

fbc Faith News



Mark Your Calendar

December 2019 | Monthly Newsletter

12.1

Communion/Food Pantry Sunday
Grief Share 6:30pm

12.7

Men's Ministry Council 7:30am
No Women's Ministry Think Tank

12.8

Children's Christmas Sing
10:15am

Trustee Meeting 11:30am
Grief Share 6:30pm

12.15

Refuge Ugly Christmas
Sweater Party-6pm
Grief Share 6:30pm

12.17

Pack Nursing Home Gifts 10am

12.22

Grief Share 6:30pm

12.24

Church Office Closes at Noon
Christmas Eve Candlelight
Service 7pm

12.25

Merry Christmas!
For Unto Us A Child is Born
Office Closed

12.29

Nursing Home Services 1:30pm
Grief Share 6:30pm

12.31

Church Office Closing at Noon

You can view the calendar at
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Events tab.

"In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary."

Luke 1:26-27

The accounts of Jesus' birth that inspire so much wonder and joy during this season can be found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. If you look carefully, you will find angels are present at almost every turn. Whether we consider the announcement of John the Baptist's arrival, or the message given to Joseph, Mary or the shepherds. Only the wise men seem to be excluded from having their lives interrupted by an angel. This Christmas season, I will be preaching a series of messages through the eyes of the angels.

These holy and glorious creatures made and declared uniquely to be God's messengers will offer us a glimpse into spiritual places this season. Not only do they exalt Christ and sing His praises, but they are fascinated with the salvation He provides us. They share a message of the coming kingdom, and we, who trust Christ are now also urgently commissioned to declare that message. We are not merely observers, but personally impacted, transformed and first-hand witnesses of the wonderful Gospel. This Christmas is a holy season, a time set apart to celebrate and to announce the King. I invite you to join us as we experience it this year through the eyes of the angels.

Merry Christmas,
Pastor Luke

*Love Christ. Love Others. Think Biblically!
Merry Christmas!*

Merry Christmas

FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS



Pastor Luke, Mollie, Maddie, Lucy
& Puppies Tyke and Sarah



Pastor Seth, Denise, Natalie & Jadon



Mario, Angela,
Harper & Linleigh



Kevin, Pam, Alex, Kathryn,
Andy, Jon & Lindsay



Josh, Jenny, Blair, Orion,
Natalie, Parker & Molly

Volunteer & Giving Information

Date

Nursery

Kids Worship

12/1/19	Ronda Moffitt, Kim Quam, Veronica Moffitt, Sidney & Caleb Quam	Jacque Bruns, Amy, Brenton & Aaliyah Powell, Arlene Bewley, Dayna, Andrew & Henry Leichty & Natalie Bowker
12/8/19	Kim, Sidney & Caleb Quam and Molly Dixon	Joyce & Logan Thomas, Tina McCaw, Natalie Kugler, Kathryn Retherford, Maggie Castor, Sheila Busch & Jess Swift
12/15/19	Lisa Clawson, Jan Crutcher, Rusty Smet & Maddie Dunn	Kathy Olson, Mary Rohm, Natalie Bowker, Nadine Coulter, Tammie Trout, Todd & John Baldwin, Haley & Josh Johnson
12/22/19	Ronda & Veronica Moffitt, Deb Carpenter, Crystal Clark & Laney Johnson	RaeAnn Hernandez, Amber Hessman, Kassiday, Steph, Brody & Terry Leonard, Sarah Kellett, Melissa & Josh Struble
12/29/15	Sharon Moffitt, Dixie Bodeen, Bryce Moffitt, Natalie Bowker	Diann Slater, Alison Lafever, Maddie Dunn, Felicia Bonyng, Rhonda McKinley, Monica Dennison & 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 December — Myron Higgins
Trustee of the Month for December — Steven Bonyng

Prayer Team 2019

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

Weekly Attendance & Offering

DATE	11/3/19	11/10/19	11/17/19	11/24/19
8 AM	99	97	95	101
10:15AM	256	237	264	221
TOTAL	355	334	359	322

Date	11/3/19	11/10/19	11/17/19	11/24/19
General Fund Giving	\$17,665.30	\$11,346.45	\$7,419.11	\$10,960.36
Designated Giving	\$456.00	\$2,238.00	\$1,448.00	\$3,045.00
Total Giving	\$18,121.30	\$13,584.45	\$8,867.11	\$14,005.36

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

Lives Changed by Jesus Christ!

