

#### **Mark Your Calendar**

5.2

Deacon Meeting-6:30pm

5.4

National Day of Prayer-Central Park-5:30pm

5.6

Women's Ministry Think Tank-9am

Men's Bags Tournament-5:30pm

5.7

Collide Youth Planning Meeting-11:45am

5.14

Trustee Meeting—11:30am

5.21

Graduation Recognition Sunday Secret Sister Kickoff

5.23

J.O.Y. Circle—7pm

5.25

Collide Incoming Freshman lunch-1:30pm

6.10

FBC Celebrates150 years-6pm

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FBC Celebrates150 years-9:30am

### To God Be The Glory

In a recent meeting, while we were the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary planning celebration, it was mentioned that the theme song for FBC in the past had always been "To God Be The Glory." How fitting and appropriate that is! In fact, I can't think of a more fitting theme song. Everything we do is ultimately for God's glory. sometimes, talk about the successes in ministry that we've experienced over the years. We've been blessed to see wonderful growth in virtually every area of ministry that FBC engages in. So much so that we have engaged in a building project or been planning a building project nearly every decade since the late '60s. To God be the glory! As we continue to do all that God has for us to do, it's important to remember why we do it. It's hard work and sometimes exhausting work to serve God in ministry. With all the people at First Baptist serving in so many different areas and ways, you know personally how true that is. It may be joyful service, and the most fulfilling thing you ever do, but that doesn't make it easy, even if it does make it worth it. Why do we want to reach more people with the Gospel of Christ? There are more than 500 people connected to First Baptist in some way. Isn't that enough? We've maxed out our space on Wednesday nights with over 80 children, and more than 50 junior and high school students.

Shouldn't we be satisfied? Every classroom is full on Sunday with both adults and children. Isn't that good enough? Our parking lot is so full most weeks that people have to park in the grass. Haven't we done enough? The answer is obviously "NO!" If it were for our own glory we might be able to be satisfied. But the ministry of First Baptist is to the glory of God, and there is no limit to what He can do, and the amount of praise He deserves. matter if we reach every single human being in Mercer county, there will be more to do. We'll keep working and praying and seeking how to reach more people beyond our county. Needless to say, we haven't reached everyone in the county, nor Aledo, nor even everyone within a five block radius of the church building. Is there more to do for the kingdom? Absolutely! So, while we celebrate 150 years of God glorifying ministry, and we celebrate the wonderful advances in the kingdom we continue to experience, and as we plan and prepare more space to reach more people, we always do so knowing that we are not done, and will never be satisfied. God's glory compels us to continue in inexhaustible zeal for the ministry He has given us, and by His grace we will never quit till He calls us home.

In Christ, Pastor Luke

### **COLLIDE YOUTH!**

This past week I finished the last step in completion of my Masters



degree. I can't tell you how exciting I am to say, "I'm done!" God gave me the strength to remain diligent despite the busyness of life and ministry over the past three and a half years during my studies. In two weeks I have the joy of going to Huntington University in Huntington, IN to receive a Masters of Arts degree in Youth Ministry Leadership.

As I reflect on this journey of completing my education I have been challenged beyond measure to stretch and to grow, to think and to apply. I have read more books, written more papers and conducted more

presentations then any of you would care to know. God has used this journey to shape my understanding of how to best do youth ministry, I believe, for the greater good of the church.

In light of all this, I believe my education has given me spiritual insight into where the future of youth ministry is headed, if it wants to be an asset to the church. One of those things is that I believe the church must understand it is their roll to come alongside our young people, training them up, making them feel like full and active participants in the body of Christ. If youth ministry is going to be effective in the future, it will be because a whole church chose to surround its young, adopting them into the body of Christ, becoming like spiritual grandmothers and grandfathers for them. After all, did we not say in solidarity as a church, whenever a baby is dedicated that we will support the family on their journey of raising their child to know Jesus? Families need even more support as children reach their teenage years. Ask God to show you what your role might be in helping these students believe that they are truly a part of the church family here at First Baptist.

