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fbc Faith News



October 2019 | Monthly Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar

10.3

Homecoming Parade-6pm

10.4-10.6

Quest Father/Son Retreat

10.5

Men's Ministry Council-7:30am

Women's Ministry Think Tank-

9am

10.6

Communion/Food Pantry Sun.

CE/Outreach Meeting-11:45am

10.10

Kids Coat Giveaway-5pm-7pm

10.12

Kids Coat Giveaway-9am-11am

10.12-10.13

The Refuge Fall Retreat

10.13

Trustee Meeting-11:40am

Town Hall Meeting-6:30pm

10.18-10.20

Men's Momentum

10.20

Castor's Weiner Roast-4pm

10.22

J.O.Y. Circle—7pm

Church Council Meeting-7pm

10.26

Keithsburg Food Pantry-9-11am

10.27

Baptism Sunday

Quarterly Church Bus. Meeting-

11:45am

Secret Sister Reveal-1pm

"Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the Word of God. Consider their way of life, and imitate their faith." ~ Hebrews 13:7

The month of October has been designated as "pastor appreciation month". According to Christianity Today, it was started in 1992 by a group of pastors. I am in the fortunate, (and possibly rare) situation where I have always felt loved and appreciated by those I serve, and those I serve alongside of. I wanted to take this opportunity to appreciate all those God has so graciously blessed our church with. Those who serve Him joyfully, tirelessly, and powerfully. Some of these are called "Staff." I can't even begin to imagine what our church would be like without the staff we have, nor would I want to. In order of years served: Pam has served as Secretary Extraordinaire for 10 years, and her inextinguishable joyful spirit combined with fervent faith has made her indispensable to our church body. Mollie has been dauntless in her role as Children's Minister for 9 years. I know I'm partial to her, but her wisdom, leadership, creativity and love for Christ has made her exceptional in creating an exceptional children's ministry. Seth has been serving alongside me, and truly our entire church body for five years. He is more than an associate pastor, but a brother in the best sense of the word. Loyal, humble, and deeply caring are words that only begin to hint at the tip of the iceberg when it comes to Seth. Jenny has been working shoulder to shoulder

with Mollie, filling in gaps and providing much needed help for the last three years. Not only does she alleviate the weight of ministry, she does it as a friend. Mario has only been with us for 10 months, but in that time, he has brought a new level of authenticity, depth and caring to the student ministry. He juggles a lot of hats, but has recruited a stellar team, and shown an uncommon maturity in his leadership.

I hope you know how amazing it is to have such a great team serving the Lord at FBC. I don't have space to mention every name. I didn't even mention everyone who is technically "on staff" with us. We are blessed by so many dedicated people who give time, energy, and their whole heart to serving God at FBC. The volunteers who come to church multiple times a week preparing, practicing, planning, teaching, cleaning, and doing everything and anything that needs to be done is beyond description. The church couldn't function without them.

I encourage you to let someone know that you notice, and that you're grateful for what they do. And I encourage you to get involved. If you're not serving, there is room for you. As many people as we have volunteering, we always need more. God has given you a gift, and you'll experience His peace and power when you use it for Him.

In Christ, Pastor Luke

Volunteer & Giving Information

Date

Nursery

Kids Worship

10/6/19	Ronda Moffitt, Deb Carpenter, Crystal Clark, Laney Johnson & Evan Clark	Kathy Olson, Mary Rohm, Lucy Dunn, Tammie Trout, Nadine Coulter, Natalie Kugler, Sheila Busch, Jess Swift, Angela Pauley, Denise Bowker & Mollie Dunn
10/13/19	Jo Bjorling, Marcy, Rusty, Shaylee & Brylee Smet	Tina McCaw, RaeAnn Hernandez, Steph, Terry, Kassidy & Brody Leonard, Sarah Kellett, Melissa & Josh Struble, Angela Pauley, Denise Bowker & Mollie Dunn
10/20/19	Ronda Moffitt, Veronica Moffitt, Dixie Bodeen, & Natalie Bowker	Diann Slater, Alison Lafever, Lucy Dunn, Felicia Bonyng, Rhonda Moffitt, Maddie Dunn, Monica Dennison, Jess Weist, Angela Pauley, Denise Bowker & Mollie Dunn
10/27/19	Sharon Moffitt, Kim, Sidney & Caleb Quam & Bryce Moffitt	Jacque Bruns, Brenton, Amy & Aaliyah Powell, Arlene Bewley, Dayna, Andrew & Henry Leichty, Natalie Bowker, Angela Pauley, Denise Bowker & Mollie Dunn

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 October — Jacque Nelson-Bruns

