

First Baptist Church of Aledo



March Newsletter

Pastor's Corner

Isaiah 57:15 -
 "For this is what
 the high and
 lofty One says -
 He who lives
 forever, whose
 name is holy: "I
 live in a high and
 holy place, but
 also with him
 who is contrite
 and lowly in
 spirit, to revive
 the spirit of the
 lowly and to re-
 vive the heart of
 the contrite.""

A great anticipation is building... do you feel it? There is such a need for God to move, to restore, to repair, and to begin a new work. The place where it begins is in the humble prayers of God's people urgently agreeing with God that He deserves honor and glory that many have withheld because of pride or ignorance. We need to be reminded often that while we are the beneficiaries of God's activity, we are not the focus. It isn't about what we desire, or even what we need, as much as it is about what God deserves. This is why revival is always preceded by humble, repentant prayer. The church be-

comes aware that we have not esteemed God as highly as He is worthy of, and we have fallen short of a life that is completely consecrated to Him. One of the reasons I believe there is such little evidence of revival across our land is because of a destructive, counter-productive message that is prominent these days, which refuses to acknowledge sin, and promotes the goodness of man rather than the greatness of God. The value of man has obviously been proven once and for all in God's view because of the sacrifice of His only begotten

Son. We need to accept this fact and move on. The focus needs to be turned to the majesty of heaven, so that we don't get caught up in arguments about our own greatness. I'm encouraged because I see signs of humility, repentance and a contrite spirit in our church. I'm anxious to see how God is going to glorify Himself in the days ahead, but I have no doubt that He will.

In Christ,
 Pastor Luke

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Pastor Seth will be starting a new Sunday School Class beginning Sunday, April 12th. If you want to learn the basics of the Christian Faith, this class is for you! We hope you'll join us downstairs in the Youth Room just off of Fellowship Hall.

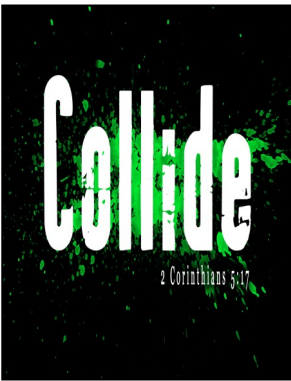
Class Name: Believer Basics

Class Location: Collide Youth Room

Teacher: Seth Bowker

Time: Sundays at 9am

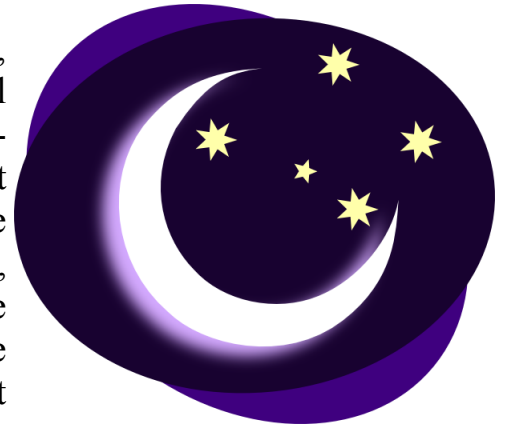
Questions—See Pastor Seth



Junior High Collide meets every Wednesday at FBC from 6:30-8pm – High School Collide meets every Sunday from 6-7:30pm at FBC. Beginning March 25th the Collide meetings will change during Revival See page 9 of the newsletter for details.

As we gear up for the revival I'm praying that lots of students are able to attend throughout the two weeks that Life Action will be here. This will be a great time to take advantage of some great teaching and excellent worship. Sure, I'm going to miss teaching the students, but I'm excited for what they'll learn through the Life Action Youth Ministry team!

Also, be sure to mark your calendar, we've moved ALL NIGHT OUT to April 3rd. That's Good Friday, but with no services here at the church it's the perfect night to rent a school bus and travel to the Quad cities for ComedySportz, pizza, frosties, bowling and back to Aledo to the YMCA! This event is \$24 and there are scholarships available. It's the perfect time to invite an un-churched friend as we share the gospel with students and look to build connections throughout the night. We'll leave the church at 6pm and we'll finish up at 6am where the students can be picked up at the YMCA. This event is for 6-12th grade. The first 40 students registered with money and forms turned in will get to go!



Lastly, don't forget to follow us on Twitter, Instagram or Facebook to stay up to date on all Collide activities.

Be blessed! Heather Q.

Upcoming Collide Youth Events!



Revival is Coming!

During the Life Action Revival Summit– March 22nd-April 6th the Youth in grades 6th-12th can participate in "Awake."

