daughters ages 7-12 years kicks off on August 8th! Please visit Kids Corner in the foyer or our “First Baptist Children’s Ministry” Facebook page for details.



Women's Ministry

Secret Sisters— Please check the Women's Ministry Table for an envelope with information about your Secret Sister.

Women's Ministry Think Tank Saturday, August 1st at 9am in the Berean Room.

August 14th at 6:30pm Meet & Mingle/Baby Shower for Brook Welch in Enon Room at FBC. See shower details below. Dessert will be provided so no additional snacks are necessary.

Quarterly Mentorship meeting—Sunday, August 30th

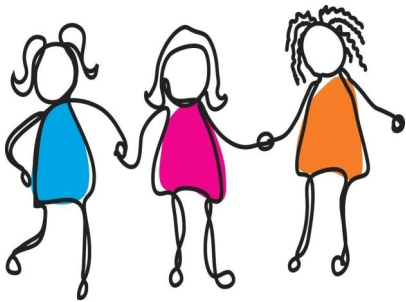
J.O.Y. Circle (Jesus Others Yourself)

Will meet Tuesday, August 25th at 7pm in the Enon Room.

All ladies are invited to attend.



Single Sisters outing to Aledo Antique Days Saturday, August 29th



The Single Sisters will meet at Aledo Antique Days around 10am at the bandshell, shop and then have lunch somewhere local. All singles ladies are welcome to join us. Questions, call Pam Spangler at 309 582-6416.

What's Coming Up!



Communion Sunday—August 2nd—this is also the Sunday we emphasize bringing non perishable food items for the food pantry.

Deacon Meeting—Tuesday, August 4th at 7pm.

Trustee Meeting—Sunday, August 9 following the 10am service.

Kids Club Worship Crew (Sundays) Upcoming Planning Meeting -Sunday, August 9th- Lunch is in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30am (invite only).

Kids Club Crew (Wednesdays) Dinner & Planning Meeting at Mollie's house Wednesday, August 12th from 6-8pm- (invite only).

Staff Retreat—The whole FBC staff will be out of the office August 16th-19th at a staff retreat in Greenlake, WI. The church office will still have regular office hours.

Praise in the Park Family Fest! - Sunday, August 30th from 10am-2pm in Aledo Central Park. See page 9 for event details.

You're invited to 2 Baby Showers!

All the ladies are invited to a **Baby Shower** for **Emily Blaser** on Saturday, August 1st at First Baptist in the Enon Room from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Emily is registered at Target & Babies R us.



Hostesses are Denise Kelly & Karen McConaughy.
R.S.V.P. to Karen at 582-4767.

All ladies are also invited to a **Baby Shower** for **Brook Welch** during the Ladies Meet & Mingle Friday, August 14th at 6:30pm in the Enon Room. Brook is registered at Target but anything baby related is appreciated. Dessert will be provided so no additional snacks are neces-

Church Calendar will be on this page

Birthday

Alex Duncan August 1
Brady Connell August 2
Caleb Smith August 3
Tina McCaw August 5
Tyce Litwiler August 6
Roger Andress August 7
Randy Franks August 8
Blair Wilkerson August 9
Audrey Ringle August 9
Joe Reusch August 11

Cathy Griswold August 12
Darlene Mayhew August 13
Lisa Kellogg August 14
Bruce Bodeen August 14
Sharon McCormick August 16
Evan Clark August 18
Kale Moreland August 18
Nat Zunkel August 18
Kaylee Mohammadi August 20
Lynzee Mohammadi August 20
Bethany Cirks August 20
Connie Mattson August 21
Lola Buttgen August 21
Jerry Mattson August 21
Kathryn Ricke August 21
Jon Ricke August 21
Mollie Dunn August 22
Ron McNall August 23
Hannah Kellogg August 23
Brad Franks August 24
Jodie Andress August 24
David Potthast August 24
Robyn Bottens August 24
Kendell Hedrick August 24
Ilene Tracy August 25
Perry Baugher August 26
Wesley Baker August 27
Ava Ruggles August 27
Jarod Spangler August 28
Erin McConaughey August 28
Patsy Bewley August 28
Becky Moffitt August 28
Bob Schultz August 29
Mary Schrock August 30

Anniversary

Bill & Bernice Kelly
Curtis & Karole Franks

Brad & Sheri Olson

Luke & Mollie Dunn
Lonnie & Cindy Maynard
Jim & Margie Earl
Ed & Mary Schrock



You are cordially invited!

