

Love Christ. Love Others. Think Biblically!

June 2018 | Monthly Newsletter of First Baptist Church

Mark Your Calendar

6.1 Youth Rhubarb Pie Fund Raiser at Central Park-11am-2pm 6.2 FBC hosts Kids Zone at Aledo Rhubarb Fest in Central Park 10am-2pm 6.3 Sunday School Promotion Sunday 6.3-6.7 CIY Jr. High Mix 6.5 Deacon Meeting-6:30pm 6.7 Jr. High Girls Bible Study-1pm 6.7, 6.14, 6.21 & 6.28 Collide Field Games-2pm 6.9 Women's Ministry Think Tank-9am 6.10 Communion/Food Pantry Sunday Trustee Meeting PraverForce Dinner-Depot - 6pm 6.11, 6.18, 6.19 & 6.22 VBS Workday-6pm 6.15 Pizza & Archery with Dad-5pm 6.16 Family Mission Project-10am 6.17 Happy Father's Day Nursing Home Services-1:30pm 6.20 Ladies Night Out-6pm 6.9 & 6.23 VBS Decorating-8am 6.25-6.29 VBS 9am-Noon 6.26 J.O.Y. Circle Potluck-6pm 6.29 FBC Scholarship Due-Noon VBS Swim Party-5:30pm

"By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ." ~ 1 Corinthians 3:10-11

Recruitment, education, training, and dispersal. Or to put it another way, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you." Recruitment, education, training, and dispersal seems to be one way to describe what Jesus did with His disciples when He called them, taught them, empowered them, and sent them. It also seems to be one way to describe the nature and function of the church. Paul talks in 1 Corinthians that he planted, Apollos watered, but God made it grow, and a couple verses later he uses the image of the building. He laid a foundation, others built on the foundation, but the only foundation that can be laid is Christ.

The Lord has been burning a desire into my heart see the church get real and truly be the church He died to create. So, when I began to pray about my role as a pastor, and my function as the one responsible for equipping the saints for ministry, I realized that much of the preaching tends to be education, not training. To be fair, education and training are often assumed to be synonymous. However, I'm starting to believe there is a difference. Thinking back over all the education I have received, I can say, in my case at least, most of it didn't train me. Not that it didn't have value, but much of the training I received was hands on, trial and error and a lot of grace. So, I am trying to keep in mind that while it's important to learn what the Bible says, it's just as important to do what it says!

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Ultimately our goal and our hope is to know God so well that we agree with the Apostle John when the Holy Spirit moved him to write that His commands aren't burdensome. How amazing it would be if a whole church not only listened to God, and did what He said, but did so out of joy instead of guilt! Knowing God so personally that those dark places we enter because of work, family or friends would truly be brightened by our being there. Like a moth to the flame. I pray that those far from God would be attracted to Him through the burning of His Spirit in His people.

So, the church is called to recruit (invite people to know and love God through faith in Jesus), educate (think Biblically), train (equip people to live authentically Christian lives), and disperse (inspire people to go wherever God sends them as His agents).

In Christ, Luke

Volu	nteer &	Giving	Information
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	6/3/18	Ronda Moffitt, Crystal Clark, Penny Dixon & Maddie Dunn	Denise Bowker, Felicia Bonynge, Kathy Norton, & Jenna Ruh, Mollie Dunn, Brian Rind, & Melissa Struble	
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	6/17/18Ronda Moffitt, Lisa Clawson, Susan Potthast & Katy Loving6/24/18Ronda Moffitt, Sharon Moffitt, Jessica Ruh & Bryce Moffitt		Denise Bowker, Brooke Loving, Shay & Lisa Litwiler, & Brooke, Joe & Kaleb Loving, & Mollie Dunn Denise Bowker, Nadine Coulter, Sarah Kellett, Monica & Jacob Dennison, Mollie Dunn, Haley & Josh Johnson	

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.