These specialized sessions will help the youth think about how Jesus' teachings apply to their daily lives. Our passion is to see teenagers awake and start a movement that will change the course of this world for God's glory.

2015 WEEKLY INFORMATION CENTER

Date	Nursery	Kids Club Worship	Greeters
3/1/15	Betty Williams, Crystal Clark & Grace Buttgen	Nadine Coulter & Alison Lafever	Lonnie & Cindy Maynard & Troy Riddell
3/8/15	Betty Williams, Ronda Moffitt & Veronica Moffitt	Kelly Higgins & Denise Kelly	Mike & Kathy Sponsler Gene & Krista Bear
3/15/15	Betty Williams, Vivian Kopp, Paul Hedrick	Janet Rind & Sarah Kellett	Linus & Cathy Griswold Anita & Halie Parkinson
3/22/15	Betty Williams, Sharon Moffitt & Bryce Moffitt	Life Action Team	Dave & Susan Potthast Shay Litwiler
3/29/15	Betty Williams, Brooke Nelson & Vivian Kopp	Life Action Team	Bill & Arlene Bewley Jeanne Barber

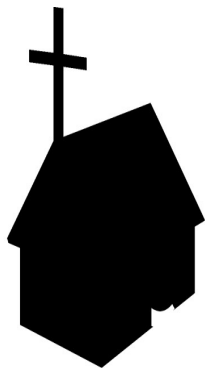
If you are unable to serve the day you are scheduled in the Nursery, please make arrangements in advance to switch with another person on the schedule. Please contact **Ronda Moffitt, Nursery Coordinator, for all concerns on her Cell:(309)371-3021**. Thank you! **Kids Club Worship**—PLEASE come to the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

Weekly Attendance & Offering



DATE	2/1/15	2/8/15	2/15/15	2/22/15
8 AM	34	89	45	54
10 AM	185	234	237	247
TOTAL	219	323	282	301



Date	2/1/15	2/8/15	2/15/15	2/22/15
Current Expense	\$7,168.54	\$8,435.97	\$7,909.47	\$12,464.50
Building Fund/Mem.	- - -	\$465.00	\$300.00	\$200.00
Benevolence	\$205.00	\$350.00	\$1,005.00	\$25.00
Total	\$7,373.54	\$9,250.97	\$9,214.47	12,689.50



March News—Kids Club Ministry

Are you ready to peel off that winter coat and put on your swimsuit yet?? Haha! Well, maybe not yet but we're getting closer! This has been a cold winter and I'm ready to move into spring. Speaking of spring, we have some amazing things in store for you this March and April. The **Life Action Revival Team** is coming to FBC again and we're gearing up and getting ready. It starts on **March 22nd** and will end **April 6th**. We can't wait to be blessed by their worship, speakers, kids clubs, and special events! Please check out the calendar of events and start signing-up. You won't regret it. *If you have kiddos or youth joining us there is a special "**Parent Info**" sheet at **Connec-**

tion Corner for you to grab if you haven't gotten one yet. This talks about the clubs, ages, sign-in policy, nursery, etc. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask Pam in the church office or myself.

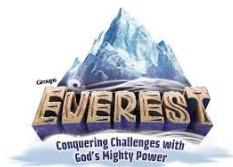
The **last night of Kids Club is on March 18th**. We're ending early this year so that everyone can join in on the Revival happenings. Our **REWARD NIGHT is on March 4th** and the kids can **wear their PJ's or comfy sweats**. This is the night they'll recite their Bible Memory work and celebrate meeting their pantry goal of 700 items (we're still 200 shy so please keep bringing food).

On **Sunday, April 19th** we're having a **Family Fun Night at the Aledo YMCA from 4-6pm**. We'll have food, swimming, open gym, and it's free! Invite a friend

and come ready to relax together with other families. *Kids whose parents can't attend have to be at least 7 years of age and able to swim without a floatation device or have another adult supervising them. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 371-6962.



We just started a new video series during Kids Club Worship on Sundays at 10am called "**What's in the Bible.**" It's fun, Biblical, and entertaining! The kids are starting to memorize John 3:16 and we'll have a time where they can recite it for a reward in a couple months. * **We are asking that the K-4th grade kiddos bring their Bibles for Bible drills every Sunday. Thanks!**



Our **EVEREST Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for the week of **June 29th-July 3rd** from 9am-noon. It's for kids ages 3 years old—5th grade (completed). We'll have our VBS program during the 10am worship service on Sunday, July 5th and our Family Swim Party at the Aledo pool later that same day. We're starting to recruit volunteers so please let me know if you're interested in serving! Thanks and have a blessed spring!