Trustee of the Month for October — Don McConaughy

Prayer Team 2019

October 6th-8am-Peggy Johnson & Kurt Diesch-**10:15am**-Anita Parkinson. Tina McCaw
October 13th— 8am-Marty South, Jon & Lindsay Ricke-**10:15am**-Jeanne Barber, Laurie & Mick Louck
October 20th - 8am-Troy & Tish Riddell - **10:15am**—Lisa Litwiler, Mary Lee Finch & Barb Bryant
October 27th –8am-Doug & Diane Hessman—**10:15am** Jason & Shelly Snyder & Lonnie Maynard

Weekly Attendance & Offering

DATE	9/1/19	9/8/19	9/15/19	9/22/19	9/29/19
8 AM	83	130	90	73	74
10:15AM	237	275	283	252	262
TOTAL	320	405	373	325	336

Date	9/1/19	9/8/19	9/15/19	9/22/19	9/29/19
General Fund Giving	\$11,981.50	\$10,068.35	\$7,069.65	\$8,685.65	\$7,746.00
Designated Giving	\$1,563.00	\$1,127.00	\$988.95	\$582.00	\$736.00
Total Giving	\$13,544.50	\$11,195.35	\$8,058.60	\$9,267.75	\$8,482.00

***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 - 7



Kids Club Ministry



Kids Club News (Wednesdays)

We're off to a great start at Kids Club on Wednesdays. Kids Club is a perfect blend of fun, Bible, games, friends, and snack time. So far this session, we're averaging 112 kids each night, which is great! The goal is to surpass our highest night from last session, which was 118. We have lots of fun nights planned for our kiddos and it's never too late to join us.

Kids Club is for kids ages 3-5th grade on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm. Kids Club and Nursery check-in is in the foyer and The Refuge students can sign-in downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Check-in is from 6:15-6:30pm & we ask that everyone comes through the front door of the church for security purposes. Kids Club pick-up is in the sanctuary at 8pm. The sanctuary doors open at 7:50pm. Adults are asked to present their security tag at the door to gain access. Thank you for helping us keep your kids safe.

Fall Session is September 4th-November 20th and the Winter/Spring Session is January 8th-April 1st. We strongly encourage new kiddos to pre-register online 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 mixing up **Reward Night this session with our first ever Kids Club Christmas Shop on Nov. 13th.** Kids will answer Big Questions about God to earn

points to shop for Christmas gifts for their families. *Pre-k will recite their memory verse for points for the Christmas Shop. 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 also need sponsors who will donate \$25 for additional gifts and expenses.



We're currently in need of the following items:

150 more gifts for men, coffee/travel mugs, small jewelry items, soft slippers, fun socks, small stuffed animals, adult coloring books, coloring sets for kids, games, pen and pad sets, Christmas ornaments and décor, beauty sets, small picture frames, chocolate gift boxes, small tool kits, small toys, etc. Thanks for your help!



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.

If you haven't joined us yet, find us on **Facebook** at "**First Baptist Children's Ministry**" where you can get updates, pics of your kids in action, and reminders of upcoming events. 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

Kid's Christmas Choir (December 8th at 10:15am):

Kids ages 3 years old -5th grade who attend Sunday School will be singing with the Praise Team on Sunday, December 8th at the beginning of service. Practices begin in October.

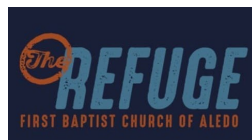


It's never too late to join a Sunday School class. We have classes for the entire family plus a nursery. Class lists are available outside the office window or online at www.firstbaptistaledo.com. Kids check-in with Jenny in the church foyer and then gather to practice in the Fellowship Hall before going to class. Please contact Mollie with questions at 309-371-6962 about joining a class or the Christmas Choir.

THE REFUGE STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS

“NEXT”

Every year around this time, we start to prepare for Fall Retreat. This year our theme is “Next”. In Hebrews 12:1-2 it says “Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of faith.” The illustration of a race is used in this passage and I think it ties in perfectly to what we will be learning about. If you want to do well in a race you have to practice, you don’t just show up on the day of the race never having run before. Well the same is true in our relationship with Jesus. Knowing Jesus and being saved is great, but we should always be growing and taking the next steps in our walk with Him. At fall retreat we are going to learn what that looks like and how to start forming healthy spiritual habits. Did you know that on average it takes 66 days to form a new habit? That means it can’t be just a weekend deal, we are going to have to dig deep and really want to go to the next level in our walk! I look forward to growing alongside each one of you! - Mario Pauley



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.

