

Love Christ. Love Others. Think Biblically!

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Faith News



September 2019 | Monthly Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar

9.3

Deacon Meeting 6:30pm

9.4-11.20

Wednesday Night Live-Adult
Classes, Kids Club & The
Refuge Student Ministry-
6:30-8pm

9.7

Men's Ministry Council-7:30am

Women's Ministry

Think Tank- 9am

9.8

Women's Prayer Time-9am

Trustee Meeting-11:30am

9.15

Rick McGough Guest Speaker

8am, 10:15am & 6pm

9.22

Men's Bags Tournament-

5:30pm

9.24

J.O.Y. Circle-7pm

9.26-28

Revive Our Hearts Women's
Conf. Indianapolis, IN

9.29

Baptisms & Baby Dedications
5th Sunday Potluck-11:30am

"..In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." ~ 1 Peter 3:15

A delicate balance. I was teaching some of the men at one eighty, and as I was making the plea for the men to put their hope in Christ, someone asked if I could teach a lesson on how we can know Christianity is true, as opposed to other religions. I said absolutely, I would love to. That's the study of apologetics. Apologetics is the study of the reasonableness of the claims of Christianity. It literally means "to make a defense." Is what we believe a blind leap of faith, or is it reasonable and supported by tons of evidence? Well, it's a delicate balance. There is so much evidence that supports the claims of Christianity that one could easily contend that it takes more "faith" to believe in evolution than creation. In simple terms, think about this: the existence of anything, absolutely anything at all, requires that something (more accurately Someone) must exist eternally. Ponder that for a moment. Nothing can come from nothing. So, either the universe, or matter must be eternal, which we know it's not, or there is an eternal being that exists who created all that is. The next step from there is to prove or give evidence that the One who exists eternally (God), is the God revealed in the Bible. The delicate balance is this: not only do people need to know that

what we believe is reasonable, this is the issue of absolute truth, but people also need to know that it makes a difference in their lives. This is the anecdotal or subjective truth we call our testimony. Often times testimonies have more power, certainly more emotion, than objective, absolute truth. The delicate balance for us is that we highlight our testimonies, but always return to the foundation of God's Word, which is the absolute truth. Faith is required. It's a delicate balance. This month we are hosting Rick McGough from Local Church Apologetics, who is going to do three things:

- Co-teach a Wednesday Night Live Class with me called "Defending Your Faith" – limited to 45 sign ups.
- Preach on Sunday morning at both services on September 15th.
- Lead a one night event called "Can You Trust the Bible?" on September 15th from 6-8pm with worship and a testimony by Rusty Boruff.

I hope you will be blessed by one of these opportunities in September. Most importantly I hope that you'll learn the delicate balance of the confidence of absolute truth, and the life-altering experience of knowing Christ personally.

In Christ, Pastor Luke

Volunteer & Giving Information

Date

Nursery

Kids Worship

9/1/19	Ronda Moffitt, Deb Carpenter, Crystal & Evan Clark, Laney Johnson	Angela Pauley, Kathy Olson, Mary Rohm, Lucy Dunn, Denise Bowker, Tammie Trout, Nadine Coulter, Natalie Kugler, Mollie Dunn, Monica Dennison & Jess Swift
9/8/19	Jo Bjorling, Marcy, Rusty Shaylee & Brylee Smet	Angela Pauley, Tina McCaw, RaeAnn Hernandez, Kassidy Steph, Terry & Brody Leonard, Denise Bowker, Sara Kellett, Mollie Dunn Melissa & Josh Struble
9/15/19	Ronda & Veronica Moffitt, Dixie Bodeen & Maddie Dunn	Angela Pauley, Diann Slater, Alison Lafever, Lucy Dunn, Felicia Bonyng, Ronda Moffitt, Jess Weist, Todd & John Baldwin, Mollie Dunn & Sheila Busch
9/22/19	Lisa Clawson, Kim, Sidney & Caleb Quam	Angela Pauley, Jacque Bruns, Amy & Aaliyah Powell, Arlene Bewley, Dayna & Henry Leichty, Denise Bowker, Mollie Dunn, Andrew Leichty & Brenton Powell
9/29/19	Sharon Moffitt, Jan Crutcher, Rusty Smet, Bryce Moffitt & Lucy Dunn	Angela Pauley, Joyce Thomas, Amber Hessman, Natalie Bowker, Denise Bowker, Kathryn Retherford, Maggie Castor, Logan Thomas, Monica Dennison, Mollie Dunn, Haley & Josh Johnson

