

Be The Light Easter SUNDAY

EASTER WORSHIP AT
FIRST BAPTIST ALEDO

April 21st @ 6:30am|8am|10:15am



April 2019 | Monthly Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar

4.1

-Billy Graham Evangel. Assoc.
Volunteer Training—7pm

4.6

-Men's Ministry Council-7:30am
-No Women's Min Think Tank
-The Journey Women's Event
at the Aledo UMC

4.7

Communion/Food Pantry Sunday

4.11

Generation Celebration – 11am

4.12

-Women's Better Together Gathering
6:30pm @ Peggy Johnson's

4.14

CE/Outreach Meeting-11:30am
Trustee Meeting-11:30am

4.19

Kids Easter Event-9am-Noon
Good Friday Service-6:30pm

4.21

Happy Easter! He Is Risen!
Easter Sunrise Service-6:30am
Easter Breakfast-7:15am
Easter Service—8am

Kids Sing @ Easter Service-10:15am

4.23

J.O.Y. Circle-7pm

4.28

Baptism/Family Worship Sunday

4.30

Church Council Meeting-7pm

5.5

Church Business Meeting-11:40am

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." ~ Matthew 5:14-16

Recently, I was in the car with my girls late in the afternoon, and one of them asked why the horizon gets so colorful when the sun goes down. I am not an expert on such things, but I do know that it has to do with how light travels through our atmosphere, and because it is coming in at an angle, it stretches, which shows more colors, a little bit like a rainbow. At that point, we started talking about rainbows we had seen. It is amazing to think about the science of light and colors and vision, and how easy it is to take it for granted. One article I read said this:

"To put it simply, light is a type of radiant energy that we are able to visually perceive with our eyes. In other words, light is power that we can see! Visible light is a small part of a large part of what is called the Electromagnetic Spectrum, which contains all of the energy types that travel through space in a wave-like manner. Every day, light waves reflect off of objects and into our eyes, which allows us to see the objects."

That might not be profound scientific insight, but it is interesting. Light is

energy that we see. It is exactly what Jesus said in Matthew 5 about His followers. We would be energy (good works), that people would see and give glory to the Father. We would have different intensities. He gives the example of a city, and a lamp. Those would be very different amounts of light. I don't think I'd be stretching too far to say that the differences between all of Christ's followers is as vastly different and wonderfully varied as all the different kinds of light between a single candle, and the output of an entire city.

This Easter season, we are focusing like a laser (pun intended), on the theme of "Be the Light." I would like to say it as simply as Jesus did: "You are the light of the world." Let your light shine. Your light is how you uniquely reflect the power of Christ in and through your life. Two things to consider: 1) Is there anything in your life that would hide or deflect the light of Christ? This might be fear, unresolved conflict, unwillingness to obey the Lord in some way, or outright sin. And 2) Light is positive, beautiful, and necessary. Who do you want and/or need to be a light to? Jesus said that the result would be that people would glorify the Father. This Easter, we are praying that the light of Christ would so shine through His people that it would virtually extinguish the darkness in Mercer County.

In Christ, Pastor Luke

Volunteer & Giving Information

Date

Nursery

Kids Worship

April 7	Jan Crutcher, Jo Bjorling, Ronda & Veronica Moffitt	Denise Bowker, Nadine Coulter, Leslie, Brady & J.J. Connell, Mollie Dunn, Melissa Struble
April 14	Dixie Bodeen, Kim & Sidney Quam, & Rusty Smet	Denise Bowker, Felicia Bonyng, Mary Rohm, Mollie & Lucy Dunn, Cimion Norwick, Haley & Josh Johnson
April 21	Lisa Clawson, Ronda Moffitt & Maddie Dunn	Denise Bowker, Sarah Kellett, Steph, Terry & Kassidy Leonard, Mollie Dunn, Jess Swift & Natalie Kugler
April 28	Penny Dixon, Louise Hendrix, Sharon Moffitt & Lucy Dunn	Denise Bowker, Angela Pauley, Brooke, Joe, Katy, & Caleb Loving, & Jess Weist

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 April — Steve Johnson

Trustee of the Month for April - John Kelly

Prayer Team 2019

April 7th-8am-Britni Ewing, Peggy Johnson & Kurt Diesch—**10:15am**-Anita Parkinson. Tina McCaw & Jason Connell

April 14th— 8am-Marty South, Jon & Lindsay Ricke—**10:15am**-Jeanne Barber, Laurie & Mick Louck

