

# *fbc* Faith News

*Love Christ. Love Others. Think Biblically!*



January 2020 | Monthly Newsletter

## Mark Your Calendar

**1.1**  
Office Closed. Happy New Year!  
**1.4**  
Men's Ministry Council 7:30am  
Women's Ministry Think Tank 9am  
Refuge Trampoline Outing 2pm  
**1.5**  
Bring A Friend Sunday  
Flourish Mentoring Kick Off 2:30pm  
Grief Share 6:30pm  
**1.7**  
Deacon Meeting 6:30pm  
**1.8-4.1**  
Wednesday Night Live Resumes  
6:30pm  
**1.9-1.11**  
Connected Marriage Refresher @FBC  
**1.12**  
Trustee Meeting 11:30am  
CE/Outreach Meeting 11:50am  
Grief Share 6:30pm  
**1.14**  
Church Council Meeting 7pm  
**1.19**  
Annual Church Business Meeting  
11:40am  
Grief Share 6:30pm  
**1.25**  
Keithsburg Food Pantry 9am  
**1.26**  
Baptism Sunday  
Family Night at the YMCA 5:30  
Grief Share 6:30pm

What does 2020 have in store for us? It's impossible to say for sure. I can only tell you what I hope and expect. 2020 is a year of great expectations. God has been moving in our church for many years. We have seen great things He has done. There has been a sense, for some time, that we are on the verge of something even greater. We expect a virtual explosion of growth. What will precede this drawing of souls? We don't really know. We've been faithful to preach the Gospel, teach God's Word, model faith, provide programs, serve in ministry and missions, and give generously for many years. There is a cumulative effect that happens when a church does this. We've come to a point where something has to happen. Our building is full whenever we have events and services. So full that it has become increasingly difficult to figure out how to manage all the people in the spaces we have available.

2020 is the year we believe we will finally build the Family Life Center which will house our fantastic Children's Ministry, provide space for youth, fellowship events, community events, increase foyer space, decrease congestion, provide adult classrooms in the current building, and become a beacon of light and hope to our entire community.

2020 is the year we declare that we are committed to serving our community and ministering to every soul we possibly can with God's strength and help. 2020 is the year we expect great things from a great God. As we work together, faithfully persevering in the wonderful ministry we've been entrusted with, we will see the Holy Spirit move in powerful ways for God's glory. What does God have in store for you? What does God want to do in your life this year?

In Christ, Luke

# Volunteer & Giving Information

## Date

## Nursery

## Kids Worship

<b>1/5/20</b>	Ronda Moffitt, Marcy, Rusty, Shaylee & Brylee Smet	Jacque Bruns, Amy, Brenton & Aaliyah Powell, Arlene Bewley, Andrew, Dayna & Henry Leichty, Natalie Bowker
<b>1/12/20</b>	Jo Bjorling, Kim, Sidney & Caleb Quam	Joyce & Logan Thomas, Tina McCaw, Natalie Kugler, Kathryn Retherford, Maggie Castor, Shelia Busch & Jess Swift
<b>1/19/20</b>	Ronda Moffitt, Lisa Clawson, Jan Crutcher & Maddie Dunn	Kathy Olson, Mary Rohm, Natalie Bowker, Nadine Coulter, Tammie Trout, Todd & John Baldwin, Haley & Josh Johnson
<b>1/26/20</b>	Sharon Moffitt, Deb Carpenter, Crystal & Evan Clark & Bryce Moffitt	RaeAnn Hernandez, Amber Hessman, Sarah Kellett, Steph, Terry, Brody & Kassidy Leonard & Melissa Struble

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 January — Jackie Burns  
Trustee of the Month for January — Dennis Dixon

### Prayer Team 2020

**January 5 -8am-**Marty South & Kurt Diesch—**10:15am-**Anita Parkinson & Tina McCaw

**January 12 — 8am-**Jon & Lindsay Ricke—**10:15am-**Jeanne Barber, Laurie & Mick Louck

**January 19 - 8am-**Troy & Tish Riddell - **10:15am—**Peggy Johnson, Mary Lee Finch & Barb Bryant

**January 26 -Doug & Diane Hessman & Kathy Sponsler —10:15am** Jason & Shelly Snyder & Lonnie Maynard  
(5th Sunday—Elden Cirks, Ron Moffitt & a Rotation of Volunteers)

