



Faith *news*

First Baptist Church
August 2016

Love Christ. Think Biblically.

Calendar of Events

7.31

Baptism Sunday-8am & 10:15am

5th Sunday Potluck-11:30am

Last chance to register for the Women's Retreat

FBC Scholarship Deadline

8.2

Deacon Meeting-7pm

8.4-8.9

Mercer Co. Serve Youth Mission

8.6

Men's Ministry Think Tank-7:30am

8.7

Youth Sunday/Communion/Food Pantry

El Salvador Mission Info Meeting-11:45am

Nursing Homes Services – 1:30pm

Men's Bags Tournament – 6pm

8.9

Spanish Class begins – 6pm

8.13

Women's Ministry Think Tank-9am

8.14-8.17

FBC Staff Retreat

8.14

Trustee Meeting-11:30am

New Member Sunday-8am & 10:15am

8.20

Lavender Spring Spa Women's Retreat

8.23

J.O.Y. Circle – 7pm Enon Room

8.28

El Salvador Mission Trip Fund Raiser-11:45am

“Back to Basics”

Romans 12:10 says: “Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. “In the month of July my family was blessed to be able to take a couple weeks of vacation, spending half our time in Colorado, and the other half in Michigan. It may not be surprising that we were happy to get home and even cut our time short and came home a day earlier than we initially planned. It’s always good to get away and have some time to get refreshed so we are ready to approach ministry with some new insights, and this trip in particular opened my eyes in ways I wasn’t expecting. I am excited about our church and the ways that we have grown over the years. During the second week of our vacation, we attended family camp at Life Action Camp in Buchanan, Michigan, and at one point I realized that the other five families that were with us had all been at First Baptist less than five years. We’ve nearly doubled in size over the last eight years! That’s amazing! What’s more is that we’ve grown so much spiritually as well. We have a great mission emphasis, we help each other with meals when people are in need, we have grown closer in fellowship, and expanded our Bible studies almost beyond belief. The kids and youth programs are more active and well attended than ever. I can’t even do justice to everything that has grown, improved or been added over the years. My point isn’t to brag about how great FBC is, but to remember that there are a few basic Christian fundamentals that we have to come back to over and over. Two of which are simply evangelism and discipleship. In some ways, I’m embarrassed to say, we haven’t done these two things as well as we could. Part of the reason why is because my philosophy of ministry is more organic when it comes to these areas
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Collide Youth News

Chap Clark in his book, "The Adoptive Youth Ministry" says,

"In terms of youth ministry, where for years the young not only have been seen as a separate population but programmatically arranged to maintain and even reinforce that separation, the only way the church can begin to realize its calling to live as a family is by literally adopting the young."

"As a group, this population (youth ministry students) rarely experiences their relationship with the dominant population of the church or society at large as something to which they belong."

The church must "adopt" its young. This is a challenge for all members of First Baptist Church, to invest, relationally, in the lives of our young, by engaging and mentoring families and supporting every teenagers' faith development. Ask God what your role in this is. It could be to serve on the youth ministry team, drive the bus to pick kids up for church or youth group, join the Collide Prayerforce, help at Fall Retreat, lead Sunday school, a Bible study or offer financial support for a student to go to camp or on another youth trip that will invest in their spiritual growth and development.

Clark also says in his book, *"In traditional-youth ministry we may use the rhetoric of community to describe our practices, and we believe that what we do actually is an expression of Christian community (although limited to peers and a handful of adults), but generally the best we offer is a shallow and generationally limited approximation of what the New Testament treats as normative."* Truth is church, if we want our students faith to stick post graduation, we have to start treating them as the church of today. We have to

look for ways to engage them in the body of Christ, taking their faith to the next level, moving them from spectator to participant, but how do we do this?

My suggestion is through relational engagement. If each person in the church understands their role is to serve as a "youth minister," then our students will understand, first and foremost, they are loved deeply by their church. As the body of Christ gets to know our students, we will have a better idea of where we can plug each one of them in. Truth is, I can't get to know every single student. This is where you, the body of Christ comes in. You play an integral role by engaging our students- taking them to deeper lengths of faith. They need to hear your stories, be challenged by your faithfulness and see the work of God displayed in your life.

Together, as the body of Christ, we have a high calling from God to care for our young. With God's grace, we can accomplish such a feat if we choose to do what might make some of us uncomfortable, but that's the place our faith and our students' faith will grow.