Committee Member of the Month

Finance Board Member of the Month for June– Jackie Burns Trustee of the Month for June - Chase Burns

Prayer Team

June 3- 8am-Mary Lee Finch, Peggy Johnson & Kurt Diesch–10:15am-Tina McCaw, Lonnie Maynard & Ron Moffitt June 10–8am-Marty South, Jon & Lindsay Ricke-10:15am-Jeanne Barber, Robyn Bottens & Laurie Louck June 17 - 8am-Troy & Tish Riddell - 10:15am—Lisa Litwiler, Britni Ewing & Barb Bryant June 24 –8am-Doug & Diane Hessman 10:15am Jason & Shelly Snyder & Anita Parkinson

Attendance & Offering Year To Date

Year To Date Weekly Attendance Average— 352 Year to Date 2018 FBC Budget— \$236,904.15 Year To Date Giving— \$250,410.44

Lives Changed by Jesus Christ!

Year To Date Baptisms—20 Year To Date Decisions for Christ - 17

Kids Club Ministry

The school year is officially over and summer



activities have begun! I hope you plan to enjoy some of the great opportunities we have at FBC to serve, worship, fellowship, and play this summer! Here's a look ahead at some of what we're doing in the kid's ministry this summer...

FBC is hosting a <u>Kid's Zone at Rhubarb Fest on</u> June 2^{nd} from 10am-2pm. We're going to have lots of inflatables for kids to enjoy and a water station for folks to refresh. We can't wait to bless all the families who will be coming to play. A BIG thank you to all the volunteers for serving!

On <u>Friday, June 15th</u> all dads and their kids are invited to <u>Pizza &</u> <u>Archery with Dad at</u> <u>Heartshot Ministry</u> in Davenport. The caravan leaves the FBC parking lot at 5pm and will be back around 9pm. There's no charge for this event. Please register

and learn more at www.firstbaptistaledo.com.

The following day, a group of volunteers will be at **Buttonwood Trails Activity Center hosting a Pop-up VBS from 10am-Noon for the families who live there.** We're going to bring VBS fun to them, promote the Bus Shuttle during VBS week that is going exclusively to Buttonwood and our Pop-up School Shop in August and send everyone off with lunch. Please join us in prayer for these upcoming projects! We want to connect Buttonwood families to Jesus and FBC!

The VBS decorating crew has been hard at work getting ready for <u>Shipwrecked VBS</u>. It's not too late to join the decorating crew. They will be working on decorations for VBS on the following days Sat, June 9th & 23rd (8-11am) & June 11th, 18th, 19th & 22nd (6-7:30pm). Questions see Denise Bowker. <u>Shipwrecked VBS</u> is the week of June 25th-29th. All kids ages 3-5th grade graduates are invited to join us every day that week from 9am-Noon. Register anytime at www.firstbaptistaledo.com. We'll have fun learning about how "Jesus Rescues Us" through music, games, Bible lessons & activities, and crafts. Kids are encouraged to bring money each day to go toward our local mission project, "Buttonwood Pop-up School Shop," for students in the Buttonwood Trails community in August. If your family is interested in serving at the Pop-Up, details will be posted in July. *We still have some water and snack items that need to be donated for VBS. Please visit the sign-up in the church foyer. Thank you for your help!

We'll finish VBS week with a <u>Family Swim Party</u> on Friday, June 29th from 5:30-7:30pm at the <u>Aledo Public Pool</u>. The whole church is invited to bring a friend and join us for swimming, dinner, and ice-cream. We hope to see you there!

> The <u>VBS</u> Program will be on <u>Sunday</u>, July 1st during the <u>10:15am service</u> where kids will show off what they learned during VBS week. Kids in the program are asked to wear their t-shirts (if they purchased one) and be ready to practice in the sanctuary by 9am. If your kiddos are unable to attend practice, please have them up front

in the sanctuary by 10am.

Sunday, July 1st through July 6th, a group of 15 campers will attend <u>Hidden Acres Camp</u> in Dayton, IA for the first time. We're so excited for this new adventure and can't wait to hear about all the great fun they had. Check-out their site during the week to see if you can spot any of our kids in the pictures they will post daily! Please pray for safety and a deep encounter with God for each of our students who are attending.