### ***Weekly Attendance & Offering***

DATE	12/1 19	12/8/19	12/15/19	12/22/19
<b>8 AM</b>	99	103	96	119
<b>10:15AM</b>	256	275	261	266
<b>TOTAL</b>	355	378	357	385

Date	12/1/19	12/8/19	12/15/19	12/22/19
<b>General Fund Giving</b>	\$13,125.80	\$14,241.05	\$12,556.00	\$10,386.40
<b>Designated Giving</b>	\$853.00	\$1,423.00	\$823.00	\$859.75
<b>Total Giving</b>	\$13,978.80	\$15,664.05	\$13,379.00	\$11,246.15



**\*Weekly Current Expense offering needed to meet 2020 budget - \$11,215.23**

### **Lives Changed by Jesus Christ in 2019!**

Year To Date Baptisms — 14

Year To Date Decisions for Christ - 10

# Kids Club Ministry



## January Newsletter

I hope your family enjoyed a wonderful Christmas season. The children's ministry is going to hit the ground running in January. We're kicking off

our Winter/Spring 2020 Kids Club session on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> and it concludes on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Kids Club is for kids ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade and it's free and open to the community. Kids can join us anytime. If your kiddos joined us in the fall, no need to register again. All new participants will need to register at [www.firstbaptistaledo.com](http://www.firstbaptistaledo.com). Details and the bus route information are on our website or contact me at (309)371-6962 with any questions.

We're finishing the Old Testament in Gospel Project this session and we have some super fun nights planned. This month we will have our **Silly Feet Night on January 15<sup>th</sup>** where kids & crew are encouraged to wear silly socks, mismatched shoes, or fun slippers. We end the month with a **Wacky Clothes Night on January 29<sup>th</sup>**. Kids can dress as wacky and crazy as they desire!

The whole family is invited to join us at the Aledo YMCA for **Family Night on**



## **Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8pm.**

The pool will be open until 7:30pm and kids who are 7 and under or require a floatation device, need to have adult supervision in the pool area. Bring your whole family and friends for pizza, fun, and fellowship. No charge.

**Summer Camp News:** Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about summer church camp. We're sending

kiddos to **Hidden Acres Camp Week #2 the week of June 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>**.

This camp week offers a variety of camping experiences for kids going into 2nd -6th grade. Camp packets are now available outside the office window in the church foyer. Kids

do not have to be regular attenders to go to church camp with our group. FBC pays half the camp fee for each kid going with us. Parents need to register directly online and pay their half by May 2020 at [www.hacamps.org](http://www.hacamps.org). Just select any of the offered camps for Week #2. Please let me know if your child is going and I will add you to our church list. Parents will need to help with transportation this year. \*Make sure to add yourself to "Hidden Acres Camp Kids (FBC, Aledo)" on Facebook so you can get the updates on travel, camp info, etc.

Thank you for sharing your families with us at FBC. We invite you to join us on Sundays or Wednesdays anytime! Happy New Year!

~Mollie Dunn, Children's Pastor

# THE REFUGE STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS

## WHAT IF?

Is it really 2020? Man, has time flown by. This session we are going to change some things up on our lesson time during Wednesday Night Live at The Refuge. We want to deal with and teach about things that you are struggling with! So, to start off the session we will be going over the idea “What If?” What if you believed that prayer works, hell is real, the Bible is true and Jesus is the only way? How would that change your life? We are going to spend a week on each of these topics really digging in and making sure we understand and believe these things. These topics are crucial to understand first so when we start dealing with issues of this world we know where to go get our truth!

I am really looking forward to meeting with all of you again! I am trusting God to do huge things in our student ministry in 2020! Some of the greatest movements of God have started with a teenager that is sold out to God! I’m praying that God would use one of you! It’s time to step up and answer the call!

Mario Pauley, Student Ministry Director



Photo from 2019 Refuge  
“Ugly Christmas Sweater Party!”

## Mark your calendars! 2020!

**Winter/Spring Session of The Refuge is Jan. 8th—April 1st-6:30-8pm!**-Students Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, come ready to dig into God’s Word and have fun and fellowship with other students during The Refuge Student Ministry.