Please do be in prayer and come to me if God places on your Spirit something to do or a way to engage with our youth. Also, please pray for me; pray God would cover me, and the youth ministry team with His grace. Ask God to show me His truth and pray I would be faithful to walk in obedience to it.

Just a reminder Collide kicks off Sept 7th for JH here at the church and Sept 11th for High School at the Whitenack House. There will be an in-depth bible study on Wednesday nights at the church for high school students led by Dave Potthast, on the book of John. In Christ, 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.
- **Mission Serve Mercer County** – Local Youth Mission Trip – Aug. 4th-9th. Also, the youth will lead our Sunday worship services on Sunday, Aug. 7th at 8am and 10:15am. Come support our students!
- **Student and parent seminar** – The Truth About Sex? DVD teaching from Mark Gungor, with discussion. Due to the length of the sessions it will be broke into 2 session. The 1st session was July 24th, the 2nd session will be August 21st at 3:30pm in the youth room. Youth and their parents are encouraged to attend.
- **Prayerforce Training** – All prayerforce members please attend a brief training August 14th or Sept. 18th in the youth room from 11:40am-noon.
- **Parent and Student Lunch DATE CHANGE!**– Sunday, Sept. 11th in Fellowship Hall following the 10:15am service. Meal provided. Come hear what's in store for the youth ministry this upcoming year.
- **Collide Kicks off this fall!** – 6th-8th grade will meet on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 7th from 6:30-8pm at FBC. High School will have Bible study at FBC on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm beginning Sept. 7th. Also, High School will have Collide on Sunday Nights at the Whitenack's home (803 SW 2nd Ave) from 6-7:30pm beginning Sept. 11th.

2016 WEEKLY INFORMATION CENTER

Date	Nursery	Kids Club Worship	Greeters
8/7/16	Betty Williams, Jan Crutcher, Crystal Clark & Maddie Dunn	Denise Bowker, Brooke, Joe & Caleb Loving & Mollie Dunn	Don & Vickie Korn & Monica Dennison
8/14/16	Betty Williams, Ronda Moffitt, Lisa Clawson, & Veronica Moffitt	Kelly Higgins, Janet Rind, Jason & Brady Connell, Maddie & Mollie Dunn	Anita & Halie Parkinson Charlie Douglas
8/21/16	Betty Williams, Marcy Smet, Emily Baldwin	Nadine Coulter, Alison Lafever, Brian Rind & Mollie Dunn	Lonnie & Cindy Maynard Shay Litwiler
8/28/16	Betty Williams, Sharon Moffitt Diane Hessman & Bryce Moffitt	Melissa Struble., Jenny Dixon & Blair Wilkerson, Haley & Josh Johnson & Mollie Dunn	Mike & Kathy Sponsler 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 August: John Huffstutler

Trustee of the Month for August: Paul Svoboda

Prayer Team Assignments:

- August 7 – Kay Hedrick, MaryLee Finch, Peggy Johnson, Vickie Korn & Laurie Louck
- August 14 – Jeanne Barber, Drue & Perry Baugher, Lonnie Maynard & Sherry Huffstutler
- August 21 – Deb & Dave VanderHeyden, Troy Riddell, Vickie Korn & Laurie Louck
- August 28 – Tina McCaw, Jason & Shelly Snyder, Elden Cirks & Lonnie Maynard

Weekly Attendance & Offering

DATE	7/3/16	7/10/16	7/17/16	7/24/16
8 AM	81	73	75	109
10 AM	222	251	177	247
TOTAL	303	324	252	356

Date	7/3/16	7/10/16	7/17/16	7/24/16
Current Expense	\$8,618.80	\$7,762.56	\$8,515.00	\$9,432.66
Building Fund/Mem.	\$225.00	\$800.00	\$469.00	\$275.00
Benevolence	\$1,361.00	\$135.00	\$895.00	\$1,319.50
Total	\$10,204.80	\$8,697.56	\$9,879.00	\$11,027.16

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



Kids Club Ministry



August News- Kids Club Ministry

Last week my family joined five other families from our church and traveled to Life Action Family Camp outside of Buchanan, Michigan. We had so much fun

on the beach, sharing meals, playing games, and making new friends. We didn't just have fun; however, we were there to meet God. Every morning and evening we had worship and lessons that revolved around this summer's camp theme, "Love One More." As believers we were encouraged that no matter what we're doing already, there is always room to "love one more."