April 21st - 8am-Troy & Tish Riddell - **10:15am**—Lisa Litwiler, Mary Lee Finch & Barb Bryant

April 28th –8am-Doug & Diane Hessman & Kathy Sponsler **10:15am** Jason & Shelly Snyder & Lonnie Maynard

Weekly Attendance & Offering

DATE	3/3/19	3/10/19	3/17/19	3/24/19
8 AM	76	63	90	89
10:15AM	251	241	287	271
TOTAL	327	304	377	360

Date	3/3/19	3/10/19	3/17/19	3/24/19
General Fund Giving	\$12,287.95	\$8,046.11	\$6,503.15	\$12,480.00
Designated Giving	\$190.00	\$1,676.50	\$1,619.00	\$946.78
Total Giving	\$12,477.95	\$9,722.61	\$8,122.15	\$13,426.78



****Weekly Current Expense offering needed to meet 2019 budget - \$10,840.71**

Lives Changed by Jesus Christ!

Year To Date Baptisms— 3

Year To Date Decisions for Christ - 1

Kids Club Ministry

This Easter we're weaving a church-wide theme, "Be the Light," into our Easter events and services. For kiddos,

we're offering a **"Be the Light" Kids Easter Event on Good Friday, April 19th from 9am-Noon**, with a free, family lunch to follow. Kids will have fun learning about the LIGHT of the World with each station based on our theme verse, **Matthew 5:14-16**, *"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.*

Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

As parents going about our day to day tasks, we sometimes get swallowed whole with all the "things" we're doing for our families. Believe me, it's the same for us, the pastor's family. But I remember very clearly talking to the Lord over 13 years ago and asking him to help us make our kids ready to know the Light (Jesus) and choose him. The older they've gotten, the more and more **intentional** we've had to be to shine His light into their lives. Our intention can sometimes be overshadowed by our busyness, can't it? We can't phone it in or pay lip service to the light. We have to live it out; daily. This verse reminds me that my faith, as a parent, is the light I'm shining into my kids lives. And they're watching me. They watch how I respond to everything. They listen to how I talk about my work, family, others, and my frustrations. They notice what I'm listening to or watching during my downtime. They notice when I'm not being consistent or "doing" what I've taught them to do. They notice how important my values are by what I do, not just what I say. I am their light on a hill.

This Easter I hope you get filled up and excited again about what God has done in your life and walk in newness of life at home and wherever you go. The only

way you can do that is to surrender completely to what God wants in your life. Pray on your own and as a family. Read the Bible and find a devotion that inspires you. Don't make excuses on Sunday morning and be at church weekly to be filled. The more you let Jesus be your light, the stronger your light will be at home and for others. Happy Easter! ~ Mollie

Upcoming Events



Wednesday, April 10th - "Dress-like-a-Parent" & Reward Night at Kids Club 6:30-8pm: This is our last night of the session. K-5th grade kids will answer questions to the Big Questions they've been learning for a trip to the prize table. Pre-k kids will recite John 3:16 for a trip to the prize table.

Good Friday, April 19th - "Be the Light" Kids Easter Event 9am-Noon: All kids age 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to come to this FREE, fun event. Kids will enjoy an indoor Glow-in-the-Dark Easter Egg Hunt, games, a yummy snack, hands-on activities, and a lesson that centers around this year's theme, "Be the Light," based on Matthew 5:14-16. The whole family is invited back at noon for a free lunch in the basement after pick-up. Pre-registration at firstbaptistaledo.com is strongly recommended but not required. Also, we have a special Lil' Egg Hunt for kiddos 2 & under in the backyard of FBC from 9-9:20am on Good Friday, April 19th. Baskets will be provided. Littles don't need to register for the Lil' Egg Hunt, just show up! An adult/parent will need to accompany participants.

*We also need lots and lots of wrapped candy. Please place donations in Mollie's office. Thanks for your help!



Save-the-Date: June 24th-29th "Roar" Vacation Bible School from 9am-Noon for kiddos ages 3-5th grade graduates. More details coming soon!

COLLIDE YOUTH NEWS!

HOW CAN I BE THE LIGHT OF JESUS TO THE PEOPLE AROUND ME?

This is a topic that is easy to answer but so much harder to live out in every day life! As humans, we are born with a **SELF**-centered perspective, so thinking of how we impact



others is not our default setting. Can I tell you something? As Christians, we have a responsibility to share the good news of Christ with the people around us. There's not a certain formula to follow per say, but the

joy that is in our hearts should spill over into our relationships. You don't always have to quote Scripture or talk about the Bible for people to know you are a Christian. The way you live your life is much more of an example of what's really in your heart. We need some teenagers who are sold out for God and aren't just gum flappers but are ready to live out their faith!

