



Faith *news*

First Baptist Church
October 2016

Love Christ. Think Biblically.

Calendar of Events

10.1

Men's Ministry Council-7:30am-Enon
Women's Ministry Think Tank-9am-Enon

10.2

Communion/Food Pantry Sunday

10.4

Deacon Meeting-6:00pm

10.6

Women's Ministry "Doing Life Together"-6:30pm

10.8-10.9

Youth Fall Retreat-Camp Summit

10.9

Trustee Meeting – 11:30am

10.11

Church Council Meeting – 7pm-Enon

10.16

Quarterly Church Business Meeting-11:30am
Weiner Roast at Castor's Farm-4pm

10.23

Nursing Home Services-1:30pm

10.25

J.O.Y. Circle -7pm

10.28-10.30

Men's Momentum-Buchanan, MI

10.30

Secret Sister Reveal-2pm-New Addition

"Spending Time"

"Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip?'"

What is time? I'm not trying to be overly philosophical, but I thought it was an important question. It occurred to me that time isn't really a thing in itself. We mark it with clocks and calendars, and we notice it with daylight and seasons, but time itself is only experienced in the changes that are happening around us and to us. The value of spending time is the possibility of accumulating positive change. I was thinking of this as I was preparing the message from Matthew again this week. We've spent almost a year in the book of Matthew and will very likely spend another year before we are through. This made me think of the time I have spent at First Baptist Aledo. I'm approaching my ten year anniversary as pastor here. I have been blessed to see a lot of positive changes accumulate over these ten years. It seems like the blink of an eye, until you realize everything that has changed. I won't bore you with the details, but every aspect of the ministry of FBC has significantly increased or changed in the last ten years. We've grown by nearly 100% in attendance and giving. That's pretty amazing. A new person coming in doesn't have that sense. In fact, most people who have been around a long time don't have that sense either. The reason is that as things change around us, we change as well. We've grown and changed with the church. It's only when we remove ourselves from the changes that are happening that they begin to pass us by. Instead of spending time, we begin to waste time. Why do some people grow spiritually, and others remain stagnant, or worse, revert to worldly behaviors and attitudes? Because, some people are spending time with God, in His Word, with His people, serving, learning, and making the most of the time, and others are... not. And just as persistent as time is, so is the need to spend it well, spend it wisely and not waste it. My prayer for everyone reading this brief article is that you will know the value of spending time in the things that produce positive changes, and realize that it will take time. In Christ, Pastor Luke

Collide Youth News

"Heather, while I was at church, after Pastor Luke spoke, I decided to let God into my life for the very first time, now I wanted to be baptized," said one of the students we've been picking up thanks to the bus ministry we started not long ago. She was a student we picked up nearly all of last year, but we just recently started picking up students to come to church and she was one of them. God opened her eyes to His truth that Sunday and now she's ready to give her life to Him and make it known through baptism.

Another student, after small group on Wednesday night started crying, one of our adult leaders immediately came to her to help counsel her through what she was experiencing. To make a long story short this young girl, Brittany, was cut to the heart over her sin, and that night, she decided to make Jesus the Lord of her life.

I am always amazed at how quickly things happen sometimes. Brittany had only been coming to youth group for two weeks, but she was ripe for the harvest. This brings great joy to my heart knowing there are many, many students who are un-churched, but ready to start following Jesus. They only need to hear of God's truth. Pray more students would fill that bus, so they too can hear the truth of Christ and become a disciple. Pray for these students to stay connected to the family of God and ask God to use you in their life to come alongside them as their spiritual family.



Our theme this year for Fall Retreat is "Radical Obedience." We already have 40 students who signed up by the early bird deadline. We're praying all these students have an encounter with Jesus. Ask God to move through the worship band, messages and youth ministry team leaders. Pray for students to choose radical obedience. We're also asking folks from the church to take a 30-minute slot to cover the event in prayer. You can find the prayer board down by my office. Lets cover the whole weekend in prayer! There are 36 hours to fill!

It's not too late to sign up for Fall Retreat, let me know and I can get you a form. We take registration forms all the way up until the day of the retreat. You're just not guaranteed a shirt after Sept. 30th.

In Christ's Love, Heather Q.