In August we'll bless <u>families at Buttonwood with</u> <u>a Pop-Up School Shop</u>. They'll have an opportunity to come to the activity center on <u>Friday, August 3rd from 5:30-7:30 and</u> <u>Saturday, August 4th from 10am-Noon</u> to "shop" for the school supplies on their list. Details TBA.

Thanks for reading! Please let me know if you have any questions! ~Mollie Dunn, Children's Pastor



COLLIDE YOUTH!

Youth Pastor Search Update from Luke

Many people have been asking, "what's going on with



the youth pastor search?" The first and most important thing we've been doing is praying. Our whole church has been praying for God to guide the right person at the right time to join us in ministering to the youth of Mercer County at First Baptist. So, for two

months we did nothing but pray. Then, in mid-April, a potential candidate surfaced through a series of unlooked-for events and conversations. After some initial conversation with the candidate. I asked the church council to nominate a search committee to begin the process in earnest. The council nominated Mollie Dunn, Seth Bowker, Jon Ricke, and Lindsay Ricke to join me in vetting the candidate. At this point, we have reviewed the job description, expectations, and our ministry needs, as well as the candidate's resume, philosophy of ministry, and references. We have an interview scheduled with the candidate later this month. We ask for your continued prayers as we seek to discern God's will and direction for the future of the youth ministry at First Baptist. ~ Luke

Collide Youth Summer Update From Seth

The High School students continue to gather on Wednesday nights and the students have been challenged to bring the devotion. This is just beginning but it seems to be off to a great start! We are hearing what God is doing in their hearts and lives. They are being led by the Lord to share their pain, struggles, hopes and dreams together. We have five adults there to listen to the student led lessons and nine young adults attending. High School Collide will continue through the summer months on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm @ FBC. Please continue to pray for all of them as they step out and lead each other to the Word of God. Also, remind your High School Student to join us on Wednesday nights and invite a friend!

In other Collide happenings the Junior High students have an event coming up that need your prayers. CIY (Christ in Youth) MIX in Roach, Missouri June 3rd-7th, CIY High School MOVE July 9th -13th at Wheaton College and at the end of July Pastor Luke will be taking a group of students to El Salvador for a mission trip. Be praying that God will speak directly to the hearts of our students. Thank You, Seth

Join Us for Collide Summer Field Games!

All Students Grades 6th-12th are invited to join us for Field Games at First Baptist at 2pm on the following days: June 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th. No need to sign up, just show up, grab a friend and come have some summer fun in the sun!

CIY—Summer Conferences!



PRAY FOR THE 12 JR. HIGH STUDENTS AND LEADERS AS THEY ARE AT CIY MIX-JUNE 3RD-7TH IN ROACH, MO.

CIY MOVE—IS A FIVE-DAY HIGH SCHOOL EVENT **DESIGNED** TO AMPLIFY THE CHRIST ON CALL OF STUDENTS' LIVES TO **KINGDOM** BECOME WORKERS. JULY 9TH-13TH IN WHEATON, IL Cost \$173. Register online at: firstbaptistaledo.com



PrayerForce Dinner - Dinner is Sunday, June 10th at 6pm at the Aledo Depot for all adults and students involved in the PrayerForce. RSVP by Sunday, June 3rd.

FBC Scholarship Applications Now

Available - If you are recent high school grad or college "official" student and an member of First Baptist Church (joined by baptism, letter of transfer or statement of faith), you may now apply for the First Baptist Church Educational



Scholarship. Scholarship forms can be found in the lobby at "Information Station" by the Secretary's office. The deadline to turn in the application is Noon on Friday, June 29th, 2018.



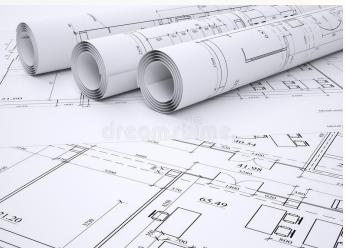
All girls grades 6th-8th are invited to a Summer Bible Study. We will be using the SOAP Bible Study method to study and discuss topics that relate to you.