Year To Date Baptisms — 14
Year To Date Decisions for Christ - 9



Kids Club Ministry



December '19

We've had a really great year in our kid's ministry, with record attendance across the board at our events and at Kids Club. Thank you so much for sharing your families with us, being generous when we've asked for donations, and serving

where there is a need. On behalf of the staff and all of our Kids Ministry volunteers, we wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and we can't wait for an even greater year in 2020.

Kids Club News (Wednesdays 6:30-8pm) The Fall Session of Kids Club has concluded and we're getting ready for the **Winter/Spring Session to start in the New Year from January 8th - April 1st**. Kids Club is every Wednesday during the session from 6:30-8pm for kids ages 3-5th grade. Kids Club is fast-paced and is a perfect blend of fun, Bible, games, friends, and snack time. We averaged 113 kids during the Fall Session with our highest night being 132 kids. WOW!

It's never too late for kids to join us. We have lots of fun planned for the new session, including a fun prize night and a Luau Party. Please look at our website at www.firstbaptistaledo.com for more information about Kids Club, The Refuge Student Ministry, and the adult classes being offered in the New Year.

Kid's Christmas Choir (December 8th at 10:15am) Our kid's Sunday School classes will be singing with the Praise Team on Sunday, December 8th at the beginning of the 10:15am service. We ask that the kids dress in their Christmas clothes if they are able. Kids will check-in and be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall and we will keep them until after Kids Worship. (No pick-up after Sunday School.) The kids will sing at the beginning of service, then will be dismissed to go downstairs to Kids

Worship. The 5th graders will sit with their parents after they perform. Please contact Mollie with questions.

Sunday School Christmas Classes (December 22nd) The Pre-k-8th grade Sunday School classes will be having their parties on Sunday, December 22nd during the Sunday School hour. Kids will enjoy fun activities and a special treat. We will have a GF option. **Teacher Card/Gifts:** This a great time of year to say "Thank-you" to your child's Sunday School teacher(s) by blessing them with a sweet card or gift. Please see Mollie Dunn or Jenny if you would like teacher names.

Advent Books & Advent Calendars We are offering **Advent devotionals** in the church foyer at \$5 per book. No holds and we ask that families limit one book per family. Books should arrive by December 1st. It will be cash and carry until they are all gone.

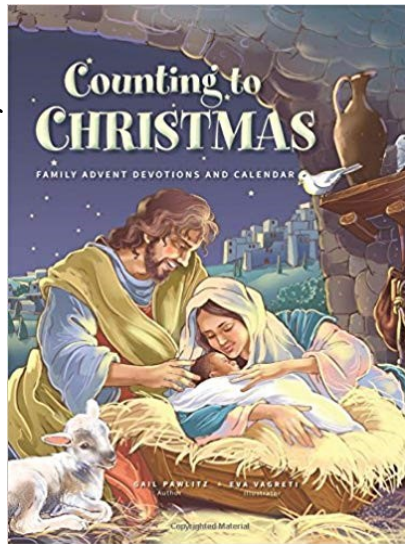
We will also have **Free Advent Calendars** for families at Kids Check-in in the church foyer. Feel free to grab one for your family and one to share with another family.

Volunteer Ornament Tree

All volunteers who served in our Kids or Youth ministries in 2019 are invited to take a thank-you ornament from the tree at Kids Check-in. This is a small token of our gratitude for serving with our minors at FBC. Merry Christmas!

Join us on Facebook

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



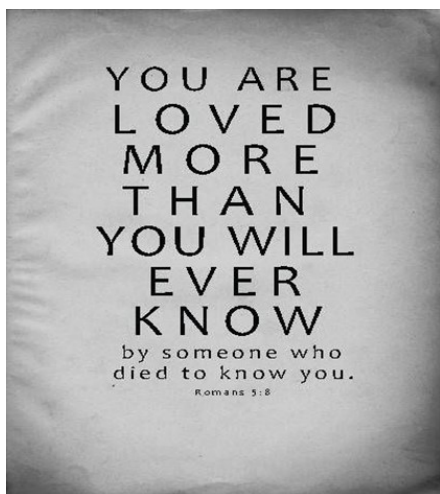
THE REFUGE STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS

Holidays are hard! People are dealing with difficult things like, broken homes, broken marriages, financial struggles and difficult family situations, but I want to give you some hope through this holiday season. It doesn't matter what situation you are going through Jesus LOVES YOU!

