

fbc Faith News

Love Christ. Love Others. Think Biblically!

February 2019 | Monthly Newsletter of First Baptist Church



Mark Your Calendar

2.2

Snowstar Collide Outing-9am-5pm
Women's Min. Think Tank-9am

2.3

Communion Sunday/Food Pantry
Sunday
No Men's Evening Study

2.4

Church Office Closed-Staff Meeting

2.9-2.16

El Salvador Mission Trip

2.10

Men's Sunday Night Study-6:30pm

2.13

No Wednesday Night Live

2.14

Happy Valentines Day!

2.22

Women's Better Together Gather-
ing-6:30pm

2.24

Baptism Sunday
Nursing Home Services

**“Love must be sincere.” ~
Romans 12:9**

The year 2000 was a significant year for me. I graduated from college, moved to a new state, started seminary, and met my wife. Our seminary had a student housing building with apartments and some common areas. One evening I ran into Mollie in the common area and we started talking. We talked for about 6 hours that evening. We talked for about 4 hours every evening for the next few months. I'm not sure how we got our homework done, but we managed somehow. By the time three months had gone by Mollie and I knew each other really well. We were in love and began dating. We knew even before we began dating that we would be married. Three months after we started dating, we got engaged. Six months after that we got married. The love that compelled us to get married was genuine. We had spent a lot of time getting to know each other, learning what each other thought, believed, history and goals, expectations and hopes.

Genuine love is what happens when someone takes the time to know you and understand you. I feel loved when someone takes the time to understand me, not only what I am saying but who I

am, what I am about, what my character is. I feel most unloved when I am misunderstood, or worse yet, misrepresented.

What seems to happen is what we often refer to as the “path of least resistance”. In other words, we do what is easiest, not necessarily what is best. What is best may be more difficult, but gives the greatest rewards. Galatians 6:7 gives us the principle when it states, “A man reaps what he sows.” The greatest blessing in all your relationships will come when you move past superficiality into genuine knowing and understanding. This is most profoundly true in our relationship with God. It is easy to go to church and think a religious experience is all that is necessary. The reality is that until a person determines to personally know the Lord, the church experience is not going to be of much benefit. On the other hand, the person who does know the Lord finds church to be extraordinarily meaningful and valuable. Just as the person who spends time getting to know their spouse, and loving them genuinely finds marriage to be the most amazing blessing of their earthly life. Romans 12:9 says “love must be genuine”. Genuine love is easy when you genuinely know God.

In Christ, Luke

Volunteer & Giving Information

Date

Nursery

Kids Worship

Feb 3	Ronda Moffitt, Marcy & Rusty & Shaylee Smet	Denise Bowker, Joyce Thomas, Tammie Trout, Terry, Steph & Kassidy Leonard & Mollie Dunn,
Feb 10	Susan Potthast, Lisa Clawson, Jan Crutcher & Maddie Dunn	Denise Bowker, Leslie, Brady & J.J. Connell, Felicia Bonyng, Alison Lafever & Sheila Busch
Feb 17	Ronda Moffitt, Kim Quam, Veronica Moffitt & Sidney Quam	Denise Bowker, Angela Pauley, Sarah Kellett, Natalie Kugler, Mollie Dunn, Jess Weist & Jessica Swift
Feb 24	Sharon Moffitt, Crystal Clark, Deb Carpenter & Jo Bjorling	Denise Bowker, Shay & Lisa Litwiler, Kathy Olson, Mollie & Lucy Dunn & Monica Dennison

Hi Volunteers! Thank you for serving in the nursery during the 10:15 worship service. Please be in the nursery ready to serve by 10:05am so the Sunday School nursery staff can transition to service. *If you cannot serve on your scheduled day, please switch with someone else on the list in advance and communicate that change with Mollie via Facebook or by texting/calling 309-371-6962. Thank you for serving!

Committee Member of the Month

Finance Board Member of the Month for February - Myron Higgins

Trustee of the Month for February - Shay Litwiler

Prayer Team 2019

Feb. 3rd - 8am-Mary Lee Finch, Peggy Johnson & Kurt Diesch-**10:15am**-Anita Parkinson. Tina McCaw & Jason Connell

Feb. 10th-8am-Marty South, Jon & Lindsay Ricke-**10:15am**-Jeanne Barber, Laurie & Mick Louck

Feb 17th - 8am-Troy & Tish Riddell - **10:15am**—Lisa Litwiler, Britni Ewing & Barb Bryant

Feb. 24th -8am-Doug & Diane Hessman & Kathy Sponsler **10:15am** Jason & Shelly Snyder & Lonnie Maynard

Weekly Attendance & Offering

DATE	1/6/19	1/13/19	1/20/19	1/27/19
8 AM	78	72	71	75
10:15AM	267	223	223	252
TOTAL	345	295	294	327



Date	1/6/19	1/13/19	1/20/19	1/27/19
General Fund Giving	\$11,429.11	\$6,809.00	\$10,547.00	\$10,024.75
Designated Giving	\$1,397.00	\$482.43	\$331.22	\$448.00
Total Giving	\$12,826.11	\$7,291.43	\$10,878.22	\$10,472.75

Lives Changed by Jesus Christ!

