

fbc Faith News

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February 2020 | Monthly Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar

2.1

Women's Min Think Tank-9am

2.2

Communion &
Food Pantry Sunday
SS Teacher App. Lunch-12:00
Grief Share-6:30pm

2.8

Men's Ministry Council-7:30am

2.9

Trustee Meeting-11:40am
Grief Share-6:30pm

2.16

El Salvador Mission Trip
Meeting-4pm
Grief Share-6:30pm

2.21

Women's Better Together @
Diann Slater's Home-6:30pm

2.22

Food Pantry Keithsburg-9am

2.23

Baptism Sunday
Nursing Home Serv.—1:30pm
Family Date Skate-2:30pm

2.25

Safe Family Info Meeting-
6:30pm

Do you ever wonder if what you are doing really matters? I do. All the time. I wasn't looking for an answer, but I recently received one. In the Spiritual Growth class I'm teaching with Kevin Ricke on Wednesday nights I happened to ask, "What has most impacted your spiritual growth?". To my surprise, everyone in the class answered the question. More than a few attributed their spiritual growth to our church. Even as I say this, it seems silly to be surprised by that, but it was very encouraging to hear so many people give such an amazing endorsement of how God has used our church to deeply impact their faith. This is what the church exists for; bringing people to faith, and helping them grow in their faith.

As we look ahead to what God has in store for us, I want to encourage you that everything we do, much of it seems tedious, often times exhausting, is worth it. We have a lot of people serving relentlessly, giving time and energy to make sure people are served and God is glorified. I don't have the space here to give a complete list, but suffice it to say, literally hundreds of people are showing up to serve the Lord at

FBC all the time. What we are doing is not just providing programs. We are building a community that connects people to Christ.

It's impossible to look at any one ministry or program and evaluate it on the basis of one or two hours a week of building usage. How much impact does a one-hour worship service potentially have on a person's soul? What kind of eternal difference is made in a child's life by a 90-minute program on Wednesday night? What I'm saying is, these things are an incalculable investment in people's lives. We are getting ready to build an addition that is a significant undertaking for our church. We aren't dealing with simple square footage and cost estimates. We are dealing with a vision of the future where First Baptist Church excels in being a place where our entire community can find faith, grow in faith, and feel at home. We can only do this together. With God's Spirit in our hearts, and His Word in our hands, we will build His kingdom in Mercer County.

In Christ, Pastor Luke

Volunteer & Giving Information

Date

Nursery

Kids Worship

2/2/20	Ronda & Veronica Moffitt, Dixie Bodeen & Natalie Bowker	Diann Slater, Alison Lafever, Lucy Dunn, Felicia Bonyng, Rhonda McKinley, Maddie Dunn, Monica Dennison & Jess Weist
2/9/20	Jo Bjorling, Marcy, Rusty, Shaylee & Brylee Smet	Tina McCaw, Amy, Brenton & Aaliyah Powell, Arlene Bewley, Andrew, Dayna & Henry Leichty, & Natalie Bowker
2/16/20	Ronda Moffitt, Kim, Sidney & Caleb Quam	Joyce & Logan Thomas, Jacque Bruns, Natalie Kugler, Kathryn Retherford, Maggie Castor, Sheila Busch & Jess Swift
2/23/20	Sharon Moffitt, Lisa Clawson, Jan Crutcher & Bryce Moffitt	Kathy Olson, Mary Rohm, Natalie Bowker, Nadine Coulter, Tammie Trout, John Baldwin, Haley & Josh Johnson

Hi Volunteers! Thank you for serving in the nursery during the 10:15 worship service. Please be in the nursery ready to serve by 10:05am so the Sunday School nursery staff can transition to service. *If you cannot serve on your scheduled day, please switch with someone else on the list in advance and communicate that change with Mollie via Facebook or by texting/calling 309-371-6962. Thank you for serving!

Committee Member of the Month

Finance Board Member of the Month for February — Steve Johnson
Trustee of the Month for February — Dennis Dixon

Prayer Team 2020

February 2 -8am-Marty South & Kurt Diesch-**10:15am-**Anita Parkinson & Tina McCaw

February 9 — 8am-Jon & Lindsay Ricke-**10:15am-**Jeanne Barber, Laurie & Mick Louck

February 16 - 8am-Troy & Tish Riddell - **10:15am—**Peggy Johnson, Mary Lee Finch & Barb Bryant

February 23 -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	12/29/19	1/5/19	1/12/19	1/19/19	1/26/19
8 AM	89	88	81	54	89
10:15AM	219	275	257	201	233
TOTAL	308	363	338	255	322

Date	12/29/19	1/5/19	1/12/19	1/19/19	1/26/20
General Fund Giving	\$22,756.25	\$21,441.84	\$14,349.21	\$11,033.51	\$68,395.93
Designated Giving	\$7,810.00	\$10,108.80	\$1,827.00	\$1,196.00	\$2,546.00
Total Giving	\$30,566.25	\$31,550.64	\$16,176.21	\$12,229.51	\$70,941.93

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

Lives Changed by Jesus Christ in 2020!