I want to leave you guys with a quote to chew on and digest, **"Some people are hurting so bad you have to do more than preach a message to them. You have to be a message to them."**

~Mario Pauley, Youth Director

Do you have a graduate?

Are you a member or regular attender at First Baptist and have a 2019 8th grade, High School or College Graduate in your family? Please e-mail the office with the information by April 24th at fbcaledo2@frontiernet.net so we can recognize your graduate.



Also, if you are hosting a graduation party and want the FBC family invited, we can add your invite to the list, you simply need to provide us with the details. FBC will be recognizing all our graduates on **Sunday, May 26th, 2019** during the 10:15am Service.

Join Us for Collide Youth Group



DATES: Wednesday Nights through April 10th!
TIME: 6:30pm-8pm
PLACE: First Baptist Aledo
WHO: 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.

SUMMER YOUTH CONFERENCE

CIY – JR. High MIX!

JH MIX Camp is in Holland, MI at Hope College Campus. July 28th-Aug. 1st, 2019. For all students grades 6th-8th grade grads. Student cost is \$225 (Actual cost is \$339- church is paying \$114/per student.) Online registration now open. We have partial scholarships, contact Youth Director, Mario Pauley at 309-582-6044 for more info! Only 10 spots available!



Summer High School Mission Trip



Our High School Mission Trip is coming up! We are headed to Eagle Butte S.D. We will be doing light construction/painting as well as running a VBS for kids on the reservation.

As of now, all spots are filled. Keep your eyes open as we will be having a parent/student meeting very soon to go over details! Questions, call Mario Pauley 309-582-6044.

A Word From Pastor Seth & Upcoming Meetings

“Be the Light!”

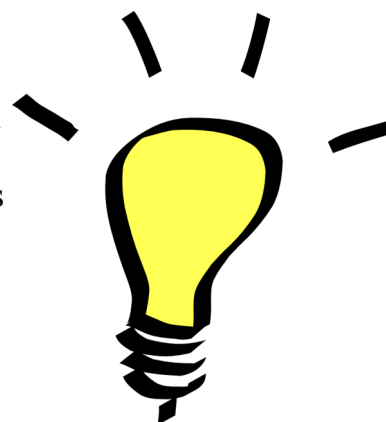
“What you do speaks so loudly, I can’t hear what you’re saying” was noted by Ralph Waldo Emerson around 1850 and it is still true today. We can say so many things but talk is cheap. Let us be God’s people by getting the rubber to the road and show who we are by what we do. Be the light is about shining where God has placed you.

I must see myself as a light bulb and just as any bulb needs to be plugged into the power source to give off light, this is also how our spiritual lives work. We need to be plugged into the source of power, Jesus.

A bulb that is plugged in and shining does not shine for itself just to see how bright he can get. A bulb simply shines for those around him. We are not here to shine for ourselves. We are here to shine and bring Glory to God. Matthew 5:16
“... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

This is a great call - “BE THE LIGHT!”

~ Pastor Seth



Christian Ed/Outreach Meeting

Sunday, April 14th at 11:45am in the Enon Room
For all those on the CE/Outreach Committee.

Church Council Meeting & Quarterly Church Business Meeting **Please note, Changes in the Regular Dates!

Church Council & Quarterly Business Meeting-Due to Easter falling on our regular Sunday for the quarterly business meeting, our meeting dates will change for this quarter.

The Church Council will meet Tuesday, April 30th at 7pm. The **FBC Quarterly Business Meeting** will be Sunday, May 5th at 11:30am. All FBC members are encouraged to attend the Business Meetings.



Volunteer Opportunity With the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association

If you are interested in sharing your faith online through the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, there will be an informational meeting on Monday, April 1st at 7pm in the Enon Room.

Questions, contact Helen Marshall at
309-582-2822.

Only 2 Weeks Left!!

Programs for Adults, Kids & Youth during Wednesday Night Live

Each Wednesday from 6:30-8pm through April 10th! Free to Attend!