Mollie Dunn, Children's Minister



Revival Happy Heart City & Base Camp — For kids ages 3 years old through 5th grade during the FBC Revival Summit—March 22nd –April 6th—Prepare for an epic mission to explore and discover the universe and its Creator . Join us for adventure packed teaching, games, and group challenges.





Women's Ministry Think Tank—
March 7th at 9am. All women are
welcome to attend.

Mentorship Quarterly Meeting—
Sunday, March 1st at 4pm in the
Enon Room for Mentors and Men-
tees.

Mentor Support Meeting—

Sunday, March 8th in the Enon Room at 4pm for Men-
tors only.

Single Women's Ministry Outing for March—All
the single ladies are encouraged to attend the Revival
Home Life Café—Saturday, March 28th 9am-1pm
in our Fellowship Hall. Cost is free to attend. See
page 9 for Home Life Café details.



5th Sunday Potluck

Everyone is invited to our 5th Sunday Potluck in Fellow-
ship Hall on Sunday, March 29th following the 10am
service. Drinks and table service are provided but please
bring a dish to share.

What's Coming Up!



**Wednesday Night Live Classes
continue through March 18th!**

Join us every Wednesday from 6:30-8pm through
March 18th.

Deacons will meet on Tuesday, March 3rd at
7pm.

Trustees will meet on March 15th following
the 10am service.

**Life Action Revival Summit—March 22nd-
April 6th**—See page 9 for all Summit details.

Deacon/Leadership meeting with Revival
Staff Sunday, March 22nd at 5pm in the Enon
Room.



The family of
Kenny Crutcher
would like to thank
everyone for their
thoughts, prayers,
cards, food and vis-
its during Kenny's illness and subsequent
passing.

A special thanks to Pastor Luke for his part
in the beautiful service and to the church for
the great luncheon after the service.

God is the strength of my heart,

Jan Crutcher and family



Church Calendar will be on this page

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jason Snyder	March 1
Molly Dixon	
Luke Zunkel	March 2
Renee Diesch	
Joshua Norwick	March 3
Amy Boswell	
Caleb Miller	March 4
Betty Williams	March 5
Gary Dellitt	March 6
Deme Hamilton	March 8
Robby Young	
Aileen Address	March 9
John P. Kelly	March 10
Katie Coulter	March 11
Lynnie Bowlyou	March 12
Gayle Reid	
Bill McKinley	March 13
Bill Smock	
Emily Hessman	March 14
Lance McCaw	March 16
Ed Kelly	March 17
Lynn Finch	
Cody Ruggles	March 19
Johna Dellitt	March 20
Susan Potthast	March 21
Chris Schultz	
	March 22
Clint Huffstutler	March 23
Marion Hay	
Andrea Mercier	March 24
Heather Quiroz	
Arianna Rentfro	
Walt Finch	March 26
Anita Parkinson	
Nadine Coulter	
Paige Garner	
Drue Baugher	March 29
Ron Rhine	March 30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Mick & Laurie Louck

Ed & Gerry Kelly

Steve & Peggy Johnson



Bridal Shower

The church family is invited to a bridal shower for Britteny Kenney on Saturday, **March 7th** at 2:30pm in the Enon Room. RSVP to Deb Blaser at 582-3078.

A word from Pastor Seth

One of the first things my wife and I talked about when coming to FBC is all of the servant hearts we saw. We were overwhelmed by the amount of people serving the body. I just want to encourage all those serving by saying this "don't forget the toe jam." Now if that doesn't seem encouraging then maybe I should explain so please read on. One of the wonderful stories of our Savior Jesus Christ is of Him serving the disciples by humbling himself and washing their feet. Jesus took the lowest position and challenged each of us to follow Him. Washing each others feet through serving in areas such as usher, greeter, kids club, Sunday school, prayer warrior, snack giver, sound tech, praise band, landscape and encouraging notes, this is FBC washing each others feet. The word tells us "don't become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

All foot washing requires the washer to get the nasty toe jam. Knowing this, we can actually thank the Lord, while we serve Him. We know that we can even praise Him when it gets wearisome because the harvest is for souls and for the kingdom of the Lord. Keep serving and keep seeking even when you run into the toe jam so that you may not jam your toe in your walk with Christ.

