



Faith *news*

First Baptist Church
September 2016

Love Christ. Think Biblically.

Calendar of Events

9.3

Women's Ministry Think Tank-9am

9.4

Praise in the Park-10:15am-2pm
No 8am Service or Sunday School

9.6

Deacon Meeting-7pm

9.7

Wednesday Night Live Classes Begin-6:30-8pm

9.11

Trustee Meeting-11:30am
Collide Parent/Student Lunch-11:40
High School Collide kicks off @ Whitenacks-6pm

9.12

Women's Revelation Class – 5:30pm

9.17

Church wide Clean Up Day-8am-Noon

9.18

Prayerforce Training – 11:40am

9.27

J.O.Y. Circle -7pm

9.30

Ladies Meet & Mingle @ Betty Frost's -6:30pm

“Gentle Reminder”

Even though we plan things pretty far in advance, it seems they still sneak up on us. September is a busy month at First Baptist as we kick off all our Wednesday Night Live classes along with Kids Club, Collide, as well as our annual Praise in the Park. I hope, as you read this newsletter, that the things I just mentioned aren't news to you. If they are news to you, I hope you know it's not too late. You still have time to plan on joining First Baptist at Central Park in Aledo on Sunday September 4th at 10:15am for worship, followed by a meal and an afternoon of activities. And you still have time to sign up for a class, and you still have time to get your kids to Kids Club and Collide. But what I really want to talk about is the issue of time... People often say, “It's never too late”, and “there's always next time.” And while I don't relish being the bearer of bad news, sometimes it is too late, and sometimes there is no next time. For instance, next year will mark the 150th anniversary of First Baptist Church. We have just formed a committee to plan the celebration to mark that momentous occasion. But if we had missed it, it would be missed for good. We couldn't roll the clock back, and there never will be another 150th anniversary. It's a one-time thing. There is no next time. Which brings me to my point. The great God we serve is patient and loves us so extravagantly that we can hardly comprehend it. But life is so short and fragile, we can't keep thinking that we will plan for eternity “someday.” For some people it seems planning for eternity is the last thing on their to do list. Sadly, the longer you put it off, the less likely it is that you will ever come to grips with the Lord in a meaningful way. As long as there is life there is hope, but the Bible tells us that when we hear His voice we should heed His voice, for today is the day of salvation. So that neighbor you've been meaning to invite to church...why not invite them this week? That friend you've needed to apologize to...why not pick up the phone today? That prayer you've been meaning to pray...what's stopping you? There's one last cliché I'll leave you with, one that I think is a really good motto to live by especially concerning spiritual matters... “don't put off till tomorrow what you can do today.”

In Christ, Pastor Luke

Collide Youth News

"I want to see revival in our schools." – a female high school student

"The mission trip really strengthened the bonds I had with my fellow Christians and created new ones for those who I didn't get a chance to know before. God also revealed to me my strengths so I can spread the gospel to others. And it also taught me that everyone, no matter who they may be, can spread the gospel and live for Christ in their own unique ways." - a male high school student

I wish you could hear all of their stories. I wish you could have been a fly on the wall during our time together on the youth mission trip. God is birthing revival in our teenagers, on our youth mission trip we spent hours together one night from 9pm-1:45am, as students confessed sin, revealed deep hurts and brokenness, spoke hard truths into one another's lives and offered words of encouragement. They allowed God to minister through them, prayed together, asked for one another's forgiveness and battled against the spiritual warfare they sensed, proclaiming victory over the devil, in Jesus name.

I know it may sound like I am making some of this up, but I'm not. All of this is 100% true. Something happened on that mission trip, we became a family; we grew in our love for one another. I think we experienced the type of community we read about in Scripture. One student felt alone and without a family and our students gathered around him saying, "we will be your family, we will be here for you to love and support you." They didn't just say it; I've seen them actually do it, post mission trip.

In the wake of the spiritual revival our youth are experiencing I would ask you to come alongside them in prayer. They are going to need the prayers of God's people to fuel them in their faith. The devil is going to try to shut them down. They will be faced with much persecution, be made fun of and ostracized. However, together, and with your prayers they can remain strong.

Ask God what your role might be in coming alongside of these young people. They are ready to reach their school with the gospel. I know this, because they have told me, and many others of how desperately they want to bring the hope of Christ to their peers. If anything, pray for them; believe alongside of them for revival, encourage them to be bold for the sake of gospel. Mentor, challenge and equip them for the battle ahead. Pray for their protection; ask God to provide opportunities for them to share the gospel and pray that students would respond in saving faith. Together, as the body of Christ, we can see revival happen in our community and our youth can lead the way.