Year To Date Baptisms — 2

Year To Date First Time Decisions for Christ - 1



Kids Club Ministry

February 2020



We have lots of ministries going on at FBC including our growing, volunteer-intensive Youth & Children's Ministries. You don't need to be a "kid" person or a parent to help with these two minis-

tries. We need the whole church body to consider serving when and where they are able. Whether it's at just one event, support crew, teaching, or serving in the nursery, it truly takes a team effort to do what we do here at FBC. If you're interested in finding a place to serve or in finding our more information about the following opening, please contact me anytime at 309-371-6962. Thanks! ~Mollie

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

Sunday Morning Nursery Rotation: We have two openings on our nursery rotation during the 10:15am service starting in March. No prep needed. Must be available to serve once every 5-6 weeks in the 10:15am service from 10:05 until after service.

Kids Worship Volunteer Rotation: We have three openings for support volunteers on our rotation starting in March. These positions require no leading or prepping. Volunteers help the lead teachers and will need to be available to serve once every 5-6 weeks. Volunteers meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:55am and help clean-up afterward for 10 minutes.

Kids Easter Event: We need a crew of 50 Jr. & Adult Volunteers to serve at this event on Friday, April 10th from 8am-12:30. Volunteers (and their kids) are fed breakfast and lunch. Please let me know if you are interested and I'll get you plugged in.

What's up in Kids Ministry?

Kids Club (Jan.8th-April 1st): The Winter/Spring Session of Kids Club has started and runs through April 1st on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm at FBC for kids ages 3-5th grade. Have a question or want to register you kids? Visit us online at www.firstbaptistaledo.com, call the church office at (309)582-7812, or contact Mollie Dunn at (309)371-6962.



Family Skate Date-

Sunday, Feb. 23rd: The whole church is invited to join us on *Sunday, Feb. 23rd from 2:30-4:30pm at the Freedom Roller Rink in Monmouth, IL.* It's free to get in (skates are includ-

ed) but bring money for drinks & refreshments. Grab a neighbor and your family and we'll see you there!

Save-the-Dates:

FEARLESS
Kid's Easter
Event- Good
Friday, April
10th: Kids ages 3-5th grades are invited to join us for a whole morning of fun and an egg hunt from 9am-Noon. Registration will be open in March.



Rocky Railway VBS- June 22nd-26th: Kids ages 3 years old through 5th grade graduates are invited to join us for a fun, free week of games, amazing lessons, snacks, music, and more each morning from 9am-Noon. Registration will open in May.





Do you need rest?

I feel like this world that we live in can take the wind right out of our sails! Trying to live out our walk can be exhausting especially

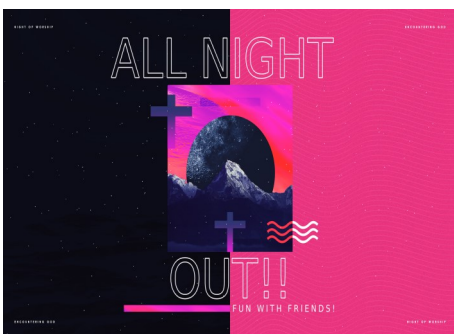
when we feel that everything we try and do ends up in failure. I don't know about you but for me, "failure" is one of the hardest things to deal with. Whether its not wanting to fail at something, not wanting to fail someone, or not wanting someone to fail you, it gets tiring trying to always succeed at everything and the truth of the matter is we FAIL a lot! But there is someone I know that has never failed me! That's right, Jesus! He has encouraged me when I'm broken-hearted. He has given me peace when I am anxious. He has given me strength when I thought I couldn't go on. He makes a promise to us in Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." If this life has you down and out and you are just tired or you feel like you can't go on, come to Jesus for rest! I know what it feels like to be tired and feel like giving up, but I also know that God is not done working and that if I go to Him he will give me strength to carry on! So come to Jesus to get your batteries recharged to continue to do His work! ~ Mario Pauley

Mark your calendars!

Winter/Spring session of The Refuge is happening now through 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 spring session so make sure to show up and not miss out!

All Night Out— Refuge All Night Out will be April 3rd.

We will have a great time bowling, drinking Frostys at Wendy's, eating pizza, and we will be spending the night at the trampoline park. Cost is \$25. There are 50 spots available so sign up now! Permission packets will have all the info you need!



