



# First Baptist Church Newsletter

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## FBC Resources

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## Upcoming Events

- 3.1  
Baby Shower/Open House for  
Kathryn Retherford -2-4pm
- 3.3  
Women's David Study Begins-2:15pm
- 3.7  
Women's Ministry Think Tank-9am  
3.9-3.16  
El Salvador Mission Trip
- 3.11  
NO Wednesday Night Live Programming!
- 3.14  
Men's Ministry Council-7:30am
- 3.22  
Baptism Sunday
- 3.24  
J.O.Y. Circle Gathering-7pm
- 3.28  
Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conf. - 7:15am-4pm



## *Pray For El Salvador*

The FBC El Salvador Mission Team will be ministering and sharing the gospel with children and adults in schools, churches and at a women's conference as well as at a marriage retreat from March 9th-16th, 2020. We thank everyone for your support which makes this Mission Trip possible! Please be in prayer for the team and those to whom they are ministering.

### 2020 Team El Salvador

Seth Bowker  
Robin Campbell  
Jenny Dixon  
Josh Dixon  
Luke Dunn  
Mollie Dunn  
Marjie Earl  
Erik Johnson  
Peggy Johnson  
Steve Johnson  
Cindy Maynard  
Lonnie Maynard  
Sheri Olson  
Kim Quam  
Jessica Swift

While the FBC staff is in El Salvador, Rick McGough of Local Church Apologetics will be preaching on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be taking a Love Offering for Rick following the 8am & 10:15am service.

## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

There are many things about First Baptist Church that cause me a great deal of joy and for which I praise God. One of those things is our partnership with Rigoberto in El Salvador and our commitment to support an annual mission trip for anyone who is willing to serve. There are many, many well deserving mission endeavors both in our own country and around the world that are doing wonderful work for the kingdom. Over the years, I've been blessed to serve in New Hampshire, Colorado, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Bolivia, Ukraine, and El Salvador. This May, Mollie and I will be serving refugees and down and out folks in Greece. So, far, I can testify that every mission trip has been worthwhile and a valuable experience. I would also testify that none has compared to El Salvador for the simple virtue of a deep and long-lasting relationship. Over the years there has been a bond established and strengthened as we partner together to share the love of Christ. While only about 15% of our church body has been on the El Salvador Mission Trip, it has taken 100% support of our church body to make it happen. I am thankful for a church that so graciously supports missions. We are always involved in mission work. Mission work is anything and everything we do to share the Gospel with others simply for their sake, and not to get anything in return. Mission work is investing in people's lives because God cares about them and we are able and willing to do what we can. Cross-cultural mission work (to El Salvador for example) reminds us and encourages us that the mission field is right outside our own doors. I always return from a mission trip feeling a new energy and excitement for what God wants to do in Mercer County. So, I want to encourage you as well. What is your mission? You may be doing a lot without realizing it. Volunteering, praying, giving, encouraging, supporting, teaching, helping are all vital aspects to the mission. Whatever your mission, name it, focus on it, and see how God will use it to bless someone.

In Christ, Pastor Luke



# Happenings!

## Fearless

Kids Easter Event  
April 10th 9am-Noon

## FEARLESS Kids Easter Event Good Friday, April 10th 9am-Noon

### @ First Baptist Aledo

Kids 3 years old -5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for a whole morning of fun! The Fearless Kids Easter Event is free to attend and will include fun, games, snack and an egg hunt from 9am-Noon.

Register online at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)



## Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School June 22nd-26th 9am-Noon

### @ First Baptist Aledo

Kids ages 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 for Rocky Railway VBS will open in May.



# EVENTS!

## All Night Out! APRIL 3rd, 2020 STUDENTS GRADES 6th- 12th

Cost: \$25 - 40 Spots Available!

Please drop student off on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at First Baptist by 6:20pm. We will leave FBC at 6:30pm sharp. Questions? Call Student Ministry Director Mario Pauley at 309-582-6044. Permission packets can be found on the bulletin board in the church lobby.

### Event Schedule:

- 7pm-9:30pm QC Family Entertainment Center
- 9:30-10pm Frosty's at Wendy's
- 10:30pm- 6am Elevate Trampoline Park
- 2:00am Pizza and drinks will be available.
- 6:45am Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> Please pick up your child at the FBC!



## CIY High School Summer Conference July 6th- July 11th Grades 9-12

Wheaton College in Wheaton, IL. Cost for students is \$150. Questions- Call Mario @ 309.582-6044. Register online at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)

## CIY Jr. High MIX Summer Conference Dates July 26th-30th Grades 6th-8th

Hope College in Holland, Michigan. Cost for the student is \$150 FBC Scholarships the rest. Register online at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)



*Jesus said, Let the little  
children come to me...*

Matthew 19:14

# Men and Women's Ministry

## Men's Events



Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference- 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. Register online at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)

Men's Momentum @ Life Action Camp - Buchanan, MI-April 24th-26th Food, fellowship, and spiritual recharging mark these men's time together.