- Adult Classes
- 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

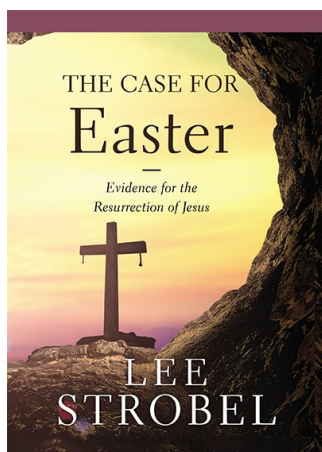


Book of the Month, A Free Easter Gift for you!

The Case For Easter-Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus by Lee Strobel

Copies available in the church lobby—Cost—FREE!

Prepare your heart for Easter. Gather a better understanding of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. We would love for each family to have a copy to read and/or pass on to another person. "The Case For Easter" by Lee Strobel is the church's Easter gift to you! You will find copies (1 per family please) in the church lobby beginning Sunday, April 7th.



Did Jesus of Nazareth really rise from the dead? Of the many world religions, only one claims that its founder returned from the grave. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the very cornerstone of Christianity. But a dead man coming back to life? In our sophisticated age, when myth has given way to science, who can take such a claim seriously?

Some argue that Jesus never died on the cross. Conflicting accounts make the empty tomb seem suspect. And post-crucifixion sightings of Jesus have been explained in psychological terms. How credible is the evidence for—and against—the resurrection? Focusing his award-winning skills as a legal journalist on history's most compelling enigma, Lee Strobel retraces the startling findings that led him from atheism to belief. Drawing on expert testimony first shared in his blockbuster book the Case for Christ.

In The Case for Easter, Strobel examines:

- The Medical Evidence—Was Jesus' death a sham and his resurrection a hoax?
- The Evidence of the Missing Body—Was Jesus' body really absent from his tomb?
- The Evidence of Appearances—Was Jesus seen alive after his death on the cross?

Written in a hard-hitting journalistic style, The Case for Easter probes the core issues of the resurrection. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead: superstitious myth or life-changing reality? The evidence is in. The verdict is up to you.

Communion & Food Pantry Sunday

Communion/Food Pantry Sunday - Sunday, April 7th is Communion Sunday and it is also the Sunday we emphasize bringing food for the Mercer County Food Pantry. Please leave non-perishable food items in the grey tote in the lobby. Thanks for helping our neighbors in need in Mercer County.



Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry Think Tank— No Think Tank Meeting in April. We'll resume meeting on May 4th at 9am.

Women's Better Together Morning Gathering— Peggy Johnson is hosting the April Better Together at her home— 1001 SW 3rd Ave. Aledo on Friday, April 12th at 6:30pm. Better Together Gatherings are designed as a time for ladies of FBC to connect, have fun, and encourage each other in our Christian walks. Bring a snack to share. Childcare is not provided. No need to sign up, just show up.



J.O.Y. Circle - The J.O.Y. Circle Ladies—(Jesus, Others, Yourself) will meet on Tuesday, April 23rd at 7pm Enon Room. All ladies are invited to join us. J.O.Y. Circle is a gathering of the women for a time of fellowship and learning. Questions, see Vivian Kopp or Sherry Huffstutler.

The Journey—Here's a fun event that involves 2 of our FBC ladies! The Aledo United Methodist Church is hosting "The Journey" Women's Event on Saturday, April 6th. Our own Karyn Smith and Gina Young will be speaking at this event along with Nancy Olson and Michelle Rose. For more information or to register e-mail Ruth Dulaney at ruthdulaney@gmail.com or call the church office at 309-582-2169. Please, keep Karyn, Gina, Nancy & Michelle in your prayers as they prepare to speak to the women at The Journey.

The Journey
One Day Women's Event



Saturday, April 6th
9:15 AM-2:30 PM
(Registration/Refreshments 8:30 AM)
Limited to 250 Attendees

Secret Sister Program—Ladies of FBC, do you enjoy being encouraged and blessed? Do you enjoy doing the same for someone else? Then the Secret Sister program is for you! As another woman's Secret Sister you will have the opportunity to encourage her with notes, small gifts, prayers, and any other ways you can think of. The best part is, it's all done in secret until the reveal which is in late October. Beginning April 14th you will find a Secret Sister form at the women's ministry table in the lobby. You will complete the form and drop it back in a designated basket on the Women's Ministry Table. We will draw the name of our Secret Sister May 5th after the 10:15am service so you'll want to attend this meeting if possible. If you have questions, please call Cindy Maynard at 309-644-0028.



