

First Baptist Church of Aledo



July Newsletter

Pastor's Corner

"Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to."
 Luke 13:24

I am often alarmed, disappointed and deeply concerned about the way our nation has seemed to drift so far from the Lord and the truth of His Word. At the same time I am amazed and encouraged by the growth I see at First Baptist year after year. We continue to have more and more new people joining us for worship, and as I write this we are preparing for a record number of kids at VBS with over 100 pre-registered, and my schedule has been full with meetings the past few weeks with baptismal candidates. It seems in a world where the devil has confused so many people with lies and empty promises, there is a growing desire for the truth. Even though the summer has only just begun, we are already making all kinds of preparations for the fall, hoping and praying that we will continue to reach more people with the message of hope that pulls people out of

the pit of sin and false hope, and anchors them on the solid rock of Christ and His unshakable promises. It is likely that we all know people who need to have encounter with God, His Word and His people. I hope that First Baptist is a place where we always feel comfortable inviting people to come and experience how good God is. Some of the special things you might want to keep in mind to invite family, friends, neighbors and coworkers to are Baptism Sunday on July 19th, where we will hear stories of transformation and witness the symbol of the old self dying and the new creation being born as believers experience baptism. Also, we will have our annual Praise in the Park and Family Festival on August 30th, with worship at 10am, lunch to follow and lots of family fun

and entertainment including musical performances and a special guest from the Creation museum! Praise in the Park kicks off our fall programming, so we want to invite everyone to join us for Wednesday Night Live which includes adult studies, Kid's Club, and Collide Youth Programs. And through the month of September I'm planning a special sermon series entitled "What Happens When You Die? A Glimpse into Eternity..." We may be concerned about the direction of our country, but we don't have to worry about the plans of our God! We simply need to point people to Him.

In Christ,
 Pastor Luke

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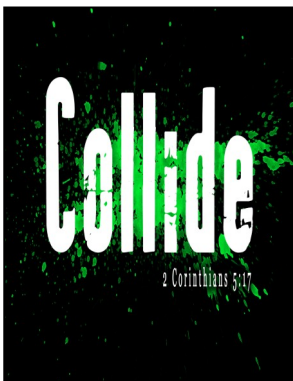
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FBC is going to Israel in 2017!
Take a guided tour with Pastor Luke!

March 20-29, 2017

Watch and listen for details!





Summer Collide for Jr. High & High School begins June 3rd!

Students, students, students! My summer has been filled with them. It's without a doubt my favorite part of the day when I get to spend time with them, laugh with them and encourage them in their faith journey.

Students are getting it. I'm seeing young men and women rise up to become leaders and I'm excited and hopeful for the future of our church as these students embrace what it truly means to follow Jesus.

I love the mom and daughter Bible study that we're doing too. I can tell it's already growing deeper bonds between mom and daughter after only a few weeks together. This is the direction that we, as a youth ministry team at First Baptist, hope to head. We believe God has given us vision to reach families. We want to help come alongside the family in the discipleship of their child. We need the help of the whole church in doing that. We can't do it alone. Although, the youth ministry team is a tremendous group of people, we need the whole church body working together to reach and teach young people. Won't you join us on this grand adventure of reaching young people?

We're hoping to add more mentors, small group leaders, outreach helpers, snack makers, student "picker-uppers," and prayer warriors to serve within the youth ministry. There is a place for you! Don't hesitate to shoot me a message and we'll see where we can find a place to plug you in to serve the students.

Also, please pray for the team who will be headed to El Salvador August 1st-8th. Pray for team unity and for God to richly bless our time in El Salvador. Pray that we would allow the people of El Salvador to change us and teach us something new about Jesus!

In Christ's Love, Heather Q.

Upcoming Collide Youth Events!



Join us this summer for Ultimate Frisbee!

For all kids grades 6th-12th.
Every Thursday from 1:30-3:00pm with ice cream afterwards.

GAGA BALL!

Join us at FBC for GAGA ball all summer on Tuesdays from noon-1pm. For kids grades 6th-12th grades.