We all strive to be loved by someone, we are all seeking to be embraced. How cool is it that God's Son came to this earth, died and rose again so that we could have a relationship with Him! His love for us is so vast, so big, it's really hard to comprehend just how much He loves us. Even when people let us down we can always trust in Jesus,

He is our refuge! So when you are struggling this holiday season listen to His voice, "You are precious and I love you." (Isaiah 43:4)

~ Mario Pauley, Student Ministry Director



Mark your calendars



Winter/Spring Session of The Refuge is Jan. 8th - April 1st-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!

Ugly Christmas Sweater Party! It's time to pull out that Ugly Christmas Sweater from your closet! Join us in Fellowship Hall Sunday, Dec. 15th from 6-8:30pm for our Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater/Ugly Christmas Outfit contest. There will be delicious food, games, prizes and saran wrap balls! A special prize will be awarded for the Best Ugly Sweater or Christmas Outfit! Invite your friends to join us!

Come Jump With Us!! - January 4th we will be going to the Elevate Trampoline Park in Milan! We will leave First Baptist at 2pm, jump for 2 hours and then come back to the church and have pizza and play games! We will wrap up at 7pm. Grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend! Cost is \$20. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer.



Christmas Through The Eyes of the Angels

Christmas Through the Eyes of the Angels

Join us Sunday morning at 8am or 10:15am during the month of December as we hear the Christmas story as told by the angels.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Celebrate Christmas at FBC by inviting your friends and family to join us on Tuesday, Dec. 24th at 7pm for our special Christmas Eve Candlelight service. This is always a beautiful and moving service. We hope you and your family can join us.

Christmas Office Hours – The church office will be closed on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th and on also be closed on Christmas Day. Merry Christmas!

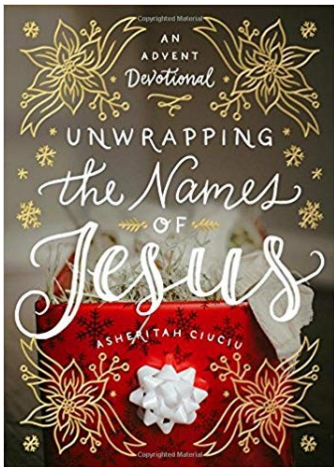
New Years Day—In observance of New Year's Day the church office will close at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 31st and be closed on Wednesday, Jan. 1st, 2020. Happy New Year!

Resource of the Month for December

We are offering two Advent Books for \$5 each while supplies last. They will be in the church lobby by December 1st. No holds.

Adult Advent— Unwrapping the Names of Jesus—An Advent Devotional

Most Christians agree that Christmas is all about Jesus, yet most of us spend little time preparing our hearts to celebrate Him. Why is this? Partly because we don't know how.



In *Unwrapping the Names of Jesus*, Asheritah Ciuciu leads readers through the four weeks of Advent (Hope, Preparation, Joy, and Love).

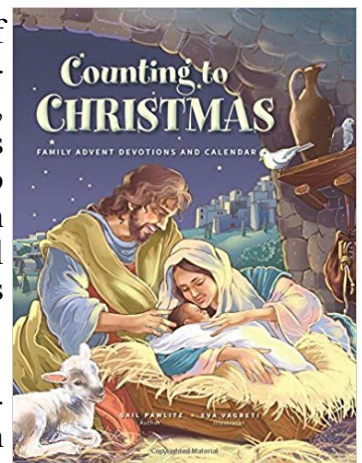
Each week begins with an interactive family devotional that equips readers to celebrate Advent together.

It offers five daily reflections that focus on that week's name of Jesus. And, includes suggestions for fun-filled family activities or service projects.

Counting to Christmas— A Family Advent Book

Christmas is coming ... how exciting!

Advent is a time of preparation, wonder, anticipation, and joy. As families count the days to Christmas, they can focus on the real reason the day is celebrated!