**Come Hungry on Wednesday, Jan. 8th!!** - We’ll be having a spaghetti dinner, salad and garlic bread during Wednesday Night Live! We will be diving into the Word! Come ready to dig in and have fun!

**Come Jump With Us!!** - Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> are headed 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. All 6<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome! Cost is \$20. There is a sign up sheet and a waiver in the foyer on the Refuge Bulletin Board. Return your waivers to the Church office or to Mario Pauley.



**CIY JR. HIGH SUMMER MIX CONFERENCE-** In the summer of 2020, CIY MIX will discover what it means to have the Spirit of the all-powerful God living inside us – giving us strength, changing us and advocating for us. It’s through Him that we have God living within us. We worship the Father. We love Jesus. And It’s time for us to talk about the Third Person. CIY MIX is held at Hope College in Holland, Michigan and is for students Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. Dates for our trip are July 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. We have ten spots available. The total cost for CIY is \$314. FBC will scholarship \$164 of that cost and the student needs to pay \$150. Registration will be coming soon.

## Items of Note

**Offering Envelopes Have Arrived** - Most people who give tithes and offerings to First Baptist are provided with a box of offering envelopes. The FBC Financial Secretary uses the offering envelopes as a way to record your giving and at year end you will be provided with a giving report that can be taken to your tax professional as your giving to FBC is tax deductible. If you don't see a box in the lobby with your name on it, there are blank boxes available, you just need to record your number on the sheet provided.



**Online Giving Is Available at First Baptist!** Giving to FBC is just a click away! For easy access to give your tithe or offering, go to [www.firstbaptistaledo.com](http://www.firstbaptistaledo.com) and click on the "Give" tab.

**New Years Day**—In observance of New Year's Day, the church office be closed on Wednesday, Jan. 1st, 2020. Happy New Year!

**Annual Report Deadline** – Attn: FBC Staff & Committee Chairs: The Church Council will meet Tuesday, Jan. 14th at 7pm. This means we need an Annual Report from each Committee Chair and staff person by Sunday, Jan. 5th. Please turn your reports into the church office.

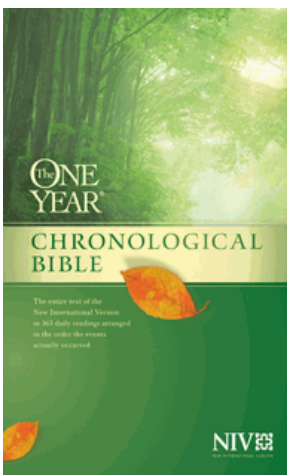


### **FBC Annual Business Meeting Sunday, January 19th, 2020 Following the 10:15am Service**

The First Baptist Church Annual Meeting will be **Sunday, Jan. 19th** following the 10:15am service. \*\*Please have your yearly committee and quarterly reports to the church office by Sunday, January 5th. Everyone is encouraged to attend the 2020 FBC Annual Business Meeting.

## Resource of the Month/Year

### **The One Year Chronological Bible—NIV - Cost-\$15 Available in the Church Lobby**



The One Year Chronological Bible offers a fascinating way to read through the Bible in one year . . . in only fifteen minutes per day! Gain a better understanding of the order of biblical events and the historical context in which they unfolded.

The entire Bible text--books, chapters, and even verses--is arranged in the order the events actually happened. Prophetic books are interwoven with the historical accounts they accompanied. Psalms follow the events about which they were written. Proverbs are placed in the time they were compiled. The life of Christ is woven into one moving story. And Paul's letters to the young churches in the first century are integrated into the book of Acts. Transition statements help you understand why some Scripture portions appear where they do.

You do not have to be a Bible historian to appreciate the fascinating new perspective waiting for you in The One Year Chronological Bible. It's like reading some of your favorite passages for the very first time. This edition uses the popular New International Version text.

# A Word From Pastor Seth

**2020**

Starting of the year with a clear vision. No, you don't need Lasik surgery. We need the truth of **Romans 8:29** "For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son" and **2 Corinthians 3:18** "...beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit." We need to be conformed and transformed more and more into Jesus Christ. The authentic Christian's life is still a call to action by authentically Loving Christ, Loving Others and Thinking Biblically.



