

First Baptist Church of Aledo



September Newsletter

Pastor's Corner

"It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." ~ Hebrews 10:31

We're all terminal. I can fill pages upon pages of first hand testimony of people who have lived with reality that their life is in serious eminent danger. Rarely are people okay with such news. The old adage is, "everyone wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to go right now." What is happening? Several things... Ecclesiastes 3:11 says "He has set eternity in the hearts of men." The very idea that life might end is so foreign to us that we can't really comprehend it. The reason why is because even though we pass through death, we continue to live into eternity. And

while that is encouraging, it can also be dreadful. Scripture warns us about the danger of hell far more than it extols the pleasures of heaven. Since we are all terminal, it is vital that we as believers are honest about these realities. On the one hand we want to be confident in our own eternal hope of heaven, and on the other hand we want to gently warn non-believers that there is danger for those who don't turn to Jesus in trust.

tember has been set aside for us to focus on these issues as I preach a series entitled: Eternity: What Happens When You Die. I hope it will be a great time of confirmation for believers, as well as an eye opener for non-believers. My prayer is that many people will come to know Christ as Savior as we study what His Word says about eternity.

In Christ,
Pastor Luke

The month of Sep-

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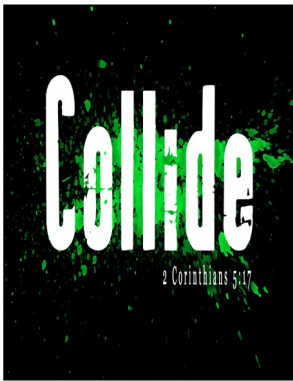
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**FBC is going to Israel in 2017!
Take a guided tour with
Pastor Luke!**

March 20-29, 2017

Watch and listen for details!





I told Pastor Rigoberto he now holds a special place in my heart after our time together in El Salvador. We truly experienced the love of Christ from the people there on our mission trip, from the countless meals cooked for us, miles driven and smiles shared we saw Christ's love to us in all of it. We learned so much from them about what it means to be a true servant for Christ.

One day Pastor Rigoberto told us that he had invited some children from an impromptu afternoon outreach. We said great, how many kids should we expect? At the time he told us between 30-40, but once we got settled in that afternoon I did a quick count and there were well over 120 people there. We are literally out in the middle of nowhere and I'm thinking to myself, where are these people coming from!?!

Thanks to the quick thinking of some tremendous students and adults we were able to share the gospel, play some fun games and pass out some gifts to the children.

We also held an all day youth outreach event. The guys and gals split up and our men led the guys time while the girls led discussion for the ladies. Taylor Boydston shared such a beautiful testimony of how she came to faith in Christ! She had me in tears!

Our trip to El Salvador was truly an unforgettable one! We experienced Christ's love and gave Christ's love as well. We were able to put ceramic tile in the church, put up a concrete fence, paint inside and outside of the church, dug a recreation area out of the side of a large hill and put up posts for a pavilion. We did lots of work and accomplished a lot! We're so thankful to those who gave to our trip.

What a wonderful summer it truly was! Now its time to gear up for the fall, so get ready, because we're launching our "Just One More" campaign. I'm asking each youth ministry family to reach out to one student this year and pursue them for Christ to get them connected to the church and Collide. Together we can reach more students for Christ! That is our goal!

In Christ's Love, Heather Q.

Upcoming Collide Youth Events!



COLLIDE KICKS OFF Sept 2nd - Fall Collide will begin Sept 2nd. Jr. High and High school students will both meet during Wednesday Night Live from 6:30-8pm. Students will break out into separate age groups.

Collide Fall Retreat — Mark your calendar now for Oct 10th & 11th for Youth Fall Retreat at Camp Summit. Watch and listen for details.

Prayer Group at the Junior High- Thursdays at 7:45am in the chorus room.

Prayer Group at the Intermediate School-Fridays at 7:40am in the computer lab

Prayer Group at the High School? Contact Heather if you're a student interested in getting one started!