Counting to Christmas is a collection of 26 daily devotions, Bible verses, activities, and prayers that will guide readers through the days leading up to Christmas. At the end of each day's devotion time, readers can turn to the back cover, lift the flap on the Advent calendar, and count down to Christmas.

Resource of the Month

Christmas Gifts for the Nursing Home Residents



It will soon be time to begin bringing gifts for the residents of Mercer Manor and Al-
edo Rehab and Health Care Center. Your unwrapped gifts may be placed in the boxes
marked NURSING HOME GIFTS in the church lobby from **Sunday, Nov. 24th until
10 am on Tuesday, Dec. 17th**. Both nursing homes are so appreciative of the gifts!
Gift suggestions include: Small fleece blankets, dressy scarves, lotion, shampoo,
shower gel, deodorant, aftershave, stamps, stationary, diabetic socks, slipper socks
with grips, small stuffed animals, adult coloring books with markers, metal tins of
cookies, sugar free candy, chocolate candy, costume jewelry, cube boxes of Kleenex,
Christmas wrapping paper, tape, and tags. Please **DO NOT** give powder or open back
slippers. Cathy Griswold is coordinating this effort and would love to have anyone

interested in helping sort and pack the gifts come to the church lobby on **TUESDAY, DEC. 17TH at 10 am**. Any
questions call Cathy Griswold at 582-2838, or the church office at 582-7812. Thank you for your help with this
project!

Bell Ringing Opportunity for The Salvation Army Kettle

Salvation Army Kettle Sign Up – On Sat-
urday, Dec. 21st, First Baptist is providing
bell ringers for the Salvation Army Ket-
tle at the Aledo Walmart. There are
several 1 hour slots
that need to be filled. Sign up on the bulle-
tin board by the church office or call the
office at 582-7812 to reserve a time slot.



Christmas Poinsettias

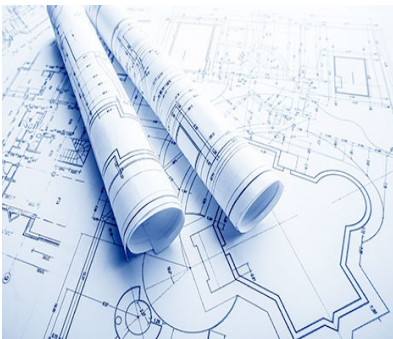
During the Christmas sea-
son, we will once again
place Poinsettias in

the sanctuary "In Memory
Of" or "In Honor Of"
loved ones. Sign up on
Sunday's Connection Card
or contact the office at 309
-582-7812 by Sunday,
Dec. 1st with the name of

the person being remembered as well as your name. The
cost for a Poinsettia is \$10. Checks can be made to FBC
with "Poinsettia" in the memo.



Building Committee Update



Recently, in our October business meeting, we proposed a rough draft of a build-
ing concept that includes a fully-functional, expansive, and secure kid's ministry
area, as well as multi-purpose space on the ground level.

We asked the church for a basic vote of confidence that we were moving in the
right direction. We had a lot of discussion, and tons of questions, but at the end
of a long meeting, the church took a vote and with 95% agreement a decision
was made to move ahead. We are hard at work hammering out details and will
continue to prayerfully seek God's will in this matter. Please pray for the build-
ing committee, and for our church as we seek to provide the spaces necessary to
continue to grow the kingdom.

This also means the building fund is officially open. We will begin a capital campaign sometime in the near
future, but the need is estimated to be close to 2 million dollars. At the moment we have about ten percent of
that amount we can dedicate to the project. If the Lord leads you and has been generous to you, we hope
you'll consider giving an offering to support the vision of a Family Life Center in 2020.

A Word From Pastor Seth

Traditions

I believe the fun of the Christmas season for adults is that we get to start or continue in traditions i.e. a tree, count-downs, candles or advent. The biggest tradition of all is gift giving. As a child, I remember the excitement and the joy of gift giving and receiving. At age 12, I had a paper route that made \$5-\$10 a week. My layaway bill would take about 7-8 weeks to pay off. Some of the joy I have now is seeing my kids use their work money to purchase gifts for the family. It's great to see what they believe a family member needs for Christmas.



Traditions are fast upon us. Tradition means the transmission of customs or beliefs from generation to generation, or the fact of being passed on in this way. I remember that every Christmas no-one could open a single gift until we all gathered around the tree and read Luke Chapter 2. This tradition is now the same for my kids.

