

First Baptist Church of Aledo



February Newsletter

Pastor's Corner

“Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, “Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?” ~ Matthew 19:4-5

There are two images in Scripture that best depict our relationship with God. The first is the Father and child image. This shows both our heritage (where we come from), and our inheritance (where we are going). It's permanent, and it's powerful... it can't be undone, and it is deeply meaningful. The second image is that of a husband and wife. In this instance the image is infused with choice, commitment, covenant, and expectations of fidelity, and it's one of the main images God gives us to describe our relationship with Himself. In this regard, we can explore all the implications that this image has for our earthly marriages. The



spiritual reality is that God is faithful to us, desires our relationship with Him be permanent and full of joy, defined by mutual honor, secure and a place of protection. On Valentine's Day, we will have the privilege to worship the God of love, who designed marriage on the day that our country has set aside to celebrate love. I'm excited about what God might do on such an occasion, and I hope you'll make a point to not only attend, but invite someone who's marriage could benefit as well. Our Sunday Night Remix service is scheduled to do a class on marriage, once our

current study, Evolution's Achilles' Heels, concludes on March 6th. We have been looking for an opportunity to teach "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage" by Mark Gungor, so this will be a great opportunity to do this. Our Sunday Night Remix schedule for February includes some nights off. On February 7th we will not meet because of Superbowl 50, and the following Sunday is Valentine's Day, so we won't meet that evening either. We're thrilled to offer new studies on Sunday evenings covering topics and themes that we just haven't had a chance to do otherwise, so I hope you'll join us!

In Christ, Pastor Luke

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Sunday Night Remix!

Beginning March 13th at 6pm FBC will begin a new series on marriage during "Sunday Night Remix" called "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage." This will be a 4-6 week session. We will not meet on Easter Sunday, March 27th. Sunday Night Remix takes place in the Sanctuary's new addition and includes worship music. If you know a married couple who you think could benefit from this series, feel free to invite them to join us.



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

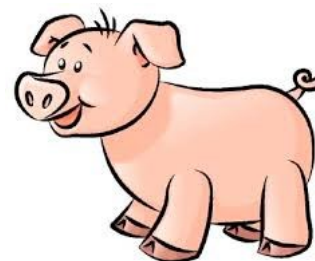
The other day I was reflecting on how many adults are involved in the youth ministry on a weekly, and sometimes daily, basis here at First Baptist Church. I came up with over 60 adults!

Wow, I was praising God for this present reality. There are well over 40 adults who have committed daily to pray for a student in the youth ministry through the PrayerForce. There are nearly 20 adults who serve in Collide whether on the front lines or behind the scenes on a weekly basis. There are adults who meet in one on one mentoring relationships with students as well! Not to mention the faithful Sunday school teachers who give of their time to teach youth weekly.

I am a blessed woman to serve with countless people who give their time, energy and efforts to see God grow His kingdom in the lives of teenagers! If you're one of these people, thank you! Thank you for your investment in the future generations of the church. Before you know it these young people will be leading our congregations and YOU played an integral part of that.

If you're not serving in the youth ministry, but would love to use your gifts somehow please contact me and we just might be able to find a place for you to serve.

Also, please don't forget to support the Collide Student Leadership Team by attending the Pulled Pork Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, Feb. 27th from 5-8pm here at the church. The students are also selling tickets to enter into a drawing to win 1/2 a hog! There will be two winners (1/2 a hog each) and tickets are only \$2 or 12 for \$20! Let me know if you need a ticket. We'll draw for a winner on the 27th and you don't need to be present to win.



We're having a 5th quarter party Friday, Feb. 12th at the Intermediate school from 8:30-11pm. We've got two great bands putting on a concert from 9:15-11pm, there will be games, prizes and food!

Collide will meet at the Aledo Depot on Feb. 17th for the Agape Dinner. Please drop off your kiddos at 6:30pm for a great meal; message and entertainment. Then pick them up at 8pm! Have them dress up a bit too.

Beyond Blessed, Heather Q.

Upcoming Collide Youth Events!

Friday, Feb. 12 - We're having a 5th quarter party at the Intermediate school from 8:30pm-11pm. Open to all kids grades 6th-12th.



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Saturday, Feb 27th—Collide Student Leadership Team by attending the Pulled Pork Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, Feb. 27th from 5-8pm here at the church.