Upcoming Collide Youth Events

- **Collide Continues!** – 6th-8th grade will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm at FBC. High School has Bible study at FBC on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm. Also, High School has Collide on Sunday Nights at the Whitenack home (803 SW 2nd Ave) from 6-7:30pm beginning.
- **Collide Fall Retreat** – All youth grades 6th-12th are invited to the Youth Fall Retreat on Oct. 8th and 9th at Camp Summit in New Windsor, IL. Registration Cost is \$35.
- **Fall Retreat 36 Hours of Prayer** – Please sign up for a 30 minute slot to pray for our youth while they're at fall retreat on October 8-9th. Sign up board by Heather's office or call the church office at 582-7812 and we'll plug you in.
- **2017 Family Mission Trip** – For more information on the Family Mission Trip planned for next summer, contact Heather Quiroz or Mike and Beth Bowns.
- **Before School Prayer Time!** High School – Radical Disciples-7:30am Mondays & Wednesdays- Room 214, **Jr. High** – 7:45am Thursdays in the Chorus Room, **MC Intermediate** – 7:40am Tuesdays in the library.

2016 WEEKLY INFORMATION CENTER

Date	Nursery	Kids Club Worship	Greeters
10/2/16	Betty Williams, Lisa Clawson & Crystal Clark	Felicia Bonyng, Cimion Norwick, Barb Nesbitt, Mollie & Maddie Dunn	Paul & Kay Hedrick & Charlie Douglas
10/9/16	Betty Williams, Ronda & Veronica Moffitt & Emily Baldwin	Denise Bowker, Brooke, Joe & Caleb Loving & Mollie Dunn	Lonnie & Cindy Maynard Troy Riddell
10/16/16	Betty Williams, Marcy & Rusty Smet & Maddie Dunn	Kelly Higgins, Denise Kelly, Brain Rind, Mollie & Kelly Boys	Anita & Haley Parkinson Jeanne Barber
10/23/16	Betty Williams & Dianne Hessman & Susan Potthast	Nadine Coulter, Alison Lafever, Jason & Brady Connell & Mollie	Don & Vickie Korn Shay Litwiler
10/30/16	Betty Williams, Sharon & Bryce Moffitt & Jan Crutcher	Melissa Struble, Janet Rind, Todd Baldwin & Mollie	Paul & Cara Svoboda 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 October – Jeanne Barber

Trustee of the Month for October: - Josh Dixon

Prayer Team Assignments:

October 2 – Kay Hedrick, MaryLee Finch, Peggy Johnson, Vickie Korn & Laurie Louck

October 9 – Jeanne Barber, Barb Bryant, Lonnie Maynard & Sherry Huffstutler

October 16 – Deb & Dave VanderHeyden, Troy Riddell, Vickie Korn & Laurie Louck

October 23 – Tina McCaw, Jason & Shelly Snyder, Elden Cirks & Lonnie Maynard

October 30 – Rotation of Volunteers

Weekly Attendance & Offering

DATE	9/4/16	9/11/16	9/18/16	9/25/16
8 AM	---	88	86	93
10 AM	390	241	250	243
TOTAL	390	329	336	336

Date	9/4/16	9/11/16	9/18/16	9/25/16
Current Expense	\$5,646.90	\$12,188.22	\$8,770.60	\$6,202.05
Building Fund/Mem.	\$49.00	\$768.00	\$900.00	\$50.00
Benevolence	\$1,706.00	\$3,979.00	\$907.50	\$1,029.51
Total	\$7,401.90	\$16,935.22	\$10,578.10	\$7,281.56

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



Kids Club Ministry

October News- Kids Club Ministry

My girls used to watch a TV show called "Dog with a Blog" where this family has a talking dog that nobody knew could talk except the kids. They had to be extremely protective of their dog because they were afraid that he might be taken away from them because of his special ability. Besides being careful that their parents didn't find out, they had this pesky neighbor who always barged in without knocking. He just said "knockety, knockety" as he opened the door uninvited. Haha! This pesky neighbor reminds me of Satan. If the door is unlocked, he's coming in ready or not! And if he can't get in the front, he's coming around to the back. **1 Peter 5:8-10** says, "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. ¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

Have you ever found yourself in a room with Satan's temptations, circling around you and wondering how he got in? I love how Paul describes this battle in Romans Chapter 7. He says sin is waging war inside of him because he wants to do good but does bad instead. We are all battling sin in our lives on a daily basis and sometimes it's because we leave the door wide open. What are these doors you ask? Hmmm....the music we listen to, the movies & TV shows we watch, the books we read, impure thoughts, the company we keep, the places we visit that reject God's light...these are just a few.