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 September — Melissa Struble
Trustee of the Month for September — Don McConaughy

Prayer Team 2019

September 1st-8am-Peggy Johnson & Kurt Diesch—**10:15am**-Anita Parkinson. Tina McCaw
September 8th— 8am-Marty South, Jon & Lindsay Riche—**10:15am**-Jeanne Barber, Laurie & Mick Louck
September 15th - 8am-Troy & Tish Riddell - **10:15am**—Lisa Litwiler, Mary Lee Finch & Barb Bryant
September 22nd –8am-Doug & Diane Hessman—**10:15am** Jason & Shelly Snyder & Lonnie Maynard
September 29th—Rotation of Volunteers

Weekly Attendance & Offering

DATE	7/28/19	8/4/19	8/11/19	8/18/19	8/25/19
8 AM	87	95	92	- - -	82
10:15AM	261	248	272	510	278
TOTAL	348	343	364	510	360

Date	7/28/18	8/4/19	8/11/19	8/18/19	8/25/19
General Fund Giving	\$9,140.25	\$12,651.66	\$9,077.75	\$8,831.57	\$11,960.12
Designated Giving	\$436.00	\$255.00	\$384.00	\$159.00	\$1,260.25
Total Giving	\$9,576.25	\$12,906.66	\$9,461.75	\$8,990.57	\$13,220.37

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

Lives Changed by Jesus Christ!

Year To Date Baptisms — 10
Year To Date Decisions for Christ - 6



Kids Club Ministry



We're getting ready for a brand new session of Kids Club on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm on September 4th! Family Check-in is from 6:15-6:30pm in the foyer. Pick-up is in the sanctuary at 8pm. The school year is divided into two sessions. The Fall Session is September 4th-

November 20th and the Winter/Spring Session is January 8th-April 1st. Also, mark your calendars for our annual Kids Easter Event on Good Friday, April 10th from 9am-Noon.

We strongly encourage you to pre-register all kids, youth, & nursery-aged kiddos online before the session begins at www.firstbaptistaledo.com. **Bus riders must be registered prior to riding the bus. The bus schedule with locations and times are on the registration link.**

We're hitting the pause button on Gospel Project (this session only) so we can take the time we need to finish our Big Questions about God as well as discuss important topics like baptism, communion, & prayer with the K-5th grade students. The Pre-K classes will revisit some of their favorite Bible stories this session, have games, eat yummy snacks, memorize Scripture, and enjoy activity time.

We're mixing up **Reward Night this session and having a Christmas Shop on Nov. 13th**. Kids will answer questions to what they've learned this session to earn points to shop for Christmas gifts for their families. *Pre-k will recite their memory verse for points for the Christmas Shop.

Join our Private Group on **Facebook** at "**First Baptist Children's Ministry**" where you can get updates, pics of your kids in action, and reminders of upcoming events.

Kids Club Food Pantry Challenge

Kids are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items and toiletries for the Mercer County Food Pantries. This session's goal is 800. Kids bring their donations to the front of the sanctuary after checking-in and before finding their crew. We'll add up these points every night during the opening and we'll celebrate reaching their goal on Nov. 20th with a PJ, Movie, & Popcorn night.

Have a question or want to register over the phone? Call the church office @ (309) 582-7812 or Mollie Dunn @ (309) 371-6962. Thanks for sharing your kids with us! ~Mollie

What's Ahead

Kids Club Christmas Shop (Nov. 13th)



We are now collecting small, NEW items to go in the shop. Donations can be brought to the church & placed in Mollie's office until the event. We're collecting the following types of items: Cute coffee mugs, small jewelry items, soft slippers, fun socks, small stuffed animals, coloring sets, lotions, games, pen and pad sets, beauty sets, small picture frames, chocolate gift boxes, small tool kits, small toys, etc. Thanks for your help!

Photos Below From Praise In The Park '19!

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this day a BIG success!



THE REFUGE STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS

We have a NEW NAME!

