

First Baptist Church of Aledo



June Newsletter

Pastor's Corner

*"And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved."
- Acts 2:46-47*

I thank God constantly for the way He has continued to bless our church over the years. There always seems to be an air of excitement about what's going on and what's coming up on the horizon. This summer is no exception. There are many ministries, initiatives and projects that are being planned. Sometimes it seems a little overwhelming to consider all that needs to be done. No matter what we have accomplished in the past, there is still always more to do. One of the big things has to do with our building. The trustees were tasked with the job of bringing some solutions to our much needed bathroom issues, and they will be presenting some options at the special business meeting on June 7th. As we continue to have a full church on Sundays and Wednes-

days, bathrooms are becoming more and more of an issue. I'm also excited to announce that the council nominated a building committee, which is still in process of being confirmed. As they re-evaluate our needs and possible solutions, we all need to be in prayer that God would reveal His will so clearly that we can't miss it. But the things that have to do with the building are merely a reflection of the things God is doing in the ministry. We need to address the building space because more people than ever are worshiping, studying, serving, more young people are being taught God's Word, more missions are being done in Christ's name, and the Lord is being more mag-

nified in all we do. I'm so thankful that He continues to pour out His blessing on our church. One of the special ways we plan on celebrating that is by having a special baptism Sunday service on July 19th. If God has done a work in your heart, and you haven't yet followed His command and example to be baptized, I hope you'll prayerfully consider doing so at this special service. It's going to be a great day to give God the glory for what He has done in our lives as we hear testimonies and celebrate changed lives.

In Christ, Pastor Luke

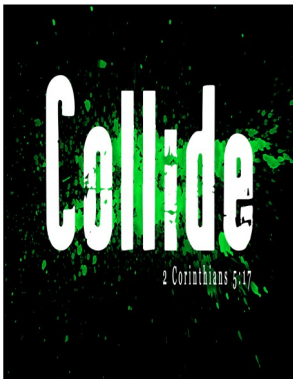
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WINTER El Salvador Mission Trip Informational Meeting—Sunday, June 14th following the 10am service in Mollie's office. If you

think you may have interest in this mission trip, please plan to attend. Trip dates will be Jan. 11th-17th, 2016. Questions – See Pastor Luke.



Summer is here! School is out and it's time to kick-start our Summer Collide activities. It should be a fun and busy summer full of connections and opportunities for growth. We'll continue moving forward in fulfilling our vision of connecting students to Christ, Community and Change.

We hope you can make it out to the Bowns' farm - 1687 - 100th Ave., Aledo on Wednesdays from 6-7:30pm. We'll enjoy a hot dog and chips before we dig into a lesson led by a different adult each week from within the church. We'll also hear from the parents each week and will be able to hear their story of how they came to faith in Christ. Don't miss out on this great opportunity for growth!

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

What I'm most pumped about is the mom/daughter and father/son Bible studies we'll be having this summer. This is for 9th grade-college age girls/guys and their moms/dads. We hope to build further connections between mom and daughter and father and son as we dig into God's Word together and talk about real issues. Both studies start June 4th at 6:30pm here at the church and will be every Thursday after that. The ladies will meet in the Enon Room and the guys will meet in the room underneath the Enon Room. Please call the church at 582-7812 to RSVP.

We'll also have Frisbee every Thursday from 1:30-3pm here at the church and GAGA ball on Tuesdays from noon-1pm.

I'd also encourage parents to get their teen connected into Sunday School on Sunday mornings. It's a great time for growth and study of God's Word.

Looking forward to seeing your child around this summer!

Blessings, Heather Q.

Upcoming Collide Youth Events!

Join us this summer for Ultimate Frisbee!



For all kids grades 6th-12th. Begins June 4th 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
5/31/15	Betty Williams, Diane Hessman, Vivian Kopp	Shay & Lisa Litwiler	Dave & Susan Potthast
6/7/15	Betty Williams, Paul Hedrick & Grace Buttgen	Tina McCaw & Shannon Sedam	Paul & Kay Hedrick Shay Litwiler
6/14/15	Betty Williams, Ronda Moffitt & Veronica Moffitt	Nadine Coulter & Alison Lafever	John & Sherry Huffstutler Laurie Louck
6/21/15	Betty Williams, Susan Potthast, & Lisa Clawson	Kelly Higgins & Denise Kelly	Mike & Kathy Sponsler Dawn Douglas
6/28/15	Betty Williams, Sharon Moffitt, & Bryce Moffitt	Paul Hedrick & Sarah Kellett	Lonnie & Cindy Maynard Paul & Cara Svoboda