We all have a wonderful opportunity to jump start this new year. January 5<sup>th</sup> is bring a friend Sunday. January 8<sup>th</sup> we can start a new class or better yet we can serve by working with the kids/youth coming to FBC. January 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> we have a chance to gain great tools for our marriage. I'm praying for us all to continue to be the moldable clay in the potter's hands. Allowing God to shape every part of who He calls us to be. ~ Seth

**Mercer County Food Pantry-1200 S. College Ave.  
Aledo**  
**Volunteer Sign Up for 2020**  
**Tuesdays 5:30-7:00pm & Fridays 8am-Noon**

First Baptist has the opportunity to volunteer at the Mercer County Food pantry in Aledo on the dates listed below. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the church office or call us at 309-582-7812 if you are able to help.

Tuesday, Jan. 21st -5:30-7:00pm  
Friday, Jan. 24th-8am-Noon

Tuesday, June 2nd -5:30-7:00pm  
Friday, June 5th -8am-Noon

Tuesday, October 27th -5:30-7:00pm  
Friday, Oct. 30th -8am-Noon



## A note from the FBC Kitchen

If you use the church kitchen towels and wash cloths, please kindly take them home, wash them and return them.

Thanks for helping us keep the church kitchen clean.

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

### Make This Your Church Orientation

Are you curious about what it means to be an Official 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.

Our ultimate goal is very simple, to help people know and love God. Sign up on Sunday's Connection Card.

# Women's Ministry

## Flourish Women's Mentoring Program Kicks off on Jan. 5th, 2020!



A new mentoring program for women is starting January 2020! Over 50 women have signed up! **Our Kickoff Meeting will be at FBC January 5th at 2:30pm in the New Addition.** If you registered for the Flourish Mentoring program, please plan to attend this important meeting. **Please note, if you have been asked to be a Small Group Leader for Flourish, please plan on meeting at 1:45pm on Sunday, Jan. 5th in the Enon Room.**

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 re-

gardless 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.

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! Questions, see Peggy Johnson and Crystal Clark, mentoring program coordinators.

*join us!*  
FOR A NEW KIND OF MENTORING JOURNEY



The most important decisions we make are about who we are and who we are becoming.  
LifeWay.com/Flourish

## Women's Ministry Think Tank

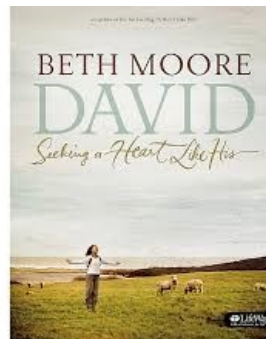


There will be a Women's Ministry Think Tank Meeting Saturday, January 4th, 2020 in the Enon Room at 9am. All ladies are welcome to join us.

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.

## Beginning in February a new Women's Daytime Study on David! Facilitated by Betty Leslie

The study will be held on Tuesdays beginning Tuesday, Feb. 4th at 2:15pm in the Enon Room.



*God will never give up on you.* Explore how David's life proves this promise to be true in **A Heart Like His: Seeking the Heart of God Through a Study of David.**

In this examination of the "man after God's own heart," David will delight and disappoint you. You'll want to be just like him at times and nothing like him at others. If you've ever experienced doubts, temptations, losses, family problems, or personal inconsistencies, this study is for you!

Sign up on Sunday's Connection Card.

# Men's Ministry

## Men's Ministry Council

The First Baptist Church  
Men's Ministry Council  
will meet Saturday, Jan.  
4th 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**

## Men's Ministry Council 2020 Calendar More details will be given as events draw nearer.

**Jan. 26th**—5:30-8pm—Family Night at the Mercer  
County YMCA—Swimming 5:30-7:30pm.  
It's Free and friends are welcome! Pizza and fun  
provided.

**March 28th**—Iron Sharpens Iron Men's  
Conference-Davenport

**April 24th-26th**- Men's Momentum—@ Life Action  
Camp — Buchanan, Michigan

**May 3rd**—Couples Event

**July 18th**—FBC Men's In House Retreat

**Sept. 20th**—Men's Bags Tournament

Father Son Quest @ Life Action Camp — Buchanan,  
Michigan— **Dates TBD**

## Thinking Ahead to Summer! Men's Rooted Conference 2020!

**July 18th @ FBC Aledo**

Details are in the  
works!