2 Women's Conferences Coming Up Fall 2019

Revive '19: Seeking Him - Indianapolis, IN—September 26th-28th, 2019

RESTORE YOUR FIRST LOVE. REMOVE BITTERNESS, FEAR, AND WORRY. REFRESH YOUR SPIRIT. *Experience personal refreshment and be equipped to share the hope of revival with others.* Cost is \$129 if ticket is purchased before 5/1/19, \$159 after. Attendee is responsible for purchasing their own ticket and Women's Ministry will cover the cost of the hotel. Please see or call Jenny Dixon (309-373-0104) for more details and to secure your lodging! This conference does sell out jenllong1@gmail.com.



THRIVE Women's Retreat—Nov. 1st-3rd, 2019—Buchanan, Michigan

Schedules, responsibilities, deadlines, caring for the needs of others— our lives, as women, are filled with opportunities. Most days we wouldn't have it any other way. But the stuff of life can leave us longing for more of what Jesus promised to give us. "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly (John 10:10)."

THRIVE is a weekend designed to help you experience more of Jesus— through His Word, worship, fellowship, fun, and incredible food (that you don't have to cook!) Come join us! Because Jesus wants far more for you than to simply survive. Cost is \$145 per person (includes lodging and meals.) If Thrive is the only Women's Conference you attend in 2019, the Women's Ministry will pay \$100 towards your cost, making your cost for Thrive \$45. Please see Jenny Dixon to sign up or for more details: jenllong1@gmail.com.



Men's Ministry

Men's Ministry Council

The FBC Men's Ministry Council will meet Saturday, April 6th 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 Rooted Study– BREAK!!

We have enjoyed our time, and will start up again... stay tuned. For the month of April we will not be meeting Sunday nights. We will, however, have a Euchre Tournament on Sunday night April 7th starting at 4:30pm. We will have pizza and sodas. The winning team will receive a grand prize.



Summer & Fall Men's Conference Opportunities

Rooted Men's Conference: Band of Brothers!

July 6th, 2019—From 8am-3pm at First Baptist Aledo—Free to attend!

Speaker: A.J. Reynolds—Pastor of Harvest Bible Chapel Monmouth

Delicious hot lunch, light breakfast and snacks provided.

This is a one day awesome conference with AJ Reynolds, breakout discussions, fun activities, great food, and lots of manly fun. Watch for registration coming soon!

Quest Father Son Retreat at Life Action Camp —Oct. 4th-6th in Buchanan, MI—A fun filled weekend for fathers and sons. These father son adventure weekends feature outdoor events jam packed with activities designed to help dads and sons reconnect. You will make memories that last a lifetime. Spiritual principles are embedded into activities and athletic events to equip fathers and sons for the journey ahead. We recommend that sons be at least six years old for this event. Watch and listen for sign up details coming soon. Pastor Seth is coordinating and attending this event so if you have questions, please see him for details.



Men's Momentum—Oct. 25th—27th - Buchanan, MI at Life Action Camp—Cost for Momentum is \$100. 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 time 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. This retreat is designed for men ages 16 and older.

Cost includes conference fee, lodging and meals while at the conference you will need money for 2 meals while on the road. Departure will be from FBC on Friday, Oct. 25th at 10am and we'll be back in Aledo on Sunday, Oct. 27th the early evening. Interested? Watch for Registration coming in late summer. *The actual cost of Men's Momentum is \$125 so if you are able to pay \$125 that helps with the FBC budget.

one eighty Fund Raiser

One Eighty Annual Dinner Fundraiser 6:30pm on May 2nd @ the Taxslayer Center in Moline

Pastor Luke is hosting a table. If you'd like to go, please sign up on Sunday's Connection Card or call the church office at 309-582-7812 on or before April 14th. The dinner is free to attend, but donations are appreciated.

Questions, see Pastor Luke.



Generation Celebration & Easter!



Generation Celebration—April 11th!

On Thursday, April 11th First Baptist members and attendees, 65 and older, are invited to a luncheon here at the church. The Generation Celebration will begin at 11am in the sanctuary singing some of your favorite hymns. A lunch will be served in the new addition at 11:30am with a few fun games to follow!

You can sign up by stopping at the church office, calling the church or filling out the Connection Card on Sunday's bulletin. **All reservations need to be in by April 1st.**

Easter is on April 21st, 2019!

Please Join Us in Celebrating our Risen Lord!



Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary - If you would like to honor a loved one by placing an Easter Lily in the sanctuary, please sign up on Sunday's Connection Card and place it in the offering plate or call the church office at 582-7812. Deadline to order a Lily is Sunday, April 7th. The cost of an Easter Lily is \$8.