When: Thursdays from 1pm-2pm Dates: June 7th-July 26th Where: At FBC-Lower Enon Room #4 Who: All girls grades 6th-8th

Sign up on Sunday's Connection Card or just show up. Questions or want more class details see Britni Ewing or e-mail her at: britni.ewing@yahoo.com

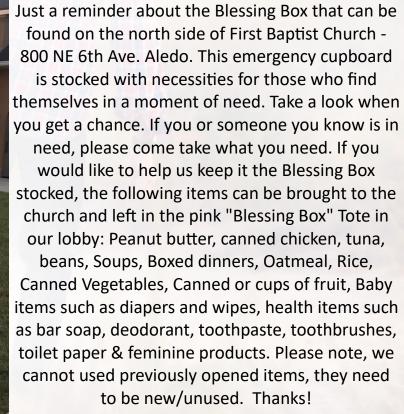
A Building Committee Update from Luke

I'm excited to report that the building committee is making major headway in the development of plans for the future of our facilities. The process has been long and had many ups, downs, stalls, and loopy-loops, but God has used every aspect of it to hone the project to His vision for our church. We appreciated the work Church Building Consultants did for us in the initial development of plans, and some of the concepts they gave us have been integrated into what we are seeing



blossom into life. It was also important to conceptualize relocating to a whole new property and building from scratch. While that seemed to set us back in time, it propelled us forward in vision. It made us ask, what kind of building do we really need to do all God wants us to in the years ahead. So, going back to the drawing board, we have incorporated the best ideas from both of those processes, and married them to compliment the current building. We are now on a fast track with our architect and engineers, and plans are rapidly taking shape. Keep us in prayer as we continue the process of envisioning what the Lord wants to build. "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain." ~ Psalm 127:1

The FBC Blessing Box





Men's Ministry/A Word From Pastor Seth

Men's Ministry Council

No Men's Ministry Council Meeting in June. Instead the Men of the Ministry Council will meet Saturday, July 7th at 7:30am in the Enon Room.

Men's Rooted Retreat Coming July 21st @ FBC!



SAVE THE DATE-Men's Rooted Conference Saturday, July 21st, 2018 from 8am-3pm at FBC Aledo. Tailgate breakfast begins at 7am and lunch will be served. It's FREE to attend and open to all men of FBC. Online Registration Coming Soon!



What: 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 Luke Dunn, Seth Bowker or Kevin Ricke

Supports

Remember our Pastor is the tip of the spear that is being pressed into the darkness and the principalities. We, as believers, should be behind him and encouraging him to press on in the truth of God's Word. As we, the Church, rally behind him we will press further and greater into the dark to spread the truth and light of Christ.

Let us strive to lift each other up as we join in this battle for speaking the Gospel. Remember we affirm the Spirit



of God within Pastor Luke as the dynamite power of the Holy Spirit is unleashed.

The Bible tells us that by two

or three witnesses every matter will be established. I understand that this is a judicial term, but this also applies to confirmation of the truth spoken. The word <u>Amen</u> means "so be it" just using this word during a sermon or service is confirming the truth spoken. We have no idea the fire the Lord has in Luke but as we continue to confirm Pastor during preaching we would see it being poured out and ourselves catching the same fire. \sim Seth

Women's Ministry

<u>Women's Ministry Think Tank Meeting-</u> All ladies are invited to this meeting on Saturday, June 9th at 9am in the Enon Room.

Ladies Night Out Event- We invite all ladies attending FBC to join us June



20th at 6pm for Ladies Night Out at Dancers Creek Barn, Aledo. We will enjoy a meal of grilled chicken breasts, baked potatoes, sevenlayer salad and dessert. Kathy Albert will share her testimony and lead us in a felting bookmark craft. The cost for dinner and the craft is \$10. Scholarships are available. Signups will be with Cindy Maynard at the Women's Ministry table in the foyer after the 8 & 10:15am services Sunday, June 3. (There will not be

online signups.) Questions, see Cindy Maynard.

