



Faith *news*

First Baptist Church
July 2016

Love Christ. Think Biblically.

Calendar of Events

Ministry Think Tank
Men-7:30am/Women 9am followed by
Women's Retreat Planning Session
7.2

*CE/Outreach Meeting-11:30am
7.3

Happy 4th of July! Office Closed
7.4

Have a New Kid by Friday-6pm-7:30pm
Class runs through August 21st
7.10

Church Council Meeting-7pm
7.12

Quarterly Business Meeting-11:45am
7.17

J.O.Y. Circle-7pm
7.26

Baptism Sunday-8am & 10:15am
5th Sunday Potluck-11:30am
7.31

Pastor's Perspective

Somehow, while we weren't looking, the world changed. In the blink of an eye, we became instantly and constantly connected through cell phones and the internet. Actually it happened a little slower than that, it just feels like everything changed overnight. Regardless of how long it took, or whether or not it is a good thing, or how much we like it or dislike it, the reality is that we are able to communicate instantly to almost anyone through text, email, facebook, not to mention twitter, Instagram, snapchat, and a host of other "social networks." I put social networks in parentheses because the name "social" in my opinion is misleading, because the more we use technology to connect, the less social we become. Just consider that in the span of a decade our communication technology has exploded, but in the same span of time so has our disunity as a nation. We are more divided than we've ever been since the civil war. I'm not going to go into that issue too much farther. I think it's worth thinking about, but what I really want to address is the value of connecting in meaningful relationships that adds great value to our lives. Our church motto is: Love Christ and Think Biblically. The first part of that is extremely important. Our connection to Christ keeps everything else in our lives balanced. It is implied that by loving Christ we would inherently love one another, but maybe that needs to be stated so we don't accidentally miss the point. Love Christ, Love One Another, and Think Biblically. If we make that our mission, it has huge implications for how we think and act as a church. On the church level it means we will teach the Bible, and lead people into meaningful acts of worship and service. On the personal level it means we will seek a relationship with our Lord, study His Word and care for other people. It's the care for others that I'm interested in at this point. How do we do that?

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Collide Youth News

God has been taking me on a journey the past few years in my position here at First Baptist as the Youth Ministry Director. As I have been studying youth ministry more in depth, through my master's degree program, there is one thing that is ringing loud and clear to me; youth ministry is changing. At least, in my opinion, it needs to change. Youth ministry can't be thought of the same any longer if it's really going to be effective. Youth ministry leaders have to choose to start doing things differently if we really want to be an asset to the church.

This is why I want to ask you to embrace change with me. I'm asking you to join with me to be the catalysts for change in the youth ministry world. Here are my suggestions for the changes and shifts in thinking that need to be made in order for youth ministry to thrive and flourish in the local church.

1. The whole church must embrace its youth. We must adopt our children into the family of God, becoming their spiritual mentors and support system in the faith.
2. Families must take seriously the role as their child's primary spiritual nurturer, living out the principles found in Duet 6:7 and the church must come around them to support them in this process. Fathers must rise up to be the spiritual leaders in their homes. Youth ministers of the future must understand their role is not merely to minister to students, but to co-champion with the parents in the spiritual development of their child.
3. The older generations of the church can no longer view themselves as unimportant to the younger generations of the church or unable

to minister to them. The younger generations need the wisdom and guidance of experienced adults and mentors. The older generations need to be with the youth, when they are, the church is revitalized and encouraged.

4. The primary purpose for the existence of youth ministry can no longer be viewed as an environment that is supposed to be fun, attractive or optional. It is a spiritual training ground for young people, coming alongside of the family to spiritually nourish and equip their children.
5. The question parents must ask their child after coming home from youth group, Sunday school or any other youth event must not be, "did you have fun," as if that was the gauge for if a child should stay connected or not, but instead ask the question, "what did you learn about God?" Knowing the primary purpose of the youth ministry is not to entertain their child, but to train them up spiritually, connect them to adult mentors and create a place for them to gain good, Godly friendships.

Pray for me as we make this shift in the youth ministry. It will take the whole church to buy into this new way of thinking, but I think it is absolutely essential and we need your help in order to make it happen.

In Christ's Love, Heather Q.



