

# Serving the Body of Jesus Christ

**FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

ALEDO, ILLINOIS



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# Our Vision & Mission

## Our Vision

Our vision is that First Baptist Church be the place people want to be with their families to meet with friends and experience God. The first place people think of when they want a safe. Fun place for themselves and their families second only to their own homes. A place where titles and labels fall off, and everyone feels at home and comfortable. A place where conversations are genuine, where teaching is Biblical, and worship is heartfelt.

## Our Mission

Our mission is to  
Love Christ, Love Others  
and to Think Biblically



# Preparing for Service

## Pray!

Begin everything with prayer. Seek God's will and where He is wanting you to get involved. Asking God to bless you with Himself. You always want to serve through His Holy Spirit and not your own resources. If we are serving from any resource than His Spirit then we will all be burnt out and exhausted. Everything we do we do it as if we're doing it for the Lord and through the Lord there is nothing that we can't do.

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## Focus on the Call

As God reveals to you where you are to serve it will often be an uncomfortable thought. God's strength is made perfect in our weakness. Don't discount those areas that make you uncomfortable because that might just be where God is leading you. He can be your strength just listen to the call He places on you.

## Praise Him for Using Broken Vessels

God is the Potter and we are the clay. If you're allowing God to mold and shape you as you serve Him then give Him the praise. It is amazing that the Almighty God uses our infirmity and weakness to help and bless others.

# Requirements to be a Contributor of the Body:

## **1) Serving after Six Months of Attendance:**

All areas of service at First Baptist Church require you to be in attendance for a minimum of six months. This is attending many areas of the Church not just Sunday mornings. Attending a Bible study or attending an accountability group is beneficial for your spiritual maturity.

## **2) Serving in the Children's Ministry or the Youth Ministry:**

We do have a child protection policy and background checks for those wanting to work with the youth and children. You must take and pass all the tests. Then you will be considered for serving in areas of the youth. It is important to all of us at First Baptist Church of Aledo to protect our young people.

## **3) Purposely Engaged:**

As you become familiar with the Church and the people you may begin to be a contributor. God is calling us to reflect His Son Jesus Christ and as we answer that call we will naturally become givers. Giving our time, talents, treasure and ultimately our entire being over to Him for His Glory. As we pour out we must purposefully be engaged and participate in filling back up. We have two Church services and many Bible studies for you to fill up. As you serve it's vital to purposely engage in the filling up.

# Make It Your Church

## Membership Requirements:

*To make this your own Church and step out into a commitment requires two things*

**1) Acknowledge that Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior:** This can be done after a Church service in front of the Church or privately to a Pastor.

**2) Baptism as a Believer:** This is a public declaration of what the Lord has done in your heart. Being immersed in the water is the way we reflect being united with Christ in His death. We then rise from the water as a symbol of our walking and being united with Him in His resurrection. You can transfer your membership. Verbal or documented baptism from your past can be accepted but must be an immersion baptism and not an infant baptism.

### **Next Step:**

Join the Sunday School class “Make this your Church orientation” and dig into the Bible as a follower of Jesus Christ. Begin to live out the mission of loving Christ, loving others and thinking Biblically together with unity.

### **Serving as a Member:**

After two years of active membership other areas are open for you to serve. You can be considered for the Diaconate of the Church or Church Council positions. You can be on boards and committees that help guide the Church into our vision and mission for the Kingdom of God. All the same requirements and background checks apply.

# Serving the Children



*Children's Ministry is a critical part  
of our heart and Vision  
"A safe, fun place for families."*

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**Check-in Volunteer Crew:** We need volunteers to greet & check-in families on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. A training will be offered to those interested.

**Kids Worship Crew on Sundays during the 10:15 a.m. service:** We can add you to this 7-week rotation where you would serve as a help in monitoring the Kids while Mollie teaches them the Bible. No planning required.

**Kids Club Crew Leader on Wednesday Evenings:** Crew leaders are vital to our program and help direct kids to different stations. This requires minimal planning while support crew are there to assist you.

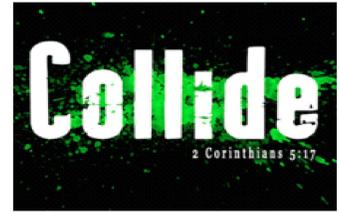
**Nursery on Sunday mornings during the 8:00 & 10:15 Worship Service:** We can add you to this 7-week rotation where you would serve the nursery with others.

**Nursery Crew Leader on Wednesday:** Ages from birth to two years old. Equipment available to call parents back to the nursery without leaving. No planning required.

**Paid Childcare:** A Facebook group is where we post these opportunities.

# Serving the Youth

What is Collide? We are a youth family that loves Jesus. We seek to partner with families and the body of Christ to grow in our love for God, His Word, and His bride; the Church.”



## **Snack Providers:**

If you'd like to help provide snacks on Wednesday nights during the school year for our students please just bring them in marked.

## **Collide Greeters:**

On Wednesdays, starting in September, we check a lot of kids in and send out lots of first time follow up letters. Making students feel welcome is the goal.

## **Small Group Leaders:**

Love students? Love accountability and helping students grow in their understanding of who God is? Lead a group of 4-10 students in topical discussion.

## **Bus Drivers and Bus Monitors:**

If you'd love to bring students in that may never come to church without a ride you could be the bus Driver? If you'd be interested in serving on the bus as a monitor? Both position are available Wednesday nights from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. then drop them back off between 8:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m., please contact Jenny Dixon at [jenny@firstbaptistaledo.com](mailto:jenny@firstbaptistaledo.com).