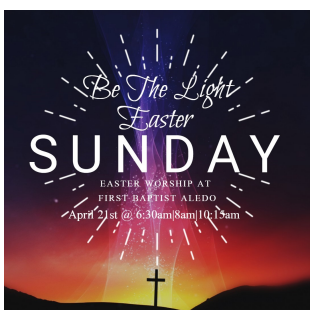
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Good Friday Service at First Baptist Friday, April 19th

Good Friday Service—In addition to our Easter Sunday Services, we will also have a Good Friday Service on Friday, April 19th at 6:30pm in our Sanctuary. Good Friday service commemorates Jesus Christ's Passion, crucifixion, and death. All are welcome to join us for this special service.

Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast— Our Easter Sunrise service is Sunday, April 21st at 6:30am in our sanctuary. The Sunrise Service will be followed by a free breakfast in Fellowship Hall. RSVP for the Easter Breakfast on Sunday's Connection Card or by calling the church office at 309-582-7812.

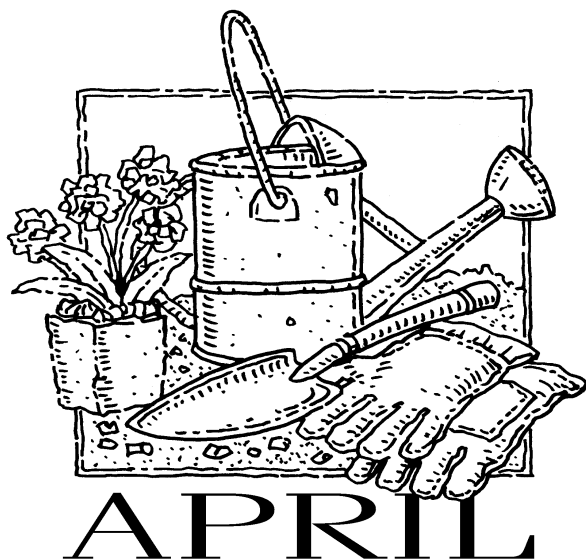


Easter Morning Services—In addition to our 6:30am Sunrise Service, we will also have Easter Services at 8am and 10:15am. Statistics show that 86% of people who begin attending church were invited by a friend or relative. Please be in prayer about who you should invite to this celebration of our risen Savior!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dean McCormick	April 1
Parker Dixon	
Austin Korns	
Dawn Douglas	April 3
Diane Nelson	April 4
Deb VanderHeyden	
Kalie Duncan	April 5
Kurt Diesch	
Marsha Loving	April 6
Shelly Snyder	
Kay Hedrick	
Emily Bowns	
Noah Hammill	April 8
Bill Kelly	April 9
Caden Leng	
Derald Jones	
Jeannene McNall	April 10
Betty Leslie	April 12
Angie Hyett	April 14
Shane Adams	April 15
Mary Bewley	
Seth Potthast	April 17
Trace Ham	
Jack Sheese	April 20
	April 21
Emily Brown	April 22
Connor Thomas	
Ryan Monson	April 23
Nate Hofmann	April 24
Alexa Castor Mendoza	April 25
Sandy Cooper	April 26
Silas Norwick	
Adam Maynard	April 27
Dave VanderHeyden	April 29

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Andy & Kathryn Retherford

*Thank
you*



To All my First Baptist Church Family,
Thank you for all your prayers and support
for my three day stay in the hospital caused
from having a stroke. Also, I want to thank
Jenny Dixon and all the ladies who prepared
wonderful meals that were delivered during
my recovery at home. Thank you Pastor
Luke for prayer and being with my wife Kathy and Rhonda while
being in the ER at Aledo Genesis. I was not aware of what was
happening. I am absolutely sure God was with me every moment
and that my mission for him was not completed yet.

Right now I am currently doing physical therapy for my right side
caused from my stroke and still under doctors care. I am working
with word searches, puzzles, reading, walking and memory cards
to rewire my brain. Recovery will take some time. Thank you
again for continuing prayers for my recovery.

In Christ, Dennis Carlson & Family

As many of you may already be
aware, David and Susan Potthast
have moved to Wisconsin. They have
served faithfully at
First Baptist Aledo
in many capacities
over the years and
will be missed
greatly.

If you would like
to send them a
thank you or note of encouragement
in their new season, their address is
419 St. Kilian Parkway, Hartford, WI
53027.



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