*All church family are invited to Katie Coulter/ Brody Hoerner's wedding
on Saturday, September 12th at 4pm at First Baptist Church.*

Wednesday Night Live Class for the Fall will kickoff Wednesday, Sept. 2nd - 6:30-8pm every Wednesday Night through Nov. 18th—Classes are FREE! Here's the lineup of adult studies!



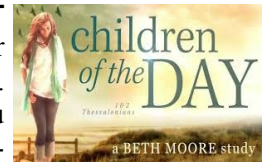
Grief Share— • Grief Share— Help for men and women going through the grieving process. Taught by Susan Potthast— Each week your group will watch a video seminar on DVD. The Grief Share videos cover topics essential to your recovery from the hurt of grief and loss. The topics include: Living with Grief , The Journey of Grief, The Effects of Grief, When Your Spouse Dies, Your Family and Grief, Why?, The Uniqueness of Grief, God's Prescription for Grief, Stuck in Grief, Top Twenty Lessons of Grief, & Heaven.

Stepping Up - by Dennis Rainey—Men's Class—Taught by Aaron Struble—What's the most courageous thing you've ever done? As men, all of us face decisions in life that demand courage. Big or little, complex or straightforward, these choices—let's call them battles—matter a great deal. One courageous choice leads to another; tomorrow's integrity depends on today's bravery. Dennis Rainey identifies five stages of a man's journey through life—boyhood, adolescence, manhood, mentor, and patriarch—and examines a man's responsibilities at each step. Ultimately, you'll be challenged to be the man on your battlefield.

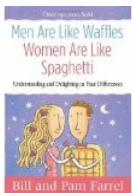


Pastor Luke's Excellent Adventures through the Bible— Taught by Pastor Luke. Have you ever been reading the Bible and wondered, "when did that happen?" Well... Wonder no more! Luke's excellent adventure through the Bible will help you make sense of what happened when and where in the Bible from beginning to end.

Women's Study— Beth Moore—Children of the Day 1st & 2nd Thessalonians Is family life a challenge? Is work driving you crazy? Do you know God has a purpose for your life, but you can't figure out what it is? Know that your circumstances are not coincidental. And God's timing is impeccable. Join Beth Moore on the Thessalonian shores as she walks you through the truth of each verse of 1 and 2 Thessalonians. In this study, you'll face crises, afflictions, relationships, doubts, concerns, and fears. Find encouragement for living the Christian life now and hope for when Christ returns.



Men are like Waffles Women are Like Spaghetti—Taught by Pastor Seth and Denise Bowker—**Reduce the Stress in Your Most Important Relationships! (Love and Marriage)** - With over 300,000 copies sold, bestselling authors Bill and Pam Farrel help you find the humor in yourself as you gain biblical wisdom, solid insight, and workable skills to help your relationships flourish --all served up in just the right combination so that readers can feast on enticing ways to keep communication cooking, let gender differences work for--not against--them, help each other relieve stress, achieve fulfillment in romantic relationships, coordinate parenting so kids get the best of both Mom and Dad. The Farrels explain why a man is like a waffle (each element of his life is in a separate box) and a woman is like spaghetti (everything in her life touches everything else). End-of-chapter questions and exercises make this unique and fun look at the different ways men and women regard life a terrific tool for not only marriage, but also for a reader's relationships at work, at home, at church, and with friends.