I always silently break out into a mini cold sweat when I think of the word "more" like it has the potential to push me over the edge. I like things planned, orderly, and controlled. I don't like feeling stressed or like there's not enough time in the day to accomplish what I've signed up for. As I was listening, however, I realized that I'm possibly not seeing people around me that I could be "loving" because it's not on my list. Ouch, not a good feeling. As I was listening to the various testimonies of people who have opened up safe houses in rough neighborhoods, adopted several kids, or invited people to live with them, I thought about my dad. When I was growing up my dad did some crazy stuff. He was always inviting strangers into our home and picking up random hitch hikers when we had NO empty seats. One day when I was in high school I came home through the backyard and a hippie couple was hanging laundry in our backyard. My dad had picked them up on the highway and brought them home to shower, do laundry, and pitch their tent in our backyard. I didn't always appreciate these acts of kindness but I see now how my dad was just doing his part in "loving one more" even when he didn't have much to give. Loving others doesn't have to be earth shattering to us but a simple act of kindness could be life giving to others AND it's the true testament of our faith. **James 2:14-17** says, "What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead."

(Mollie's Article Continued)

I'm learning that my to-do list of loving others needs to be stretched. I need to stop over thinking and let the Spirit lead me. I need to be willing to be inconvenienced even if I think I'm already doing enough. That mindset is selfish and not of God. One very practical way that God has placed on my heart (as well as others from our church) is serving as a Safe Family. A Safe Family takes in children for a short period of time if their parents are unable to care for them. This ministry loves one more child at a time by meeting a practical need in a desperate time. Not everyone is called to do this but there are some great ways to come along side these families. Here's just a few but very important ways you can "Love one More" in a practical way through this ministry: 1) Support this ministry by donating diapers, pull ups, and Over-Nighters. You'll be saving these families bundles with this simple act of kindness. 2) Most of the kids who come to their Safe Family don't come with much. Wal-Mart has some super cute clothes at great prices. Hit the clearance rack and donate packs of underwear, t-shirts, shorts/pants, socks, etc. Or if you have children at home, consider donating their gently used clothing and shoes that they no longer use. 3) When you see a family at our church with extra kiddos, ask them about it. Check-in on them and ask them if you can babysit, provide a meal for them, or buy something that the kids need. And lastly, 4) If you go through the training, you can become a respite family, which means you can take the kids for a short time (like a weekend) or during a vacation. There are also several items that we would like to have available for families in the Foster Care closet as well. Will you consider purchasing or donating a gently used item of one of the following: Baby gate, pack n' play, infant car seat, booster seat, or an umbrella stroller? *All items may be placed in the Foster Care Closet located in the elevator room in the basement. Please see Pam for more details.

We have such a loving and giving congregation. I'm so excited to see how God blesses each of you as you each step out and "Love One More." Enjoy the rest of the summer! Mollie

What's Up in Kids Ministry

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 & Other General Events



Women's Ministry

Women's Retreat Planning Session– Monday, Aug. 8th at 6:30pm in the Enon Room.

Women's Ministry Think Tank– Saturday, August 13th at 9am in the Enon Room. Everyone is invited to these meetings.



Lavender Spa Retreat Saturday, Aug. 20th from 9am-4pm at FBC. Final day to sign up for the women's retreat is this Sunday, July 31st. We are unable to take sign ups after that date. Cost is \$25. Register at the Women's Ministry table in the lobby or online at www.firstbaptistaledo.com

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. Just bring a dish to share.

Learn to Speak Spanish Class – If you're going to El Salvador on our mission trip and want to communicate better, come to this class on Tuesdays from 6-7:30pm Aug. 9th-Nov. 1st. Taught by Autumn Campbell Gross. Free to attend. Sign up on Sunday's connection card.

Praise Band/Special Music Openings – The praise band is looking for singers and musicians as well as offering music for the 10:15am service. Call JP Kelly at 309-292-2021 if you're interested.