Bring Your Bible to School Day is an event sponsored by Focus on the Family for students all over the nation. This year it’s happening on **Thursday, Oct 3rd**. On that day, thousands of students will celebrate religious freedom—and share God’s hope with their friends—by taking a simple action: bringing their Bible to school. Last year, 500,000 students participated, and this year, at the fifth annual event, thousands more are expected to join the movement! For more information and to sign up, visit BringYourBible.org.



JOIN US AT THE REFUGE FALL RETREAT! INVITE A FRIEND!

Fall Retreat is right around the corner! 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:** Is \$36. 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.

Volunteers Needed -We need two or three adults to help with cleanup after The Refuge Fall Retreat on Sunday, Oct. 13th. If this is something you are able and willing to do, please see Barry Cooper or Mario Pauley @309-582-6044.



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.



Field of FAITH is SUNDAY, October 20TH at 6:30 PM.

We would like the whole community to come out to the MCHS football field to have a time of prayer, student led testimonies and a gospel message at the end. This is an event for everyone to just lift up our schools in prayer.

We will see you there!

A Word From Pastor Seth

Denise and I recently went through an in-depth training seminar called “Caring for the Heart Ministries” located in Colorado. Through this intensive training we both learned wonderful tools in Biblical Counseling. I’m excited to bring these tools back to the Church and use them to help others. Our chairman of the deacons, Jon said “It is one thing to have cool tools and the next thing is to learn to use cool tools” and I realized how right his statement is in every area of our life.

The difference for myself and all Christians comes in the application of what we’ve learned. We are always learning the Bible from Sunday School, to Sunday morning, but to live it out every morning becomes the hard part. Living the application of God’s Word through the Holy Spirit is the goal.

The greatest tool all Christians have is to love genuinely through the Holy Spirit. Putting this tool into practice is always the

hard part. We can have barriers such as sin, bitterness, or emotional walls that are stopping us from giving and receiving love from God. These walls and barriers sometimes happen without us knowing it and other times they are a direct result of our choice.

All of this is to say that if you’ve found yourself hiding behind barriers or hitting walls somewhere in your walk with Jesus. First, don’t give up and second, know that your Church family is here to help. Please call me if you think I can assist. ~ Seth



CE/Outreach Meeting

There will be a Christian Ed/Outreach Committee Meeting Sunday, Oct. 6th following the 10:15am Service



2020 Budgets Are Due!

ATTN: All Committee Chairs and FBC Staff—Please have your 2020 Church Budgets turned into the Church Office no later than Sunday, Oct. 6th. You may also e-mail the budget to fbcaledo2@frontiernet.net. Thank you!



Baptism Sunday is Oct. 27th

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.

You’re Invited to a Weiner Roast on the Farm!

Everyone is invited to Mark & Lynda Castor’s farm—1536-135th Ave., Aledo for a wiener roast on Sunday, **October 20th** at 4:00pm Bring your own hot dogs, buns, dish to pass and lawn chairs.



Drinks & table service will be provided. We hope you all can join us for a fun time on the farm! No need to RSVP.

Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry Think Tank – We'll meet Saturday, October 5th 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.



You're Invited To The First Baptist Church Women's Retreat The Theme: **TIME With Jesus** Mark Your Calendar!

- Saturday, November 9th.
- Time: 9AM to 3 PM
- Location: First Baptist Church Aledo
- Guest Speaker: Lori Boruff-Speaker & Life Coach
- Free to all ladies of our church *ninth grade through adults.
(*Young ladies must be accompanied by an adult)
- Lunch provided
- No child care
- Registration will begin Sunday, Oct. 6th
- Questions, contact Barb Bryant

J.O.Y. Circle Gathering

The J.O.Y. Circle Ladies—(Jesus, Others, Yourself) will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 22nd 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.



Secret Sister Reveal! Sunday, Oct 27th at 1:00pm in Enon Room. Everyone who participated in the Secret Sister program is encouraged to attend. We will reveal who we have been blessing for the past few

months. If you are unable to attend and would like to share with Cindy Maynard the name of your secret sister, she would be happy to do so. Questions? Contact Cindy Maynard at 309-644-0028.



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. Sign up on Sunday's Connection Card or please see or e-mail Jenny Dixon for more details: jenllong1@gmail.com.

Men's Ministry

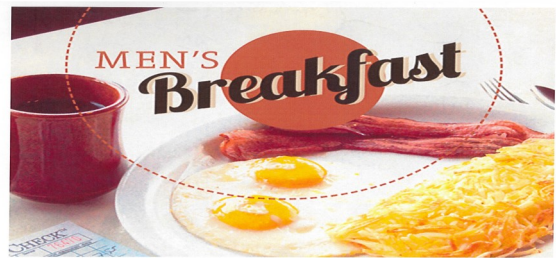
Men's Momentum Weekend Is Oct. 18th—20th, 2019 Buchanan, MI at Life Action Camp-Cost for Momentum is \$100

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.