# Serving the Youth

## Prayer Force Team Member:

Our goal is to match up every active student at First Baptist with an older congregation member who has committed to contacting their student once a month and praying for them on a regular basis. Will you help us reach out by supporting a young person in prayer? Please contact Jeanne Barber at [jbarb52@gmail.com](mailto:jbarb52@gmail.com) if you're interested!

## Prayer Group Coordinator:

The Junior High and Intermediate school of Mercer County have prayer groups. The kids eat donuts and pray but not at the same time.

- Can you pick up the donuts each week?
- Can you create a mailing list of students who come to pray?

Talk Jenny about this *sweet* opportunity the times are listed below:

**Junior High:** Thursdays at 7:45 a.m. in the Chorus room

**Intermediate School:** Tuesdays at 7:40 a.m. in the Library

**High School:** Monday at 7:30 a.m. room #109

## Big Event Chaperones:

We do some BIG events throughout the year. That means we need some people to just make sure kids are safe and the event is running smoothly. If you'd like to serve at any of our big events like Fall Retreat, All Night Out, Concerts or outreach events please contact Jenny Dixon to get the proper background checks and child protection policy started.

# Women's Ministry

**Women Serving the Church:** We have many serving opportunities designed for Women. These are not programs but are areas the body would benefit from your help.

**Meal Train:** Provide a meal for folks having surgery, babies or sometimes even for funerals. We have freezer space available so we can always be prepared handing out meals.

**Food Pantry in Joy:** Once a month we need women to help move, lift and transport can goods to the food pantry in Joy. Then come and give the food away to those in need.

**Sanctuary:** Sign up for a month to check on the sanctuary weekly before Sunday services. Refill the Bibles, pens, prayer cards and pencils.

**Event coordinator:** Rhubarb fest, homecoming parade and Christmas parade we need an event coordinator. Help organize these events and secure volunteers for service.

**Extra Help:** Service projects pop up from time to time. Needs are simple and sometimes just require you to bring a hammer. Check our website for these events. [www.firstbaptistaledo.com](http://www.firstbaptistaledo.com)

**Physical Bus Care:** Bus cleaning and washing. This service is available anytime.

**See a Need? Fill a Need!** Maybe there is something you see at the Church that needs attention. Email Pam with details of your plan and please add your phone number as we connect you with proper people to help you serve.

# Men's Ministry

**Men Serving the Church:** We have many serving opportunities designed for Men. These are not programs but areas the body would benefit from your help.

**Food Pantry in Joy:** Once a month we need men to help move, lift and transport can goods to the food pantry in Joy. Then come and give the food away to those in need.

**Event Muscle:** Every Special event requires tables to be moved and chairs to be set up. We always need a coordinator or at least willing bodies to help.

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**Event coordinator:** Rhubarb fest, homecoming parade and Christmas parade we need an event coordinator. Help organize these events and secure volunteers for service.

**Extra Help:** Service projects pop up from time to time. Needs are simple and sometimes just require you to bring a tool or muscles. Check our website for these events. [www.firstbaptistaledo.com](http://www.firstbaptistaledo.com) or email your skills and phone number to [seth@firstbaptistaledo.com](mailto:seth@firstbaptistaledo.com)

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# Serving the Church Body

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*Have you been wanting to serve but didn't know where to begin? This section is designed to help you get connected and begin new relationships.*

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## **Greeters:**

We encourage you start here. Your entire family can benefit the Church by giving out handshakes, hugs and simple acts of kindness. Sign up for this 7-week rotation.

## **Ushers:**

Giving out bulletins, getting people seated and taking up offering are all great areas to serve.

## **Sanctuary Missionaries:**

Outgoing or extroverts needed to shake hands as people are seated in the Sanctuary. The goal is to connect with people and answer any questions and to encourage them to sign the connection form in the bulletin.

## **Parking Lot Attendee / Valet Team:**

Our Church is growing and we need someone to take on this mission field to help all navigate parking. We don't have lines and therefore it's tough for some to navigate proper parking while maximizing our space.

## **Fellowship Time:**

Prepare snacks or serve snacks after 10:15 service.

# Serving the Church Body

## **Security Team:**

Knowing that times are changing. We want to keep the building and parking lot secure as we can. You can help by monitoring the halls, parking lot and front doors during service and special events.

## **Nursing Home Services:**

Sunday afternoons about six times per year we will go to the local nursing homes and lead Church service. Help is always needed in passing out hymn books and smiles.

## **Food Pantries:**

Two food pantries need volunteers to represent First Baptist Church. Mercer County Food Pantry located in Aledo, Illinois. The 180 food pantry located in Joy, Illinois.

## **Projects:**

Do you have a gift or an area not listed? Construction, electrical or lawn we all have something to add to the Body of Christ.

**If a ministry is not listed please follow the proper channels for permission as follows:**

1) Email the details of the project you want to take on.

[Pam@firstbaptistaledo.com](mailto:Pam@firstbaptistaledo.com)

2) Send it to Pam at the office and she will direct it to the proper person.

3) Please include your name and phone number.

# Communion

As a Church we celebrate Communion of the New Covenant through Jesus Christ each quarter of the year.

Christ Jesus, Himself, opened up the table of Communion to all Believers.

The elements we use to celebrate the Communion Covenant are:

- 1) Non-alcoholic grape juice is used.
- 2) Gluten-free bread is offered (uncontaminated bread).

# Food Pantry

In the foyer of the Church is a tote designated for non-perishable items for the food pantry.

This tote is there at all times, however, on Communion Sunday we try to highlight this ministry; giving on Communion Sunday is a reminder to give freely as we have been freely given to.

We also have a “Blessing Box” located near the north/east parking lot. Donations for the blessing box can be given in the tote marked for the blessing box.



# What to do next?

**Contact us - We will get you plugged in!**

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*Not sure who to contact? Send Pam a message,  
she will get it routed to the correct person.*

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