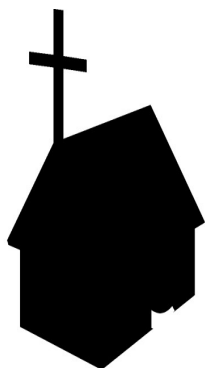
If you are unable to serve the day you are scheduled in the Nursery, please make arrangements in advance to switch with another person on the schedule. Please contact **Ronda Moffitt, Nursery Coordinator, for all concerns on her Cell:(309)371-3021**. Thank you! **Kids Club Worship**—PLEASE come to the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

Weekly Attendance & Offering



DATE	5/3/15	5/10/15	5/17/15	5/24/15
8 AM	81	72	62	60
10 AM	276	245	266	250
TOTAL	356	317	328	310



Date	5/3/15	5/10/15	5/17/15	5/24/15
Current Expense	\$10,041.72	\$8,000.60	\$8,119.00	\$6,204.08
Building Fund/Mem.	\$451.00	\$25.00	\$165.00	\$575.00
Benevolence	\$225.00	\$205.00	\$310.00	\$725.00
Total	\$10,717.72	\$8,230.60	\$8,594.00	\$7,504.08

June News—Kids Club Ministry



The Root of the Matter: Part 1

Anybody can drive past my house and see that Luke & I are not green thumbs. (LOL) I do, however, give a lame attempt each spring to “clean up” the landscaping around our home. I have to admit as much as I strongly dislike the task, the house looks a lot nicer afterward. Well, this year I told Luke that I wanted those thorny, red bushes OUT! After eight years of jabbing myself and complaining about them (even though they are beautiful in the fall) I could barely weed around them. Furthermore, I procrastinated the project I already disliked because they made my job so much worse. So, after Luke kindly dug them out for me (which was no small matter), I got rid of everything! I felt like I was only scratching the surface of the weed problem and I needed a clean slate. What I found amazed me. No wonder my attempt at weeding only lasted for about two weeks before they started to grow back. When I peeled back the soggy, black liner, I could see the problem as plain as day. Pulling up the weeds on the surface wasn’t doing the job because their roots were nice and cozy underneath the liner. Those weeds weren’t going anywhere unless I pulled up those roots! However, because I couldn’t see them, my “quick” fix didn’t last very long.

Okay, so why am I boring you with my garden drama? As I was outside reminding myself that my hard work would pay off eventually, I couldn’t help but see the roots as an illustration of my sin. In layman’s terms, sin is anything that makes God unhappy. It’s doing what I want instead of what God wants. While I surrendered my life to God 22 years ago, sin still wants to set up headquarters deep down inside of me. That’s why God sent his Son to rescue me (and all of you). I need God. Sin hurts me and others. It fools me into thinking and believing that I know best. It makes a mess, too! The worst part is that it creates a wedge between me & God. I don’t need a God “fix” on Sunday or during Wednesday night Bible study. I need God all of the time, every minute, because that sin wants to take root deep inside of me and it does it long before anybody sees the signs of it on the surface. Every time I talk to God, open His Word, worship Him, fellowship with other believers, resist a tempting situation, or confess and repent of my sin, it’s like pushing a shovel underneath a sinful weed just waiting to take root. If I take time to surrender each day to the Lord with a sincere heart, those pesky “sin weeds” will wither and die.

Over the next several months I invite you to visit this corner of the newsletter to read about the “root” of problems the average family faces today. I’m going to discuss sibling rivalry, lying, disrespecting authority, laziness, gossip, temptation, and so on. I pray this will be a blessing to all of us as we seek to dig up roots of sin in our lives! Thanks for stopping by! Mollie



Upcoming Events!



Everest VBS: VBS will be the week of June 29th-July 3rd from 9am-Noon for kids ages 3 years old - 5th grade (completed). Pre-registration begins mid-May. Please see Mollie if you would like to volunteer.

Camp Info—It’s time to start thinking about church camp. You will find registration forms on the Children’s Ministry Table. There are 2 camps available and lots of dates. Mollie will be taking a group to Blackhawk Baptist Middler Camp July 26th-30th. Registration Deadline is May 31st, 2015.



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.

A sincere thanks for all the prayers and cards while I was going through my stem cell transplant. I appreciated the support and I appreciate a loving church family.

~ Carolyn Hanson



Women's Ministry

No Women's Think Tank in June.



Women's Mentorship Meetings Coming up— Quarterly Mentorship Meeting is Sunday, June 7th at 4pm in the Enon room for all mentors and mentees. Also, a Mentor Support Meeting will be Sunday, June 14th at 4pm in the Enon Room. This meeting is for Mentors only.

The Single Sisters are planning an outing to Cinema at Central in Aledo's Central Park to watch a movie on June 12th.

Secret Sister Update - All participants are encouraged to complete one of the forms, place it in an envelope (provided) and address it to "secret sister of ____ (the name of the woman completing the form)." Hopefully this will give our secret sisters specific prayer requests/likes/dislikes of their sister. Also we encourage you to send a note of encouragement/gift/etc. to your secret sister every week or two.