2016 Mission Trip Registration Forms- Mercer County: Mission Serve - August 4th -9th. Registration forms can be found at the Connection Center in the lobby. Stay tuned for more mission trip activity details, but we'll be in Mercer County, loving on the widows of our church and experience some great worship from 4th Point along with hearing from a professional speaker throughout the week! We'll end with a trip to Adventureland!



2016 WEEKLY INFORMATION CENTER

Date	Nursery	Kids Club Worship	Greeters
2/7/16	Betty Williams, Crystal Clark & Maddie Dunn	Sarah Kellett, Paul Hedrick Beth & Cora Whitenack,	John & Sherry Huffstutler Bill & Arlene Bewley
2/14/16	Betty Williams, Ronda Moffitt & Veronica Moffitt	Lisa & Shay Litwiler, Tina McCaw, & Todd Baldwin	Lonnie & Cindy Maynard Charlie Douglas
2/21/16	Betty Williams, Connie Mattson & Diane Hessman	Brooke, Joe & Caleb Loving, Denise Bowker, Haley & Josh Johnson	Anita & Halie Parkinson Troy Riddell
2/28/16	Betty Williams, Sharon Moffitt & Bryce Moffitt	Nadine Coulter, Alison Lafever, Jason & Brady Connell & Brian Rind	Paul & Cara Svoboda Rodrigo Quiroz
3/6/16	Betty Williams, Paul Hedrick & Susan Potthast	Denise Kelly & Kelly Higgins, Jen Miller & Eli Kelly & Shannon Sedam	Mike & Kathy Sponsler Shay Litwiler

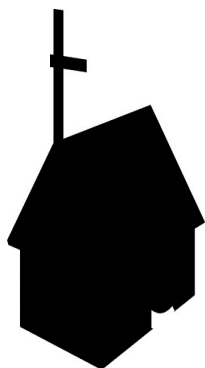
If you are unable to serve the day you are scheduled in the Nursery, please make arrangements in advance to switch with another person on the schedule. Please contact **Ronda Moffitt, Nursery Coordinator, for all concerns on her Cell:(309) 371-3021.** Thank you! **Kids Club Worship**—PLEASE come to the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

Weekly Attendance & Offering



DATE	1/3/16	1/10/16	1/17/16	1/24/16
8 AM	70	70	42	73
10 AM	241	237	203	232
TOTAL	311	307	245	305



Date	1/3/16	1/10/16	1/17/16	1/24/16
Current Expense	\$6,076.56	\$8,338.56	\$5,105.92	\$9,178.50
Building Fund/Mem.	\$350.00	---	\$850.00	\$384.61
Benevolence	\$1,837.00	\$361.00	\$53.00	\$1,126.00
Total	\$8,263.56	\$8,699.56	\$6,008.92	\$10,689.11

February News—Kids Club Ministry

Back from El Salvador



Hi again! I had a great time serving our brothers and sisters in Christ in El Salvador for the second time. The simple act of stepping away from my “normal” to serve others in a different way reminds me of how BIG God is and how small my world is. I always feel like what I receive from these trips is



much more than what I give. There’s just something life-changing about getting out of my comfort zone and seeing God at work in a completely different setting and culture. If you’ve never experienced an international mission trip before, I encourage you to prayerfully consider joining us the next time we serve in El Salvador. It’s a great “first timer” trip since it’s not far, we have comfortable accom-

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Need a New Devotion or Bible to Read with your Kids?

As we’re starting a brand new year I’d like to encourage all parents to reevaluate how much time you’re spending at home reading God’s Word with your kids and praying with them. While plugging them in consistently at Kids Club/Collide and church is super important, nothing replaces the spiritual training they need at home. **Proverbs 22:6** says **“Start children off on the way they should go, and when they are old they will not turn from it.”** Since I know how difficult it is to find resources that work for my family, I’m sharing some books with you that I use at home with my kids and at church with yours. Plus, I’m adding some new books that’s I’ve recently found and can’t wait to use. Please look for this book resource table near Kids Corner during the first part of February where you can look through and place an order through us. Please be prepared to pre-pay via check to FBC with “KC Book Order” in the memo. This is not a fundraiser but a service to you to add to your library at home and we hope it is a blessing to you this year! Prayers going your way, Mollie



Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Kids Club Valentine’s Party:** Wed., February 10th from 6:30-8pm at Kid Club
- ◆ **Kids Club Reward Party:** Wed., March 16th from 6:30-8pm at Kids Club
- ◆ **Kids Easter Event:** Fri., March 25th from 9am-Noon at FBC for kids ages 3 years old through 5th grade (A special activity will be planned for younger children infants-2 year olds during the first hour.)



Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry Think Tank

Saturday, Feb. 6th at 9am in the Enon Room. All ladies are invited to attend.

Ladies Meet & Mingle—Janice Klink will be hosting a Meet & Mingle in February. Watch for details in the upcoming bulletin.

Hearts at Home Information - See Page 8 of the newsletter for all the Hearts at Home Conference details.



First Baptist Church, Thank you for the gift of money you gave us for Christmas. It is a joy and honor to clean your church. We appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness. In Christ, Ken & Colleen

Dear Church Family, Thank you all for the prayers, cards and kind words of encouragement as my family went through the difficult time of losing my mother unexpectedly. It meant so much to know that you all were there for me.

In Christ, Monica Dennison

This is a huge thank you to the prayer team and everyone who prayed for me since early November. We have some amazing cooks in the church body! You are all deeply appreciated! Special thanks to Cindy Maynard for coordinating the meal train. Special thanks to Denise Bowker who brought the plastic bandage protector to keep my leg dry. Thank you so much for the cards, calls and support from everyone. We deeply appreciate it! We serve an amazing God!
Sincerely, Darren & Janet Rind & Family

Prayer

Please note, the church is no longer unlocked for prayer on Tuesdays during non-business hours. Sorry for any inconvenience. Everyone is welcome to stop by and pray any time during our regular business hours which are Mondays 8:30am-2pm, Tuesdays 8:30am-4pm, Wednesdays 8:00am-1pm, Thursdays & Fridays 8:30am-4pm. Thank you.

What's Coming Up!



Deacon meeting— Tuesday, Feb. 2nd at 7pm in the Enon Room.

Trustee meeting— Sunday, Feb 14th following the 10:15am service.

Winter/Spring Session of Wednesday Night Live Classes continue through March 16th — Each Wednesday night from 6:30-8pm.

Communion Sunday & The MC Food Pantry

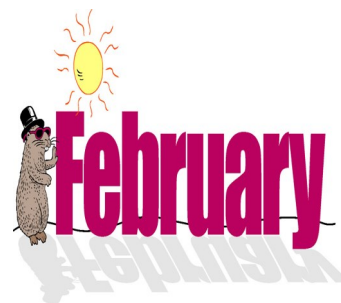


Sunday, Feb. 7th will be Communion Sunday. This is also the Sunday that we emphasis giving to the Mercer County Food Pantry. Non perishable food items can be left in the gray tub in the lobby coat room. FBC is also assigned to provide 2 volunteers for the following dates at the Mercer County Food Pantry - Oct. 21st & Dec. 20th & 23rd, 2016. If you volunteer on Tuesday the time is 5:30-7:30pm & Fridays are 8am-noon. Call the church office at 582-7812 and we'll get you plugged into a date.

Church Calendar will be on this page

Happy Birthday

Troy Riddell	February 1
Lee Bell	February 2
Bradley Williams	February 7
Brian Dennison	February 8
David Cooper	February 9
Austin Reid	
Rosemary Reid	
Ken Berthel	
Jeanna Potthast Swafford	February 11
Adam Reid	February 13
James Schultz	February 14
Kevin Ricke	
Aiden Monson	February 15
Alison Lafever	February 16
Carolyn McGuire	
Jeff Lukaszewski	February 17
Jera McCaw	February 18
Brian Rind	February 19
Dylan Sproston	
Erin Huffstutler	February 21
Ian Hunter	February 22
Pam Spangler	February 25
Kate Hunter	
Jonathon Svoboda	
Natalie Finch	
Noah Louck	February 27
Bill Tracy	



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

FBC will once again be taking a group of women to this conference. Information about Hearts at Home can be found on the Women's Ministry table. **Registration deadline is March 13th**. If you have questions, call Sarah Brown at 309-341-6951. The Hearts at Home Conference is April 21st-23rd in Peoria, IL. Cost is what you can afford up to \$100. Return your registration form/fee to the church office or to Sarah Brown.