J.O.Y. Circle Potluck—Our June J.O.Y. Circle meeting will be a Potluck on June 26th at 6pm. All ladies are invited, please bring a dish to share. The meeting will be at the church downstairs in Berean Room #8.



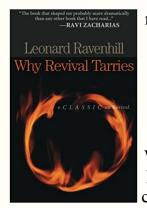
Check Your Calendar! Women's Thrive Conference



Life Action Camp Buchanan, Michigan November 2nd-4th, 2018 Online registration begins in August at firstbaptistaledo.com. Questions, see Jenny Dixon

Book of the Month/Other Happenings

Book Of The Month "Why Revival Tarries" by Leonard Ravenhill



Leonard Ravenhill's call to revival is as timely now as it was when it was first published over forty years ago. The message is fearless and often radical as he expounds on the disparity between the New Testament church and the church today. Why Revival Tarries contains the heart of his message. A.W. Tozer called Ravenhill "a man sent from

God" who "appeared at a critical moment in history," just as the Old Testament prophets did. Included are questions for group and individual study. Ravi Zacharias refers to this as "the book that shaped me...more dramatically than any other..."

Copies of this book will be available in the church lobby for \$12 each or they can be ordered on Amazon.com

Father's Day is Sunday, June 17th





Rhubarb Pie Fund Raiser-Come purchase a slice of Rhubarb Pie on Friday, June 1st from 11am-2pm under the Central Park Pavilion. Proceeds benefit the El Salvador Mission Trip Team.

Rhubarb Fest Kids Zone: First Baptist will be sponsoring a Kids Zone on Saturday, June 2nd from 10am-2pm during Aledo's Rhubarb Fest. Bring the kids by Central Park for FREE fun on our inflatables!

<u>**Deacon Meeting**</u> – Tuesday, June 5th at 6:30pm.

<u>**Trustee Meeting**</u> – Sunday, June 10th at 11:30am.



Nursing Home Services

First Baptist will be hosting the Nursing Home Service on Sunday, June 17th at 1:30pm at Genesis Sr. Living & at 2:30pm at Aledo Health and Rehab. The church family is invited to join Pastor Seth at these services.

The Church Family Is Invited!



Graduation Party for Catelyn Hofmann- The Church family is invited to celebrate Catelyn's graduation on Sunday, June 10th from 2-5pm at First Baptist in Fellowship Hall.

Graduation Party for Jacob Dennison-The Church Family is invited to celebrate Jacob Dennison's High School Graduation. Jacob's party is Saturday, June 23rd from 1-5pm at the Dennison's house 1270 35th Avenue, Seaton.

<u>Communion/Food Pantry Sunday</u>-Communion Sunday has been moved to Sunday, June 10th. This is also the Sunday that we remind everyone to bring a non-perishable food items for the Mercer County Food Pantry. Leave the items in the grey tote in the church lobby.

Scripture For June

Scripture Reading List

- 1. Psalm 63/Acts 1 2. Psalm 64/Act 2 3. Psalm 65/Acts 3 4. Psalm 66/Acts 4 5. Psalm 66/Acts 4 5. Psalm 67/Acts 5 6. Psalm 68/Acts 6 7. Psalm 69/Acts 7 8. Psalm 70/Acts 8 9. Psalm 71/Acts 9 10. Psalm 72/Acts 10 11. Psalm 73/Acts 11 12. Psalm 74/Acts 12 13. Psalm 75/Acts 13 14. Psalm 76/Acts 14
- 15. Psalm 77/Acts 15

16. Psalm 78/Acts 16

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- 17. Psalm 79/Acts 17
- 18. Psalm 80/Acts 18
- 19. Psalm 81/Acts 19
- 20. Psalm 82/Acts 20
- 21. Psalm 83/Acts 21
- 22. Psalm 84/Acts 22
- 23. Psalm 85/Acts 23
- 24. Psalm 86/Acts 24
- 25. Psalm 87/Acts 25
- 26. Psalm 88/Acts 26
- 27. Psalm 89/Acts 27
- 28. Psalm 90/Acts 28
- 29. Psalm 91/Philemon