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What I mean is that I believe that discipleship will naturally happen as people engage in worship with Christ-centered Biblical preaching, and meet together in small group Bible studies, serve and have a consistent quiet time with the Lord. And I also believe that the outgrowth of that type of discipleship is that people will naturally share their faith, live their faith in full view of others and invite people to church, which is the evangelism part of the equation. I still believe this is the natural way discipleship and evangelism can happen, but I sense that we need to intentionally focus on making sure they are happening. I have two initiatives that I want to get our church involved with. The first is a one on one discipleship ministry. I won't go into all the details at this point, but the idea is that anyone who would like to "be discipled" will sign up and we will pair them up with someone who will walk them through the fundamentals of the Christian faith. My hope and prayer is that we will do this for every new Christian that God brings to FBC until Jesus returns. The second initiative is called Love Thy Neighbor. As Christians we are called by God to love those in need, and I believe if we really can grasp God's call and God's will in loving others, we will be more aware of how we can also love one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. So we will look for ways to identify who our neighbor is, and what it means to love them with Christ's love. You'll be hearing more about this in the weeks and months ahead, but until then, I encourage you to practice Romans 12:10... Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. In Christ, Pastor Luke

More Upcoming Events & Items of Note!

FBC Educational Scholarship
Educational scholarship applications are available for FBC members. The applications are in the lobby. The deadline to have the application returned is **noon this Sunday, July 31st.**

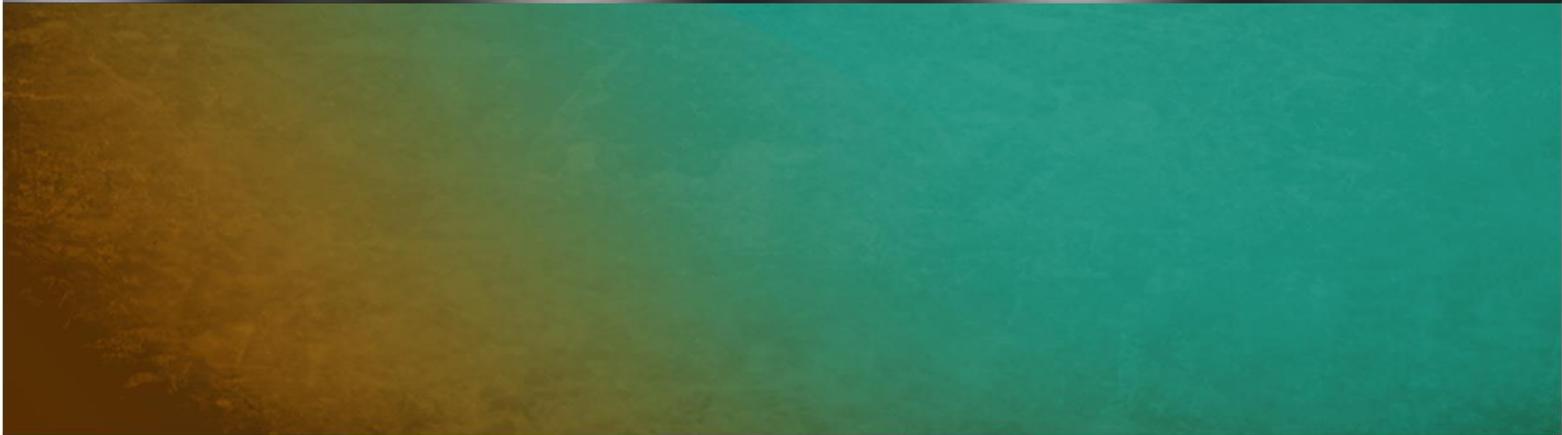
El Salvador Mission Trip
Trip dates are Jan. 31st-Feb. 6th. 2017. If you want more information about this mission trip, come to the informational meeting Sunday, Aug. 7th at 11:40am in the Enon Room.

New Member Sunday
If you have officially joined First Baptist in 2016 whether by baptism, transfer or statement of faith, please plan on joining Pastor Luke on Sunday, Aug. 14th at whichever service you normally attend to be introduced to the church family. It's great to put a face with a name so we can all get to know one another better.

El Salvador Mission Trip Fund Raiser
Please join us Sunday, Aug. 28th at 11:30am in Fellowship Hall for lunch and a pie auction. Lunch cost is by donation. Proceeds benefit the 2017 El Salvador Mission trip.