2015 WEEKLY INFORMATION CENTER

Date	Nursery	Kids Club Worship	Greeters
Sept. 6	Betty Williams, Paul Hedrick & Susan Potthast	Shay & Lisa Litwiler	Jeanne Barber Bill & Arlene Bewley
Sept. 13	Betty Williams, Vivian Kopp, & Grace Buttgen	Seth & Denise Bowker	Monica Dennison, Linus & Cathy Griswold
Sept. 20	Betty Williams, Ronda Moffitt, & Veronica Moffitt	Joe & Brooke Loving	Troy Riddell Bill & Marsha Loving
Sept. 27	Betty Williams, Sharon Moffitt, & Bryce Moffitt	Haley Johnson & Brian Rind	Shay Litwiler, Cindy & Lonnie Maynard

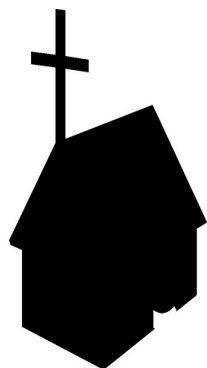
If you are unable to serve the day you are scheduled in the Nursery, please make arrangements in advance to switch with another person on the schedule. Please contact **Ronda Moffitt, Nursery Coordinator, for all concerns on her Cell:(309) 371-3021.** Thank you! **Kids Club Worship**—PLEASE come to the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

Weekly Attendance & Offering



DATE	8/2/15	8/9/15	8/16/15	8/23/15
8 AM	61	69	65	72
10 AM	234	244	257	282
TOTAL	295	313	322	354



Date	8/2/15	8/9/15	8/16/15	8/23/15
Current Expense	\$7,205.64	\$7,527.00	\$7,718.42	\$7,223.50
Building Fund/Mem.	\$799.00	\$400.00	\$220.00	\$175.00
Benevolence	\$2,520.00	\$509.00	\$755.00	\$3,177.00
Total	\$10,524.64	\$8,436.00	\$8,693.42	\$10,575.50

September News—Kids Club Ministry



The Root of the Matter Part 4: All Things Good & Right

In the spring growing up I remember picking as many pretty, yellow “flowers” that I could carry to make a special bouquet for my mom. My mom always accepted them graciously saying things like “Oh, how sweet” and “They’re so lovely, thank you!” Those little yellow flowers were always so abundant, bright, cheery, and they looked just like flowers. Why wouldn’t mom want them? The truth is, though, they weren’t flowers. They were weeds. While they took on the appearance of a flower, my mom wouldn’t intentionally plant them in our yard or go to the flower shop to buy some because they grow wherever they want, spread aggressively, and have no good purpose.

Sin, especially sexual sin, is packaged like this. It looks promising, enticing, lovely, and harmless BUT it pulls us away from God, puts our attention on ourselves and what we want instead of God’s best, and harms us to the core. In **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** it says, *“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.”* If we have the Holy Spirit living inside of us we should desire and furthermore be driven to be pure, holy, and right in God’s eyes because God is pure, holy, and ALL things good and right.

Our culture is running wild with sexual immorality and if you somehow don’t embrace it, you’re hateful or weird. When the truth is, there are so many negative consequences that can stem from it. I haven’t met one person yet who actually wished they would have had multiple sexual partners before they got married. Instead, I hear story after story of painful memories and regrets from giving into the sexual “weeds” instead of seeking to be holy, pure, and right in God’s eyes. Sin hurts us! It’s damaging and it’s not God’s best for us. And furthermore, we take those weeds into our marriages and it’s painful.

How can we as parents fight against sexual weeds in our kid’s lives? Here’s a few ways to start: 1) Model purity and holiness by example. Your kids won’t take you seriously if you’re not practicing what you’re preaching, 2) Be diligent in monitoring what they’re watching, reading, and listening to. We all know that the more we expose ourselves to sin, the more we want to engage in it. It’s your responsibility as their parent to guide and protect them in this area, 3) Talk openly and honestly with your kids about what God’s word says about sexual sin, what it is, and why it’s harmful. If you don’t know what God’s word says about it, start studying it, 4) For older kids, share your experience with them. I know this can be scary, but let them know how you succeeded or failed and what the results were. Ask them what their temptations and struggles are and don’t freak out, 5) Pray with them and ask God to help them in the areas they struggle in, and 6) Be a safe place for them to confide and be honest with. Your kids need to know they can tell you anything and that your love for them will not waiver.

