

First Baptist Church of Aledo



June Newsletter

Pastor's Corner

"As the rain and the snow come down from heave, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth; it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." ~ Isaiah 55:10-11

Words are extremely important. What we communicate and how we communicate make a big difference in people's lives. God's Word is life-giving, as we consider it was by His Word that He created everything that exists, and by His Word that it is sustained. His Word is life-saving, since Jesus is declared to be the incarnation of the Word of God, and proclaims His life, death and resurrection to be the Gospel (good news) that forgives sins and saves souls. We are ambassadors of Christ and proclaimers of His Word to a lost and broken world. So, words are very important. Which brings me to an exciting and important issue for First Baptist. We are changing the way we communicate in the very near future. Most of the changes won't be earth-shattering, but we hope that they will all be an improvement and beneficial for everyone as we seek to communi-

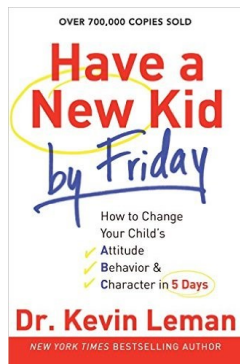
cate both the Gospel, and the ministry of the church in a more effective way. Denise Bowker has been working on a new website for First Baptist that will be unveiled very soon. The website will have the same address, so nothing new or different will need to be done on your end, but we hope that it will be more user friendly and helpful. Along with the website will be a mobile app (for smart phone users). On the mobile app you will get a daily Scripture or devotion alert, as well as sermon podcasts, event reminders, and a giving option. The mobile app should bear available a week or two after the website goes live. I am really excited about the mobile app, and hope it will be a great blessing to everyone who utilizes a smart phone. On a less technological level, we will also

be changing some of the ways we communicate within the church. The bulletin will be changing, with a more simplified and visually interesting layout, thanks to Pam's creative efforts. And since the bulletin will have only basic information about upcoming events, we will be posting the details on various bulletin boards around the foyer. So, we hope all these changes will be a blessing as we seek to communicate more effectively for your benefit and God's glory, since it is the primary role of the church to communicate God's Word to all creation.

In Christ,
Pastor Luke

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Save the dates—July Sunday Night Remix!

All parents are invited to this great video series during the month of July by Dr. Kevin Leman & hosted by Pastor Seth Bowker @ FBC. Beginning July 3rd through July 31st every Sunday at 6pm.

Have a New Kid by Friday shows parents how to reverse negative behavior in their children--fast! With his signature wit and encouragement, Dr. Leman offers hope and real, practical, doable strategies for regaining control and becoming the parents you've always wanted to be.

Childcare is provided for infants-6th grade. Sign up on Sunday's Connection Card or call the church office at 582-7812.



**Collide
Summer
Events are
now
happening!**

**Collide is for
youth grades
6th-12th!
Come join us!**

“Hey Heather, can I get some of those little booklets you have that help us share the gospel? I want to share the gospel with my friend.”

“Absolutely! I’ll go to my office to grab some for you now.”

When I came back to hand these booklets to this brave student they told me, “Heather, I realized that if I don’t start sharing my faith with the people in my school, they are going to go to hell.” I told this student they were absolutely right and I was so proud of them for taking a huge step of faith by showing great courage to bring the gospel to their classmates.

It’s moments like this where I have to pause and say, thank you Lord. Thank you that you are working mightily in the lives of teenagers. Thank you that you are speaking to them and they are listening to your voice. It’s moments like this that give me great joy.

There will be many activities going on this summer for students to stay connected. Starting in June we’ll kick off with Gaga ball, Ultimate Frisbee and JH student conference. The mission trip is in August and the high school conference this year is in July.

Please don’t forget to RSVP to the Collide Prayerforce dinner on June 12th if you received an invitation, or for the incoming 6th graders initiation lunch at my house on June 2nd, noon at 203 SE 5th St in Aledo. Also, if you’re an incoming 9th grader join us for a bonfire on June 17th from 6:30-8pm with hot dogs and games here at First Baptist. Many Blessings, Heather Q.

Upcoming Collide Youth Summer Events!



Youth Selling Rhubarb Pie by the slice - Support our youth and stop by the Central Park Pavilion on Friday, June 3rd for a slice of rhubarb pie.