Seth Bowker- Associate Pastor



Prayer Vigil One more way you can help with the Revival prior to the Summit beginning

Perry Baugher is our Prayer Coordinator for the Life Action Revival. Perry is looking for some prayer warriors. To prepare for the Summit, we are having a "Around the Clock" prayer vigil every Sunday in March (March 1st, 8th & 15th) beginning at midnight Sunday and going through midnight on Monday. You may pray from wherever you're most comfortable. We will be praying for what God can do during Life Action Revival Summit. We are looking for volunteers to take a ½ hour prayer time slots. See the sign up sheet in the lobby to the right of the sanctuary doors.



**FBC Revival
Men's Breakfast
Saturday, April 4th at 8am
Fellowship Hall
No Cost to attend
Sign up on Sunday's
Connection Card**

Life Action Ministries
presents

true woman
NOW IS THE TIME

Ladies' Luncheon

Thursday, March 26th
11:30 a.m. — 1:15 p.m.
FBC Fellowship Hall—Cost: Free
Childcare provided
RSVP by March 22nd at the Women's Ministry
Table in our lobby or by calling the church office.

Don't miss out. Pre-register today!

A photograph of four women of diverse backgrounds smiling and posing together. They are wearing casual clothing, and the background is a soft, light-colored wall.



CALLING GOD'S PEOPLE TO GOD'S PRESENCE

Coming to First Baptist Aledo—March 22nd-April 6th!

What happens at a Life Action Summit? We believe that this summit will be a time where significant change will take place in the history of our church. Prayerfully, we will seek God together. Truth and hope will be proclaimed. Lives will be transformed. The church will experience spiritual renewal. Families will be strengthened. The church's fire for the Great Commission will be stoked up.

During the week there will be a service from **6:30-8:30pm** for adults, children and youth on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday on **Sundays the services will run from 6-8pm**. The adults will have worship services in the sanctuary. Children ages 3 years old-1st grade are invited to "Happy Hearts City" where teachers will reinforce the foundational theme that "Obedience is the Key." There will be interactive drama and the children will enjoy creative lessons, crafts, songs and activities. "Base Camp" is offered for 2nd—5th grade. At "Base Camp" children will embark on a unique experience as "climbers" training to pursue the ultimate adventure of knowing a loving God. Foundational character principles and Scripture will be presented through music, drama, interactive lessons and activities. The Youth in grades 6th-12th can participate in "Awake." These specialized sessions will help the youth think about how Jesus' teachings apply to their daily lives. Our passion is to see teenagers awake and start a movement that will change the course of this world for God's glory.

True Women—Ladies Luncheon—Thursday, March 26th from 11:30am-1:15pm. Please RSVP at the Women's Ministry table in the lobby or by calling the church office at 582-7812. Childcare will be provided.

Saturday, March 28th—9am-1pm

Home Life Café—Set in a relaxed atmosphere and designed for all adults—singles, newlyweds, parents, grandparents, single parents—the discussion will provide you with practical tools for experiencing God in every relationship in your home.

Life's Pizza House for Teens—Your youth (grades 6th-12th) will not want to miss this. Through clear, Christ centered, biblical teaching, teens will be challenged to live for God's glory in everyday practical ways. It's designed to build relationships, present truth, and worship our great God in a relaxed atmosphere.

Expedition Creation—For kids ages 3 years old through 5th grade—Prepare for an epic mission to explore and discover the universe and its Creator. Join us for adventure packed teaching, games, and group challenges.

Men's Breakfast—Saturday, April 4th in Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to attend. Sign up on Sunday's Connection Card.

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HEALTH & WELL BEING

The family of George Knisely, Jim Norwick, Julie Smith, Cheri Dawn Brown, Rosemary Reid, Roger Address, Our Upcoming Revival Summit, Jean Easley, JC Garner & Family, Bob Sell, Margaret Stenfeldt, Vickie Korn, Larry Moore, Tobi Sheese, Ethel Welch, Sandra Morrison, Josh Johnson, Carol Smock, Vada Morgan, Ashlin Klev, Jayne Fitzsimmons, Jim & Marjie Earl, Deb Bruning, Bud & Carol Schaefer, Derald Jones, Karen Walker, Jean Ball, Connie Vail, Peg Cox, Caryl Leslie, Jennifer Franks, Dee Shea, Krista Bear, Shelly Upson, Sherrie McCarty-Cloyd, Brenda Leng, Connie Armstrong, Lori Strom, Kate Hermanson & Carolyn Hanson

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Virginia Sirotnak, Aldus Gridley & Ron Rhine

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Charles Schultz & Terry Schaefer

OTHER CONCERNS

The church & all decisions