I believe as well, that the church of the future, must look much more integrated than segregated. Youth need the wisdom and life experience of older congregation members. They need to hear their stories, laugh with them, and grow together. As the two come together, the church is mutually encouraged and strengthened. Together, we can reach young people for the glory of God.

I am so thankful I have a church who understands this, because I have seen so many of you go shoulder to shoulder with a young person over the years, helping them grow in Christ. In fact, a woman in the church came to me a few weeks ago and shared with me how she wanted to get more involved with the teens so I plugged her in and now she's meeting with three girls weekly for discipleship and these girls LOVE IT. Every time I see them all they do is talk about how much they love spending time with Vickie! Praise God! Thank you church and lets continue growing together, as the body of Christ! In Christ's Love, Heather Q.

## **Upcoming Events**

SUMMER CONFERENCE REGISTRATION online until Sunday, May 7th (registration closes on May 7th). Cost is \$200 for JH Camp- July 30th-Aug 2nd and \$225 for HS Camp July 10-15th. Limited spots available for each trip. To join in fundraisers please register ASAP. You can only register for the trip ONLINE. Please contact Heather for financial assistance and go to <a href="http://www.firstbaptistaledo.com/registration-hs-conference/">http://www.firstbaptistaledo.com/registration-hs-conference/</a> for HS Conference and JH CONFERENCE IS NOW FULL.

Rhubarb needed- Please contact Heather (217-552-5253) if you can donate rhubarb for the youth rhubarb pie fundraiser.

#### **Congratulations 2017 Graduates!**



8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates from Mercer County Jr. High School Joe Reusch

Mercer County High School Graduates

David Busch, Briana Nelson, Jordan Riddell &

Orion Wilkerson

#### College Graduates

Halie Parkinson-Blackhawk College, Heather Quiroz-Masters of Arts Degree-Youth Ministry Leadership-Huntington University & Jordan Sheese-Hannibal-LaGrange University

Does your family have a Graduate that is not on our list? If someone from your family is graduating from 8th grade, High School or College, call the office ASAP at 582-7812 so we can add them to the Graduate Recognition list. Graduation Recognition Sunday is May 21st at the 10:15am service.

# You're Invited!

- The church family is invited to a Graduation Party for Jordan Riddell on Friday, May 12th, from 5-8:00 pm at the Riddell's home-302 SW 4<sup>th</sup> St., Aledo.
- The church family is invited to a graduation Open House for Briana Nelson Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm-? at Briana's home 507 SE 6<sup>th</sup> St. Aledo. Weather permitting, we are also having a bonfire that night around 8:30pm.
- Please join us in celebrating the graduation of Orion Wilkerson from Mercer County High School. Orion's party is Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 2-5pm at Faith Gillespie's home-1883-70<sup>th</sup> Ave., Aledo. See Josh or Jenny Dixon if you need directions.

# Volunteer & Giving Information

Date	Nursery	Kids Worship
5/7/14	Betty Williams, Marcy, Rusty & Shaylee Smet	Tina McCaw, Lisa & Shay Litwiler & Mollie Dunn
5/14/17	Betty Williams, Ronda & Veronica Moffitt, & Dianne Hessman	Terry & Stephanie Leonard, Denise Bowker & Mollie Dunn
5/21/17	Betty Williams, Patsy Castor, Jan Crutcher & Maddie Dunn	Felicia Bonynge, Cimion Norwick, Todd Baldwin & Mollie Dunn
5/28/17	Betty Williams, Sharon Moffitt, Lisa Clawson & Bryce Moffitt	Joe & Brooke Loving, Joyce Thomas & Mollie Dunn

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 May—John Huffstutler Trustee of the Month for May - Chase Burns

## **Prayer Team**

May 7– Kay Hedrick, Mary Lee Finch, Peggy Johnson & Ron Moffitt May 14– Jeanne Barber, Barb Bryant & Kurt Diesch May 21 – Deb & Dave Vander Heyden, Troy Riddell, & Laurie Louck May 28 – Tina McCaw, Jason & Shelly Snyder, & Vickie Korns