Please contact me if you'd like to join with our teenagers as they seek God for revival!

Hazak, Heather Q.



Upcoming Collide Youth Events

- **Prayerforce Training** – All prayerforce members please attend a brief training Sept. 18th in the youth room from 11:40am-noon.
- **Parent and Student Lunch** - 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.
- **High School Wednesday Night In Depth Bible Study**- 6:30-8pm starting Wednesday, Sept. 7th from 6:30-8pm at FBC. Dave Potthast will be teaching on the book of John for all students grades 9th-12th.
- **2017 Family Mission Trip** – For more information on the Family Mission Trip planned for next summer, please come to the Parent/Student lunch on Sept. 11th! Contact Heather Quiroz or Mike and Beth Bowns with any questions.
- **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
Sept. 4	Praise In The Park	Praise In The Park	Deacons
Sept. 11	Betty Williams, Ronda Moffitt, Veronica Moffitt	Tina McCaw, Beth & Cora Whitenack, Paul & Kendell Hedrick & Mollie	Bill & Marsha Loving Rodrigo Quiroz
Sept. 18	Betty Williams, Sharon Moffitt, Patsy Castor	Sarah Kellett, Lisa & Shay Litwiler, Mollie & Maddie Dunn	Linus & Cathy Griswold Jeanne Barber
Sept. 25	Betty Williams, Vivian Kopp, Cathy Griswold & Bryce Moffitt	Shannon Sedam, Terry, Stephanie & Kassidy Leonard & Mollie	Don & Vickie Korn Charlie Douglas

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 Septmeber:

Trustee of the Month for September:

Prayer Team Assignments:

September 4 – Kay Hedrick, MaryLee Finch, Peggy Johnson, Vickie Korn & Laurie Louck
 September 11 – Jeanne Barber, Drue & Perry Baugher, Lonnie Maynard & Sherry Huffstutler
 September 18 – Deb & Dave VanderHeyden, Troy Riddell, Vickie Korn & Laurie Louck
 September 25 – Tina McCaw, Jason & Shelly Snyder, Elden Cirks & Lonnie Maynard

Weekly Attendance & Offering

DATE	7/31/16	8/7/16	8/14/16	8/21/16	8/28/16
8 AM	104	84	96	80	105
10 AM	261	270	243	255	245
TOTAL	365	354	339	335	350

Date	7/31/16	8/7/16	8/14/16	8/21/16	8/28/16
Current Expense	\$7,420.00	\$11,083.47	\$7,087.76	\$7,840.14	\$7,642.01
Building Fund/Mem.	\$50.00	\$202.00	\$43.00	\$400.00	\$225.00
Benevolence	\$1,077.81	\$1,065.00	\$885.00	\$486.00	\$617.46
Total	\$8,547.81	\$12,350.47	\$8,015.76	\$8,726.14	\$8,484.47

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



Kids Club Ministry

September News- Kids Club Ministry

Last month I wrote about a ministry our church has recently adopted called Safe Families. The Safe Family Ministry takes in children temporarily while their parents are in crisis and working to find employment, find stability, get settled, or get healthy.

This last month I had the privilege of helping take care of an infant who was placed in another home in our church family but needed some childcare while his Safe Family parents were at work. While I was out and about with him at church or in the community, he attracted attention and I was able to talk to people about Safe Families. I was so encouraged by the love and sense of ownership other families in our church body have for him and other recent placements. Last month I shared this passage from **James 2:14-17**: *"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."*

Safe Families is a perfect opportunity for our church family to take care of the needs of these children and the families who are opening up their homes to them. Safe Family participants do not receive help from the state and all expenses are from their own resources and hopefully with help from our church body. To

learn more about Safe Families go to www.safe-families.org or ask any of the Safe Families at FBC. So, how can you be part of the Safe Family ministry?

1) While you might not be in a position to be a Safe Family, if you are trained, you could fulfill a much needed role of childcare or respite for a family who has a placement (like I was doing for another family in our church). Please contact Emily Baldwin at 582-6953 for more information if you would like to consider providing occasional childcare or respite for a Safe Family.

(Mollie's Article Continued)

2) Our church has a Foster Care/Safe Family closet in the elevator room of our church in the basement. John & Sherry Huffstutler are taking care of the closet now and will be assessing what is needed to assist families with children. You can help by donating diapers (all sizes), pull ups, and Over-Nighters, new or gently used clothing, or other baby/child necessities. Please contact the Sherry at 582-2907 if you have any questions. 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) Please pray for our Safe Families, the children they are helping, and their families as they are working to have their family restored. I'm so excited to see how God blesses each of you as you each step out and be the hands and feet of Jesus through Safe Families at First Baptist.