To remember why we give gifts as a symbol of the ultimate gift of Jesus. To remember why we even have traditions is to pass down to the next generation or beliefs. Just having a tradition doesn't mean that we know why we do something. No matter what traditions you partake of find Jesus and praise Jesus while doing it. Lifting him up in all we do. ~Seth

Communion/Food Pantry Sunday

This Sunday Dec. 1st is Communion Sunday. This is also the Sunday we remind you to bring non-perishable food items for the Mercer County Food Pantry. Items can be left in the gray tote in the lobby.

Blessing Box Ministry!

As most of you know, First Baptist has a Blessing Box in our north parking lot. This is a mini food pantry that people can access any time of the day or night. The box is being used very frequently by local families. In fact, we go through about 6 bags of groceries per week! Thanks to all of you who have jumped in to help with this ministry! We appreciate the continued support! We are always in need of non perishable food items for the Blessing Box. Here are a few suggestions: Canned Chicken or Tuna Fish, Peanut Butter, canned or dry beans, soups of any kind. Rice, Boxed Dinners of any kind, Oatmeal, & canned fruit. Health items such as soap, deodorant, toothpaste and feminine products are also appreciated. Please leave these items in the pink tote in the lobby.

Pastor Seth's New Sunday School Class Begins Sunday, Jan. 12th

Make It Your Church Orientation



Are you curious about what it means to be a member of First Baptist and what the path is to membership?

If so, you'll want to attend Pastor Seth's new Sunday School class called "Make This Your Church Orientation." This class will begin on Sunday, Jan. 12th at 9am.

The purpose of this calls is to dive into basic Biblical Doctrines that we believe at First Baptist Aledo. This is how we begin to Think Biblically.

Women's Ministry

Flourish Women's Mentoring Program for 2020!

A new mentoring program for women is starting January 2020! Have you ever felt so overwhelmed by what to do to grow in your relationship with God, that you ended up not really doing anything? Do you desire a deep, meaningful connection with the Lord and with other women, but aren't sure where to start? We have both been there, and are so excited to begin the new year purposefully focusing on growing in God's Word and community together! FLOURISH is a 12-month curriculum based journey that will guide participants to explore what Scripture says about the practical topics of the Word, prayer, identity, calling, relationships and gratitude. This

is done by having a focused time with Jesus 5 days a week, following the study plan laid out in the FLOURISH workbook. Women will also be welcomed into small mentoring community groups where there will be encouragement, accountability, and fellowship as you seek God together throughout the year.



FLOURISH will run from January 5th -December 13th, 2020. Participants will be responsible for working through the study plan in the FLOURISH workbook, as well as meeting with their small group for 6 in-person sessions (about once every other month). There is a place at the table for every woman on this journey regardless of where you currently find yourself, and we eagerly await the incredible ripple effects of God's power moving as a whole congregation of women say "yes!" to placing God first in their lives. You can sign up on the connection card today, and the first FLOURISH gathering will be held at FBC January 5th at 2:30pm in the New Addition. Sign up for Flourish on Sunday's Connection Card or by calling the church office at 309-582-7812. This mentoring program is free to participate in.

The heart of FLOURISH is to see women firmly rooted in Jesus and the living Word of God. We believe a mentoring relationship between women in different seasons of life can be rich soil for such growth, and we invite you to join us on this transforming adventure together! Peggy Johnson and Crystal Clark, mentoring program coordinators.

Women's Ministry Think Tank

There will be NO Women's Ministry Think Tank Meeting in December . Join us at 9am on Saturday, January 4th, 2020 in the Enon Room. All ladies are welcome to join us.

These meetings are designed to discuss all things involving Women's Ministry as well as planning the FBC Women's Ministry events for the year.

The Results Are In! Our OCC Boxes Are On Their Way To Children Around the World!



Thanks to each and everyone one of you who packed a box for Operation Christmas

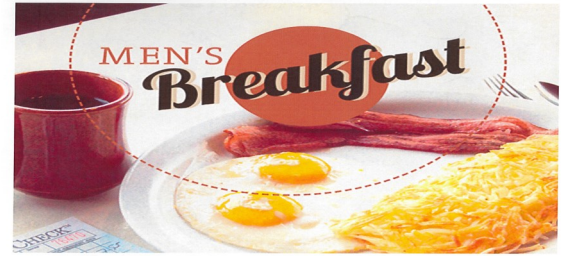
Child! This year, First Baptist packed 172 boxes for children around the world!