On this note, I’m so excited to announce that this year the Lord laid on my heart to start a brand new ministry for moms and their daughters ages 7-12 called “Secret Keeper Girls.” A Secret Keeper girl is one who keeps the deepest secrets of her beauty for her future husband. Also, she knows that there aren’t any secrets she can’t share within the safety of her relationship with her mom. And the coolest thing about a Secret Keeper Girl is that she is a masterpiece created by God. I’m so excited to open up the doors of communication with moms and their daughters about purity, modesty, and waiting patiently for God’s best. Please join me in prayer of these girls and their mama’s as we’re shedding the light of God’s truth in the area of purity. Thanks for reading! Mollie

What’s Coming Up for the Kids!

Kids Club: The new session begins on Wednesday, September 2nd and is every Wednesday from 6:30-8pm for kids ages 3-5th grade. Register today!



Secret Keeper Girls Club: This brand new club for moms and their daughters ages 7-12 years kicks off on August 8th! Please visit Kids Corner in the foyer or our “First Baptist Children’s Ministry” Facebook page for details.





Women's Ministry

Secret Sisters— Please check the church mailbox, you may have an item from your Secret Sister.

Women's Ministry Think Tank
Saturday, Sept. 5th at 9am in the Enon Room. All ladies are invited to attend.

Ladies Meet & Mingle Saturday, Sept. 19 at 9:30am at Crystal Clark's Home— 706 NW 2nd Ave. Aledo.

Mentorship Celebration Tea—Sunday, Sept. 27th at 2pm in the Enon Room— RSVP to Sheri Olson.

J.O.Y. Circle (Jesus Others Yourself)

Will meet Tuesday, September 22nd at 7pm in the Enon Room.

All ladies are invited to attend.



New Sermon Series Begins Sept. 6th!
“Eternity: What happens when you die”
Invite your friends to join us!
Join us at 8am or 10am!



What's Coming Up!



Deacon Meeting—Tuesday, Sept. 1st at 7pm.

Church office closed— In observation of Labor Day, the church office will be closed Monday, Sept. 7th.

Trustee Meeting—Sunday, Sept. 13th following the 10am service.

Kid's 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 8th from 5-8pm and Sat. October 10th 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.

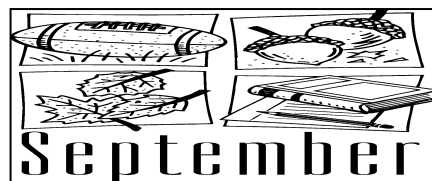
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Birthdays

Jesse Snyder	September 1
Logan Snyder	
Joyce Bodeen	
Jacob Duncan	
Janice Klink	
Joanne Anderson	
Karyn Smith	September 2
Sarah Kellett	September 3
Bridget Cirks	September 4
Jayke Hedrick	
Laurie Berthel	September 5
Don Korns	September 6
Jeremiah Johnson	September 7
Shelby Reid	September 8
Maurice McCutchan	September 8
Mark Castor	September 9
Selena Johnson	
Lucy Dunn	September 10
Tenley Sproston	September 11
Sadie Svoboda	September 16
Bernice Kelly	September 17
Tim McNall	
Marty Rind	
Natalie Bowker	
Betty Weeks	September 18
Martha Cirks	September 19
Brandon Bruns	
Mark VanderHeyden	
Jack Vipond	
Brad Olson	September 20
Lisa Kernan Smith	September 21
Brandon Galloway	
Bailey Kellett	
Vickie Korns	September 23
Jenna Latko	
Denise Bowker	
Karen McConaughy	
Brock Huffstutler	
Bruce Reid	September 25
Eloise Moreland	September 26
Martha Moffitt	
Jennifer Russell	September 27
Lauryn Russell	
Shannon Sedam	
	September 28
Jim Anderson	September 29

Anniversary

Mark & Lynda Castor



Leonard & Sandi Williams

Scott & Becky Moffitt

Barry & Alison Lafever

Ron & Sharon Moffitt

Jim & Joanne Anderson

Paul & Kay Hedrick
Larry & Patsy Castor



You are cordially invited!