We just started a new series called "Big Warriors" in kids worship where we're learning about the Armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-17). God equips us with special pieces of armor to protect us from Satan's schemes but too often we've left the armor collecting dust in the closet. Are you using the armor God has given you to protect you and your household against temptation? Just like Paul, sin is inside of us and if we want to combat it, we need to turn it off not roll around in it. How do we turn off sin? We need to dial down temptation in our lives by filling up with God's prese-

(Mollie's Article Continued)

ence, truth, and goodness, instead of the junk of this world. What usually keeps us from making the right choices is usually ourselves! We want the sin and we make excuses instead of asking God to help us resist the temptation. Sometimes God gives us a helper in a friend who tells us the truth (even though we don't like it) and then we turn on that friend because of it. Don't do this! If we want to get serious about being our best for God AND we want God's best for us, "God will restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast." Put on that armor! Surround yourself with people who want Godly things for you and for themselves. Stop making excuses and resist those pesky temptations. Thanks for reading! Mollie

What's Up in Kids Ministry?



Kids Club Harvest Party: Wednesday, October 26th. We need some help with snacks for our Harvest Party so please visit the snack sign-up at Kids Corner in the church foyer if you'd like to bring an item by Sunday, Oct. 23rd. Thanks for your help!



Women's Ministry & Wednesday Night Live Class Info & Other General Events

Women's Ministry



Women's Ministry Think Tank– Saturday, Oct. 1st at 9am in the Enon Room. Everyone is invited to these meetings.

Ladies Meet & Mingle – Marsha Loving will host the Meet & Mingle for October. It will be Oct. 21st, 6:30pm. Marsha's address is 502 SW 7 St, Aledo. Bring a snack to share.

Women's Ministry Event-Doing Life Together in Christ–This is a topical discussion night for women on Thursday, Oct. 6th from 6:30- 7:30pm. Childcare will be provided. There is no cost for the event. The topic is: Relationships and Roles: Daughter, Sister, and Friend. We'll be discussing how women develop through these different roles as well as what it looks like to be a follower of Jesus Christ as a daughter, sister, and friend. Sign up on the Connection Card. This event will be taped and posted to the Women's Ministry Facebook page.

Single Sisters Outing - The Single Sisters are going on a shopping trip to LeClaire, Iowa Saturday October 22nd. We will leave the FB parking lot at 9:30 am be back to Aledo circa 5pm. Questions call Pam Spangler 582-6416.

Secret Sister Reveal- If you are participating in the Secret Sister Program, come find out who your Secret Sister is at the Secret Sister Reveal Party on Sunday, Oct. 30th at 2pm in the new addition of the church.

You're Invited to a Bridal Shower Brunch for Miss Lindsay Parker



All the ladies of the church are invited to a bridal shower for Lindsay Parker (the future Mrs. Jon Ricke) Saturday, October 29th at 10am in the new addition of the church. Jon and Lindsay are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Target, Kohl's and Sears. No need to RSVP, just come join us in celebrating. Questions, see hostess Kim Sheese.

Items of Note!



Reminder - Communion Sunday and Food Pantry Sunday are Sunday, Oct. 2nd. This is the Sunday we encourage everyone to bring a non-perishable food item for the Mercer County Food Pantry. Leave items in the grey tote in the lobby. Thank you!

Church Council & Business Meeting - The Church Council will be meeting Tuesday, Oct. 11th at 7pm & the Quarterly Church Business meeting is Sunday, Oct. 16th at 11:30am.

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday nights at 8pm in the Enon Room. Everyone is welcome!

Church Budgets – Committee Chairs and staff - Please turn in your proposed church budget for 2017 to Clint Huffstutler or the church office by Sunday, Oct. 2nd!

Deacon Meeting – Tuesday, Oct. 4th at 6pm. Note time change for this meeting only!

CPR/AED Training – Janice Klink will hold a CPR/AED Training Class at First Baptist Aledo in our Fellowship Hall on Saturday, Oct. 15th from 8:30am-11:30am. Cost is \$10 and can be paid that day. Sign up on Sunday's Connection Card or call the church office at 582-7812 to register.

Missing Dish? – If you brought a food item to church and are missing a dish, please check the cart in the lobby! All unclaimed items will be donated to Project Now.

Church Calendar



Other Upcoming Events!!



Family Fun at the Farm!

Everyone is invited to Mark & Lynda Castor's Farm—1536-135th Ave., Aledo for a wiener roast on Sunday, October 16th at 4pm Bring your own hot dogs, buns, dish to pass and lawn chairs. Drinks & table service will be provided.

Join us as we rejoice in Baptism Sunday!

Baptism Sunday will be Sunday, October 23rd. If you would like to be baptized, please see Pastor Luke or Pastor Seth by October 18th.