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



Will meet Tuesday, June 23rd at 7pm in the Enon Room.

All ladies are invited to attend.

FBC Scholarship Time!

Educational scholarship applications are available for FBC members. These are located on the information wall in the lobby. Please have them submitted to the church office by June 30th.



What's Coming Up!



Communion Sunday

will be Sunday, June 7th so, that is the Sunday we remind everyone to bring food for the Mercer County Food Pantry. Leave all non perishable food items in the grey tote in the coat room.

FBC Couples Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, June 13th, Time: 4pm -8pm, we will be out for 1 1/2 to 2 hours for the hunt followed

Scavenger Hunt



by a pizza supper. The scavenger hunt is free and pizza is by donation. Sign up on Sunday's Connection Card. Questions— See Pastor Seth.

You're Invited!



Please join us for a bridal shower in honor of Katie Coulter's wedding.

The celebration will commence Saturday, June 27th at 1pm in the new addition of the sanctuary.

Please RSVP to Alison Lafever at 309-574-0021. Katie & Brody are registered at Bed, Beth & Beyond and Target.

Church Calendar will be on this page

Birthdays

Coleman Buttgen	June 1
William Zunkel	
Carrie Ham	June 5
Matthew VanderHeyden	June 6
Bob Stenfeldt	June 8
Cora Whitenack	June 9
Ty Schweninger	
Gary Schrock	June 10
Kathryn Baugher	
Monte Bottens	
Christopher Douglas	June 11
Lane McCaw	
Mike Bowns	
Daryl Bewley	June 12
Monica Dennison	June 13
Tiana Corwin	June 13
Bettie Monts	June 14
Jan Crutcher	
Allie Kellogg	June 15
Michael Kelly	June 16
Zach LaRue	
	June 17
Jo Kernan	June 18
Darlene Johnson	June 19
Ben Franks	June 20
Jim Earl	June 21
Abigail Miller	June 22
Lauren Finch	June 23
Caleb VanderHayden	June 24
Emily Blaser	June 25
Fiona Ellen Huffstutler	
JJ Connell	
Taylor Finch	June 26
	June 27
Cimion Norwick	June 28
Tanner Moffitt	June 29
Mason Brown	
Joe Elliott	
Michael Sedam	June 30

Anniversary

Bob & Vivian Kopp
Charlie & Dawn Douglas
Hugh & Sarah Brown

Dave & Sally Cooper
Darren & Janet Rind
Wayne & Lindsay Schweninger

Todd & Nadine Coulter

Linus & Cathy Griswold
Monte & Robyn Bottens

Brandon & Jacque Bruns

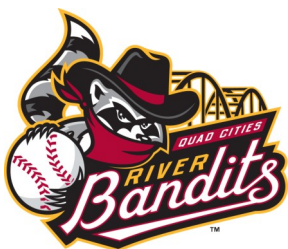
Merle & Joyce Bodeen

Kevin & Pam Ricke
John & Sherry Huffstutler
Bill & Sharon Baugher

Gene & Krista Bear
Bill & Ruth Smock

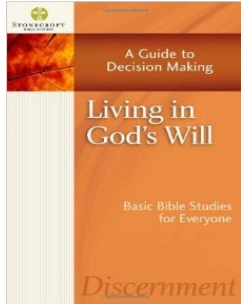
John & Barb Williams

Daniel & Rita Greenspan



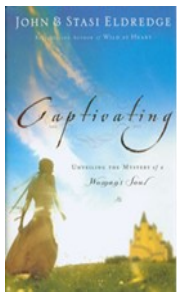
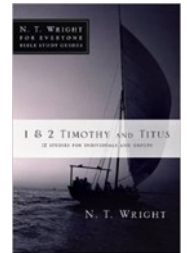
Father's Day VIP—River Bandits Game
Sunday, June 21st
Game Time—1:15pm—Lower Box Tickets
Tickets can be purchased at the church office.

New 2015 Summer Studies for Everyone! Studies Are Free!



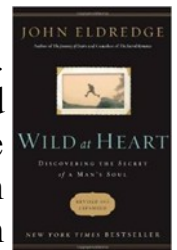
New Tuesday Women's Ruth Study Begins July 14th at 2:15pm—Taught by Betty Leslie and open to women of all ages and held in the Enon Room at FBC. “What does God want me to do?” This study encourages people to stop being anxious about God’s will and instead turn to His Word. As participants consider the 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.

New Men's Sunday Night Study - Beginning Sunday, June 7th, the men will begin a new Study on 1st & 2nd Timothy. The study is held at 6pm in the Enon room and open to all men. The cost for this study is free. No need to sign up, just show up on June 7th.