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 6th – 8th. Dates for our trip are July 26th-29th. 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. Register online at firstbaptistaledo.com

CIY HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER MOVE CONFERENCE - In the last moments of Jesus' ministry on Earth, he said something that is extremely shocking: that it is for our good that he should go away. Say what?!? He follows this shocking statement with encouragement and hope – that once he leaves he will send an

advocate to speak on our behalf. That advocate is the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity. He holds the same power of God the Father and the same promise of Jesus the Son. He lives in us and works

through us and keeps us connected to one another. As we answer Christ's call on our lives to be Kingdom workers, the Holy Spirit guides and provides ... and the fruits of that labor are wide-reaching and eternal.

In 2020 CIY MOVE will explore the Third Person of the Trinity – who he is, how he works, and the many ways high school students can lean in and stay connected to him every moment of their lives. We will be attending CIY Move this summer. CIY Move is strictly a high school trip so those in grade 9-12 are invited to attend this trip. CIY Move is held at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois. The dates are July 6th- July 10th. Cost for students is \$150. Sign up online at firstbaptistaledo.com. Any questions please see Mario Pauley.



A Word From Pastor Seth

This was a post shared by comedian Ken Davis:

There are gushy stories that manipulate the emotions—then there are tales that genuinely pluck the strings of your heart. It's a very fine line between the two. The following story plays beautiful music on my heart strings. This is more than just another Good Samaritan tale. It's a challenge to each of us to live up to our royal heritage.

It was a cold December day in New York City. A little boy stood in front of a shoe store on Broadway, barefoot and shivering. He peered intently through the plate glass window. A woman walked up to the boy and asked, "Little fellow, why are you looking into that window so earnestly?" **"I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes,"** the boy replied. The lady studied him for a moment, then quietly took him by the hand. Together they walked into the shoe store. Inside, she asked the clerk to bring a half-dozen pairs of socks for the boy. Then she asked for a basin of water and a towel. The clerk brought them quickly. The woman took the little boy to the rear of the store, removed her gloves then knelt and began to wash his feet. She dried them with the towel just as the clerk appeared with the socks. The woman placed a pair of socks on the boy's feet and selected a pair of shoes in his size. She bundled the remaining socks, and handed him the package. As they left the store the woman patted the boy on the head. "I hope you feel more comfortable now," she smiled. She turned to go but, the wide-eyed little boy caught her by the hand. He looked up into her face and asked, **"Are you God's wife?"**

I couldn't help but wonder if someone would question if I am associated with God? How about you? Are you living out the royal love of God? Please know that this story may not be true but it's a great gut check of our love for the Lord that we carry with us. ~Seth

New Session of Grief Share Begins in March



We will begin a new session of the **GriefShare** Class in March at First Baptist. This class is taught by Joe and Kathy Olson. The class will be held on Sundays beginning Sunday, March 1st at 6:30pm at First Baptist in the Enon Room. Sign up on Sunday's Connect Card.

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.

Changes Are Coming!

The FBC Newsletter is currently under renovation. It is our goal to make it shorter and easier to read.

To accomplish this, we will be moving some information that you are



used to seeing to another format. Information like the Prayer Concern list as well as the Birthday List can now

be found at "Information Station" which is on the wall near the Church Office.

We hope you enjoy the new look you'll find coming in March! We are always happy to hear feedback. ~Pam

Women's Ministry

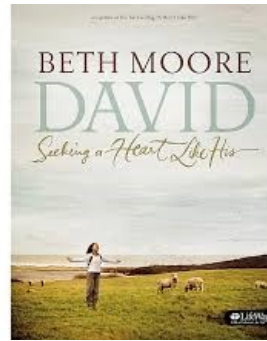


Women's Ministry Think Tank

There will be a Women's Ministry Think Tank Meeting Saturday, February 1st, 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 March a new Women's Daytime Study on David!

Facilitated by Betty Leslie

The study will be held on Tuesdays beginning

Tuesday, March 3rd 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. If you've ever experienced doubts, temptations, losses, family problems, or personal inconsistencies, this study is for you! Sign up on Sunday's Connect Card.

Women's Better Together Gathering



Diann Slater is hosting at her home- 949—230th St. Viola.

Friday, Feb. 21st at 6:30pm

Better Together Gatherings are designed for fun and fellowship.

All ladies are welcome to join us!
Bring a snack to share.

Thrive Women's Retreat April 17-19th 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 2020, the Women's Ministry will pay \$100 towards your cost, making your cost for Thrive \$45. Sign up coming soon or please see or e-mail Jenny Dixon for more details: jennlong1@gmail.com.

Men's Ministry

Men's Ministry Council

The First Baptist Church Men's Ministry Council will meet Saturday, Feb. 8th 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.