Studies For the Children & Youth!

Kids Club for all kids ages 3 years old through 5th Grade- We offer a high-energy, fun-filled, Christ-centered program where kids worship, serve, learn, and play together. Kid's Club kicks off in the Fall on September 2nd. All kids ages 3 years old-5th grade are invited. Nursery is provided for infants-2 years olds for parents who attend a Wednesday Night Bible Study. Pre-registration begins in August.



For the Youth—Collide for Kids grades 6th—12th—Through the power of the Holy Spirit we seek to love teenagers and point them to Jesus Christ. We're not so much of a youth group as we are a youth family. We love to see teenagers lives change through the life changing message of the gospel. We can't wait for your teen to become a part of our community! What to expect at Collide? - Expect to have fun! Have lots of great snacks, plays some fun games and most importantly learn about what it means to know God personally through Jesus Christ. We highly value outreach and love seeing students come from all walks of life, even if you don't have a church home you are welcome at Collide.

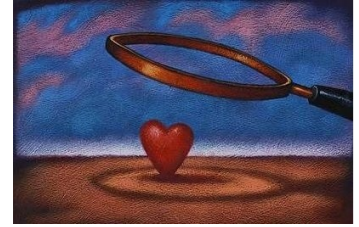


A Note from Pastor Seth

We have an abnormality!

I have permission to share this story. I was recently at the hospital visiting. I was in the room with the family and they all began to laugh when someone said “green bean.” Being on the outside of the joke, I asked what was so funny?

The family somberly told me that they had recently had a sonogram of the heart done and it revealed an abnormality. The tech administering the sonogram said the abnormality looked like a cylinder with beans. Sure enough, upon further inspection, a green bean had gone down the patient’s shirt and stuck to their skin. The question then remained – When did you eat green beans?



Sin in our heart is an abnormality in our relationship to God. Like the green bean, we need someone to search. God is willing to search our hearts but are we asking Him to search us?

Psalm 139:23 “Search me, O God, and know my heart...”

God’s Word will also discern our thoughts and the intentions of our hearts (Hebrews 4:12b). Let us Pray and ask. Heavenly Father send us your Holy Spirit and search our hearts. See if there is any wicked way in us and lead us in the way everlasting. In Jesus Name, AMEN. Seth



First Baptist Church Praise in Central Park Family Fest! Sunday, August 30th!

Praise & Worship—FREE Lunch—Music, Water inflatables (kids, bring your swimsuits) and the Creation Museum’s Snakes Alive show! This will be a great day for you to invite friends, family and neighbors who don’t have a church home to join us for worship, lunch and family fun in Aledo’s Central Park. ***Please note- There will be no 8am worship service this day.**

Schedule of Events!

- 10am - Praise & Worship
- Free lunch following the worship service
 - 11:30am - Music by Charley Haley
 - 12:00pm Water inflatables (kids bring your swim suits).
 - 12:30pm - Froemming Family Blue Grass Band
 - 1:30pm Snakes Alive Presentation by the Creation Museum!

Invite your friends and bring your lawn chair!



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Lynn Bowlyou, Ron Moffitt, Roger & Janet Mueller, Joyce Mizner, Janet Rind, RaeAnn Latko, Dave Duncan, Jail Ministry, Marion Hay, Jake Foy, Amber Smock, Cindy Franks, Norma Bemis, Cole Peterson, Lori Strom, Larry Bull, Julie Smith, Vickie Korns, Larry Moore, Ethel Welch, Carol Smock, Vada Morgan, Ashlin Klev, Jayne Fitzsimmons, Jim Earl, Peg Cox, Caryl Leslie, Jennifer Franks, Krista Bear, Shelly Upson & Carolyn Hanson

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Aldus Gridley, Ron Rhine & Nancy Bonyng

MISSIONARIES & MILITARY

Alex & Jess Etheridge & Jim Earl

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

OTHER CONCERNS

The church & all decisions