2015 WEEKLY INFORMATION CENTER

Date	Nursery	Kids Club Worship	Greeters
7/5/15	Betty Williams, Connie Mattson, Grace Buttgen	No Kids Club—VBS Program	Bill & Arlene Bewely Jeanne Barber
7/12/15	Betty Williams, Ronda Moffitt, & Veronica Moffitt	Jen Miller & Beth Whitenack	Anita & Halie Parkinson Troy Riddell
7/19/15	Betty Williams, Vivian Kopp & Brooke Nelson	Lynda Castor & Tina McCaw	Lonnie & Cindy Maynard Monica Dennison
7/26/15	Betty Williams, Sharon Moffitt, & Bryce Moffitt	Shay & Lisa Litwiler	Dave & Susan Potthast Shay Litwiler

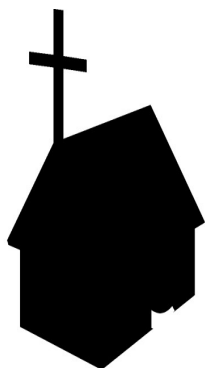
If you are unable to serve the day you are scheduled in the Nursery, please make arrangements in advance to switch with another person on the schedule. Please contact **Ronda Moffitt, Nursery Coordinator, for all concerns on her Cell:(309) 371-3021.** Thank you! **Kids Club Worship**—PLEASE come to the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

Weekly Attendance & Offering



DATE	5/31/15	6/7/15	6/14/15	6/21/15	6/28/15
8 AM	46	53	78	69	69
10 AM	272	279	247	242	233
TOTAL	318	332	325	311	302



Date	5/31/15	6/7/15	6/14/15	6/21/15	6/28/15
Current Expense	\$6,471.25	\$8,998.67	\$9,207.65	\$8,763.28	\$7,633.74
Building Fund/Mem.	\$2,827.53	\$1,100.00	\$425.00	\$190.00	\$50,046.00
Benevolence	\$345.00	\$400.00	\$350.00	\$340.00	\$375.00
Total	\$9,643.78	\$10,498.67	\$9,982.65	\$9,293.28	\$58,054.74

July News—Kids Club Ministry



The Root of the Matter: Part 2 -“Who’s the Boss?”

In last month’s newsletter I shared briefly about the weed issues in front of my house. I related these garden weeds to the “sin” weeds inside of us. Our sin is usually a symptom of something else underneath the surface that has to be addressed. So, I’m going to spend several months addressing the roots of our sin issues and hopefully give you some tips on how to teach these to your children.

I know you’re dying to hear an update on my weeds. Drum roll please..... THEY’RE BACK!!!! With all this rain we’ve had they love it and they’re spreading like, well, weeds! (Urr) What this annoyance has taught me is that, whether I like it or not, gardening takes hard work and time! The same goes for our spiritual lives. When a person gives their life to God they’re telling God basically four things: 1) I believe you are real, 2) I Love you, 2) I trust you, and 4) You can have control of my life.

When we hand over control to God, we’re giving him **authority** over us. That means we obey him! He’s the boss and he knows best! This is not always an easy task, though. Even when we believe the four things stated above, part of us wants to yank back the control by living our way. This root is called pride or selfishness! That’s where the work comes in. God gives us four really big “shovels” to help us complete the hard work of surrendering daily to him: 1) His Word, 2) Prayer, 3) His Spirit, and 4) His Body (the church). If you stick these shovels in a corner, guess what you can expect? That’s right! Sin weeds. Lots and lots of them!

The Word of God says in 2 Timothy 3:16-17 that, *“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”* You will fall far away from God’s will if you neglect and furthermore, disobey, his Word. This passage says “all scripture” is God breathed and that we need to follow all of it. Not just the parts we’re okay with. I was talking to someone a while back who thought God would change the Bible if he had a chance. Ha! Guess what? God’s standard doesn’t change because he’s God and he knows BEST. Our standard and understanding might sway and change, but his doesn’t.