March 28th—Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference-Davenport. Details below.

April 24th-26th- Men's Momentum—@ Life Action Camp — Buchanan, Michigan.
Sign up coming soon!

May 3rd—Couples Event

July 18th—FBC Men's In House Retreat

Sept. 20th—Men's Bags Tournament

Sept. 25-27th—Father Son Quest @ Life Action Camp — Buchanan, Michigan

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

July 18th @ FBC Aledo

Theme: Against The Grain!

Mark your calendar and watch and listen for updates.

Our Guest Speaker will be Rick McGough Founder of Local Church Apologetics.



Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference

At 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. We will be taking a bus to the event and leaving the FBC parking lot at 7:15am. Must register by Sunday, March 15th.

There are two ways to register, you may go online to firstbaptistaledo.com under the Men's Ministry Tab or sign up via Sunday's Connect Card.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Troy Riddell	February 1
Lee Bell	February 2
Bradley Williams	February 7
Brian Dennison	February 8
Rosemary Reid	February 9
Montie Schell	
James Schultz	February 14
Kevin Ricke	
Marcia Kelly	
Aiden Monson	February 15
Alison Lafever	February 16
Brian Rind	February 19
Dylan Sproston	
Lincoln Bonyng	February 20
Erin Huffstutler	February 21
Adam Thomas	
Pam Spangler	February 25
Jonathon Svoboda	
Griffin Burns	February 26
Noah Louck	February 27
Bill Tracy	
Patsy Castor	February 28



Coming Up On March 1st! Open House Baby Shower for Kathryn Retherford

The ladies of the church are invited to an
Open House Baby Shower for Kathryn Retherford

Sunday, March 1st, 2020
Drop in any time between 2:00-4:00pm.
First Baptist Church in the Enon Room.

Baby Retherford's gender is a surprise!
Kathryn and Andy & Baby Retherford are registered at
Walmart, Target and Amazon.



Update on the El Salvador Mission Trip—Trip Dates are March 9-16th, 2020. 15 members of First Baptist Church will be traveling to El Salvador for a mission trip. During this week we will perform VBS style activities for several churches and schools. We will minister to over 500 children during this time.

The week will also include a Women's Conference, Marriage Conference, visiting a local Children's Hospital and a large church service. During the weeks leading up to the trip we will be accepting monetary donations for supplies for the week, please write any checks to FBC with El Salvador mission in the memo. The FBC El Salvador Mission Team appreciates your prayers and support!



New FBC App! Check it out!

We're excited to announce that we have a new church app! To download the app, simply text **fbcaledo space app** to **77977** or you can visit our website at firstbaptistaledo.com and click on the download button.

Once you've downloaded the app, make sure to check the notification settings on your phone to ensure you'll receive important notices from us.

We promise to not overload you with notifications, we'll just send out maybe one a week. These notifications will be very helpful if we have to cancel a program due to weather."



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Safe Families Informational Meeting

There will be an informational meeting about Safe Families on Tuesday, Feb. 25th at 6:30pm in the Enon Room. Want to learn more about how you can become involved in the Safe Families program and be the physical hands and feet of Jesus?



Join us for this informational meeting!



Coming Fall of 2020!
Life Action Ministry Coming to First Baptist for a Revival!
Oct. 4th-11th, 2020!
Watch and list for details and how you can be involved in this ministry!

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HEALTH AND WELL BEING

Jesse Sproston, Family of Gary Kendall, Reed Gleasey, Family of Tony Tharp, Family of Nancy Berta, Family of Ed & Gerry Kelly, Kevin Shride, Family of Joyce Bodeen, Family of Louise Hendrix, Family of Nancy Watkins, Family June Riley, Michelle Leingang, Family of Bruce Willits, Family of Tina Johnson, Jessica Etheridge & baby, Patricia Klemmer, Phyllis Voltz, Wanda Crawford, Mike McNall, Rosemary Reid, Nancy Kindelsperger, Wanda Alexander, Mike Jarrett, Morgan Heath, Cathy Waters, Jo Kernan, Sydney Lancaster, Alberta Schrock, Stacie Bendele, Mary Kaplan, Janet Rind, Henry Leichty, Ryan Struble, Lisa Hammill, Connie Freeman, Jessica Ruh, Tricia & Rory Conway & Lauryn Russell

NURSING HOME

Marge Goding & Jo Kernan

MISSIONARIES & MILITARY

Danika & Stuart Volz & Rigoberto Cruz
Jordan Riddell, Jackson McKay, Spencer Zielke, Jon Szalonek, Kyle Mandle,
Charles Schultz, Terry Schaefer, Matt VanderHeyden & Tara Helmick

OTHER CONCERNS

The church & all decisions