Men's Ministry Council

The First Baptist Church Men's Ministry Council will meet Saturday, Oct. 5th at 7:30am in the Enon Room.



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

Communion & Food Pantry Sunday



Communion Sunday is Sunday, Oct. 6th. This is also the Sunday that we remind everyone to bring a non-perishable food item for the Mercer County Food Pantry. Please leave the items in the grey tote in the church lobby.

Church Quarterly Business & Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet Tuesday, Oct. 22nd at 7pm. And, we will have the First Baptist Church Quarterly Business Meeting on Sunday, Oct. 27th at 11:45am. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Quarterly Business Meetings.

Mark Your Calendar! Connection Marriage Refresher Conference Coming to First Baptist in January 2020

This is an early heads up about the "Connection - Marriage Refresher" Conference that is coming to First Baptist Aledo in 2020.

The dates are Jan. 9th, 10th & 11th. We will have 2 evening sessions on Jan. 9th and Jan. 10th followed by a morning session on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Watch and listen for all the details coming soon. See our Marriage Ministry Chairs Felicia or Steven Bonyng for details.



Resource of the Month—Truth Conference



Truth Conference 2019 – Naperville, IL

Saturday, October 19

Truth Conference with Josh McDowell, Charlie Campbell, Rick McGough, Eric Hovind, William Herath, and many more at Calvary Church in Naperville, IL.

WHEN: Saturday, October 19, 2019

WHERE: Calvary Church

9S200 IL-59

Naperville, IL 60564

REGISTER: <https://truthconference.org/>

The mission of the Truth Conference is to equip believers to defend their faith in the midst of the skeptical, unbelieving culture we live in today. Special emphasis is placed on equipping pastors and church leaders to bring apologetics into their local churches at every age level. This includes senior pastors, youth pastors, children's pastors and all other church leaders. The Truth Conference also places great emphasis on equipping teens and young adults since they often find themselves in the midst of the intellectual battle at school, university, work or social settings.

About Truth Conference

Topics covered in the Truth Conference include "Creation vs. Evolution", "How We Know the Bible is the Word of God", "The Person of Jesus Christ", "Christianity and Islam", "The Christian Response to Homosexuality", and "Answering the Criticisms of Skeptics". One day at a Truth Conference can do much to prepare believers and church leaders for the challenges faced by the body of Christ today!

An Experience For Kids

The Truth Conference is a Unique Event since it incorporates a Kid's Truth Conference for Children in Elementary Grades 1-6 along with the Truth Conference for Jr. High Students, High School Students and Adults of All Ages. During the Kid's Truth Conference Children will be taught Christian Apologetics at their age level by a Team of Children's Pastors and Children's Workers. There will also be plenty of Activity time for the kids as well. Topics will include "Creation vs. Evolution", "How We Know the Bible is The Word of God", "The Person of Jesus Christ", and "Christianity and Islam". One highlight will be a 22 minute 3D animated movie showing God's Creation Wonders. (Note – Child Care Option available for Children under 1st Grade)

Events Coming in November



First Baptist Church is sponsoring our Annual Free Community Thanksgiving Meal

At the Mercer County Senior Citizen Center-
137 W. Main St. Aledo
Thursday, Nov. 28th
11am-Noon

All are welcome to eat with us!
RSVP coming soon.

Thanksgiving Meal Volunteers and Food Providers: If you would like to volunteer to serve, clean up or deliver the meals watch and listen for sign up details.



We will be offering a **GriefShare** Class in November at First Baptist taught by Joe and Kathy Olson. Watch and listen for sign up details.

It hurts to lose someone. Find help at GriefShare. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

How GriefShare works. GriefShare classes are led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You'll gain access to valuable GriefShare resources to help you recover from your loss and look forward to rebuilding your life.

Mission Opportunities & New Sunday School Class

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 & Giveaway

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 Coat Giveaway will take place at First Baptist Church, 800 NE 6th Ave., 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. Re-

cipients **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.



Angels and Demons! New Sunday School Class

Angels and Demons! Does this topic interest you? If so, you will want to mark on your calendar as there is a new Sunday School Class which starts this Sunday, Oct. 6th covering the topic of Angels and Demons. The class will be taught by Pastor Luke. All are welcome to join this study which takes place in the Lower Enon Room #4 - at 9am on Sundays at First Baptist.

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.