Year To Date Baptisms— 2

Year To Date Decisions for Christ - 1

Kids Club Ministry

January kicked off our Winter/Spring session of Kids Club and we had more on our first night than we've ever had on



a Wednesday with 118 kids (just the K-5th graders). We have such a great crew of volunteers, they didn't even flinch! Thanks for sharing your kiddos with us!

This session is unique in that we're spending time answering Big Questions about God! I'm loving the questions that are coming in. The kids are going to be asked 15 questions that they've been learning the answers to, on the last night, for a chance to earn a point per question to take to the prize table. Please continue to pray for the salvation of our Kids Clubbers.

Just a reminder to parents, we're trying to get 1,000 pantry points by April 10th to win a party! Kids can bring toiletry items, canned goods, pasta mixes, pasta and rice, canned meat, soups, etc. for the Mercer County Food Pantries. Each item in a pack is worth a point so bring on the Raman Noodles! Thanks for your help!

On Wednesday, February 6th we are having a **Winter Wonderland Party** at

Kids Club. Kids are welcome to bring friends to this, but we strongly encourage pre-registration at www.firstbaptistaledo.com or call me at 371-6962 and I'll get them registered. We're going to have so much fun and we can't wait to turn our Kids Club area into a magical winter wonderland.

The following week, on **Feb. 13th, Kids Club, Collide, and all adult studies are cancelled.** Please pray for our group of mission trips adventurers who will be in El Salvador that week. We have several adults from our Kids Club Crew,



Collide Crew, & Staff going, including myself and Jenny. We're so excited to be able to spread the Good News to schools and villages while we're there. I'll post pics on my FB pages if I'm able.

If you're not on our "First Baptist Children's Ministry" Facebook page, we invite you to join. It's a private group, so you need to ask to join. We post lots of updates, pics, and information about upcoming events. If you have Pre-k-5th grade kiddos, I strongly encourage you to join.

Have a great February & Happy Valentine's Day!

Mollie Dunn, Children's Pastor
309-371-6962

COLLIDE YOUTH NEWS!



Join Us for Collide Youth Group

WHERE: First Baptist Aledo- 800 NE 6th Ave.

DATES: The Winter/ Spring Session of Collide

runs from Jan. 9th through April 10th, 2019.

TIME: 6:30pm-8pm

WHO: All students Grades 6th-12th!



No need to pre-register for Collide just show up unless bus pick up is needed! Register at firstbaptistaledo.com

What to expect at Collide? Expect to have fun! Have lots of great snacks, play some fun games and most importantly learn about what it means to know God personally through Jesus Christ.

Collide Snow Star Tubing Trip

All Students grades 6th-12th are invited to join us Sat., Feb. 2nd - We will meet at the church at 9am, and go tubing at Snow Star in Andalusia



from 10am-5pm. Students need to be picked up at FBC around 5:30pm. Cost is \$20 if you register by Jan. 30th, after Jan. 30th the cost is

\$25. Students also need to bring money for lunch! Pay your \$20 fee and sign a waiver at the church office. Questions, call Mario Pauley at 309-582-6044.

Snacks for Collide Youth

Collide for the Winter/Spring Session runs through April 14th. In an effort to better minister to the kids, we are feeding them a small meal on Wednesday nights along with a snack. If you would be interested in donating snacks, please feel free to do so in one of two ways 1) non-perishable snack

items (for example: chex mix, granola bars, popcorn) can be dropped off at the church at any time. Either hand



them to Beth Bowns or place in the kitchen with a sticky note on them indicating "Collide". Or 2) if you would be interested in providing a perishable item (for example: yogurt, string cheese, or fruit) upon request, please notify Beth Bowns at 309-371-6525 (call or text) and you will be placed on a list to be contacted prior to the Wednesday needed. Thanks to those of you who have already contributed food! We appreciate it!



A Word From Pastor Seth

We can all go through times in our lives where we become numb or withdrawn. At such times, it's crucial to hang on to the Lord and keep giving him our hearts and desires. We think our insides are numb but our desires and hopes are being counted and sifted. These crucial times can be like a mega phone placed in front of our heart's desires. We are numb or drifting but our hearts desire will scream to be fed and filled.