Upcoming Collide Youth Events

- **Summer Activities** – Gaga ball will be Tuesdays from 3-4pm. We also play Ultimate Frisbee every Wednesday from 1:30-3pm.
- **Student and parent seminar** – The Truth About Sex” DVD teaching from Mark Gungor, with discussion. Seminar will be offered twice for families. Sunday, July 24th at 3:30pm OR Sunday, August 21st at 6pm in the Youth Room. Youth and their parents are encouraged to attend. Sign up on today's Connection Card.
- **Youth Sunday is Sunday, August 7th** – Come and support our students! They will lead both the 8am and 10:15am service.
- **Parent and Student Lunch** – Sunday, August 28th in Fellowship Hall. Meal provided. Come hear what's in store for the youth ministry this upcoming year.
- **Collide Kicks off this fall!** – Mark your calendars for the first week of September and get ready! Details coming soon!

2016 WEEKLY INFORMATION CENTER

Date	Nursery	Kids Club Worship	Greeters
7/3/16	Betty Williams, Janet Rind & Grace Buttgen	Sarah Kellett, Shay & Lisa Litwiler, Mollie and Maddie	Linus & Cathy Griswold, Monica Dennison
7/10/16	Betty Williams, Ronda Moffitt, & Veronica Moffitt	Tina McCaw, Beth & Cora Whitenack, Paul & Kendal Hedrick, & Mollie	John & Sherry Huffstutler & Jeanne Barber
7/17/16	Betty Williams, Paul Hedrick & Susan Potthast	Shannon Sedam, Haley & Josh Johnson, Todd Baldwin & Mollie	Paul & Cara Svoboda Troy Riddell
7/24/16	Betty Williams, Vivian Kopp, & Diane Hessman	Felicia Bonyng & Cimion Norwick, Barb Nesbitt & Mollie	Bill & Marsha Loving Rodrigo Quiroz
7/31/16	Betty Williams, Sharon Moffitt, & Bryce Moffitt	Jenny Dixon & Blair, Steph, Terry & Cassidy Leonard	Paul & Kay Hedrick Gene & Krista Bear

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 **10:00am** 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 of the Month for July: Paul Svoboda

Prayer Team Assignments:

- July 3rd – Kay Hedrick, MaryLee Finch, Peggy Johnson, Vickie Korn & Laurie Louck
- June 10th – Jeanne Barber, Drue & Perry Baugher, Lonnie Maynard & Sherry Huffstutler
- July 17th – Deb & Dave VanderHeyden, Troy Riddell, Vickie Korn & Laurie Louck
- July 24th – Tina McCaw, Shelly Snyder, Eldon Cirks & Lonnie Maynard
- July 31st – Volunteer Rotation

Weekly Attendance & Offering

DATE	6/5/16	6/12/16	6/19/16	6/26/16
8 AM	67	78	76	72
10 AM	256	210	232	313
TOTAL	323	288	308	385

Date	6/5/16	6/12/16	6/19/16	6/26/16
Current Expense	\$8,618.38	\$7,329.68	\$9,188.29	\$8,190.00
Building Fund/Mem.	\$250.00	\$811.00	\$103.00	\$10,650.00
Benevolence	\$2,794.16	\$1,009.00	\$321.00	\$1,949.68
Total	\$11,662.54	\$9,149.68	\$9,612.29	\$20,789.68

****Weekly offering needed to meet 2016 budget - \$8,467.11**

Kid's Club Ministry



July News—Kids Club Ministry

A few years ago my sister and I decided that we were going to train for a full marathon (26.2 miles). We had been running for a few years at that point and we were well aware of the hard work involved in getting ready to complete a marathon well. We had to set a plan in motion and follow through each step. We researched and chose a training plan that worked for each of us, we disciplined ourselves to do exactly what the training program laid out for us, we chose a race to run in, made our travel arrangements, and set a goal for our time. While we did all of these things, it wasn't perfect. I pulled a muscle before the race, Luke was unable to be there due to an unavoidable ministry conflict, my sister felt sick for the first 21 miles, and we had to throw our time out the window just to get her to the finish line. With all of this said, however, we truly did our best under the circumstances. We made a plan, we followed through, and we persevered even though it wasn't easy. There were no regrets on my part and I proudly display my 26.2 sticker in my office.

Training for a marathon is a lot like parenting. Doing it well isn't for the light hearted and there's serious training involved, for both the parents and the children! Circumstances won't always be perfect but if you have a plan of action for correcting ungodly and disrespectful behavior, your whole family will honor God and finish strong. The one thing that has worked in our favor through our early parenting years is being consistent. Can you imagine how poorly I would have done in that marathon if I had not consistently trained? Do you think I would have finished strong? No! As parents we have to lay down our expectation for our children and tell them why those expectations are important. Then when they choose to disobey, we have to point it out patiently (every time), and deliver an appropriate consequence (every time) so they know they can't get away with those behaviors (at any time). We won't be perfect and our kids won't be either, but when we train ourselves and our kids well, the end result has lasting results.