So, how do we teach this to our kids? **First**, and most importantly, as surrendered believers in Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we need to live with God’s Word as our authority first. Our words mean nothing if our actions say something else. How we obey God’s commands will have the biggest impact on our kids. **Secondly**, start reading God’s Word together. We can’t follow God’s Word if we don’t know it. Make your church life a priority and take the time to pray with your children. **Third**, when you’re correcting your kids, go full circle. Don’t just rip up the weed on the surface. Try to figure out together what the root is and use God’s Word to correct it. For example, if your child is disobeying you, show them what God’s word says. Ask them what they think God thinks about their behavior and help them to ask for God’s forgiveness.

If you really love God, then you will trust him enough to obey his word, even when it’s hard. Have a great July! Mollie

Upcoming Events

Kids Club: Kids Club is on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm during the school year for kids ages 3 through 5th grade. The new session will begin on Wednesday, September 2nd. **Registration will start in August.**



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



Women's Ministry

Women's Think Tank Saturday, July 11th at 9am in the Enon Room.

Ladies Meet and Mingle on Friday, July 17th at 6:30pm at Sheri Olson's home - 720 SW 2nd Ave., Aledo

Mentor Support Meeting—Sunday, July 12th at 4pm for Mentors Only

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



More Greeters Needed—We are looking for a few more people to be greeters for our 10am service. You will serve once about every 4—6 weeks. You would need to be at church on

your assigned Sunday by 9:40am. Please call Pam at the church office—582-7812 if you wish to help with this important task.

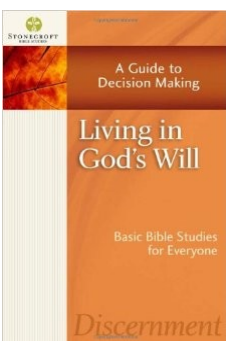
J.O.Y. Circle (Jesus Others Yourself)

Will meet Tuesday, July 21st at 7pm in the Enon Room.

All ladies are invited to attend.



New Tuesday Women's "Ruth" Study Begins July 14th at 2:15pm



Taught by Betty Leslie and open to women of all ages and held in the Enon Room at FBC. "What does God want me to do?" This study encourages people to stop being anxious about God's will and instead turn to His Word. As participants consider the story of Ruth, they will come to understand that good choices come out of trusting a good God. Sign up on Sunday's Connection Card.

What's Coming Up!



Vacation Bible School —9am-noon— June 29th-July 3rd! For kids 3 years old through 5th grade. Walk ins welcome!

Church Council meeting - Tuesday, July 14th at 7pm

Quarterly Business Meeting - Sunday, July 19th following the 10am service.

No True Woman 201 Study on July 1st due to Vacation Bible School.

Building Committee Meeting - Wednesday, July 1st at 7pm in the Enon Room.

A note from Robyn about Choir

Hello church! I've been praying for a while and seeking God's direction. I feel led to share my love of music and choral experience with our church family. I'm looking for others who would like to join me in building the best choir this side of heaven. You must be 14 years old or older, be willing to have fun, rehearse a song until it comes from your soul, love to sing and love the Lord. Notice I did not say read music or perform solos. You must also be able to carry a tune...we may need to start up the Joyful Noise chorus if we have enough interest! I will have an informational meeting Sunday, July 12th following the 10am service to discuss practice nights and times. If you have questions, call Robyn Bottens at 559-647-7626.



Church Calendar will be on this page

Birthdays

Jeremy Miller July 1
Joe Ham July 1
Bill Smock July 3
Scott Williams July 5
Carroll Franks
Lydia Clark
Sadie Bonyng
Nancy Taylor July 6
Veronica Moffitt July 8
Patty Hay
Marge Goding July 7
Ellie Smock July 9
Bree Elliott July 10
Jackson Huffstutler July 11
Paul Zunkel
Sharon Moffitt July 12
Sarah Hess
Hudson Ringle July 13
Collier Buttgen July 14
Tanner Hessman July 15
Meredith Berthel July 16
Gordon W. Cooper July 17
Grace Buttgen July 18
Kelly Higgins
Mindi Schultz
John Huffstutler July 19
Trenton Higgins
Jadon Bowker
Hollie Johnson July 20
DJ Smith
Andrea Noble July 21
Adell Struble July 22
Sandi Williams
Gene Bear
Jordan Riddell July 23
Braxton Kellett July 24
Elijah Brennan Kelly July 25
Sonja Huffstutler
Margie Earl July 26
Darron Moffitt
Javin Dellitt
Taylor Lukaszewski
Gracie & Essi Lloyd July 30
Cameron Monson July 31

