

First Baptist Church of Aledo



October Newsletter

Pastor's Corner

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

Ephesians 6:12

October always makes us think of spiritual things as the kids get ready for Halloween. Our family has allowed trick or treating, but we don't allow costumes that represent anything of a dark nature. Everyone has their own levels of conviction on the issue, and we try not to make it into a bigger (or smaller) issue than necessary. This year, as I was preparing to finish up the Eternity preaching series, I felt it was a great segue into spiritual matters concerning Satan, Demons, witchcraft and the like. So, for the

month of October, I'll be dealing with all these issues, with the hope and goal of helping the church to understand the nature of our enemy, how to fight spiritual battles, and how to be wise and discerning concerning spiritual matters. We have a great need to be informed about the spiritual influences we are all facing in a culture that is quick to dismiss the spiritual realm, yet we need to face our enemy without fear. It is important to remember that the Holy Spirit in us is

greater than the enemy, but Paul said that we are aware of the Devil's schemes, which leads me to believe that I must keep my eyes open to the tricks, traps and snares that are being plotted to harm God's people and distract from the glory of the Kingdom. What a great God we serve, and how exciting to know He wants us to live as more than conquerors in Christ.

In Christ,
Pastor Luke

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

March 20th-29th, 2017

****Save \$200 per person with Early Bird
Registration payment is due Oct. 20th.
Questions, see Pastor Luke**





Jr. High and High school students both meet for Collide during Wednesday Night Live from 6:30-8pm.

"I can't believe I used to act like that, it's so ridiculous how I used to treat people," said one of the students I've been mentoring for the past two years. I told her, I was very proud of her for allowing God to grow a deeper heart of love in her towards people. She used to be very angry, but I have slowly seen God soften her heart over the past few months since she gave her life to Jesus last year.

Another student said to me this morning at prayer group, *"I'm on God's path now. The one I was on before was not good. I am so glad that I'm on God's path for me."*

Last year this student started coming to prayer group at the intermediate school. As always, I would invite as many students as I could to join us at Youth Group on Wednesday evenings. This year, she finally said yes to coming! I drove out to New Boston and picked her up and she LOVED Collide! On the way home I explained the Gospel to her; the reality of sin, heaven and hell. I shared with her of God's perfect sacrifice to cover our sins through Jesus Christ and her need for His forgiveness.

She got it. She wanted it. She gave her life to Jesus, right there driving down the road on route 17. It was beautiful. After we finished praying (don't worry my eyes were open) She said, *"I feel lighter."* I told her, "Jesus has just removed your burden of sin! You are no longer under the curse of sin and death! "

What a wonderful truth! What a beautiful gift that was to share Christ with her, watch the "light bulb" go off and see her trust Christ for forgiveness of sins! Please pray for this student to be consistent with her involvement, so we can disciple her. Pray that God would reach more and more students, through Collide, for His great name!

Also, it's time to get signed up for Fall Retreat! Early Bird registration ends Wednesday, Oct 1st, but you can get signed up until the day of the retreat. The cost goes up a little, but if money is tight, we do have scholarships available.

What a joy it is to serve the young people of this community! Lets rejoice together in all God is doing and will do. ~ Blessings—Heather Q.

Upcoming Collide Youth Events!

COLLIDE - Fall Collide is in full swing! Jr. High and High school students both meet during Wednesday Night Live from 6:30-8pm. Students break out into separate age groups.

COLLIDE FALL RETREAT! - Oct. 10-11th, at Camp Summit. Starts at 9am Saturday morning and goes through all of Sunday! 4th point is our worship band! Early Bird Registration Cost is \$30 by Oct. 1st and \$35 after that until the day of the retreat. Registration forms can be found at the connection center.

We need your help—The Collide Youth Fall Retreat is coming up Oct 10th and 11th. Instead of asking you to bring in various food items, this year we are just asking for monetary donations and we will do the shopping. Based on the history of the event, we are planning on feeding approximately 60 people, 6 meals plus snacks throughout the event. Our budget for food is \$1,000. If you would like to make a donation, make it out to FBC and put "Fall Retreat Food" in the memo of your check. Thanks so much for your help!