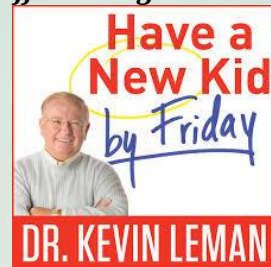
If you still have kids at home or if you provide care for your grandchildren, you don't want to miss our summer **Sunday Night Remix from July 10th-August 21st at 6pm** called **"Have a New Kid by Friday" by Dr. Kevin Leman**. He discusses how to disciple, train, discipline, and place appropriate expectations on your kids. Sign-up through the church office & invite some friends who could benefit from his expert advice. Childcare is provided for infants-6th graders. Hope you can attend! It'll be worth it! Enjoy the summer! ~Mollie

Heads Up!

Fall Session Kids Club: Kids Club starts September 7th on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm for kids ages 3-5th grade. Mark it on your calendar. More details to come!

****A reminder from the Nursery Staff** – Please make sure your child's name is on your diaper bag if you are bringing it to the nursery. We get many bags at one time and want to make sure we have the right bag for the right child.
Thanks!

Register for this upcoming class!
Have a new Kid by Friday Class begins Sunday, July 10th-August 21st from 6-7:30pm.
Free Childcare provided. Class is free. Call the church office to register at 582-7812.



"Want a kid without the attitude? Without the behavior that makes you slink away in the grocery store and pretend you're not the parent? If you're tired of defiant attitudes and power struggles with your little ankle biters or the disrespectful hormone group attend this class and you can have a new kid by Friday." Kevin Leman-

**Thank you to everyone who helped us in any way at VBS! We had great week! Your time, donations, & services were greatly appreciated!~Mollie*



Women's Ministry & Upcoming Events

Women's Ministry



Women's Ministry Think Tank— Saturday, July 2nd at 9am in the -Enon Room. Everyone is invited to these meetings. The Women's Retreat Planning Meeting follows the Think Tank Meeting.

5th Sunday Potluck—Everyone is invited to our Potluck Sunday, July 31st in Fellowship Hall following the 10:15am service. Table service and drinks will be provided. Watch for signup sheets.

Single Sister Outing - All single ladies (ages 18 years and older) are invited to travel with us to Lake Storey in Galesburg to see the Galesburg Balloon Race on Saturday, July 30th. We will leave the First Baptist Church parking lot at 4:30 pm. Please bring food for yourself for a picnic and 1 item to share. We will be back to Aledo around 10-10:30 pm. Questions, see Pam Spangler.



Be Refreshed at Lavender Springs Spa

Yes, this spa-themed getaway is as relaxing and refreshing as it sounds! Get away from the busyness of life as you relax with friends, share laughter and stories, and spend time with God. Join us at our Lavender Springs Spa retreat to experience all this and more!

One Day Retreat - Saturday, August 20th
9am-4pm
At First Baptist Church Aledo
(8:30am check in)

Cost of the retreat is \$25
Due at time of registration
Registration runs
July 17th to July 31st
(make checks payable to FBC Aledo)
Childcare is not provided.



Lavender Springs Spa Women's Retreat

At FBC Saturday, August 20th from 9am-4pm. Cost is \$25 and registration is July 17th-July 31st. Childcare not provided.

Upcoming Events & Items of Note!

FBC Educational Scholarship - Educational scholarship applications will be available for FBC members. The application will be in the lobby on Sunday, July 10th. The deadline to have the applications in is noon Sunday, July 31st.

CE/Outreach Meeting— Sunday, July 3rd at 11:30am in Mollie's Office.

Church Council & Church Business Meeting— Council Meets July 12th at 7pm Quarterly Business meeting is Sunday, July 17th following the 10:15am service.

El Salvador Mission Trip
January 31st-February 6th, 2017.
Want more information, sign up on Sunday's Connection Card.

Baptism Sunday is July 31st
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 31st at the 8am or 10am worship service.

Pastor Seth is starting a new Sunday School Class on Sunday, July 10th at 9am. -Class: Meat - For Growing Christian. Sign up on Sunday's Connection Card.

It's a Bridal Shower For Brooke!