Mark your  
calendar and  
watch and listen  
for updates.



Guest Speakers are Rick McGough Founder  
of Local Church Apologetics & Eric Hoven  
Founder of Creation Today.

## Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference

Coram Deo Bible Church (*Formerly Harvest  
Bible Chapel*) Davenport - **Sat., March 28th**  
from 8:30am-4pm.

Early Bird Registration Cost is \$57 (\$40 for  
students) and includes an on-site lunch. Must  
register by Sunday, March 15th.

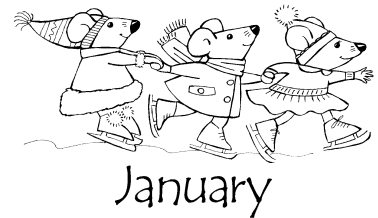
Visit: [ironsharpensiron.net](http://ironsharpensiron.net) for more details.  
Sign up via Sunday's Connection Card  
coming soon.



## Happy Birthday

Dylane Riddell	January 1
Laryssa Russell	January 4
Emmerson Sproston	January 5
Dennis Dixon	
Jack Ruska	
Janice Duncan	January 6
Christopher Hedrick	
Linus Griswold	January 7
Bob Kopp	January 8
	January 9
Denise Kelly	January 11
Brooke Loving	January 12
Jesse Korns	January 13
Tish Riddell	
Rich Ruggles	January 14
Jacque Bruns	
Dave Cooper	January 19
Mike Sponsler	January 20
Beth Sproston	January 21
Gene Thompson	
Clay Huffstutler	
Jeanne Barber	
Linda Bell	January 24
Keegan Schell	
Keith Moreland	January 26
Lindsay Schweninger	
Trinity Norwick	
Payton Ruggles	
Richard Franks	January 27
Joyce Thomas	
Colin Miller	
Cindy Maynard	January 28
Shay Litwiler	
Barb Bryant	January 29
Lynda Castor	January 30
Lonnie Maynard	
Jarod Dale	
Lisa Litwiler	January 31

## Happy Anniversary



Steve & Diane Nelson

Jon & Lindsay Ricke

John & Denise Kelly



*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 very much to everyone who donated to the Nursing Home Christmas Gift project again this year! The staff and residents of both nursing homes greatly appreciate being remembered during this Christmas season. I appreciate that all of your donations helped make this another successful year!

I would also like to thank Joanne Anderson, Jeanne Barber, Britni Ewing, Jady Ewing, Betty Frost, Linus Griswold, Carol Hill, Vivian Kopp, Sheri Olson, Sheila Sedam, Mary Flint and Sue Hiscocks for their help in sorting, boxing, loading and delivering the gifts! We did all of this in record time since so many people showed up to help! Also, thanks to Pam, Luke, Seth and whoever else helped with the setting up and taking down of the tables. This important ministry goes so smoothly and quickly when people are willing to serve and volunteer their time to help me out.

Thanks again! Cathy Griswold

## 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!!"

**This Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>** 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. 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 January 9th-11th!**

**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](http://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 Bonyge 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](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)

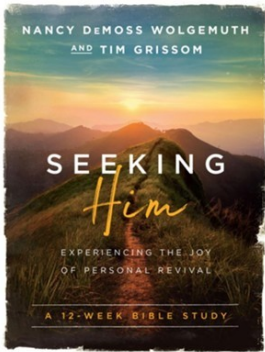
## Class For Men & Women

**"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.

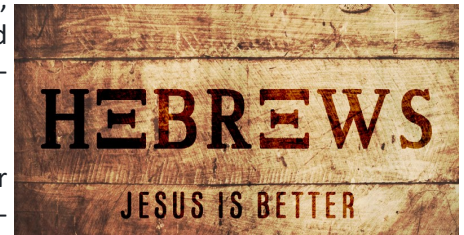


*Seeking Him* is grounded in the gospel and gets you into Scripture, moving you through the portions verse-by-verse. Each week includes five days of individual study, questions for group discussion and interaction, testimonies of changed lives, and 'Making it Personal' questions and exercises. God says 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Aledo. Contact Sheri at 309-206-9585 for more information.



## Kids & Youth Programs

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

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



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