This is exactly when addiction, habits and carnal ways begin to take root because we've let down our guard, we have stopped fighting the battle and we begin to operate in the world's philosophy of following our hearts. The following verses remind me of the old nature still in me: "in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind." *Ephesians 2:2-3*. I resort back to the very thing I was born with. By nature, I was a child of wrath seeking the quiet desires and passions of the heart. If you

find yourself sinking into that old nature then truly focus on the next verses: "BUT God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus." God will one day show us "the immeasurable riches of His Grace" but until then bring Him your heart, your mind and your soul knowing that because of His rich grace you are saved. Stop trying to perform, achieve, attain or accomplish your salvation but receive God's gift of mercy. Then Live in that grace to maintain your walk. Setting our desire on "things above" which is exactly where God has seated us "in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

Our enemy wants us numbed out, checked out and left out of the battle in heavenly realms because we will be one less soldier for him to battle. Just take a step back to Him in prayer. "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." *Ephesians 3:14-21* ~ Pastor Seth

Pastor Seth's New Sunday School Class Begins Soon!

Have you been considering jumping into an adult Sunday School class but unsure of which class to join? Believer Basics with Pastor Seth will be starting Sunday, Feb. 24th. This class takes place downstairs in the Collide Classroom "F." Whether you're a long time Christian, a new believer or somewhere in between, it's always good to refresh our faith.

The class is called "Believer Basics" and will cover Foundations of the Faith - Prayer, Baptism, Salvation and Why Church. No need to sign up, just show up at 9am on Sunday, Feb, 24th. If you have questions, see Pastor Seth.



Happening At First Baptist Aledo! Wednesday Night Live!

Winter/Spring Classes for adults and children! FREE to Attend!

Wednesday Nights Now through April 10th from 6:30-8pm.

****Please Note we will not meet on Wednesday, Feb. 13th!
That includes Adult Classes, Kids Club and Collide.**

Love & Respect Marriage Study—Taught by Steven & Felicia Bonyng

**“How to Have Peace of Mind/I Am-Finding Your Identity in Christ” James MacDonald DVD Study—
Class-Taught by Pastor Luke Dunn**

Women’s Study-“The Good Book” by Deron Spoo. Taught by Jeanne Barber.

**Women’s Study- The book is “The Book of Acts – the Smart Guide” by Robert Girard. Taught by
Laurie Louck at Laurie’s Home-612 NE 2nd Ave. Aledo.**

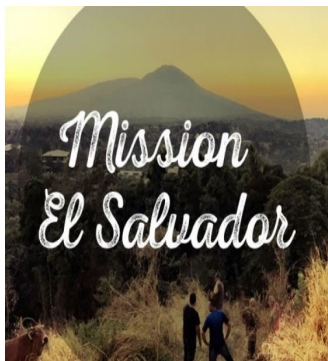
Kids & Youth Programs during Wednesday Night Live **Each Wednesday from 6:30-8pm-Jan. 9th-April 10th, 2019! Free to Attend!**



- Kids Club for ages 3 years old through 5th grade.
- Collide Youth Group– Students 6th-12th grade.
 - Nursery for 0-2years old.

**Sign up for Kids Club and Collide and/or the bus ministry online
at firstbaptistaledo.com.**

**Sign up for adult classes by calling
call 309-582-7812 or register online at firstbaptistaledo.com**



First Baptist Mission Trip 2019

Please be in prayer for the El Salvador Mission Team who will be serving in El Salvador Feb. 9th-16th. The group will be headed into the schools to do a mini VBS and share the gospel with the children as well as distributing the school supplies which many of you generously donated. The team will also be doing some construction projects. Your prayers for safety, travel mercies and most importantly hearts and minds that are open to hearing the gospel are appreciated! We appreciate your prayers and donations to make this trip possible.

2019 El Salvador Mission Team:

**Robin Campbell, Josh & Jenny Dixon, Luke & Mollie Dunn, Marjie Earl,
Peggy & Steve Johnson, Cindy & Lonnie Maynard, Sheri Olson,
Kim Quam, Kevin & Pam Ricke & Tish & Troy Riddell**

Sunday School Classes For All Ages



Sunday School List 2019

**Sunday School takes place
Sundays from 9am-10am.**

**We have classes for kids and adults! Feel free to
jump into any of these classes at any time.
No need to pre-register.**