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, April 24th at 10am and we'll be back in Aledo on Sunday evening, April 26th. Sign up online at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).

Men's Ministry Council will meet Saturday, March 14th at 7:30am in the Enon Room..

## Women's Events



April 17th-19th

@ Life Action Camp in Buchanan, MI

THRIVE is a weekend designed to help you experience more of Jesus—through His Word, worship, fellowship and fun!! 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 at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).

J.O.Y. Circle-(Jesus, Others, Yourself) will meet on Tuesday, March 24th at 7pm Enon Room. All ladies are invited to join us. J.O.Y. Circle is a gathering of the women for a time of fellowship and learning. Periodically, the ladies of J.O.Y. Circle have a potluck with each other and they raise funds which benefit projects in our church.

Women's David Study-On Tuesdays at 2:15 beginning March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Led by Betty Leslie in the Enon Room.

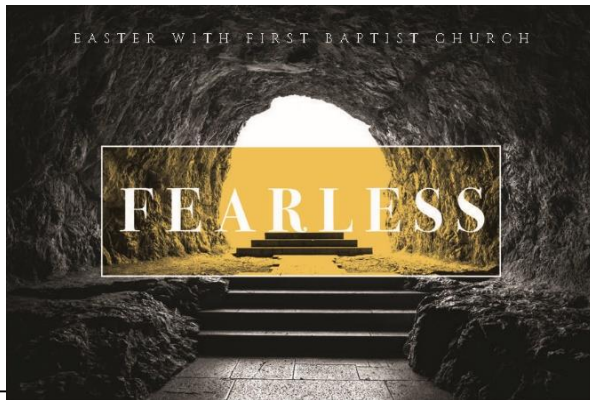
Women's Ministry Think Tank - Meets Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the Enon Room.

February  
2020

Attendance  
& Giving  
Details

Date	2/2/20	2/9/20	2/16/20	2/23/20
General Fund Giving	\$16,736.40	\$11,247.52	\$9,335.82	\$10,287.25
Designated Giving	\$4,706.00	\$956.92	\$395.00	\$1,198.00
Total Giving	\$21,442.40	\$12,204.44	\$9,730.82	\$11,485.25
Attendance	365	369	384	352

# Upcoming Events



## Easter is Sunday, April 12, 2020!

Please Join Us in Celebrating our Risen Lord!

**Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary-** If you would like to honor a loved one by placing an Easter Lily in the sanctuary, please sign up on Sunday's Connect Card or call the church office at 582-7812. Deadline to order a Lily is Sunday, March 29th. The cost of an Easter Lily is \$8.

**Kids Easter Event - "Fearless"** - Join us at FBC on Good Friday, April 10th from 9am-Noon. See Page 2 - Kids Club Ministry News for details.

**Good Friday Service @ Grace E Free—** This year, we will be gathering at Grace E Free Church at 606 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Aledo on Friday, April 10th at 6:30pm. The Good Friday service remembers Christ's Passion, crucifixion, and death. All are welcome to join us for this special service.

**Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast—** Our Easter Sunrise service is Sunday, April 12th at 6:30am in our sanctuary. The Sunrise Service will be followed by a free breakfast in Fellowship Hall. Watch for the Easter Breakfast RSVP coming soon.

**Easter Morning Services-**In addition to our 6:30am Sunrise Service, we will also have Easter Services at 8am and 10:15am. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us as we celebrate our risen Savior!



## New Session of Grief Share Starts March 1<sup>st</sup>!

This class is led by Joe and Kathy Olson. Grief Share will be held on Sundays beginning March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm in the Enon Room. GriefShare is a grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one.



## Generation Celebration!

Event for all FBC people

Age 65 and over.

Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 11am-?

At the Aledo Depot

You will enjoy a catered lunch of BBQ pulled pork, cheesy potatoes, green bean and apple crisp alamode from A Guy & A Grill.

Following lunch, we invite anyone interested to stay and play board games, dominoes, cards or just stay and visit with one another.

RSVP by April 7th on Sunday's Connect Card or call the church office at 309-582-7812.

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## Life Action Summit Is Coming to First Baptist Aledo October 4th-11th, 2020!

Designed for the entire church family, a Life Action Summit provides a one of a kind experience of reconnecting with God and transforming relationships. They're times of seeking God personally and corporately for an outpouring of His Spirit. Our prayer is that through these concentrated times of seeking Him, God will awaken a desire in each church for something more, something holy...something extraordinary.

Please mark your calendars and begin to pray for the Summit! We will need the church family to come alongside and provide host homes for team members and vehicles. Please be in prayer about how you might be involved with the Life Action Summit!