### Weekly Attendance & Offering

DATE	4/2/17	4/9/17	4/16/17	4/23/17
8 AM	90	82	104	87
10 AM	278	332	310	266
TOTAL	368	414	414	353

Date	4/2/17	4/9/17	4/16/17	4/23/17
General Fund Giving	\$9,248.47	\$9,684.50	\$11,459.06	\$9,582.97
Designated Giving	\$2,468.02	\$947.50	\$1,027.46	\$2,908.09
<b>Total Giving</b>	\$11,716.49	\$10,632.00	\$12,486.52	\$12,491.06

# **Kids Club Ministry**

I remember the Friday last fall



when Luke and I snuck away to enjoy a quiet lunch together. We were sitting at a

window table in Reason's Deli when we heard screaming sirens, then watched as fire truck after fire truck raced past us up North College. It didn't take long for us to hear that our neighbor's house across the street from us was ablaze. Our neighbors, as well as the whole community, watched on for the rest of the day and on into the weekend to hear what the losses were. The fire took everything.

John 10:10 says, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." Just like how that house fire destroyed everything within a matter of hours, Satan wants to destroy us with lies, distractions, and temptation. He's encircling us, trying to pull at our families with busyness and parading temptations past us wherever we turn to want more and do more. He's attacking our minds, trying to make us feel unlovable and to allure us with the temptation of greed, selfishness, lust, and pride. He's launching arrows at our church family and trying to pull us apart so that we can't encourage one another and grow closer to him together. Like that fire, he wants to take everything. But because of what happened

on the cross, we don't have to let him! HE IS RISEN! God loves us ABUNDANTLY and wants us to have everything that brings life into our hearts, minds, schedules, and family. He wants us to be free from the bondage of sin. We don't have to prove our worth to God or anybody else, he loves us unconditionally. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." If we have chosen life in Christ, we need to call out the lies when they pop up in our minds and in conversation. We need to spend more time with God and God's family, especially in moments of weakness. We need to stand up against sin in our homes and activities that pull us back toward the old: back toward the destruction of sin. Now, if you happen to drive up North College Ave., the old burnt down shell of a house is finally being bulldozed and plans for a new house are well underway. Even though the losses were devastating, I'm excited to watch for the next several months as their new home is being built. Just like that burnt down house, even though sin can destroy our lives and make a huge mess of things, we have hope in the newness of life with Christ. Live it! Abundantly!

Thanks for reading! ~Mollie

# **Upcoming Events**

### **Time for Church Camp!**

Church Camp forms can be found in the lobby at Kids Corner. Blackhawk Baptist Middler Camp is for kids grades going into 2nd through going into 7th grade and is the week of Sunday, July 23rd-Thursday,

July 27th. The camp is outside of Oregon, IL. We will need to carpool to get the kids to and from camp. If your child is attending any



camp other than Middler Camp, you will need to make transportation arrangements. As usual, FBC will pay for half of the camp fee for all kids going with our group (i.e. if the camp cost is \$200. the church pays \$100 and the parents pay \$100). Checks should be made out to Blackhawk Baptist Camp. Please also let Mollie know if you're interested in sending your kids to camp. If you have questions, please see Mollie or call the church office at 582-7812. **Deadline**: Please return your camper registration and payment to the church office by Sunday, June 11th.

### Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School June 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>

All kids ages 3-5th grade grads are invited to this free, week-long event



every day from 9am-Kids noon. will learn that God created them with purpose. Registration will be open mid-May.

\*If you would like to volunteer in any way, please contact Mollie asap to see how you can get plugged in!