Anniversary

Lynn & Linda Bowlyou

Ken & Laurie Berthel
Kurt & Renee Diesch

Stewart & Jan Klink
Brian & Monica Dennison

Claude & Eloise Moreland

Mike & Kathy Sponsler



Brock & Dawn Huffstutler

Roger & Jodie Adress



You're invited to a Baby Shower!

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.

Hostesses are Denise Kelly & Karen McConaughy.

R.S.V.P. to Karen at 582-4767

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



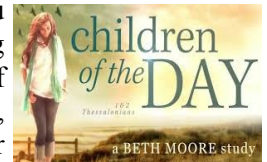
Grief Share— • Griefshare— Help for men and women going through the grieving process. Taught by Susan Potthast— Each week your group will watch a video seminar on DVD. The GriefShare videos cover topics essential to your recovery from the hurt of grief and loss. The topics include: Living with Grief, 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.

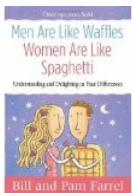


Luke's Excellent Adventures through the Bible— Taught by Pastor Luke. Have you ever been reading the Bible and wondered, "when did that happen?" Well... Wonder no more! Luke's excellent adventure through the Bible will help you make sense of what happened when and where in the Bible from beginning to 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 3rd. 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.



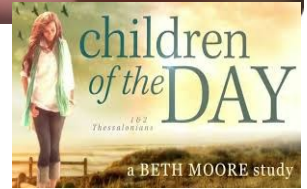
For the Youth—Collide for Kids grades 6th—12th Through the power of the Holy Spirit we seek to love teenagers and point them to Jesus Christ. We're not so much of a youth group as we are a youth family. We love to see teenagers lives change through the life changing message of the gospel. We can't wait 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

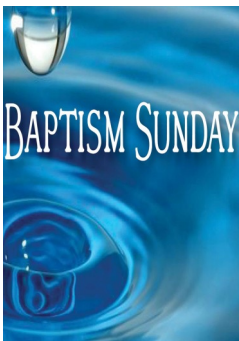
Outside of Self.

I recently had a chance to serve with folks of the Church in some different areas. One area was the Wednesday night youth group and the other area was the hospitality team for a funeral luncheon. Seeing so many at the Church submitting themselves by serving those around them. Laying down their own will and yielding to serve someone else. Such a great picture of Christ! Paul says it here in 1 Corinthians 9:19 *"For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more"*



Thank you to all who are serving. Christ is being lifted up at First Baptist Of Aledo and Christ will draw more and more people to himself. The cool thing is He is shining through you special servants who have yielded yourself to Him. God has a special blessing to those washing the dishes (Well at least that is my prayer).

Baptism Sunday is July 19th



Have you been considering being baptized? Maybe you have questions about baptism and what it means. If so, please talk to Pastor Luke

or Pastor Seth and, if you're ready, you can be baptized on Sunday, July 19th at the 8am or 10am worship service.



First Baptist Church Praise in Central Park Family Festival! Coming 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.

- Praise and Worship Service will begin at 10:00am.
- FREE lunch under the pavilion following the worship service.
- Music by Charlie Haley (Christian Artist) and The Froemming Family (Blue Grass)

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HEALTH & WELL BEING

The family of Bill Williams, Janet Rind, The Family of Joyce Butcher, RaeAnn Latko, Kason Loving, John Eddelman, Bob Sell, Dave Duncan, Quinci Shride, Cathy Griswold, Bertie Bowns, 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 & Marjie Earl, Derald Jones, Peg Cox, Caryl Leslie, Jennifer Franks, Krista Bear, Shelly Upson & Carolyn Hanson

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Aldus Gridley, Ron Rhine & Nancy Bonyng

MISSIONARIES & MILITARY

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

OTHER CONCERNS

The church & all decisions