All church family are invited to Katie Coulter/Brody Hoerner's wedding on
Saturday, September 12th at 4pm at First Baptist Church.

Wednesday Night Live Class for the Fall will kickoff Wednesday, Sept. 2nd - 6:30-8pm every Wednesday Night through Nov. 18th—Classes are FREE! Here's the lineup of adult studies & programs for the Kids and Youth!



Grief Share— Help for men and women going through the grieving process. Taught by Susan Potthast— Each week your group will watch a video seminar on DVD. The Grief Share videos cover topics essential to your recovery from the hurt of grief and loss. The topics include: Living with Grief, The Journey of Grief, The Effects of Grief, When Your Spouse Dies, Your Family and Grief, Why?, The Uniqueness of Grief, God's Prescription for Grief, Stuck in Grief, Top Twenty Lessons of Grief & Heaven.

Stepping Up - by Dennis Raney—Men's Class—Taught by Aaron Struble—What's the most courageous thing you've ever done? As men, all of us face decisions in life that demand courage. Big or little, complex or straightforward, these choices—let's call them battles—matter a great deal. One courageous choice leads to another; tomorrow's integrity depends on today's bravery. Dennis Rainey identifies five stages of a man's journey through life—boyhood, adolescence, manhood, mentor, and patriarch—and examines a man's responsibilities at each step. Ultimately, you'll be challenged to be the man on your battlefield.

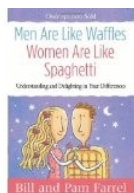


Pastor Luke's Excellent Adventures through the Bible— Taught by Pastor Luke. Have you ever been reading the Bible and wondered, "when did that happen?" Well... Wonder no more! Luke's excellent adventure through the Bible will help you make sense of what happened when and where in the Bible from beginning to end.

Women's Study— Beth Moore—Children of the Day 1st & 2nd Thessalonians Taught by Jeanne Barber & Laurie Louck. Is family life a challenge? Is work driving you crazy? Do you know God has a purpose for your life, but you can't figure out what it is? Know that your circumstances are not coincidental. And God's timing is impeccable. Join Beth Moore on the Thessalonian shores as she walks you through the truth of each verse of 1 and 2 Thessalonians. In this study, you'll face crises, afflictions, relationships, doubts, concerns, and fears. Find encouragement for living the Christian life now and hope for when Christ returns.



Men are like Waffles Women are Like Spaghetti—Taught by Pastor Seth and Denise Bowker—**Reduce the Stress in Your Most Important Relationships! (Love and Marriage)** - With over 300,000 copies sold, bestselling authors Bill and Pam Farrel help you find the humor in yourself as you gain biblical wisdom, solid insight, and workable skills to help your relationships flourish --all served up in just the right combination so that readers can feast on enticing ways to keep communication cooking, let gender differences work for--not against--them, help each other relieve stress, achieve fulfillment in romantic relationships, coordinate parenting so kids get the best of both Mom and Dad. The Farrels explain why a man is like a waffle (each element of his life is in a separate box) and a woman is like spaghetti (everything in her life touches everything else). End-of-chapter questions and exercises make this unique and fun look at the different ways men and women regard life a terrific tool for not only marriage, but also for a reader's relationships at work, at home, at church, and with friends.

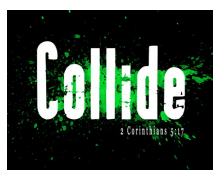


Studies For the Children & Youth!