The Refuge (FBCA Student Ministry)

FBCA Student Ministry is more than just a Wednesday night at church. We are striving to build and deepen our relationship with Jesus through our youth community. There is so much noise in the world today and we know that we need a place and source of truth. That place and source is Jesus Christ, our rock and our fortress. He is our deliverer, our shield and our salvation. And it is in Him that we take refuge.

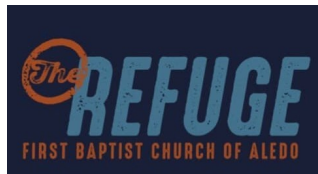
FBCA Student Ministry is updating our name to "The Refuge" with Psalm 18:2 as our Scripture. This change reflects a direction of learning, studying and supporting one another in our walk with Jesus. It is in building our foundation on the rock of Christ that we grow together as the body of Christ. Then in turn we can serve others through our abundance.

The Refuge

Psalm 18:2 English Standard Version (ESV)

2The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

~Mario, Director of Youth Ministry



The Refuge Student Ministry

Fall session of The Refuge is Sept. 4-Nov. 20th-6:30-8pm!

Students Grades 6th-12th come ready to dig into God's Word and fellowship with other students during The Refuge Student Ministry. We will be learning about

"Discipleship". We have a lot of fun stuff planned for this fall session so make sure to show up and not miss out! No need to pre-register for The Refuge just show up, unless you need a ride on the bus. If you need to be picked up on our Wednesday Night Live Bus Route pre-register at firstbaptistchurchaledo.com under the Ministry Tab then click Wednesday Night Live. Scroll to the bottom for Bus Ministry Registration.



SAVE THE DATE! THE REFUGE FALL RETREAT! INVITE A FRIEND!

Mark your calendar! Saturday & Sunday, October 12th – 13th is The Refuge Fall Retreat! For all Students 6th-12th Grades @ Camp Summit in New Windsor, IL! GAGA ball, Zip Line, Camp Fires, Smores, Friends, Great Food and TONS of FUN! **COST:** \$32 by September 22nd, \$36 after September 22nd until the day of the retreat or until space fills up. Our guest speaker is Tyler Jones who is a Youth Pastor from Pearl Baptist Church in North Carolina and music will be provided by Lara Jones along with a few members of our praise band! Prepare yourself to have a great time with friends and grow in your faith. Registration forms can be found by stopping by The Refuge bulletin board in the church lobby for a packet or see Mario Pauley for more details.



School Morning Prayer Groups & Donuts

First Baptist sponsors Morning Prayer Groups at Mercer County Intermediate and Mercer County Jr. High on Tuesdays at 7:40am and at MCIS Library and Wednesdays at 7:45am at MCJH Chorus Room. In addition to having prayer, we serve the students donuts. Please invite your friends and join us each week at your school for prayer and donuts. For High School Students, there is also FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) at 7:30am in Mr. Robertson's room.

A Word From Pastor Seth

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

I keep coming back to this verse in Matthew 5. This verse is being shown to me by young Christian folks that I come into contact with at Bible studies and even the jail. The hunger and the thirst for God's Word, God's Will, and God Himself becomes so strong that nothing else in this world will satisfy that hunger and thirst. Young Christians becoming so hungry and thirsty for everything of God that they can't stop this new desire within them. The folks that have the hunger and thirst are constantly coming to God Himself for the filling of that desire.

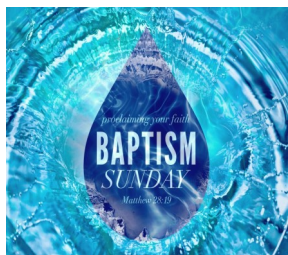
It really is a blessing from God that the worldly things and the things that draw us away from

God begin to make us sick. Lord help us to return to this simple hunger and thirst for You. Help us to seek You Lord and Your Righteousness in every area of our life and to do it first. In Jesus name, Amen. ~ Pastor Seth



Baby Dedication Sunday At First Baptist

We will be celebrating families who desire to dedicate their babies or young children to the Lord on Sunday, Sept. 29th. If you would like to have your child dedicated on Sunday, Sept. 29th, please fill out Sunday's Connection Card found at the bottom of the bulletin or call the church office at 309-582-7812 and let Pam know.