You're Invited! - Please join us for a bridal shower in honor of Brooke Nelson - Saturday, July 16th, 2016 at 10 AM at First Baptist Church Aledo. A light breakfast will be served. The bride is registered at: Bed Bath and Beyond & Target.

Thank You!

Dear Church Family & Friends: It is from the heart that I want to thank all of you for your prayers, thoughts and cards as I continue to recover from my back surgery. It is in God's hands and I know it will come out just fine. (Jenny, the lasagna was great!) God bless you all, Stew Klink



CHURCH CALENDAR



Birthdays

Jeremy Miller	July 1
Joe Ham	July 1
Bill Smock	July 3
Scott Williams	July 5
Carroll Franks	
Lydia Clark	
Sadie Bonynge	July 6
	July 8
Veronica Moffitt	
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
	July 14
Collier Buttgen	July 15
Tanner Hessman	July 16
	July 17
Gordon W. Cooper	July 17
Grace Buttgen	July 18
Kelly Higgins	
Mindi Schultz	
Kelli Koch	
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

Ken & Laurie Berthel
Kurt & Renee Diesch

Stewart & Jan Klink
Brian & Monica Dennison

Claude & Eloise Moreland

Mike & Kathy Sponsler

Brock & Dawn Huffstutler



**Join us for First Baptist Church
Praise in Central Park Family Festival!
Coming Sunday, September 4th!**

Praise & Worship—FREE Lunch—

Music, Water Inflatables (kids, bring your swimsuits)!

Family Photo Booth Fun! Kona Ice! Bags Tournament!

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 10:15am.
- FREE lunch under the pavilion following the worship service.
- Music by Faith Froemming (Blue Grass Band)



Coming Soon!
Wednesday Night Live Classes at FBC
Wednesday, Sept. 7th-November 16th
6:30-8pm each Wednesday
Classes for all ages. Stay tuned for class details.

Men's Ministry & A Word From Pastor Seth

● Men in Ministry Think Tank Meeting

Held the 1st Saturday of every month at 7:30am in the Enon Room. These meetings will be used to brainstorm ideas for studies and events that will be happening in Men's Ministry. All men are invited to join us for the Think Tank Meetings. If you have questions about Men's Ministry, see Pastor Luke or Pastor Seth. The next Think Tank Meeting is Saturday, July 2nd at 7:30am.

● Men's Bags Tournament

All men are invited to join us at the back lawn of the church Sunday, Aug. 7th at 6pm for a Bags Tournament. We will be grilling out and having a great time! Call the church office at 582-7812 to register.



(Pastor Luke's Article Continued from Page 1) - The first thing we have to understand about caring for others is that, as a Christian, I believe the greatest need anyone has is to know Jesus Christ personally and trust him as Lord and Savior. The simplest thing we can do to care for others is to invite them to church if they don't already attend a church. Next we need to invite people within the church to connect in groups and at events. General announcements are fine, and we need to do them, but people respond best to personal invitations. So, think about who you would like to see join your Sunday School class, Bible Study, outing, choir or event and invite them. The more connected people become, the more likely they will feel led to volunteer, which leads me to the final point of connection... membership. A lot of times people don't know why membership is important. In fact, often times people resist membership because it seems unnecessary and perhaps even disagreeable. But the point of membership is twofold. On the one hand it is a statement that a person is fully committed and in complete agreement with our church. On the other hand it removes any possible restriction for service within our church. It is thrilling to see more than a dozen people come forward for membership last month, and I just want to encourage everyone to... connect. In Christ, Pastor Luke

A word from Pastor Seth

"The disciples went and did as Jesus instructed them." Matthew 21:16

My children are always sharing the truth from their hearts and perspective. I love how it's so profound, simple and beautiful.

It was Saturday night before Father's Day, my daughter Natalie was talking about the surprises they had for me the next day. Of course, she was not telling me the surprises but just rubbing it in that she knew something I didn't. She told me I would love what I was getting for Father's Day. She then got really quiet and started thinking. With a shout she said "I know what we can get God for Father's Day!" My wife and I both said "what" at the same knowing this was going to be good. She said "we can give God our praises tomorrow at church and I'm sure He loves to hear them."

I love these snapshots of beauty. Knowing our heavenly Father is so good and loving and perfect. Are we ready to give him some praise within our hearts? I know He loves to hear them. Bring it!

Start praising now – don't wait for Sunday. ~Pastor Seth

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NURSING HOME

Kathryn Baugher & Carolyn Hanson

MISSIONARIES & MILITARY

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

OTHER CONCERNS

The church & all decisions