30. Psalm 92/Jude

Birthday		Anniversary
Matthew VanderHeyden	June 6	Bob & Vivian Kopp
Watthew Vanderrie yden	June 0	Charlie & Dawn Douglas
		Hugh & Sarah Brown
Cora Whitenack	June 9	
Ty Schweninger		Darren & Janet Rind
Jordan Sheese		
Gary Schrock	June 10	Wayne & Lindsay Schweninger
Monte Bottens		
	June 11	Todd & Nadine Coulter
Lane McCaw		
Mike Bowns		
Daryl Bewley	June 12	Linus & Cathy Griswold
Monica Dennison	June 13	Monte & Robyn Bottens
Tiana McCaw Corwin	June 13	
Bettie Monts	June 14	Brandon & Jacque Bruns
Jan Crutcher		
Allie Kellogg	June 15	
Michael Kelly	June 16	Merle & Joyce Bodeen
· · · ·	June 17	Kevin & Pam Ricke
Jo Kernan	June 18	John & Sherry Huffstutler
Darlene Johnson	June 19	
Ben Franks	June 20	
	June 21	Gene & Krista Bear
Abigail Miller	June 22	Bill & Ruth Smock
Lauren Finch	June 23	John & Barb Williams
Caleb VanderHayden	June 24	
Emily LeClere	June 25	
Fiona Ellen Huffstutler		
JJ Connell		
Kathleen Carlson	June 27	
Aidan Thomas		
Cimion Norwick	June 28	Rodrigo & Heather Quiroz
		Jordan & Crystal Clark
		Josh & Jenny Dixon
		Rich & Cody Ruggles
Tanner Moffitt	June 29	
Mason Brown		1 m
Joe Elliott	I 20	
Michael Sedam	June 30	n



Dear Church Family, Thank you for all your love and encouragement these past several months as Brad has been deployed. You all made my birthday very memorable and special to me. I thank God for you all. Your love and concern for us is greatly appreciated! Yours In Christ, Sheri Olson

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Thank you to the Sweet Treat Girls "For the delicious cupcakes and prayers for us!" Bob & Vivian Kopp FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 800 NE 6th Avenue Aledo, IL 61231

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HEALTH & WELL BEING

Shari Bieri, Family of Virginia Ewing, Hallee Kammerman, Shirley Harker, Betty Lou Young & family, Bill Searl, Darren Rind, Carol Willits, Family of Barbara McFinny, Joe Nobiling, Doug Jones, Family of Angie Green, Austin Loving, Chuck & Amy Coulter, Family of Cary Brown, Mary McMeekan, Bob Kopp, Sierra (Struble) Sproston & baby, Kevin Ricke, Dave Barnhouse, Family of Kevin Jones, Family of Valerie Carlson, Dee Dellitt, Sharon Adams, Jack Appleby, Brian Lair and family, Roxanne Hanson, Kelly Smet, Theresa Busch, Kirsten Leeper and baby girl, Sophia Carter, Paul Maas, Rod & Chris Rader, Tabby Fitchner, Janet Rind, Amy Hess, Austin Loving, Tracy Randolph, Jessica Ruh, Tricia & Rory Conway, Marshall Easley, Veronica Moffitt, Jacee Columbia, Connie Freeman, Allison Adams, Lisa Hammill, Bob & Myrna Sell, Bill McKinley, Kris Salmon, Calvin Frye, Sheryl Robertson, Doris & Marc Dewey, Pastor Mark Harris, Lisa McWhorter, Marilyn Hessman, Francie Jane Easley, Henry Leichty & Lauryn Russell

NURSING HOME

Bill McKinley, Marge Goding, Betty Weeks & Bob Sell

MISSIONARIES & MILITARY

Danika Volz & Rigoberto Cruz

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

OTHER CONCERNS

The church & all decisions