Baptism Sunday is Sept. 29th

Have you made that all important decision to follow Jesus and now you want to be baptized? Maybe you have questions about baptism and what it means. If so, call the church office—309-582-7812 and ask to speak to Pastor Seth or fill out Sunday's Connection Card & Pastor Seth will contact you.

5th Sunday Potluck

Everyone is invited to the FBC 5th Sunday Potluck downstairs in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 29th following the 10:15am service. Drinks and table service will be provided but **please bring 2 dishes to share**. The 2 dishes help us accommodate any visitors that may join us that day.



Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry Think Tank – We'll meet Saturday, Sept. 7th at 9am in the Enon Room. All ladies are welcome to join us. These meetings are designed to plan the ministry events, classes and activities throughout the year.



J.O.Y. Circle Meeting

The J.O.Y. Circle Ladies—(Jesus, Others, Yourself) will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 24th 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.

Did you know we offer 2 Sunday School Classes each Sunday at 9am designed just for Women?

Women's Class Taught by Crystal Clark
Lower Level - Room #6
Current Study: Listening to God

Women's Class Taught by Cindy Maynard
Lower Level Library
Current Study: Proverbs

Open to all women! Jump in any time.

Women's Mini Retreat

Coming to FBC!

Mark Your Calendar!

Watch for updates!



FBC Women's Mini Retreat will be held Saturday, Nov 9th at First Baptist.

Details are currently being worked on but we're excited to share with you that speaker and author Lori Boruff will be sharing a message with the women that day. So, mark your calendar for Saturday, Nov. 9th and plan to join us for this Mini Retreat. Registration coming soon!



Reminder to the women who purchased tickets for Revive!

Women's Conference!
Revive '19: Seeking Him - Indianapolis, IN
September 26th-28th, 2019

RESTORE YOUR FIRST LOVE.
REMOVE BITTERNESS, FEAR,
AND WORRY. REFRESH YOUR SPIRIT.

Thrive Women's Retreat Nov. 1st-3rd In 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

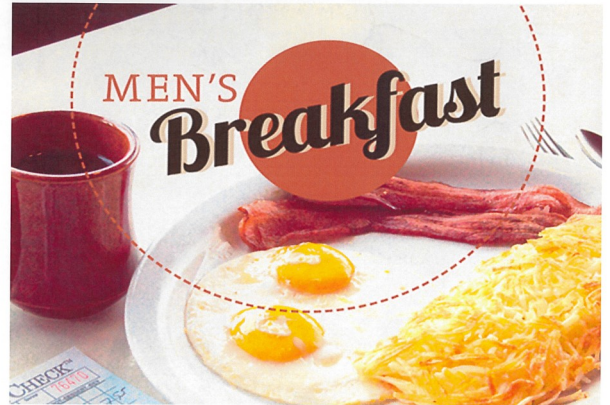
Men's Ministry Council

The FBC Men's Ministry Council will meet Saturday, Sept. 7th at 7:30am in the Enon Room.



FBC Men's Bags Tournament

All men are invited to come Sunday, Sept. 22nd at 5:30pm to the lawn at First Baptist. We will be grilling out, having snacks and playing Bags. Invite a friend and come join us. No need to sign up, just show up. Questions, see Lonnie Maynard.



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

Fall Men's Conference Opportunities

Quest Father Son Retreat at Life Action Camp — Oct. 4th-6th, 2019 in Buchanan, MI—Interested? Sign up on Sunday's Connection Card. The first sign ups will get the first choice of beds in the cabin. After the cabin is full Pastor Seth will book other accommodations. **Cost: \$100 for the Dad and \$50 for each son.**



Quest is 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. Pastor Seth is coordinating and attending this event so if you have questions, please see him for details.

Men's Momentum Weekend Is Oct. 18th—20th, 2019 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 is \$100 and includes meals/lodging while at the conference. Departure time is Friday, Oct. 18th at 10am and we'll be back in Aledo on Sunday evening, Oct. 20th. Sign up on Sunday's Connection Card or by calling the church office at 309-582-7812.



Resource of the Month—Rightnow Media!