#### **Kids Club**

The new session of Kids Club will begin on Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm for all kids ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

# Women's Ministry



#### JOIN US IF YOU WANT TO:

- Find freedom in difficult circumstances by learning how to shift from "slave mentality" to "set free mentality"
- Discover how Jesus is the key to satisfaction by learning the crucial significance behind each of His I AM statements
- Trade feelings of emptiness for the fullness of knowing who Jesus is
- Grow in biblical literacy with this exploration of the Gospel of John

LifeWay Women

**Women's Ministry Think Tank** — All ladies are invited to join us on Saturday, May 6th at 9am in the Enon Room.

**Secret Sister Kickoff**—The Women's Ministry Secret Sister Program will kick off later in May. Watch the bulletin for details about this fun, encouraging ministry for women.

**J.O.Y. Circle**—(Jesus, Others, Yourself) All ladies are invited to JOY Circle. We meet the 4th Tuesday of the month. In April, we will meet Tuesday, May 23rd at 7pm in the Enon Room.

# Other ongoing Women's Studies which can be entered at any time include:

- The Book of Daniel—Sunday Mornings at 9am in the Lower Level Classroom #4.
- **Revelation Study**—Monday evenings at 5:30pm in Lower Level Room #6.
- The Holy Spirit Study—Tuesdays at 2pm in the Upper level Enon Room.
- Genesis Study—Tuesdays from 1:30pm-2:45pm in the Lower Level Classroom #4.

# "Finding I Am" New Women's Summer Study at FBC

Here's the newest study for women happening this Summer at First Baptist Aledo. This study is open to the public. Call 309-582-7812 if you'd like to take part in the Lysa TerKeurst "Finding I AM" study. Here are the details - The study will take place at First Baptist Aledo on Wednesdays from 9:30am-11am – from June 7th through July 19th. Taught by Crystal Clark. Childcare available. Sign up today. The class as well as childcare are free to all who attend.

### Note of Thanks!



Dear prayer friends, Thank you so very much for continuing to pray for Henry, who is now seven, and growing strong! If you didn't know, he was excepted to be transplanted by the age of two. Over a year ago we met with the surgeon who could not explain why Henry felt so good. (Liver had cysts, high blood pressure, enlarged spleen...) One year ago April, they found the largest cyst was gone. WAS GONE. So just thank you for keeping him on your list, in your prayers and in your

hearts. Our next appointment is April 21. Thank you for showing me, firsthand, what prayer can do. I'm grateful for all and your example. Dayna C. Leichty

#### CARD SHOWER FOR JESSICA

Please join us in encouraging and uplifting Jessica Ruh with a card shower to let her know that her church family loves her and cares about her. Jessica is 15 years old and has been receiving infusion treatments in Iowa City. They leave for her next round of treatment the end of May so please drop off your cards to Pam in the office by May 19th. Thank you so much!



# To God Be the Glory!

First Baptist Church Celebrating 150 Years In Christ! June 10th & 11th, 2017



First Baptist Church Aledo will be celebrating our 150th Anniversary during special services on Saturday, June 10th and Sunday, June 11th, 2017.

On Saturday, June 10th at 6pm we'll have a special music worship service, recognition of past staff and volunteers, we'll walk through the history highlights of First Baptist and wrap up the evening with an ice cream social.

On Sunday, June 11th we'll have a combined worship service at 9:30am followed by a catered lunch. Everyone is invited to join us! We will not have an 8am or 10:15am service or Sunday School on June 11th. Instead, we ask everyone to join us in the sanctuary at 9:30am for a combined service. Visit our website at www.firstbaptistaledo.com for details.

See reverse side of this page for information about FBC's 150th Anniversary souvenirs that will be available during the celebration!

# **FBC 150th Anniversary Souvenirs**

We are pleased to announce that over the next few weeks we will be offering several items to commemorate our 150th Anniversary!

**First Baptist History Booklet**—Dave Potthast spent many hours pouring over historical church documents, photos and other memorabilia and he has recently completed a history of First Baptist Church. The historical booklet will be made available during our celebration. There is no charge for the booklet. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Dave for completing this important piece of our celebration.