2015 WEEKLY INFORMATION CENTER

Date	Nursery	Kids Club Worship	Greeters
10/4/15	Betty Williams, Lisa Clawson, Bryce Moffitt	Denise Kelly, Tina McCaw, Jen Miller, & Jack Kelly	Charlie Douglas, Mike & Kathy Sponsler
10/11/15	Betty Williams, Crystal Clark, & Grace Buttgen	Lynda Castor, Beth Whitenack, Shannon Sedam, & Cora Whitenack	Paul & Cara Svoboda Paul & Kay Hedrick
10/18/15	Betty Williams, Ronda Moffitt, & Veronica Moffitt	Lisa Litwiler, Sarah Kellett, Shay Litwiler	John & Sherry Huffstutler Rodrigo Quiroz
10/25/15	Betty Williams, Connie Mattson, & Diane Hessman	Brooke Loving, Haley Johnson, Joe Loving, & Caleb Loving	Anita & Halie Parkinson Dave & Susan Potthast

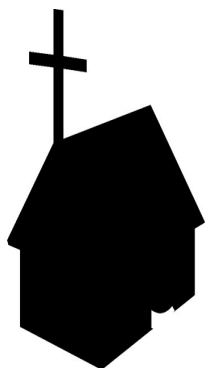
If you are unable to serve the day you are scheduled in the Nursery, please make arrangements in advance to switch with another person on the schedule. Please contact **Ronda Moffitt, Nursery Coordinator, for all concerns on her Cell:(309) 371-3021.** Thank you! **Kids Club Worship**—PLEASE come to the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

Weekly Attendance & Offering



DATE	8/26/15	9/6/15	9/13/15	9/20/15	9/27/15
8 AM	---	73	89	91	65
10 AM	389	229	257	219	224
TOTAL	389	302	342	310	289



Date	8/26/15	9/6/15	9/13/15	9/20/15	9/27/15
Current Expense	\$4,893.33	\$14,233.11	\$7,989.75	\$8,079.67	\$6,178.91
Building Fund/Mem.	\$50.00	\$925.00	\$650.00	\$1,582.50	\$550.00
Benevolence	\$1,173.25	\$613.00	\$2,534.10	\$75.00	\$1,685.00
Total	\$6,116.58	\$15,771.11	\$11,173.85	\$9,737.17	\$8,413.91

October News—Kids Club Ministry



The Root of the Matter Part 5: Running the Fence

A couple years ago Maddie was playing Y softball and the season was pretty much over. We'd been at her tournament all day waiting for the game that would finish the season. Well, I had been sitting in my lawn chair half-zoned in when there was excitement on the field. Someone from behind me said, "This is it. If they get this one, we win the game." I looked up to see Cora at bat and Maddie on third and now I was fully zoned in. Cora and Maddie had a little pressure on them. Cora hit the ball and I leapt out of my chair like a coma patient coming to life. I started running the fence yelling, "Run home, Maddie! Run home!" Until that moment the game didn't really matter to me (just keeping it real) but all of a sudden it did. When it was my child that could help the team win, all of a sudden it became really important that she succeed for her own good.

Our spiritual journeys can be like this. We can plod along focusing on our own walk with God (which we need to do) but completely not caring or concerned that our neighbor, or family member, or you fill in the blank, is on a path that is leading them to eternal separation from God. It's time that we snap out of our selfish comas and start running the fence for them! If we don't care about their eternal life, who will?