Thanks again to everyone who participated in this important ministry. Please continue to be in prayer for the child who will receive your box!

Men's Ministry

Men's Ministry Council

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

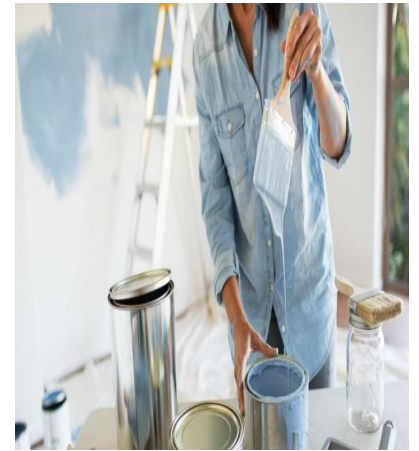


What: Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
Where: Every Sunday at 7am at FBC in Fellowship Hall
Cost: FREE!
Who: All men are invited to attend.
No need to RSVP, just show up hungry!
Questions: See Luke Dunn, Seth Bowker or Kevin Ricke

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.

El Salvador Mission Trip 2020



First Baptist is once again taking a group of adults to El Salvador for a Mission trip. The group will be running a Vacation Bible School program in schools and churches along with doing some hands on work projects.

The trip dates are March 9th-16th, 2020. Only a few spots remain. If you are interested in going, bring a deposit check for \$100 to the church office to reserve your spot. An additional \$150 will be due prior to the trip. Questions, see Pastor Luke or Jenny Dixon.

Happy Birthday

Vicki Reid	December 1
Amber Shook	December 2
Brandon Hedrick	
	December 5
Dale Franks	December 6
Holly Brown	
Carl Dennison	
Mick Louck	December 7
Tristen Finch	
Elden Cirks	December 9
Charlie Douglas	
Sarah Brown	
Wayne Schweningen	December 10
Payton Sedam	December 11
Robbie Kernan	December 15
Merle Bodeen	December 17
Bill Anderson	
Rosalee Sproston	December 19
Cara Svoboda	
Sherry Huffstutler	December 21
Karole Franks	December 24
	December 26
Makayla Thomas	December 29
Peggy Johnson	December 30
Crystal Clark	
Ed Schrock	
Charlie Schultz	
Danika Volz	December 31

Happy Anniversary

John & Joyce Thomas

Dean & Sharon McCormick



Steve & Adell Struble

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 Pastor Luke and Pastor Seth for all the kind words of comfort and compassion. Ed especially enjoyed his visits with you and liked to joke with Seth. The funeral service was so meaningful to us. Thank you to Vivian and the Hospitality Committee for the wonderful luncheon. Last but not least, thank you for the many cards and the support we have received from our church family.

The Edward M. Kelly Family

Coming Up In January 2020!!



Bring a Friend Sunday!

A recent poll says eighty-two percent of unchurched people are likely to attend church if a friend, co-worker, neighbor or family member invites them. 82% will say "Yes!!"

Sunday, January 5th is "Bring a Friend Sunday" at First Baptist Aledo. We encourage everyone to come and invite a friend to church. During the Sunday School hour on Jan. 5th, the whole church family and their friends will gather in the sanctuary at 9:15am for coffee and donuts (*gluten free donuts will be available*). This is a great opportunity to see and experience what matters most to us – people. We will introduce you to our heart for children and youth, what we are doing to reach our community, and how you can get connected to others in the church.

The FBC Staff will be available to meet your friends. We will have an information table and you may also sign up for Wednesday Night Live Classes, programs and other events. So, who will you invite? Please be in prayer about that. "Bring A Friend" Postcards can be found in the lobby. Please take a few to hand out to your friends and neighbors.

Sign Up Online Today!

A marriage refresher, is coming to First Baptist Aledo in January 2020.

Connected Marriage Refresher- Please join us at "Connected" to unite with your spouse and connect both of your hearts with Jesus.