October Birthdays

Tristan Ham	October 2
Dawn Huffstutler	October 3
Adam Huffstutler	
Sean Klink	October 4
Brandon Cirks	October 5
Caden Miller	
Jarin Smock	
Todd Coulter	October 6
Krista Bear	
	October 7
Ruth Smock	October 9
Ethan Monson	October 11
Shannon Cagle	
Danielle Will	October 13
Robin Huffstutler	October 14
Scott Moffitt	October 15
Buddy Ruh	
Betty Dowd	
Darren Rind	
Arlene Bewley	October 18
Mary Rohm	
Don McConaughy	
Bev Ruska	October 19
Zeke Snyder	October 20
Hugh Brown	October 21
Joshua Struble	October 22
Jenna Ruh	October 23
Joyce McKinley	October 26
Ryan McNall	
Maddie Dunn	October 27
Jessica Duncan	October 28
Jordan Monson	October 29
Orion Wilkerson	October 31

Anniversaries

Elden & Martha Cirks
Dave & Sandy Cooper
Mike & Beth Bowns

Joshua & Cimion Norwick
Jack & Kim Sheese

Seth & Denise Bowker

Jerry & Connie Mattson

Myron & Kelly Higgins

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.



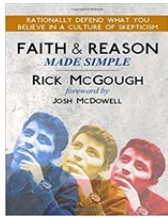
Thank you to our church family for the outpouring of support and prayers during the last couple of months with the birth of the girls & for Emmi as she was in the hospital.

Love, Shay, Lisa, & Family

Calendar of FBC Events

To see this calendar online visit firstbaptistaledo.com
under the events tab.

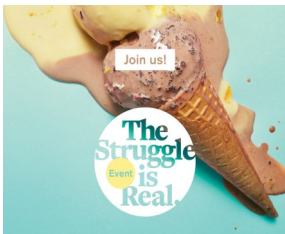
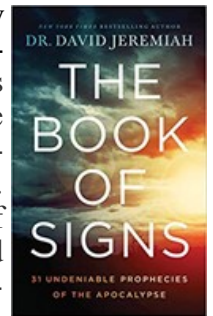
It's Not Too Late to Join! Wednesday Night Live!
Classes for adults and kids!
Wednesday Nights Sept. 4th-Nov. 20th from 6:30-8pm.
No Need to Sign Up, Just Show Up.



Adult Classes

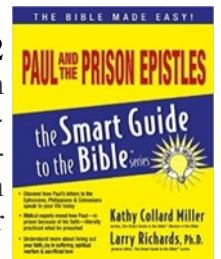
“Defending Your Faith-Faith & Reason Made Simple” – Co-Taught by Pastor Luke & Rick McGough of Local Church Apologetics at FBC. This study is designed to simplify the complex issues of apologetics in order to equip believers of all ages to better defend their faith in the midst of this skeptical culture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



The Struggle Is Real-Co Taught by Brooke Loving & Kady Hofer—The Seamless Study will be wrapping up Oct. 16th and we’ll be moving into a NEW study on Oct. 23rd called “The Struggle is Real” This study is about getting better at life, stronger in faith and free from the stuff keeping you stuck. Author Nichole Unice explores why life’s a struggle and what to do about it. We all have struggles and THE STRUGGLE IS REAL. Come together to learn how we can find joy in Him instead of feeling stuck. Our lives can be defined by redemption instead of struggle! It’s not too late to jump into this new study which will run from Oct. 23rd through Nov. 20th.

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 un-complicate 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 & Youth Programs



- 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!





Back by popular demand! The Punches will be performing at First Baptist Church Aledo! The Punches Family is a Bluegrass Gospel group singing the good news of Christ our Savior. Traveling all across the nation encouraging and worshipping. Cost is free to attend but we will take a love offering that evening. Visit thepunches.org for more information.

Are You Handy? We Have A Few Projects Around the Church that we need help with. Here are 10 ways you can help improve FBC!

- Paint A Sunday School Room
- Clean/Reorganize the trustee closet
- Organize/Clean the Attic Space
 - Dust Blinds
 - Clean Windows
 - Replace damaged Carpet Squares
 - Repaint Hand Rails
 - Sanitize Nursery
 - Power Wash Sidewalks
 - Repaint Curbs.



If you can assist, call Pastor Luke at 309-582-7812 for details.



Church Family Town Hall Meeting

We will meet
Sunday, Oct. 13th at
6:30pm in the
Sanctuary. All are
invited to attend.

We will be discuss-
ing the building
project.

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Charles Schultz, Terry Schaefer, Matt VanderHeyden & Tara Helmick

OTHER CONCERNS

The church & all decisions