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over 3,500 discipleship videos for kids, youth and adults



RightNow Media – Get access to thousands of FREE faith based studies and programs for kids and adults. Simply submit your e-mail address to Pam Ricke's e-mail at fbcaledo2@frontiernet.net and say "I would like access to Right Now Media." Pam will send you an invite via e-mail and you will receive access from Right Now Media where you can set up your own personal account.

Bible Studies—Our Bible Study videos provide great teaching from many of the best Christian speakers and teachers, such as Francis Chan, David Platt, Matt Chandler, Dave Ramsey, Louie Giglio, JD Greear, and hundreds more. These are great for small groups, youth classes, Sunday school, personal studies, etc. In the last 6 months we've added over 1,000 Bible study sessions so there are always new videos on the way.

Kid's Episodes -Whether at church, at home or in the back seat on a long drive, families with children of all ages now have unlimited access to an enormous library of entertaining and educational Bible-based content just for kids. These are great series like *VeggieTales*, *What's in the Bible?*, *3-2-1 Penguins*, and many more.

Have questions about getting access to Rightnow Media, call Pam at 309-582-7812.

Special Event Coming To FBC on Sept. 15th!

SPECIAL EVENT! OPEN TO EVERYONE!

Can You Trust The Bible?

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15TH FROM 6-8PM
First Baptist Church-800 NE 6th Ave., Aledo

Featuring Guest Speaker Rick McGough of Local Church Apologetics & Testimony by Rusty Boruff

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First Baptist Church

Rick McGough of Local Church Apologetics will be at First Baptist Aledo Sunday, Sept. 15th from 6-8pm. Rick will be presenting a powerful message called "Can You Trust the Bible?" The evening will include a testimony by Rusty Boruff founder of One Eighty. This event is open to the public and free to attend. Please invite unchurched friends and family to join us. Questions, call 309-582-7812. A nursery will be available.

Serving Others! Mission Opportunities & Updates!

FBC Women's Ministry are sponsoring Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child Kicks off Sunday, Oct. 6th—Return boxes by Sunday, Nov. 17th

Christmas will be here before we know it, which means it's almost time to begin filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. The world's largest Christmas project of its kind, Operation Christmas Child, uses gift-filled shoeboxes to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. This is a great opportunity for First Baptist to minister to those children in need.



Let's spread some Christmas cheer by filling the shoeboxes. We will have the OCC boxes in the lobby beginning Sunday, Oct. 6th. You can pick up an empty box and choose if you want to fill it for a boy or girl. There will be a brochure with all the instructions.

Please Do Not Include: Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or

other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans. Once you have filled your box please indicate who that box is for along with a \$5 bill to help with shipping cost. (The actual shipping cost per shoe box is \$9 but the FBC Women's Ministry team is covering \$4 of that so your cost is \$5.) Please don't wrap up the box, but instead put a rubber band around it. Return your filled box to the church no later than Sunday, Nov. 17th by noon. If you have any questions please see OCC Coordinator Lindsay Ricke or call her at 256-520-7910.

Kids Coat Drive/Volunteers/Giveaway

Kids Coat Giveaway Volunteers Needed—Cindy Maynard is once again organizing a coat giveaway that will take place at First Baptist on Thursday, Oct. 10th from 5-7pm and on Saturday, Oct. 12th from 9am-11am. Cindy is in need of volunteers to help make this event happen. She's needing help (especially men to carry the heavier items) with set up on Wednesday night, Oct. 9th at 8pm as well as for tear down (again, all welcome to help, but especially need men who can carry heavier items) on Saturday, Oct. 12th at 11am, she will also need a few other volunteers to help assist during the event on Oct. 10th and Oct. 12th. If you can help, sign up on Sunday's Connection Card or call the church office at 309-582-7812



Kids Coat Collection! It is once again time to clean out your children's closets and donate their gently used winter outerwear. We are collecting items to give away to anyone who has a need. We will collect CHILDREN'S/TEENS winter coats, scarves, mittens/gloves, hats, snow pants, and boots. Donations can be dropped off

in the Rubbermaid tote at the Maynard's Home-107 SW 12 Street, Aledo from now thru Oct 9th. The giveaway will take place at First Baptist Church, 800 NE 6 St, Aledo on Thursday, Oct. 10th from 5-7pm and Sat., Oct 12th 9-11am. There are no income guidelines. Items are distributed on a first come, first served basis. Recipients MUST be present to receive a coat. No early distribution and 1 coat per person present. Questions may be directed to Cindy Maynard, 309 644-0028.