**Tumbler**—Check out these cool mini tumblers in silver and copper to commemorate the BIG milestone! They are 10 oz Yukon Tumblers. Built tough out of stainless steel with a double wall vacuum insulation and a copper lining. Keeps liquids cold for 24 hours and hot for 5 1/2 hours. Cost of the tumbler is \$10 each. We have them in the lobby on display so you can check them out and we have limited quantities of each color for sale. Stop by the church office to get yours today!

**Tee Shirts** - We'll be selling special FBC Tee-shirts with the 150th logo on them. Watch the bulletin and next month's newsletter for details on design and cost.

# **FBC Choir Assembling for 150th Anniversary Celebration**

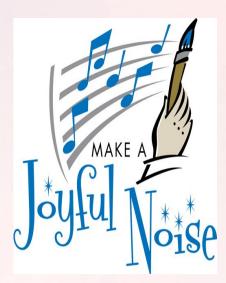
A Message From the Choir Director:

The church choir has long been a part of our worship at First Baptist. Many of you have been a part of the choir over the years and we would love to include you in the opening song to kick off the Saturday evening celebration of our 150 years of history.

The song will be a medley of familiar hymns, "Nothing But the Blood," "Are You Washed in the Blood?" and "There Is Power In the Blood." It's an energetic and fun rendition of these all-time favorites of the Baptist church. The music is easy and you should have no problems singing along.

It's our desire to give God glory and honor through our music, just as we always have. And it's our hope that you will consider being a part of this special song as we honor all the past and present musicians in our church. Many people have selflessly given many hours to make music a part of our weekly worship service and this song will be done in their honor.

In an effort to work with your schedules, I will be having a couple of options for practice times. You DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND PRACTICES. We would love to have you sing with us even if you are unable to attend a practice. I can also email the sheet music and rehearsal audio track to you if you would like.



Here are the set rehearsal times if you can attend:

Sunday, May 28th following the 8:00 am service - in the sanctuary Sunday, May 28th following the 10:15 am service - in the basement Tuesday, May 30th @ 6:45pm in church sanctuary Sunday, June 4th following the 8:00 am service - in the sanctuary Sunday, June 4th following the 10:15 am service - in the basement Tuesday, June 6th @ 6:45 pm in church sanctuary

Please communicate with me in some way so I have an idea of how many people we will have singing. Thank you.

Robyn Bottens 559-647-7626 robyn@bottens.com

# Men's Ministry



Men's Ministry
Council Meeting
No meeting for
May.

### Men's Bags Tournament @ FBC Saturday, May 6th

Join us on the lawn of the church Saturday, May, 6th at 5:30pm. We will be tossing bags and grilling out. All men are invited to participate. No



need to sign up, just grab a friend and show up. This event is free to attend.

#### Men's Breakfast and Bible Study



Where: Every Sunday at 7am at FBC in Fellowship Hall

Cost: FREE!

Who: All men are invited to attend. No need to RSVP, just show up hungry!

Questions: See Pastor Luke or Pastor Seth

#### The Men's 33 Series Study



This study is ongoing at FBC on Saturday mornings at 6am. Talk to Pastor Seth or stop by the church office to get signed up for the next session.

## **General Announcements**

## **Church Photo Directory**

The photos will take place April 30<sup>th</sup>-May 6<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't signed up yet, please call the church office at 582-7812 ASAP. We want everyone in the directory! If you or your family are unable to come to the church to have a new



picture taken we can accept a photo you already have. Just bring the photo to the church office or e-mail it to fbcaledo2@frontiernet.net by Sunday, May 7th.



# A Minute for Mission!

Meet Rigoberto!
Rigoberto is our
missionary in El
Salvador that has
partnered with First
Baptist
Church. Rigoberto
has been in ministry
for 16 years, 8 years
as a missions
coordinator. Rigo is
married to Claudia
and together they

have a daughter Marianna. Rigo oversees 6 missions and 3 established churches. He is also a pastor at his own church. Rigo uses the support the church sends him to minister those in his own churches and missions with church programs, medical supplies and other needed items. He also travels to other countries to help spread the gospel. Rigoberto is very thankful for all of the support given to him from First Baptist through monetary donations and prayer. We are hopeful that someday Rigo can visit our church and meet everyone!!