Incoming 6th graders Collide Initiation!- Thursday, June 2nd Noon-1pm at Heather's house. For any and all incoming 6th graders. We'll eat Tacos, hangout and you'll get to meet some other Collide students. Please RSVP to Heather at collideyouthministry@gmail.com or text 217-552-5253 if you're coming!

Summer Activities kick off in June!- First Gaga ball will be Tuesday, June 14th from 3-4pm and every Tuesday following. Then Ultimate Frisbee will every Wednesday starting June 15th from 1:30-3pm.

HS and JH Summer Conferences!- HS "Move Conference" July 25-29th cost \$145 (normally \$289, but church pays half) only 12 students can go. Forms can be found at the connection center. To reserve a spot please turn in registration form with a \$50 non-refundable deposit.

Incoming Freshman Party - Bonfire for incoming freshman, 6:30- 8pm Friday, June 17th at First Baptist Church. There will be food and games! Come meet some high school students at Collide and bring a friend! RSVP to Heather at 217-552-5253.

2016 WEEKLY INFORMATION CENTER

Date	Nursery	Kids Club Worship	Greeters
6/5/16	Betty Williams, Vivian Kopp, Maddie Dunn	Brooke, Joe & Caleb Loving, Denise Bowker, Haley & Josh Johnson	Lonnie & Cindy Maynard, & Shay Litwiler
6/12/16	Betty Williams, Ronda Moffitt & Veronica Moffitt	Nadine Coulter, Alison Lafever, Jason & Brady Connell, Brian Rind	Anita & Halie Parkinson & Charlie Douglas
6/19/16	Betty Williams, Lisa Clawson & Crystal Clark	Denise Kelly, Kelly Higgins, Eli Kelly & Shannon Sedam	Mike & Kathy Sponsler & Paul & Cara Svoboda
6/26/16	Betty Williams, Sharon & Bryce Moffitt	VBS Program-No Kids Club Worship	Bill & Arlene Bewely & Janet Rind

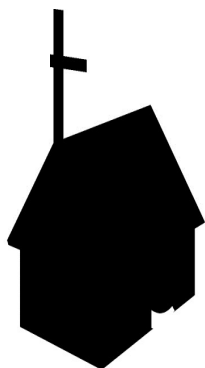
If you are unable to serve the day you are scheduled in the Nursery, please make arrangements in advance to switch with another person on the schedule. Please contact **Ronda Moffitt, Nursery Coordinator, for all concerns on her Cell:(309) 371-3021**. Thank you! **Kids Club Worship**—PLEASE come to the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

Weekly Attendance & Offering



DATE	5/1/16	5/8/16	5/15/16	5/22/15	5/29/16
8 AM	82	57	70	73	94
10 AM	208	255	262	203	233
TOTAL	290	312	332	276	327



Date	5/1/16	5/8/16	5/15/16	5/22/15	5/29/16
Current Expense	\$10,448.20	\$7,583.32	\$9,402.72	\$7,720.00	\$7,858.59
Building Fund/Mem.	\$435.00	\$36.00	\$222.00	\$299.00	\$40,699.27
Benevolence	\$556.00	\$649.00	\$259.00	\$297.00	\$258.00
Total	\$11,439.20	\$8,268.32	\$9,883.72	\$8,316.00	\$48,815.86

June News—Kids Club Ministry



If you have kids at home, school is finally out and hopefully you can stop a moment and breath. Hopefully you've scheduled some time this summer to just relax with your family and enjoy one another. While we've relaxed our church schedule this summer, too, we still have a few things you don't want to miss at FBC!

Cave Quest Vacation Bible School is right around the corner during the week of **June 20th-24th from 9am-noon for kids ages 3-5th grade graduates.** We have a great crew of adult volunteers already, but if you have a Jr. Volunteer who has completed 6th grade and would like to serve, they can sign-up by June 5th. Please grab a Jr. Serve Form at Kids Corner or you can find it on our church website or on our "First Baptist

Children's Ministry" Facebook page. Details are on the form. We aren't accepting walk-in helpers this year so please plan ahead if your pre-teens or teens would like to participate.