Student Ministry Mission Trip Update

Dear Church Family, On Friday, July 26th eighteen high schoolers from Collide and four adult chaperones departed to Eagle Butte, South Dakota in order to visit the Lakota Reservation.

Our first stop was a visit to the Badlands where we enjoyed God's beautiful landscape of spectacular white rock cliffs and huge hills to climb on and photograph. Then on to Mt. Rushmore where we were able to glimpse at the famous presidential faces carved onto the white rock mountain. Then off we drove for a few more hours to settle in with two other participating church groups that would be working and worshipping along side us with the community.

With a very well coordinated schedule made by our leaders of Youth Works, we started the day with a big breakfast and then packed a lunch to accompany us to the various work project sites. Much was accomplished that week such as painting a house and church interior, landscaping, helping the school janitors get projects done and a young children's bible school every afternoon. After each exhausting day, we closed with a beautiful worship service and small groups in order to discuss what we (along with our Lord's help!) accomplished each day.



This was an absolutely awesome week spent with such a beautiful community and we would like to shout out a huge THANK YOU to our church family for helping support us in prayer and donations.—Sincerely, The 2019 South Dakota Student Mission Team

September 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
John Thomas	
Don Korn	September 6
Jeremiah Johnson	September 7
Shelby Reid	September 8
Maurice McCutchan	September 8
Mark Castor	September 9
Selena Johnson	
Micah Hofer	
Savannah Hofer	
Lucy Dunn	September 10
Tenley Sproston	September 11
Joe Loving	September 12
Sadie Svoboda	September 16
Bernice Kelly	September 17
Tim McNall	
Marty Rind	
Natalie Bowker	
Martha Cirks	September 19
Brandon Bruns	
Mark VanderHeyden	
Jack Vipond	
Brad Olson	September 20
Lisa Kernan Smith	September 21
Brandon Galloway	
Bailey Kellett	
Vickie Korn	September 23
Jenna Latko	
Denise Bowker	
Karen McConaughy	
Brock Huffstutler	
Steve Johnson	September 24
Bruce Reid	September 25
Eloise Moreland	September 26
Martha Moffitt	
Jennifer Russell	September 27
Laurn Russell	
Shannon Sedam	
Jim Anderson	September 29

Anniversaries

Mark & Lynda Castor

Scott & Becky Moffitt

Buddy & Carmen Ruh
Barry & Alison Lafever

Ron & Sharon Moffitt

Jim & Joanne Anderson



Larry & Patsy Castor

If your name is not on our birthday or anniversary list and you would like it added, please call Pam at 309-582-7812 so we can add it to the list.



New Adult Sunday School Class -
Beginning Sunday, Sept. 1st - Ron Moffitt's Sunday School Class will begin a new study. They will be moving into the book of Genesis. All are welcome to join this study which takes place in the Enon Room #1 - at 9am on Sundays. To check out the complete list of Sunday School classes for adults, teens and children, please visit our website firstbaptistaledo.com under the Ministry tab.



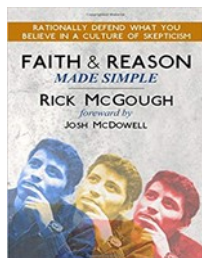
"Jesus Changes Everything" T-Shirts \$10
Order forms are in the church lobby.
Order by Sept. 29th.

Coming up this Fall at First Baptist Aledo! Wednesday Night Live!

New Fall classes for adults and kids!

Wednesday Nights Sept. 4th-Nov. 20th from 6:30-8pm.

****Sign up for adult classes online at firstbaptistaledo.com**

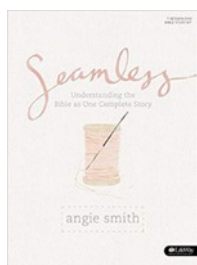


Adult Classes

“Defending Your Faith-Faith & Reason Made Simple” – Co-Taught by Pastor Luke & Rick McGough of Local Church Apologetics at FBC. This study is designed to simplify the complex issues of apologetics in order to equip believers of all ages to better defend their faith in the midst of this skeptical culture we live in.