First Baptist Church of Aledo and Grace Evangelical Free Church of Aledo are co-hosting this FREE three session event along with from Freedom Ministries. We will meet at FBC Aledo on Thursday, Jan. 9th and Friday, Jan. 10th from 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM and on Saturday, Jan. 11th from 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM.



Couples are encouraged to come to all 3 days as each day is unique, however, if you can only come to 1 or 2 days that is great as well. The marriage sessions and FREE nursery care will be at First Baptist Church (800 NE 6th Ave, Aledo). FREE Childcare for potty trained children ages 4 years - 6th grade will be at Grace Evangelical Free Church (606 SE 3rd Street, Aledo).

Register online at firstbaptistaledo.com/marriage ministry or see Denise Bowker in the new addition following the 8am service on Sunday, Dec. 1st or Sunday, Dec. 8th. Questions, see Connected Marriage Conference Coordinators Felicia & Steven Bonyngne or Seth and Denise Bowker.

Wednesday Night Live!

Classes for adults and Programs for kids! Cost is FREE!

Wednesday Nights Jan. 8th-April 1st, 2020 from 6:30-8pm.

Register on Sunday's Connection Card or online at firstbaptistaledo.com

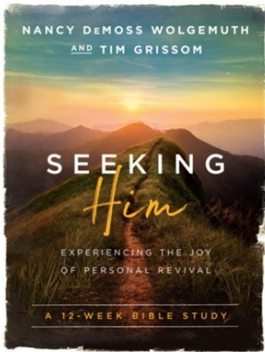
Class For Men & Women

"Spiritual Growth" – Co-Taught by Pastor Luke & Kevin Ricke at FBC. Spiritual growth. What is it? How does it happen? In this fun, interactive class we will explore four priorities that will ignite spiritual growth for any Christian; what we believe and why, Spiritual practices, practical applications, and next level ideas for any and all believers to keep growing spiritually. Men and women, young and old(er), married or single, all are invited and encouraged to learn and grow together with us.



Women's Study - "Seeking Him-Experiencing the Joy of Personal Revival" — Taught By Lindsay Ricke & Pam Ricke-Class is at FBC and Free to Attend.

Seeking Him is a Bible study that helps you move forward in the faith by casting your gaze upon God—the key to personal revival. When you encounter God, the revival that comes is not just an emotional touch; it's a complete transformation, one that happens in your heart and spills out into your home, church, and world. In this 12-week interactive study on personal revival, you'll move step by step toward true joy in the Lord. Each week covers a critical concept or step for transformation, some topics include: **Humility, Repentance, Grace: Holiness, Obedience, Forgiveness, The Spirit-filled life:** and more.

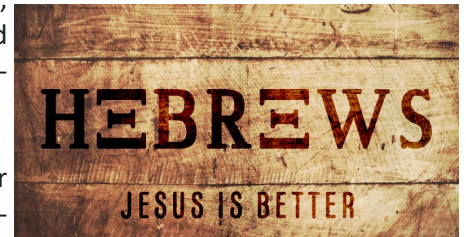


Seeking Him is grounded in the gospel and gets you into Scripture, moving you through the portions verse-by-verse. Each week includes five days of individual study, questions for group discussion and interaction, testimonies of changed lives, and 'Making it Personal' questions and exercises. God says that if you seek Him you will find Him. Don't wait. Lay hold of the promises and instruction He provides and find that His grace sustains you to know Him, love Him, and have true and abundant life in Him, starting today.

Women's Study – "The Book of Hebrews" — Taught By Sheri Olson at Laurie Louck's home-612 NE 2nd Ave., Aledo-Class is Free to Attend — ...let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. Hebrews 4:14.

If you are like many people, Scripture passages from Hebrews are among some of our favorites, yet maybe you've never really studied the entire book. We will take this upcoming Wednesday Night Live session to do just that. All you'll need is your Bible, a desire to learn more about Jesus, some colored pens, and a notebook.

This class is for women at all levels of faith. We'll discover why Jesus is better; better than angels, better than Moses, better than the Old Testament priesthood, etc. And we'll be encouraged and strengthened to press on and persevere through the trials in our own lives through our identity in Christ Jesus as we grow in our knowledge of God through our diligent study of the book of Hebrews. Sheri Olson will be facilitating this small group women's study at Laurie Louck's home-612 NE 2nd Ave. Aledo. Contact Sheri at 309-206-9585 for more information.



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