What is Hearts at Home?

Actually, we're all about you.

Three hours of sleep last night? Been there, done that.

Helped with homework -- while making dinner and planning out tomorrow's car pool? We hear you.

Love your husband but can't figure out how to talk? We can help.

Need a getaway with your girlfriends, to laugh, and cry and be yourself again? We've got you covered.

Hearts at Home is a place for moms who love to learn from moms who "get it". We believe that faith is essential and hope is non-negotiable. We want to help you connect with your friends, connect with your family, and connect with yourself.

Hearts at Home Conferences—It's all about you! A girlfriend getaway, a weekend of learning and growth, time to feed your soul, time for yourself.

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



FBC will once again be taking a group of 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 the 1st in the early evening. If you have questions, see Pastor Luke or Pastor Seth.

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.*

A Note from Pastor Seth

Agenda Change

Recently my children and I went to the Y. We wanted to get out some of the cabin fever during the cold weather days. We prepped by taking extra shoes, water bottles, a Frisbee, jump ropes, a football, beach balls and even helmets (because my son wants to play tackle). We were planning to have a great time and run. We each came with an agenda and we all pulled a different toy from the bag. My kids both wanted me to play with them and the toy they chose. I told them that we would all have to play together but this would require us to vote on which game to start with. After voting for Frisbee my son sat down and said football or nothing. Turning into a fit, he began to dig into determination for his will. I tried to steer him to better character and had him sit out for a time. I then let him play football by himself it lasted about 3 minutes until he sat down to do nothing because we weren't playing football with him. Now here we are ready with this big agenda to have fun and enjoy each other and boom we all have to abandon the entire plan. Focusing on the character defect happening right in front of me he was left with a choice of going to the bathroom with dad or playing the game voted on. He chose to play Frisbee. At first he did so with a frown but quickly he was laughing and smiling. I asked him, "Are you having fun buddy?" and he said yes. After 15 minutes of playing together I said, one more throw and we can play football. Boom! The Frisbee hit him in the nose. Now both nostrils were bleeding and with him crying I took him to the bathroom to shove some TP in his nose. After that he's still ready to play football. Back in the gym, with TP in our nose, our helmets on and ready to finally play football. I turned to get prepared and when I looked at my son he had shoved the TP all the way up into his nose, both sides. I said, "Jadon, you can't do that," and he said "its ok dad I can pick it out." He tried for a few minutes and only achieved one side. His eyes now watering because of the TP jammed up into his brain. He looks at me and says "Dad get it out." I said "we will have to go home and get some tweezers because dad's fingers are too big." We had to abandon the agenda completely. Arriving home we prepped the dining room table for a game of Operation and Jadon became the patient. We were successful in removing the entire amount without Jadon buzzing. I stood up from the table and realized that this entire trip was nothing we planned. We totally had to abandon our agendas or ideas of fun because it was a trip to focus on the character of my son and mine. Mine because I was irritated and frazzled.



I realized how awesome is our God. He is so patient with us and working on our character. He will completely wait for us to surrender our will and yield to His guidance. How often do I choose my will? How often do I dig in to something I want? God disciplines those He loves. Lord help us to love discipline. Help us to be able to surrender all our ways and plans to follow your truth. ~ Seth

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HEALTH & WELL BEING

Family of Aldus Gridley, Jim Earl, Riley Thomas, Barry Lafever, Heather & Will & baby Camden Cooper, Kim Witt, Wanda Blair, Willow Yager, Penny Tapia, Ronald Taylor, Chad Peterson, Carol Smock, Connie Freeman, Alec Bowen, Vern Fuller, Jo Kernan, Rick Lantau, Matt & Lisa Hammill & family, Kim Goddell, Adam Maynard, Kayshia Rowe & baby Gracelynn, Juan & Ani Quiroz, Paul Wonders, Doris Dewey, Ed Nesbitt, Carol Schaefer, Ellen Hedger, Jack Ruska, Jaid, Julie Doub & Family, Vickie Korn, Roger & Janet Mueller, Amber Smock, Jennifer Franks, Shelly Upson, Carolyn Hanson, Roger Andress, Tim Snyder & David Adams

NURSING HOME

Ron Rhine and Kathryn Baugher

MISSIONARIES & MILITARY

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

OTHER CONCERNS

The church & all decisions