Kids Club for all kids ages 3 years old through 5th Grade- We offer a high-energy, fun-filled, Christ-centered program where kids worship, serve, learn, and play together. Kid's Club kicks off in the Fall on September 2nd. All kids ages 3 years old-5th grade are invited. Nursery is provided for infants-2 years olds for parents who attend a Wednesday Night Bible Study. Pre-registration begins in August.



For the Youth—Collide for Kids grades 6th—12th—Through the power of the Holy Spirit we seek to love teenagers and point them to Jesus Christ. We're not so much of a youth group as we are a youth family. Collide kicks off on Sept. 2nd during Wed Night Live from 6:30-8pm each Wednesday Night. We love to see teenagers lives change through the life changing message of the gospel. We can't wait for your teen to become a part of our community! What to expect at Collide? - Expect to have fun! Have lots of great snacks, plays some fun games and most importantly learn about what it means to know God personally through Jesus Christ. We highly value outreach and love seeing students come from all walks of life, even if you don't have a church home you are welcome at Collide.



A Note from Pastor Seth

Who's Doing the Pruning?

I recently saw a tree that was pruned in the wrong season and incorrectly. Right where a branch used to be the tree was losing sap. The sap almost looked like blood from the tree. The tree was actually losing nourishment everyday just because it was pruned incorrectly. This tree is going to struggle to grow and even struggle to live. As I pondered this for a while and actually felt bad for the tree, I realized we do this to ourselves in our Christian walk. We can prune ourselves from the source of nourishment. Just like if I cut off my little finger and throw it away. Which part of the Body will begin to decay and die? Yes, the finger I cut off will decay and die. Now think of this - The Church is the Body of Christ and Christ is the Head of that Body. Now if you are cutting yourself off from attending the Church - What part of the body will decay or die?

John 15 talks about the vine and the branch and our father is the Gardener. Our Father will prune us as He sees fit but I have often pruned myself causing me and others pain. I cut myself off from the Body or from Christ. In doing this, I will begin to struggle to grow and even to live a Christian life that produces fruit. I prune myself from the very source of everything I need. I need to abide in Christ, I need to be in the Body (Church) and I need the Father to be my pruner (not me).

Prune = cut branches of a plant to further growth; reduce something by removing unwanted material. Are you allowing God to prune unwanted things from you or are you pruning yourself from the only source (JESUS CHRIST and HIS BODY)?



SEE YOU AT THE SOURCE

Join us for Life Action's Men's Momentum Retreat in Buchanan, Michigan October 23rd-25th – Cost \$100

Men's Momentum takes place at the beautiful Life



Action Camp in Buchanan Michigan. Cost includes meals while at the conference. Departure time will be on Friday, October 23rd at

10am and we'll be back in Aledo on the Sunday, Oct. 25th in the early evening. If you have questions, see Pastor Luke. Sign up coming soon!



Did you know we accept non perishable food item donations for the Mercer County Food Pantry? Just leave your items in the grey tote in the lobby by the coat rack. Thanks so much!

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HEALTH & WELL BEING

Mary Rohm, Vickie Korn, Mike Sponsler, Lynnie Bowlyou, Janet Lomelino, Christopher, Family of Nancy Bonyng, Family of Lori Strom, Ron Moffitt, Roger & Janet Mueller, Joyce Mizner, Janet Rind, RaeAnn Latko, Dave Duncan, Jail Ministry, Jake Foy, Amber Smock, Larry Bull, Julie Smith, Ethel Welch, Carol Smock, Vada Morgan, Ashlin Klev, Jayne Fitzsimmons, Jim Earl, Peg Cox, Caryl Leslie, Jennifer Franks, Krista Bear, Shelly Upson, Carolyn Hanson

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Aldus Gridley, & Ron Rhine

MISSIONARIES & MILITARY

Alex & Jess Etheridge, Jim Earl, Danika Higgins, & Rigoberto Cruz
Austin Weir, Tyler Mattson, Caleb VanderHeyden, Kyle Mandle, Charles Schultz,
Christopher Schultz & Terry Schaefer

OTHER CONCERNS

The church & all decisions