#### **Give Online!**

Online Giving is now available at First Baptist Church! Use the QR Code below for easy access or go to www.firstbaptistaledo.com



Birthday		<b>Anniversary</b>
Joe Ringle	May 1	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	May 2	Don & Vickie Korns
Sheri Olson	May 3	
Barry Lafever	•	
Ashlie Dellitt Fuller	May 4	
Beth Whitenack	May 5	
Paul Hedrick	May 7	
Beth Bowns	May 8	Adam & Jen Russell
Jeff Bewley	May 10	
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Kris Koch	May 12	
Nathaniel Klink	May 13	
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		Bob & Mindi Schultz
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John Kelly	May 19	
Camden Whitenack		
Aaron Thompson		
Beth Reid		
Ron Moffitt	May 20	
Jason Loving	May 21	
Cindy King	May 22	David & Susan Potthast
Carter Bruns		
Andrew Cooper		
	May 25	Don & Karen McConaughey
Becky Whittington	May 26	Rick & Jodi Ringle
Heather Griswold Cooper	May 27	Chris & Beth Whitenack
Chris Whitenack		
Brice Maynard		
Sophia Latko		
Halie Parkinson	May 28	Clint & Robin Huffstutler
Renee' Lloyd	ž	Steve & Renee' Lloyd
,		Corey & Karyn Smith
Selah Norwick	May 29	•
Ronda Moffitt	May 31	
Vivian Kopp	1.13, 01	
Janet Rind		
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## The church family is invited to come celebrate Carroll & Frannie Franks' 60th Wedding Anniversary!

Place: Dancers Creek Barn—702 NW 9th Ave., Aledo

Date: Sunday, May 7th Time: 1:00-5:00pm

Please No Gifts—Just come share memories with the couple. Congratulations Carroll and Frannie!

## A Word From Pastor Seth

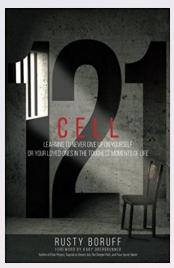
happen to playing hide and go seek. I enjoy playing with my kids and I realize the older they get the harder it is for me to hide anywhere. They are catching on that I don't fit into many spaces and I'm limited on hiding spots. Early years, when we first started playing, they were looking in cupboards and in the fridge for me. Now they are so good at checking the places I can fit that I'm having to get more and more creative. The other night the entire family was playing my favorite game. My wife who hates the game not only played but was on my team. Her and I hid from the kids for about 5 minutes. The kids actually stopped looking for us and just started screaming "Mom!!" We laughed so hard that we gave up our positon. That made me really think about hiding from God. Adam and Eve tried it in the garden and I've tried to do so in my

own life. We think somehow God can't see us and that the things we're doing are hidden from Him. God sees us and the sins that we quickly fall into. I need to stop deluding myself and realize that I cannot hide from God and the best thing I could do is step out and embrace God again.

God asks us to seek Him. I often think that He is hiding and I must find Him. The truth is that God is not hiding from any of us but He can see the desire in us that we approach Him with. God knows if I'm only seeking Him for selfish reasons. God knows if I'm only seeking Him for what he can give me. God knows us far better than we know ourselves. We must seek Him with a pure Him Seek heart. because He is God.