When I was in college we called this "going to the enemy's camp!" During our college prayer meetings we would literally call out, "I'm going to the enemy's camp and I'm taking back what you stole from me" and call out the names of people on our campus and in our families who were lost. Who are you going to the enemy's camp for? Do you really care that the enemy has them and how do you teach your children to care? Here's a few ways to start: 1) Understand that each and every one of us needs saved. If you don't really believe that, you won't portray it in your life. 2) Start teaching your kids that they need Jesus as their Lord and Savior and why. Go full circle in your conversations with them about why we all need Jesus. Share your own testimony with them and personal experiences about your faith, 3) Start praying together for family members and friends who need the Lord. You might even overhear them doing a little witnessing on their own. Encourage them to be respectful but don't dampen their uninhibited passion to share Jesus with others. 4) Diligently pray and ask God for direction on how to reach the lost around you and be proactive. Don't shy away from speaking your heart about your faith and convictions, but make sure it is done in love, and 5) Go to the enemy's camp daily for lost loved ones and don't give up!

I bet you're waiting to hear if they won the game or not! Yep and I got lots of teasing afterward for my performance! Have a great month! ~ Mollie

Upcoming Events

Kids Club: The Fall Session of Kids Club is every Wednesday from 6:30-8pm until Nov. 18th for all kids ages 3-5th grade. Your kids can join us anytime!



Kids Club Harvest Party: This month kids will enjoy a Harvest Party on Oct. 28th during Kids Club. *No costumes, please.

We still need a couple helpers for the mini-carnival. Please let me know if you're interested!

We need bags of candy corn, candy pumpkins, pretzel sticks, and mini-marshmallows. Please drop all donation off in the designated basket at Kids Corner by Sunday, Oct. 25th. Thanks for your help!

Kids Worship: Kids Worship is for ages 3-4th grade and is now held during the entire 10am Worship service. Please sign-in is between 9:50-10am in the Fellowship Hall. *Sunday School teachers will take students directly to Kids Worship.

A BIG thank you goes to ALL our volunteers! We couldn't do ministry without them!





Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry Think Tank—Saturday, Oct. 3rd at 9am. All ladies are welcome to attend.

Women's Mentorship Sign Ups Begin for the 2016 Program - Women (ages 18+) who are interested in participating in the Mentorship Program as either a mentor or a mentee should pick up a **Profile Form** from the Women's Ministry

table in the foyer. Completed Profile Forms can be given to Sheri Olson or Cindy Maynard or left in the Church Office. Deadline to sign up is **Sunday, Nov. 8th**. We will be making some changes to next year's program. Information about the changes is also on the Women's Ministry Table. The program will run from 1/25/16 through August meeting every other **Monday evening from 6:30pm to 8pm**.

Freezer Cooking Event - Has anyone ever received a Meal Train email and thought, "Oh, I'd love to make a meal for someone, but I just don't have the time. It's hard enough to get a home-cooked meal on my table every night." Well, ladies, we've got a solution. Freezer cooking! Saturday, October 31st from 10am-1pm we will be preparing 20 freezer meals to be used for Meal Train AND participating families can also purchase meals to stock their own freezers! Win Win! Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information.

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

Will meet Tuesday, October 27th at 7pm in the Enon Room.
All ladies are invited to attend.



Wiener Roast!

Everyone is invited to Mark & Lynda Castor's home—1536-135th Ave., Aledo for a wiener roast on Sunday, October 18th at 4:00pm Bring your own hot dogs, buns, dish to pass and lawn chairs. Drinks & table service will be provided.



Single Sister Outing

Saturday, October 10th we will be traveling to the Farmers Market in Davenport. We will leave the church parking lot between 8-8:15 am and be back by noon.



What's Coming Up!

Communion Sunday - Sunday, Oct. 4th. This is also the Sunday we emphasize bringing items for the food pantry.



Christian Ed/Outreach Meeting—Sunday, Oct. 4th following the 10am service in Mollie's office.

Deacon meeting— Tuesday, Oct. 6th at 7pm.

Church Council meeting—October 13th at 7pm.
Please have your quarterly reports turned in by Sunday, Oct. 11th.

Quarterly Church Business Meeting—Sunday, October 18th following the 10am service.

Budgets Needed—The Finance Committee will be meeting in October to prepare the 2016 budget. As part of that process, we need each Committee to get us their budget request (and breakdown of the budget request where possible) by Sunday, October 11th. Please deliver these requests to any Finance Committee member (John Huffstutler, Diane Nelson, Lisa Hofmann, Jeanne Barber, Monte Bottens, or Clint Huffstutler), or to Pam in the office as soon as possible. Please give Clint Huffstutler a call at (309) 371-9138 with any questions.