Kids

Class	Teacher	Level
Nursery 9-11:30am	Rotation of Volunteers	Upper Level
Pre-K	Kelly Higgins, Lynda Castor & Nadine Coulter	Lower Level-Room A
Kindergarten-1 st Grade	Gina Young & Anita Parkinson	Lower Level-Room B
2 nd -3rd Grade	Denise Kelly & Stew Klink	Lower Level - Room D
4 th -5th Grade	Jenny Dixon & Jason Connell	Lower Level - Room C

Youth

Class	Teacher	Level
6 th , 7 th & 8th Grade	Kevin & Pam Ricke	Lower Level - Room E
High School (9 th -12 th)	Mario Pauley	Lower Level - Room G

Adults

Class	Teacher	Level
Bible Study	Pastor Luke Dunn (Current Study: Acts)	Lower Level- Room #4
Forward For Christ	Ron Moffitt (Current Study: The Book of Romans)	Upper Level- Room #1
Seekers	Dave Potthast (Current Study: The Pastoral Epistles & Philemon)	Lower Level - Room #6
Foundations of the Faith	Pastor Seth Bowker (Current Study-The Covenant Study/Starting Believer Basics on Feb. 24th)	Lower Level- Collide Room F
Berean Class	Steve Struble (Current Study: Proverbs)	Lower Level - Berean - Room #8
Young Women's Class	Crystal Clark (Current Study: Fruit of the Spirit)	Upper Level - Room #4

Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry Think Tank—The Women's Ministry Think Tank Meeting is Saturday, Feb. 2nd at 9am in the Enon Room. All women are welcome to come to this meeting.

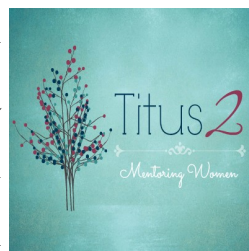
Better Together Gathering in February—Friday, Feb. 22nd at 6:30pm. All ladies are invited. Better Together Gatherings are designed for food, fun and fellowship. This month Jeanne Barber will be hosting at her home—806 NE 3rd Ave. Aledo. Deb Bowen, founder of Love Like Lorraine, Purses with a Purpose, will be sharing about this outreach that ministers to women in a time of need. Jeanne is asking that you bring a gently used purse to donate to this worthy cause or bring an item to help fill a purse. A list of suggested items is posted on the Women's Ministry bulletin board in the church lobby. As always, please bring a snack to share. Hope you'll join us.



Hearts at Home 2.0 Legacy: Gather, Grow, Go! This conference will be held March 15th-16th, 2019 at **Illinois State University in Normal, IL!** We are not coordinating a group for this conference but wanted to get the information to those who are interested. You can get more information and register at HeartsatHome2.org. If you have interest in attending this conference, you can apply for a 1 time (per year) \$100 scholarship from the First Baptist Women's Ministry Team. Please call FBC Women's Ministry Chair Barb Bryant 309-373-9102 to request the \$100 scholarship reimbursement.

Are you interested in Women's Mentoring?

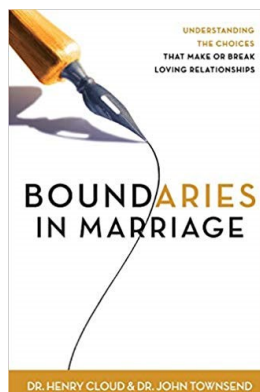
The Women's Ministry at FBC exists to actively connect women to Christ and to each other. We weren't created to do this life alone! The Women's Mentorship Program is designed for a woman to come alongside another woman in the church to encourage her in her journey with the Lord, and grow in the love of our Savior together. If you're interested in having a mentor or being a mentor, you can find a Mentor Profile Form on the Women's Ministry table in the foyer. Completed forms can be turned into the church office. The official mentoring season goes from now through August 2019, but we welcome all ladies to invest in one another's lives the entire year long. Peggy Johnson and Crystal Clark coordinate the Women's Mentoring program and will be happy to answer any of your questions.



New Women's Daytime Study Begins in March—Betty Leslie will be leading a study on Tuesdays at 2:30pm beginning Tuesday, March 5th. The study topic will be selected by the group of women at the first meeting. If you're interested, watch for the sign up on Sunday's Connection Card or call the church office at 309-582-7812.

Book of the Month

"Boundaries in Marriage" by Dr. Henry Cloud & John Townsend Copies available in the church lobby for \$15



Learn when to say yes and when to say no—to your spouse and to others—to make the most of your marriage.

Only when a husband and wife know and respect each other's needs, choices, and freedom can they give themselves freely and lovingly to one another. Boundaries are the "property lines" that define and protect husbands and wives as individuals. Once they are in place, a good marriage can become better, and a less-than-satisfying one can even be saved.

Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend, counselors and authors of the award-winning bestseller *Boundaries*, show couples how to apply the 10 laws of boundaries that can make a real difference in relationships. They help husbands and wives understand the friction points or serious hurts and betrayals in their marriage—and move beyond them to the mutual care, respect, affirmation, and intimacy they both long for.

Boundaries in Marriage helps couples:

- Set and maintain personal boundaries and respect those of their spouse
- Establish values that form a godly structure and architecture for their marriage
- Protect their marriage from different kinds of "intruders"
- Work with a spouse who understands and values boundaries—or work with one who doesn't.

Men's Ministry

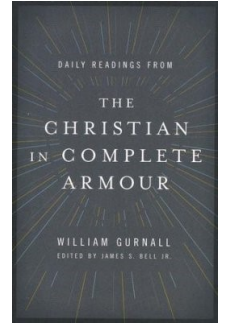
Men's Ministry Council

The FBC Men's Ministry Council will meet Saturday, Feb. 2nd at 7:30am in the Enon Room. This meeting is for the men who currently serve on the Men's Ministry Council.

FBC Men's Sunday Night Study

**** Please note, we will not meet on Feb. 3rd.
We'll resume meeting on Feb. 10th.**

All men are welcome to join Pastor Luke on Sunday nights for a men's group at 6:30pm in the Enon Room. We meet each Sunday night (except Feb. 3rd) and are studying **"The Christian in Complete Armour"** Devotional by William Gurnall. Jump in any time. No need to sign up, just show up.



**Iron Sharpens Iron
Men's Conference
Davenport
Sat., March 23rd
8:30am-5pm**

The FBC Men's Ministry cordially invites all the men to join us for this great conference coming in March to Davenport! Cost is \$56 for adults, (\$40 for students) and includes an on-site lunch. Visit: ironsharpensiron.net for more conference details. Sign up on Sunday's Connection Card or call the church office at 309-582-7812 to register. Checks payable to FBC with "Men's Ministry-IRON" in the memo of your check. Payment can be made at the church office or left in the offering plate. We will meet at the church and carpool to the conference.

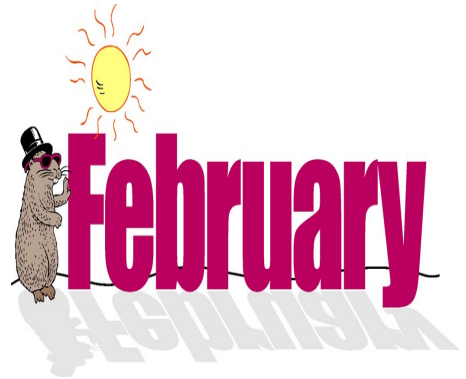
FREE Resource For You! RightNow Media!

First Baptist Has a Subscription to Right Now Media –
This subscription allows our congregation to get FREE access to thousands of faith based studies and programs for kids, youth and adults. Simply call the church office at 309-582-7812 or e-mail us at fbcaledo2@frontiernet.net and submit your e-mail address and we'll send you an e-mail link to invite you to RightNow Media.



Happy Birthday

Troy Riddell	February 1
Lee Bell	February 2
Bradley Williams	February 7
Brian Dennison	February 8
Rosemary Reid	February 9
Montie Schell	
Jeanna Potthast Swafford	February 11
James Schultz	February 14
Kevin Ricke	
Marcia Kelly	
Aiden Monson	February 15
Alison Lafever	February 16
Carolyn McGuire	
Brian Rind	February 19
Dylan Sproston	
Erin Huffstutler	February 21
Adam Thomas	
Pam Spangler	February 25
Jonathon Svoboda	
Noah Louck	February 27
Bill Tracy	



*Thank
you*



My Friends at First Baptist,
Thank you for the sleigh and candy you gave me at
Christmas. I appreciate you thinking of me. Sincerely,
Marge Goding-Genesis Senior Living

Dear First Baptist, Colleen and I wish to thank you so much for
your kindness and generosity! We consider ourselves very fortunate
and blessed to serve your church! It is great to serve in a setting where you are appreciated
and welcomed! Thank you for showing Jesus' love to so many and to us as well! Kent &
Colleen

Thank you so much for the gifts at Christmas. Thank you too Laurie and Seth for the
visits. Myrna Sell

Baby/Child Dedications Coming in March



Baby & Child Dedication Sunday – Sunday, March 31st we will be
having Baby and Child Dedications. If you would like to dedicate
your child to the Lord, please watch for the sign up on Sunday's
Connection Card or call the church office at 309-582-7812.

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NURSING HOME

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

OTHER CONCERNS

The church & all decisions