I believe God would jump for joy when He sees us coming to Him and in our heart is simply the desire to be with Him. ~ Pastor Seth

# May's Recommended Read "Cell 121" by Rusty Boruff



Have you ever met someone with all potential in the world they're struggling to find their way? Maybe it's your son daughter, nephew niece, grandson or granddaughter, friend, spouse, or maybe it's

even you. So you or your loved one is in the toughest moment of their life...what now? Cell 121 is an adventures real life story of one man's journey from a jail cell to an author and entrepreneur. At some point, we've all been stuck in a jail cell. It may be physical bars, emotional bars, or even spiritual bars. But they all use the same key...hope. Author Rusty Boruff leads us on a journey that will transform your life and renew your hope in your future and your loved ones. What you will soon find out is that the key to unlock your cell will also lead you to the launching pad of why you were created. You weren't born to just live and die, you were born to make a difference. "Rusty's story is a powerful example of what can happen when someone dares to believe that his future can be better than his past. The remarkable transformation in his own life is now making a huge impact in so many other lives and this book will inspire you to see how God can use all of our stories for the good." - Matthew West, Christian Recording Artist.

If you are interested in purchasing a copy of Cell 121, we have several copies in the church office. The cost is \$3. The books can also be purchased at Amazon.com.



Mark your calendars! Aledo's Rhubarb Festival is Friday, June 2nd and Saturday, June 3rd!

The FBC Collide Youth Group will be selling pie by the slice on Friday under the pavilion in Central Park. FBC is also sponsoring an inflatables area in Central Park on Saturday from 10am-2pm so bring the kids on over to have some fun! FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 800 NE 6th Avenue Aledo, IL 61231

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# PRAYER AND CONCERNS—IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PRAYER CHAIN PLEASE CALL: THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 309-582-7812 HEALTH & WELL BEING

Family of Kathryn Baugher, Family of Richard E. Brown, Ashley & Lillian "Lilly" Kaye Youngblood, Bill McAvoy, Darren Rind, Shirley Freimark, Steve Oaks, Dale Bloomfield, Family of Florence Castrey, Kay Hedrick, Sharon McCormick, Trisha Hammond, Family of Jim Eggen, Family of Ruth Dennison, Jake Montague, Jo Kernan, Don Kirkhove, Joe Purlee, Marilyn Hessman, Bob Kopp, Mary Flint, Tammy Erickson, Family of Brandon Ely, Family of Brenda Leng, Jenna Preston, Rodrigo Quiroz, Marge Goding, Chad & Jenny King, Lance McCaw, Dave Cooper, Jessica Ruh & family, Dee Dellitt, Francie Jane Easley, Family of Shirley McCormick, Matt Gates, Barbara McPhinney, Daryl Kadel, Rocky Svoboda, Keiley Stoterau, Helen King, Marilyn Zielke, Stephanie Murphy, Sherry Brown, Bettie Monts, Vickie & Terry Kondora, Nadine Coulter, Darla Ball, Megan Klauer, Sandi Williams, Paige Johnson, Scott Yager, Maddie Wells, Martha Bernridge, Donna Fisk, Betty Adams, Mary Rillie, Matt Martin, Donna & Brian Bushnell, Tiffanee Lloyd, The youth of our church & community, Larry Bull, Charlotte Thompson, Marc, Doris, Elizabeth and Alicia Dewey, Deb Corson, Karen Burnham, Connie Decounter, Susie Hall, Henry Leichty, Mercer County Jail Ministry, John Atkinson, Merrick LeClere, Stew Klink, Vickie Anderson, Judy Leighty, Jeannene McNall, Gay Youngblood, Marilyn Heine, Bob Sell, Colette Hawkins, Gerald Mitchell, Lauryn Russell, Chad Peterson, Connie Freeman, Alec Bowen, Carol Schaefer, Shelly Upson & Tim Snyder

#### **NURSING HOME**

Betty Weeks, Bettie Monts & Bob Sell

#### **MISSIONARIES & MILITARY**

Danika Higgins & Rigoberto Cruz

Holly Mattson, Jackson McKay, Joe Elliott, Spencer Zielke, Jon Szalonek, Christopher Schultz, Austin Weir, Tyler Mattson, Kyle Mandle, Charles Schultz, Terry Schaefer, Matt VanderHeyden & Tara Helmick

#### **OTHER CONCERNS**

The church & all decisions