Kid's Coat Drive!

It is once again time to clean out your children's closets and donate the winter apparel they have outgrown. We are collecting gently used items to giveaway to anyone who has a need. We will collect CHILDREN'S/TEENS winter coats, scarves, mittens/gloves, hats, snow pants, and boots. Collection will take place from now to October 6th. You may drop items off at Bill Smock Insurance 501 SW 3 St, Aledo during normal business hours. The giveaway will take place at First Baptist Church, 800 NE 6 St, Aledo on Thurs. October 8th from 5-8pm and Sat. October 10th from 9-11am. There are no income guidelines. Items will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. No early distribution, and 1 coat per person present. Any questions, please call Cindy Maynard 582-2098.

Church Calendar will be on this page

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Evelyn Sproston October 2
October 3

Tristan Ham
Dawn Huffstutler
Adam Huffstutler
Sean Klink October 4
Brandon Cirks October 5
Caden Miller
Jarin Smock
Todd Coulter October 6
Krista Bear

Ruth Smock October 7
October 9
October 10
October 11

Subrena Hunter
Ethan Monson
Shannon Clawson
Danielle Will October 13
Baily Taylor
Robin Huffstutler October 14
Scott Moffitt October 15
Betty Dowd
Darren Rind

October 17
October 18

Arlene Bewley
Mary Rohm
Don McConaughy October 19
October 20
October 21
October 22
October 23
October 25
October 26

Ryan McNall
Madilynn Dunn October 27
Jessica Duncan October 28
David Cooper

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Elden & Martha Cirks
Dave & Sandy Cooper
Mike & Beth Bowns



Joshua & Cimion Norwick
Dave & Janice Duncan

Terry & Pennie Ringle

Rob & Jeanna Potthast Swafford

Jerry & Connie Mattson

Myron & Kelly Higgins



We're having a card Shower for Krista!!
We would like to offer encouragement and birthday wishes to Krista Bear. Krista's having a birthday on Tuesday, October 6th. Please feel free to bring a birthday card to the church and we will make sure she gets it.



You've Got Mail!

Knowing how hard it can be to head off to college, we would like the church body to be an encourager to those who are college Freshman. Here is a list of the names and addresses if you would like to send a card of encouragement. Also, if you have a child who is in college and not on our list and you think they would appreciate mail, please call the church office at 309-582-7812 and we'll add their address.

Lauren Riddell
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Normal, IL 61761

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Joy, IL 61260

Kendra Nelson
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Aledo, IL 61231

Mark Vanderheyden
2728 25th St
Moline, IL 61265

Lynzee Mohamaddi
1661 110th St
Joy, IL 61260

Remy Schwass
Monmouth College
318 N. 9th St.
Monmouth, IL 61462

Jacki Olson
CPO 1888
501 College Ave
Wheaton, IL 60187

Coleman Buttgen
2075 Venture Drive #6
Laramie, WY 82070

Carl Dennison
100 Stanley Hall
Rm 928
Iowa City, Iowa 52242

Michael Bowen
Box 344
Columbia College
1001 Rogers St
Columbia, MO 65216

Halie Parkinson
408 SW 10th Ave
Aledo, IL 61231

Adam Huffstutler
639 38th St.
P. O. Box 0823
Rock island, IL 61201

Kylie Artcher
3319 Nile St.
San Diego, Ca 92104

Clarification on Designating for El Salvador

If you are making a designation for El Salvador, please be clear where you want the money to go as there are 2 ways to designate. First, you can designate "El Salvador mission TRIP" which means it will go to help fund the First Baptist's trip to El Salvador in January or you can designate to "El Salvador mission-Rigoberto" which means it will go to help fund Rigoberto's church ministry. Thanks for your help!