Mom and Daughter Bible Study- Led by Heather and her mom, Dawn, this study is set up to build bridges between mother and daughter as we journey together through the book "Captivating" by John and Stasi Eldredge. We will meet on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the Enon Room beginning June 4th. This study will be for girls 9th grade up into college age and their mothers. Please sign up on Sunday’s connection card if you and your daughter want to join us!

Father and Son Bible Study - led by Dave, Caleb and Mark VanderHeyden. They will be studying the book, "Wild at Heart" by John Eldredge. Father and son are encouraged to attend this study together and grow in relationship with one another. The study is open to 9th graders through college age will be held on Thursdays beginning June 4th at 6:30pm in the lower Enon Room #1. Sign up on Sunday’s Connection Card.



Missing
Several **Hot Pads** are missing from the Fellowship Hall kitchen. If you took some home to launder

them, can you please return them to the church kitchen. Thank you.

Rhubarb Pie! The Collide Youth Group will be selling Rhubarb Pie by the slice



under the Central Park Pavilion on Friday, June 5th! Come enjoy a slice and support the Youth Mission Trip to El Salvador.

A Note from Pastor Seth

“...you are anxious and troubled about many things...”

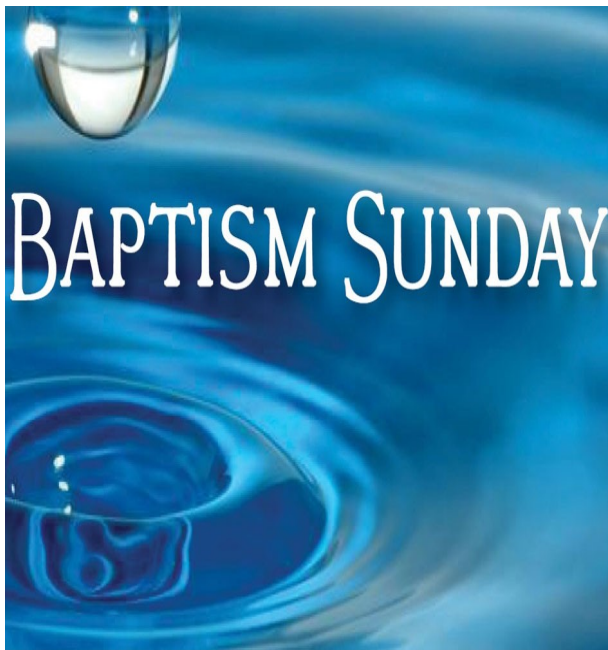
For most married couples any house project can lead to conflict i.e. painting, building or re-newing are all code words for “Clash.” Then throw moving into the project mix and we have clash with pressure. Then right in the middle of all this enjoyment, Pastor Luke preached, on selfishness/brokenness. GIVE ME A BREAK! (Thanks for the Kit Kat.) I’m learning the lesson of doing and being once again in my life. I have spent so much time doing things for my family that I have not spent time being with them. My son didn’t care that I just spent 10 hours on my knees laying flooring for us. He just wanted me to wrestle with him when I got home. I can do the same thing with the Lord. I spend so much time doing things for God that I forget about being with God. I spend time trying to work for the Lord instead of the Lord working in me. Self-centeredness convinces me that I’m doing the right things because I am working for the Lord. The truth is that I somehow think I can earn or gain anything apart from Christ. It’s the Mary and Martha story from the Gospel of Luke 10:38-42. I fall into this trap again and again. I’m always trying to find the balance between spending time with the Lord and doing things for the Lord and spending time with my family and doing things for my family. If you find that you too are always balancing then pray this prayer from Psalm 139:23-24 with me.

“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!
And see if there is any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!”

Pastor Seth



search me, O God, and know
MY HEART
test me and know
MY THOUGHTS
see if there is any offensive way in me &
LEAD ME
in the way everlasting.
PSALM 139:23-24



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.

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HEALTH & WELL BEING

Cathy Griswold, Kris Koch, Family of Virginia Sirotnak, Family of Steve Rupe, Family of Jean Struble, Bertie Bowns, John Hendrickson and family, Stormie, Jail Ministry, Marion Hay, Jake Foy, Amber Smock, Cindy Franks, Norma Bemis, Cole Peterson, Lori Strom, Larry Bull, Jim Norwick, Julie Smith, Vickie Korn, Larry Moore, Ethel Welch, Carol Smock, Vada Morgan, Ashlin Klev, Jayne Fitzsimmons, Jim & Marjie Earl, Derald Jones, Jean Ball, Connie Vail, Peg Cox, Caryl Leslie, Jennifer Franks, Krista Bear, Shelly Upson & Carolyn Hanson

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Aldus Gridley, Ron Rhine, Bill Williams & 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