Your kindness is special and so are you! Thank you for our gifts! The Thomas Kids – Logan and Aidan



Birthday

Alex Duncan	August 1
Brady Connell	
Caleb Smith	August 2
Zane Frick	
Tina McCaw	August 3
Tyce Litwiler	August 5
	August 6
Randy Franks	August 7
Blair Wilkerson	August 8
Audrey Ringle	August 9
Joe Reusch	
	August 11
	August 12
	August 13
Cathy Griswold	
Darlene Mayhew	
Lisa Kellogg	August 14
Bruce Bodeen	
Sharon McCormick	August 16
Evan Clark	
Kale Moreland	August 18
Nat Zunkel	
Kaylee Mohammadi	
Lynzee Mohammadi	
Bethany Cirks	August 20
Connie Mattson	
Jason King	
Lola Buttgen	August 21
Jerry Mattson	
Kathryn Ricke	
Jon Ricke	
Mollie Dunn	August 22
Ron McNall	August 23
Hannah Kellogg	
Brad Franks	August 24
Jodie Andress	
David Potthast	
Robyn Bottens	
Kendell Hedrick	
Ilene Tracy	August 25
Joe Sproston	August 26
Perry Baugher	
Wesley Baker	August 27
Ava Ruggles	
Jarod Spangler	August 28
Erin McConaughy	
Patsy Bewley	
Becky Moffitt	
Bob Schultz	August 29
Mary Schrock	August 30
Pat Gibson	

Anniversary

Bill & Bernice Kelly
Curtis & Karole Franks

Brad & Sheri Olson

Luke & Mollie Dunn
Lonnie & Cindy Maynard
Ed & Mary Schrock



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



****Bring your lawn chair!**

Praise & Worship Service

Followed by a 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 and all other activities begin at noon!

Coming up at First Baptist Aledo! New Fall classes for adults and children. Wednesday Nights Sept. 7th-Nov. 16th from 6:30-8pm.

Adult Classes:

- “Exploring Israel with Pastor Luke”-Open to Everyone
- “Just Show Up” by Kara Tippetts-Women’s Study
- “Act Like Men” by James MacDonald - Men’s Study
- “Men Are Like Waffles & Women are like Spaghetti” by Bill & Pam Farrel – Couples Study

Kids Programs:

- Kids Club for ages 3 years old through 5th grade.
 - Collide Youth Group– 6th-8th grade.
- High School Collide Bible Study for 9th-12th grade.
 - Nursery for 0-2years old.

All classes and programs are FREE!

To register or get more info visit www.firstbaptistaledo.com or call 582-7812.

**Coming in September!!
Wednesday Night Live Classes at FBC
Wednesday, Sept. 7th-November 16th
6:30-8pm each Wednesday**

Men's Ministry & A Word From Pastor Seth

Men's 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, August 6th at 7:30am in the Enon Room.

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.



Fall Men's Momentum at Life Action Camp Buchanan, MI Oct. 28th-Oct. 30th

Pastor Luke will once again be taking a group of FBC men to the Men's Momentum Retreat. Cost is \$100. Cost includes meals while at the conference. Departure time will be on Friday, Oct. 28th at 10am and we'll be back in Aledo on Sunday, Oct. 30th in the early evening. If you have questions, see Pastor Luke or Pastor Seth. Call the church office at 582-7812 to register.

What is Momentum? Men do not thrive on bread alone (although the food is great at a Momentum retreat!) Food, fellowship, and spiritual recharging mark these men's times together. Guests are challenged in their Christian walk, prompting many to make life-changing decisions. We encourage men to lead their families—and ultimately our nation—with deliberate action, resisting the role of passive onlooker. *Note: This retreat is designed for men ages 16 and older.*

A word from Pastor Seth

Growth

I recently weed wacked the yard and in it found some plants I planted and plants I did not. My kid's saw that I purposely left some plants and chopped the rest down. As I finished the yard my daughter was quick to ask me why I left those other plants. I told her that those were tomato plants and I want them to grow. She then said but then what is that other plant you left. I said that is a volunteer corn stalk and dad wanted to see it grow. She screamed "yes" and Jadon quickly said "whooh hoo!" My son said "dad that's corn so we are farmers!" Natalie yelled "We're Rich!"

I know that one plant growing out of the ground was not much to me but was the best part of their night. Seeing their excitement on just a little growth made me laugh. I desire this same thing for others and pray for you all.

Lord help us to see the growth in others and encourage one another. May we see the little sprouts popping up in the Christian lives around us and praise you for the fruit you are producing in our lives. Help us to see that you are continuing to work with each of us. Grow each of us more and more into the image of Jesus Christ. Help us to be excited about that growth we see.

In Jesus name Amen. ~ Pastor Seth

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Kyle Mandle, Charles Schultz, Terry Schaefer, Caleb VanderHeyden & Matt VanderHeyden

OTHER CONCERNS

The church & all decisions