For the next two weeks we'll also have a **VBS snack sign-up** at Kids Corner in the church foyer. Please check out our list to see if there's anything you would like to donate. We're also accepting monetary donations that you can turn into the church office any time before VBS. Checks can be written out to "FBC" with "VBS Snacks" in the memo. Don't worry if you don't have kids in VBS. We'll entertain you on **Sunday, June 26th during our 10:15am service at our VBS program.** Then come out later that day for a swim from 6-8pm at the Aledo pool for a family swim date.

I'm also very excited about the summer **Sunday Night Remix** during the month of **July on Sundays at 6pm** called **"Have a New Kid by Friday" by Dr. Kevin Leman.** If you still have kids at home or if you provide care for your grandchildren, this will be worth your time. He discusses how to disciple, train, discipline, and place appropriate expectations on your kids. Sign-up through the church office. Childcare is provided for infants-6th graders. Enjoy the summer! *Mollie*

What's Up in Ministry

Sunday School Promotion- June 5th: Kids going into the following grades will promote on June 5th: 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, & 9th. Pre-k through 6th grade classes will go to their regular locations on June 5th, have a party with their class, and meet their new teachers. They will start attending their new classes the following week.



Save-the-Date: VBS "Cave Quest" is June 20th-24th from 9am-noon for kids ages 3-5th grade graduates. Registration forms can be found at Kids Corner in the lobby. Also, everyone is welcome to join us Sunday, June 26th from 6-8pm at the Aledo Public Pool for a family swim.

Blackhawk Baptist Camp: Check out Kids Corner or our FB page to learn more about church camp for your kids. FBC scholarships half tuition so it's worth checking it out!

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!



Women's Ministry



Women's Ministry Think Tank Moved to June 11th - Saturday, June 11th at 9am in the Enon Room. All ladies are invited to attend.

Retreat Planning Meeting – Women's retreat leadership planning meeting is Saturday, June 11th at 10:30am in the Enon Room.

J.O.Y. Circle—All ladies are invited to JOY Circle (Jesus, Others, Yourself)—Tuesday, June 28th at 7pm in the Enon room.

Ladies Night Out in June —Tuesday, June 14th at 6pm at the Aledo Depot—catered meal & craft. Dinner Cost will be \$15, \$25 for dinner and craft. Watch for sign up.

Single Sisters Outing for June—All the Single Sisters are invited to join us for Ladies Night Out at the Aledo Depot on Tuesday, June 14th. See detailed ticket information below.



All ladies are invited to join us at 6pm at the Aledo Depot on Tuesday, June 14th for Ladies Night out. This will be a fun and entertaining evening. The cost to attend this FBC Women's Ministry event is \$15 for dinner only, \$25 for dinner and a craft. Jenny Dixon will be selling tickets after each service through June 5th. Last date to buy a ticket is Sunday, June 5th.

Save the Date!


Lavender Springs
spa
WHERE WOMEN REST IN GOD'S FAITHFULNESS
A One Day Women's Retreat
@ First Baptist Church, Aledo
Saturday, August 20th, 9am to 4pm
For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. (Psalm 100:5 ESV)

*Please Note—Child Care will not be provided during the retreat. Retreat registration will begin July 17th.

What's Coming Up!



Communion Sunday—

June 5th is Communion Sunday it is also the Sunday that we ask you to bring an item for the Mercer County Food Pantry. Leave it in the grey tote in the lobby.

Men's Bags Tournament — Sunday, June 5th at 6pm. Call the church office at 582-7812 if you'd like to participate.

Deacon Meeting— Tuesday, June 7th at 7pm.

Trustee Meeting— Sunday, June 12th following the 10:15am service.

Decision America Tour - Franklin Graham is coming to the Capitol building in Springfield on Tuesday, June 14th for his Decision America Tour. FBC will be carpooling down to Springfield to participate in this event! The event is free, the only expense will be lunch somewhere along our route to Springfield. We will be leaving the FBC parking lot at 8am and be back home around 5pm. Please call the church office - 582-7812 or sign up on the Connection Card if you are interested in attending this event.

Cave Quest Vacation Bible School — Here June 20th-24th from 9am to noon. See Kids Club news for details.