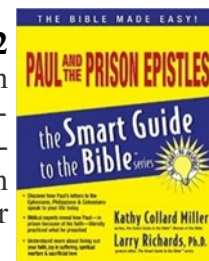
The Book of Signs: 31 Undeniable Prophecies of the Apocalypse” by David Jeremiah Taught by Steve Struble NOW being held at First Baptist! “The end times.” “The apocalypse.” “The day of judgment.”

Terms such as these are both fascinating and frightening for any student of God’s Word. They point to key questions people have wrestled with for centuries, including: What does the Bible tell us about the future? How much can we understand about biblical prophecy and its application in our lives? What signs and signals will precede the end of everything as we know it? Which of those signs and signals have already come to pass, which are we experiencing now, and which are still to come? In this landmark collection, bestselling author Dr. David Jeremiah offers answers to these questions and much more. Drawing from decades of experience as one of the world’s most-respected Bible teachers, Dr. Jeremiah has updated content from previously published works in addition to writing new material on a wide variety of subjects. The result is a truly epic and authoritative guide to biblical prophecy—a must-have resource for Christians seeking to navigate the uncertainties of the present and embrace God’s promises for the future.



Women’s Study - Seamless-Understanding the Bible As One Complete Story—Co-Taught at FBC by Kady Hofer & Brooke Loving— Now being held at First Baptist- Seamless will help you move forward with confidence in your understanding of Scripture. Each week of study features key information that ties all of scripture together into the seamless truth of the gospel message and is accompanied by maps, general Bible facts, and word studies. Seamless covers the people, places, and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. Participants in this study will gain an overarching understanding of the fundamental layout and meaning of the Bible.

Women’s Study-Paul & The Prison Epistles—Taught By Laurie Louck at her home - 612 NE 2nd Ave., Aledo-Class is Free to Attend— *Paul and the Prison Epistles* is another book in the exciting Smart Guide to the Bible series that is a revolutionary commentary designed to uncomplicate the Bible. You’ll discover how Paul’s letters to the Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians speak to your life today. Biblical experts reveal how Paul – in prison because of his faith literally practiced what he preached. And, you’ll gain an understanding about living out your faith, joy in suffering, spiritual warfare & sacrificial love.



Kids Programs **See Next Page for Details**



- Kids Club for ages 3 years old through 5th grade.
- The Refuge Student Ministry – 6th-12th grade.
Nursery for 0-2years old.

All classes are open to the public.
Invite your friends to join us!



**Coming up this Fall at First Baptist Aledo! Wednesday Night Live!
Kids Club & The Refuge Student Ministry!
Wednesday Nights Sept. 4th-Nov. 20th from 6:30-8pm. Free to Attend!**

Kids Club!!



We offer a high-energy, fun-filled, Christ-centered program where kids worship, serve, learn, and play together. We have Kids Club on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm as part of Wednesday Night Live. All kids ages 3 years old through 5th grades are invited. Nursery is provided for infants-2 years old for parents who attend a Wednesday Night Bible Study. The Fall Session begins September 4th and ends November 20th. *We currently use Gospel Project curriculum. Registration for Kids Club is coming soon! Questions, call Children's Pastor Mollie Dunn at 309-371-6962.

The Refuge Student Ministry! For All Students Grades 6th – 12th!

FBC Student Ministry is more than just a Wednesday night at church. We are striving to build and deepen our relationship with Jesus through our youth community. There is so much noise in the world today and we know that we need a place and source of truth. That place and source is Jesus Christ, our rock and our fortress. He is our deliverer, our shield and our salvation. And it is in Him that we take refuge.

FBCA Student Ministry is updating our name to "The Refuge" with Psalm 18:2 as our scripture. This change reflects a direction of learning, studying and supporting one another in our walk with Jesus. It is in building our foundation on the rock of Christ that we grow together as the body of Christ. Then in turn we can serve others through our abundance.

The Refuge — Psalm 18:2

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

What to expect at The Refuge? 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 The Refuge. You don't need to pre-register for The Refuge unless you need bus pick up. Registration for the bus can be found online at firstbaptistaledo.com under the Ministry Tab.

Mario Pauley is the contact person for all youth programming questions. If you need to speak to Mario, you can email him at mario@firstbaptistaledo.com or call or text Mario at 309-582-6044.



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