Thank you to our church family for prayers, cards and food provided during the time of Martha's recent hip surgery. Also, thank you for helping us celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary. Martha & Elden Cirks

FBC family, Thank you so much for the scholarship money. We appreciate it and we will put it to good use. God Bless. ~ Kaylee Mohammadi

Thank you for the scholarship. It was very much appreciated. ~ Lynzee Mohammadi

A Note from Pastor Seth

Reinforcements

October is Pastor Appreciation month and usually the second Sunday is reserved as the day to encourage your Pastor.

Encourage = Called alongside to help. I would like to ask the Church to rally behind our Pastor and to pour out our appreciation upon him. Please let us honor our Pastor in a way that pleases the Lord. Remember our Pastor is the tip of the spear that is being pressed into the darkness and the principalities. We, as believers, should be behind him and encouraging him to press on in the truth of the Word and even more as we see the day approaching. As we, the Church, rally behind him we will press further and greater into the darkness to spread the truth and light of Christ. Christ is being lifted up in our Church. The more we lift Christ up the more Christ will draw people to himself. Let us be in prayer, let us be in submission to the authority over us and let us strive to lift each other up as we join in this battle for speaking the Truth of the Gospel. Let us continue to affirm our Pastor even after this month is over. I believe that Pastor Luke could blow the roof off the sanctuary if we would begin to understand what we can do to affirm him all year. We have no idea the fire the Lord has in Luke but as we continue to confirm Pastor during his preaching we would see it being poured out. Pray for Pastor Luke daily and see what the Lord will do in your heart and Pastor's heart.



Our Youth Ministry Director serving our most interesting human species on the planet "The Youth." Heather is impacting the lives of our youth in our community and Church with the Gospel of Christ.

Our Children's Minister, Mollie, needs all the encouragement she can as she works with the teensy ones. We have no future Church if we have no children being trained up in the Lord.

We as a Church are all ministers and pastors to those around us. Let us live out in our lives in the truth of Hebrews 3:13 "encourage each other daily, while it is still called today so that none of you is hardened by sin's deception."

Appreciation = the recognition and enjoyment of the good qualities of someone.

~ Seth

Join us for Life Action Ministry's Men's Momentum Retreat in Buchanan, Michigan October 23rd-25th – Cost \$100

Men's Momentum takes place at the beautiful Life Action Camp in Buchanan Michigan. Cost includes



meals while at the conference. Departure time will be on Friday, October 23rd at 10am and we'll be back in Aledo on the Sunday, Oct. 25th in the early evening. If you have questions, see Pastor Luke. Sign up on Sunday's Connection Card.

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Dear Pastor Seth and brothers & sisters in Christ, Thanks so very, very much for your great and beautiful labor of love at our hog roast!

You all did an extremely beautiful job of serving so cheerfully and diligently! We truly could not have done it that night without all your great voluntary service.

Thanks indeed to each of you. Again, we are truly grateful for all your beautiful labors of love. With our carry outs and 30 clients here, we served about 500 meals that evening! Thanks again for all your wonderful help serving!

Dave Scholl,

Mission Director - Galesburg Rescue Mission

- Pastor Seth would like to challenge the church to serve at this event every year. He is also planning to return in 2 months. See him to sign up.

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HEALTH & WELL BEING

Bob Stendfeldt, Tyler Wood, Ed Nesbit, Family of Chad Wolf, Doris Dewey, Family of Dave Lawson, Carol Schaefer, Family of Sadie Plunkett, Ellen Hedger, Jack Ruska, Diane & Bub Lundeen, Darren Rind, Emily Blaser, Chris LeClere & Baby Merrick, Stormie Bigger, Vickie Korn, Janet Lomelino, Jaid, Roger & Janet Mueller, Joyce Mizner, Janet Rind, RaeAnn Latko, Dave Duncan, Jail Ministry, Amber Smock, Ethel Welch, Jim Earl, Jennifer Franks, Krista Bear, Shelly Upson, & Carolyn Hanson

NURSING HOME

Aldus Gridley & Ron Rhine

MISSIONARIES & MILITARY

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

OTHER CONCERNS

The church & all decisions