

Welcome Home!

**FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH**
ALEDO, ILLINOIS

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Pastor's Perspective *Words We Are Tired Of...*

When we were in El Salvador in March I heard a term that I had never heard before. We were just starting to get news about how the Corona Virus was impacting the United States. One of the mission team members works for Walmart, and they found out that Walmart had cancelled their national conference. The term that was being used was "social distance". With thousands of people in a convention center, "social distance" couldn't be managed. Now, we don't like the term "social distance," so we try to say "physical distance." In either case, it's a term we are all too familiar with, and at least as far as I'm concerned, tired of.

There are several words I'm tired of. I'm tired of the words "unprecedented" and "cancelled." Unfortunately, as tired of those words as we might be, it remains a reality that they are still very much in play. The month of August is always an exciting time at First Baptist as we plan our biggest event of the year, "Praise in the Park." However, with all the uncertainty, we have had to do something "unprecedented" and "cancel" this year's "Praise in the Park." This will be the first time in 13 years that we've done that.

Which brings up another term we're getting tired of, "new normal." What's unfortunate about all this is that no one is surprised, and we've all come to terms with this idea that this is just a new normal. There is some good in that, because it means people are being gracious and understanding with all the changes and cancellations. But it's also sad because we continue to live in a state of waiting.

Let me draw a spiritual connection here if I may. We think we're waiting for things to get better, but what we're really waiting for is for things to be perfect. We will wait our whole lives for that. Those that know and trust Christ will enter perfection and all our hopes will be fulfilled when we hear "Well done, good and faithful servant." Until then, we do the best we can with the ups and downs of life, making the most of every opportunity and in some ways never allowing ourselves to be satisfied with what this world says is "normal."

In Christ,

Pastor Luke

**June-July
Giving Details**

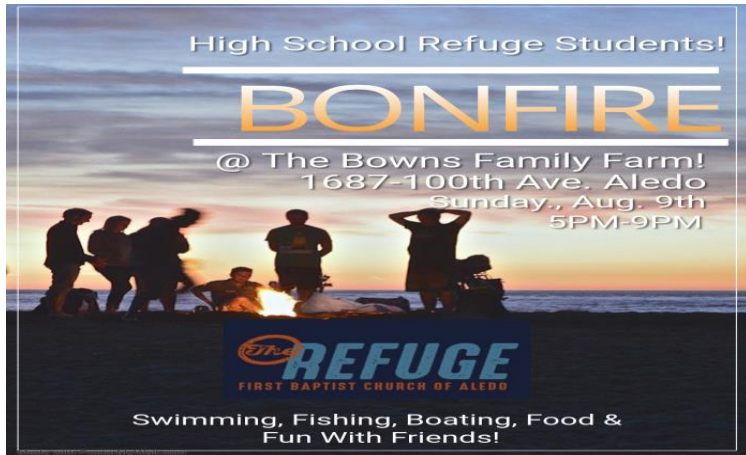
**June Giving - \$58,468.21
July Giving - \$42,377.41**

Monthly need to meet budget-\$48,599.33



Refuge Jr. High (6th-8th Grade) Meets Wednesday Nights from 6pm-7:30pm at FBC in the Refuge Room.

High School Refuge (Grades 9th-12th) Meets Sunday Nights from 6pm-7:30pm. No need to Sign up, just show up. Questions, call Pastor Seth 582-7812.



High School Student Hang Out-Sunday, August 9th from 5-9pm at the Bowns family farm-1687-100th Ave. Aledo. Swimming, fishing and boating followed by food and fellowship. Swimming dress code is a swim shirt and swim shorts for all genders. All safety gear you need for boating/kayaking will be provided. Bring your own fishing gear. Open to all students 9th-12th Grades.



Save the Date for Fall Retreat!-September 19th, 2020. All students, grades 6th-12th, mark your calendar for this *one day* fall retreat at Camp Summit in New Windsor, IL. Theme: "How To Be The Greatest" Verse: Mark 9:35 "...Anyone wanting to be the greatest must be the least – the servant of all!" Sign up today at firstbaptistaledo.com

Kids Ministry Update



Kids Worship Update: Kids are invited to join us on Sunday mornings on Facebook at 9am or in person at FBC during the 10:15am service. We miss you!



Kids Club Update: We hope to have Kids Club Small Groups this fall for kids ages 3-5th grade. We'll keep you updated.

Sunday School Update: At this point, we are not having Sunday School for children or adults. It is our hope to begin Sunday School for all in September. Please stay tuned for details.



Looking for Home Furnishing for CRU Ministry at NIU!

Danika (Higgins) Volz and her husband Stu work for Cru, a college ministry, at Northern Illinois University. Their ministry has recently been blessed with a large house to do ministry in for the next couple of years.

They are looking for some items to furnish the house. If you have anything new or used you'd like to donate, please reach out to her at 309.582.4018. Thank you!! Specific items needed: couches/lounge chairs, TVs, bookshelves, floor lamps, plastic garage shelving, gaming systems, ping pong table, board games, coffee table.



First Baptist Educational Scholarship

This will be the final year we are offering the FBC Scholarship as the fund that the scholarships came from has matured. This final year, we are offering a \$100 scholarship per qualifying student. If you are recent high school grad or college student and an "official" member of First Baptist Church (joined by baptism, letter of transfer or statement of faith), you qualify and may now apply for the First Baptist Church Educational Scholarship. Scholarship forms can be found in the lobby at "Information Station" by the Secretary's office. The deadline to return the application is **3pm on Monday, August 31st, 2020.**



The PUNCHES Family Band Are Coming to First Baptist

We are pleased to announce that the PUNCHES Family will be performing during our 10:15am worship service on Sunday, August. 23rd. A love offering will be taken for the PUNCHES.

Sunday School & Wednesday Night Live Update

Sunday School classes for adults and children are tentatively scheduled to kick back off in September. Please stay tuned for details.

Also, our plans for Wednesday Night Live and what it will look like for adults and kids this Fall are still being worked on. We thank you as we navigate through this time.

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Stay Connected!

- Until further notice, our 8am service will be outside on our front lawn. (In the event of rain, it will move inside. Our 10:15am Service will be held indoors in our sanctuary.
- For all the details about our upcoming events and live streaming Visit FirstBaptistAledo.com.
- Listen to WRMJ 102.3 at 10:15am on the 1st-3rd Sundays & at 5:10pm on the 4th and 5th Sundays.
- Download our New Church App by texting *fbcaledo app* to 77977.
- Find Us On Facebook
- Call the Church Office at 309.582.7812.



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