Kids Coat Drive



It is once again time to clean out your children's closets and donate the winter apparel they have outgrown. We are collecting gently used items to giveaway to anyone who has a need. We will collect **CHILDREN'S/TEENS winter** coats, scarves, mittens/gloves, hats, snow pants, and boots. Collection will take place from now to October 6th. You may drop items off at Bill Smock Insurance 501 SW 3 St, Aledo during normal business hours. The giveaway will take place at First Baptist Church, 800 NE 6 St, Aledo on Thurs. October 27th from 5-8pm and Sat. October 29th from 9-11am. There are no income guidelines. Items will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. No early distribution and 1 coat per person present. Any questions, please call Cindy Maynard 582-2098.

Thank you so much for the great luncheon after the funeral services. We had family from out of town and it was nice to be able to feed them and visit before they left. It was one less thing we had to worry about. Also, thanks for the hugs from the women. Sometimes that's all a person needs. God Bless. The Family of Kathy Jackson

This is being sent with heartfelt gratitude to all who prayed for Darren, Janet, Marty and our home since May. We deeply appreciate ALL who prayed for us and our home. We've had lots of prayers answered! Thank you for ALL who said kind words, or offered support. God has blessed us with a wonderful church family! We serve an amazing God! Trust God! God Bless All of You, The Rinds



Aledo First Baptist, We wanted to thank you for your consistent and faithful \$200/month partnership the last 6 years! It truly has been a provision from God to have you sending us to the college campus to make Christ known! It has been a great start to the Fall semester and we have seen God moving in big ways- in my area of campus we've seen 2 guys trust Christ (Ike and Tucker). We love being a part of what God is doing on the college campus. Thank you for all of the ways you have been a part of it and will continue to be a part of it! In Christ, Alex and Jessica Etheridge

Men's Ministry & A Word From Pastor Seth

Men's Ministry Council Here's What's Happening!

In Proverbs we are told, "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." In other words, strong men build up other strong men. The First Baptist Aledo Men's Ministry Council was recently formed to build on current men's events and to identify new activities to help the men of our church grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to build deeper friendships with other godly men using Bible, study, prayer, ministry, fellowship and accountability. The Men's Ministry Council wants to become a supportive environment that touches the lives of the entire church family by becoming servants/resources for other church ministries and missions and to provide a series of events that will promote fellowship, growth and outreach. Some of the events that are currently in place include; Sunday Men's 7am Breakfast which presents an opportunity for fellowship, accountability and prayer. Men's Wednesday night studies are held on a weekly basis for fellowship and encouragement. Men's Momentum Retreat at Life Action Camp is an opportunity to dive deeper into God's word each spring and fall. It's a chance to fellowship, worship, and encourage each other in our walk with God. Men, how can we help you grow towards your purpose with the Lord? If you have any questions, see Kevin Ricke, chairman for the Men's Ministry Council.



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

We have a large group of men who are attending! This trip is **SOLD OUT**. If you missed your chance this time, we will attend Momentum again in the spring of 2017, watch for details. For those who have registered for the Fall Momentum, just a reminder the 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.

A word from Pastor Seth *"Cheer Challenge!"*

October is a month set aside to lift up our Pastor and others through encouragement and prayer. Encouragement can be many things such as a **Cheer** (This is a *video challenge and you can borrow my pompoms).

This is not about praise because we only praise God. You can talk about how you love the hard truth our Pastor gives, how he challenges others to stay firm in the word and think Biblically. One of the biggest things we can do is reassure our Pastor that God is using him.

Appreciation is thankfulness for service but not praise. Again praise is something that God alone deserves. Pastor Luke, Mollie, Heather and others will never accept any glory that should go to God. I'm simply trying to find encouraging stories and words of affirmation.

Sunday School, Wednesday Night Live, Youth teachers, and volunteers all need us to drop a note of encouragement. This would be similar to leaving a waiter or waitress a tip. You know that the person serving you should do it a certain way. That server does their job and at the end you tip them with extra money for their service. Pastor or a volunteer is serving and the best tip you can give them is not money but a simple card of appreciation or a note of how you've been inspired by their service.



*Those serious about the **video challenge cheer**. Please email your entry to bowker77@gmail.com. The winner will receive their video posted on the website and possibly played on Sunday morning. ~Seth

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NURSING HOME

Bob Sell, Kathryn Baugher & Carolyn Hanson

MISSIONARIES & MILITARY

Danika Higgins & Rigoberto Cruz
John Klink, Jackson McKay, Joe Elliott, Spencer Zielke, Jon Szalonek, Christopher Schultz, Austin Weir, Tyler Mattson, Kyle Mandle, Charles Schultz, Terry Schaefer, & Matt VanderHeyden

OTHER CONCERNS

The church & all decisions