See you at Praise in the Park! ~Mollie

Safe Families Fund Raiser at the QC Prayer Center



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 & Wednesday Night Live Class Info & Other General Events



Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry Think Tank— Saturday, Sept. 3rd at 9am in the Enon Room. Everyone is invited to these meetings.

Ladies Meet & Mingle – Sept. 30th at 6:30pm at Betty Frost's Home – 702 SW 8th Ave. Aledo. The theme is "Fall is in the air." Betty will provide meat and drinks, please bring a snack to share. All ladies invited to attend.

Single Sisters Outing - Please join single sisters as we travel to Davenport to attend Beaux Art Fair on Sunday, Sept 11th. We will leave the church parking lot at 1 pm and return circa 4-5 pm.

Survey Says!- The Women's Ministry team would appreciate feedback from the ladies who attend the Lavender Spring Spa Retreat. You can complete a survey that you will find at www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z6QT7M7 or on the Women's Ministry table and can be returned to the church office.



FBC Church wide Clean Up Day – Everyone is invited to join us Saturday, Sept. 17th as we go throughout the church and do cleaning and repairs. There is lots to do so we'll plan on 8am-noon. Many hands make light work. Hope to see you there.

Joyful Noise Choir Openings!

A message from the choir director:

We hope the church body has been enjoying the choir! We are always looking for people that have a desire to sing praises to our Lord and King! If you are looking for a place to get plugged into the church and would like to join us, we would love to have you.

At the beginning of the year I chose an entire set of 12 songs and put it on a cd for members to listen to and practice when they can't be at rehearsals. We are a **NO PRESSURE GROUP!** We practice on Tuesday nights in the sanctuary starting at 6:45 and are always done by 7:45. We sing on the second Sunday of every month which allows members to plan ahead (with occasional exceptions).

On the Sunday's we sing, we gather downstairs by the kitchen at 8:45 a.m. to practice and sing at the end of the 8:00 worship service and sing again at the beginning of the 10:15am worship service. This has worked well so that we can share the special music with both services. We have members that attend each of the services so all church family can be a part of the special music.

The choir has its own Facebook page (First Baptist Aledo Choir) and I post reminders there. If you are interested, please see me at church or contact me through our Facebook page. We would love to grow the choir and be a treasured part of our church worship!

In His Service, Robyn Bottens

New Wednesday Night Live Classes! Sept. 7th- Nov. 16th from 6:30-8pm. Sign up today!

Adult Classes Include:

"Act Like Men" by James MacDonald
Facilitated by Brad Olson-This study explores what it means to be a man. It is a call to be leaders, men of God, husbands who are present, caring & strong.

"Just Show Up" by Kara Tippetts
This study shows women what friendship looks like in the midst of changing life's seasons, load of laundry and even cancer.

"Men are Like Waffles & Women are Like Spaghetti" by Bill and Pam Farrel
The Farrels help find the humor in yourself as you gain biblical wisdom, solid insight and workable skills to help your relationship flourish

Explore Israel with Pastor Luke
This is a virtual tour of Israel. Pastor Luke will lead the class through the Biblical stories that connect to the modern day archeology of the Holy land.

Kids Programs:

We offer Kids Club for ages 3 years old through 5th grade. Collide Youth Group for 6th through 8th grade and Collide Bible Study for grades 9th-12th. We also have a free nursery for 0-2 year olds. All classes and programs are **FREE!** You can find Kids Club registration forms at Kids Corner in the lobby.

Church Calendar



YOU'RE INVITED!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ALEDO PRESENTS