Pastor Luke, Tim and I want to thank you for the Bibles...Wow, what a tremendous blessing. We are very excited to share your gift with our brothers and sisters in Uganda and Keyna. Please know how much we appreciate your very timely gift. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! In Christ, Andrea & Tim Wells



Church Calendar will be on this page

Birthdays

Coleman Buttgen	June 1
Carrie Ham	June 5
Matthew VanderHeyden	June 6
Bob Stenfeldt	June 8
Cora Whitenack	June 9
Ty Schweningen	June 10
Gary Schrock	June 10
niger	
Kathryn Baugher	
Monte Bottens	
Christopher Douglas	June 11
Lane McCaw	
Mike Bowns	
Daryl Bewley	June 12
Monica Dennison	June 13
Tiana McCaw 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
	June 21
	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

Darren & Janet Rind
Wayne & Lindsay Schwe-

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

Rodrigo & Heather Quiroz



Congratulations 2016 Graduates!

8th Grade Graduates from Mercer County Jr. High School
Tyler Campbell, Taylor Hessman, Elijah Kelly, Trenton Magedanz, Veronica Moffitt & Clayton Nelson



Mercer County High School Graduates
Madison Coulter, Corey Cox, Breanna Elliott, Katie Hanson, Brandon Hedrick, David Hofmann, Mallory Moffitt, Jordan Monson & Sydnie Marie Thomas

Orion High School Graduate
Keely Heinrichs

Sherrard High School Graduate
Mikayla Young

Savanna High— Missouri
Jack McKay

College Graduates
Christopher Douglas—Southern Illinois University Carbondale-Doctorate of Philosophy, Matt Griswold-University of Illinois & Courtney Leslie-Iowa State University

Save the Date!
Praise in the Park coming in September!

Early heads up that First Baptist's Praise in the Park Family Fest will be Sunday, September 4th in Aledo's Central Park. We will begin at 10am and have Praise and Worship, followed by a delicious free lunch and musical entertainment. We will once again have water inflatables for kids of all ages. Mark your calendar and invite your friends and family to this fun event!



A Note from Pastor Seth

Next man up or next person, this is a Football motto, t-shirt, book and way of life for some team members. The “Next Man Up” motto teaches players that they will get their chance to play or shine when the starting person gets hurt, gets sick or just needs a break. The motto comes with the mindset “be ready” to do your best when the coach calls on you to go into the game.



This motto is perfectly demonstrated in this story about my son Jadon. I was heading out to visitation for Jim Earl. My wife and son were talking about where I was going. My wife explained that dad was going to visit with the family of Jim Earl. She explained, Jim was a man that had traveled all over the world telling people about Jesus. Now Jim has gone home to be with Jesus and live with Jesus in Heaven. My son instantly got excited. He told us he was going to go to bed tonight and read his entire Bible so he could take over Jim’s job. I laughed and admired his cuteness. But in that small statement from my son I saw his heart. Ready to serve the Lord! Ready to be the next man up! Then conviction came from the Lord: 1) Are we prepared to say “here I am”? 2) Are we ready to be the next one God sends? The preparation or equipping to serve the Lord is usually on the job training. Aligning my attitude for service to the Almighty starts first with saying “Yes Lord I’m yours.” Serving God selflessly or without a superiority complex is going to be the challenge. Joy comes when we can serve God simply because it’s an honor to serve and not because we want glory. The sending isn’t always a faraway land. God might be sending you downstairs to help with the Children’s Church or shaking hands with a visitor or taking up the offering. No matter what it is, God is simply looking for the next person up who says “Here I am! Send me.”

Isaiah 6:8 ~ Seth

New Sunday School Class “The Covenant” with Pastor Seth Begins June 12th

“The Covenant is an exhilarating journey,” won’t you join us? The Covenant serves as the foundation for everything we believe. Our whole understanding of salvation, identity, holiness, healing, worship and deliverance are all based on this platform called the Covenant. This class is held at 9am in the lower level, Collide Room F and is taught by Pastor Seth.



Things are Happening in the FBC Men’s Ministry

- **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. Due to Rhubarb Fest, our next meeting is being moved to Saturday, June 11th. If you have questions about Men’s Ministry, see Pastor Luke or Pastor Seth.
- **Men’s Bags Tournament** — On the front lawn of the church Sunday, June 5th at 6pm. All men are invited to participate. Call the church office at 582-7812 to register.



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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