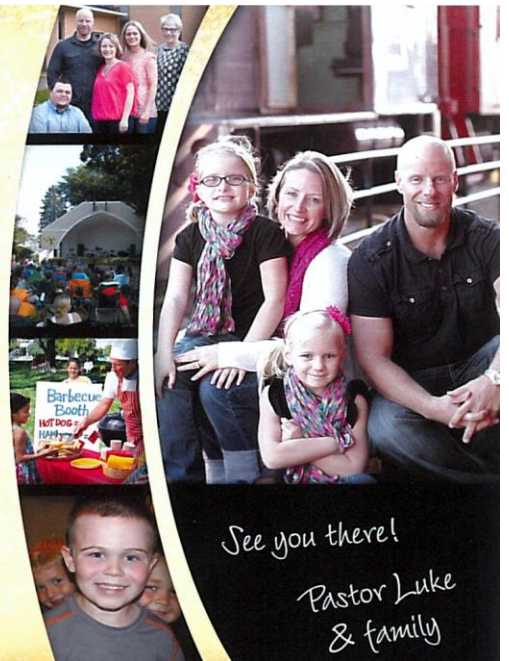
Praise in the Park Family Fest

Aledo Central Park

Sept. 4th – 10:15am-2pm

Worship • Lunch • Music • Water Inflatables

Family Photo Booth • Kona Ice • Bags Tournament



See you there!

Pastor Luke
& family

First Baptist Church – A Place For Your Whole Family

Praise in the Park Family Fest! Aledo Central Park Sunday, Sept. 4th – 10:15am-2pm

- 10:15am Praise & Worship Service
 - 11:30am - Free Lunch
 - Chicken/Pork Chops/Hot Dogs
 - Noon - Music, Water Inflatables (Kids, bring your swimsuits!) Family Photo Booth! Kona Ice! Bags Tournament!
 - Noon-1pm - Music by Faith Froemming
- All activities and lunch are FREE!**
*Bring a lawn chair.



Join us on Sundays at First Baptist Aledo
8am Traditional Worship – 9am Sunday School &
10:15am Contemporary Worship

Coming up at First Baptist Aledo!

Wednesday Night Live Classes!

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
- Collide High School Bible Study– 9th-12th grade
 - Nursery for 0-2years old
- Collide Youth Group– 9th-12th grade on Sunday nights starting Sept. 11th from 6-7:30pm at the Whitenack's home.

All classes and programs are FREE!

To register or get more info visit:

www.firstbaptistaledo.com or
call 309-582-7812

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Thank you all for your generous prayers. Your caring thoughts have helped me through this bump in my road. God Bless you all, Bev Palmer

Thank you seems so small when what you did was so big. We thank God for each of you and your kindness was deeply appreciated. Bob & Myrna Sell

Words cannot express my gratitude to the youth and Heather for choosing my house for the Youth Service Mission! I was blessed with Cassidy, Orion, Tyler and Mike refurbishing my deck. From what they started with to what it looks like now is simply amazing! God's blessings to each of you. Pam Spangler

Thank you for the prayers, phone calls, cards, visits, and food we have received since my recent knee replacement. We are so grateful to our family, friends, and church family for all the kindnesses you have shown us. Ed and Gerry Kelly

Men's Ministry & A Word From Pastor Seth

Men's Ministry Changes are Coming!

Men's Ministry is changing and growing! The Men's Ministry Think Tank is discontinued. In its place we are building a Men's Ministry Council. The purpose of the Council is The purpose of the council is to assess the spiritual needs of men and coordinate appropriate events, studies, and programs to assist men in their walk with the Lord.. If you would like to be a part of this Council, please sign up on Sunday's Connection card or let Pastor Luke or Pastor Seth know of your interest.



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

"Our Father Knows"

Recently Jadon and I went fishing but before we went Jadon prayed that God would let him catch a fish. My son had not yet caught a fish in the other two trips we made to the fishing pond. Jadon and I are in the boat together on a normal fishing trip when it all turns to into a great newsletter story!

I had a fish hit my line. I jerked the pole back to set the line like normal; but this little fish only had the tail of my lure in its mouth. So my lure went flying over my head and the little fish shot out of the water and was flying at us. This little fish smacked my son across the face and then landed in his lap. He stood up as it flopped around on the bottom of the boat. Now I'm trying to get my son to sit down and save this little fish all the while trying not to capsize the little boat.

After this quick bit of excitement in the boat, we both had our lines back in the water. I told Jadon that he should have prayed differently. He should have asked that God would let him catch a fish on his pole and not catch one across his face. My son was not finding this funny. He stopped fishing to scold me for laughing but left his lure in the water. Just then his little arm holding the pole went straight out from his body. He screamed "I got one!" He caught the biggest fish of the night and probably of that pond. After releasing the "Biggest Fish Ever" (according to Jadon) we prayed a prayer thanking God for letting us catch this fish.

I'm so thankful that God knows our hearts and knows our needs before we even ask; but I'm also so thankful to know that I can still ask and I don't have to be so detailed as if God will miss something because *"Our Father Knows."* Just like this story, we had to go through some tough times to get the biggest blessing. ~Seth

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Kathryn Baugher & Carolyn Hanson

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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