

# Welcome Home!



July | 2020 |

## Pastor's Perspective-Coming Out of Quarantine

It's been so good to start gathering together again. We started outdoor worship services in June, as well as small groups including youth (Refuge), and a kid's event (drive-thru-pet-adoption). It's a start! In July we will be moving forward with some more normalcy. We will resume 8am and 10:15am worship services on Sundays in the (mostly) newly renovated sanctuary. Mollie and Seth will have some details for you on what to expect for kids and youth which you can find in this newsletter.

We will have kids worship and nursery during the 10:15am service in July but not Sunday School. We will have the Enon Room available for families with babies during the 10:15am service and the Student Ministry Office is available for nursing mothers. We are taking extra measures to sanitize our building and limit the size of groups in each space. We will not require masks but if you want to wear one, you are welcome to.

It would be a great help if we could encourage you to consider attending the 8am worship if you don't have young children at home. Our goal is to keep each service at less than 200 people. With so many people still watching online rather than physically attending, we don't believe this will be an issue. The safety measures we are taking include keeping our spaces clean and sanitized, eliminating hand shaking, and keeping a 50% capacity limit in each space where people are gathered. In the month of August, we hope to resume even more of our normal ministries and events.

While this has been a difficult time for all of us, I am truly delighted in how well our church has handled everything. Everyone has pitched in and been extremely gracious and generous. As we look forward to the days ahead, I am confident that God will reveal all that He has been doing through everything we've gone through. He has been faithful, and we will never stop praising Him.

In Christ, Pastor Luke

## March-June Giving Details

March Giving - \$60,954.70

April Giving - \$73,770.34

May Giving - \$37,098.49

June Giving - \$46,677.87

(Through June 21<sup>st</sup>)

Monthly need to meet budget-\$48,599.33



### Hey! Hey! Jr. High Students! Let's get together!

All students 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to join us in person on Wednesdays at First Baptist in the Refuge Room. We'll practice social distancing but still have lots of fun! No need to sign up, just show up! Grab a friend and join us weekly on Wednesdays at 6pm in the Refuge Room.



### Bon Fire Night with the Jr. High Students

Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm outside at First Baptist. Food, fun and friends all around the bon fire! Food will be packed and ready to safely self-serve. For all students grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Come and enjoy time outside with your friends.

### Calling All High School Students.

Let's get together! All High School students are invited to meet in person at First Baptist in the Refuge Room. We'll practice social distancing but still have lots of fun! No need to sign up, just show up! Grab a friend and join us weekly on Sundays at 6pm in the Refuge Room.



All ages are invited to join us outside at FBC on Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> for Christmas in July.

We're showing the movie "Elf" on our BIG screen around 8:30pm but come early to grab a spot on the lawn, get your goodies at our free snack bar & kids can make a cute snow globe craft. Open to the community & all ages can attend.  
\*Event starts at 7:45pm.

- \* Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and spread out.
- \* \* Snacks & drinks are free.
- \* \* \* Bring a Food Donation for the FBC Blessing Box.



### Virtual VBS: July 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> @ 9am

Families are invited to join us every morning **online** at 9am for a fun, virtual experience that will include music, a Bible lesson, the main point of the day, & more. \*Join us on our "First Baptist of Aledo" FB page or at [www.firstbaptistaledo.com](http://www.firstbaptistaledo.com) at 9am or anytime during the day!

### VBS Walk Through Event - Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>-

Families are invited to a special outdoor walk-through VBS event where they will have fun exploring different stations. Families are invited to a special outdoor walk-through VBS event where they will have fun exploring different stations. The event is from 9am-11:30am and 4-6pm. Stations will completely close at Noon and 6:30pm. No need to register. This event is free and geared toward kids ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Allow 45 minutes for your visit.



# MEN'S ROOTED CONFERENCE

# Against

# THE

# GRAIN



Speaker  
Rick McGough  
of Local Church  
Apologetics

SATURDAY, JULY 18TH  
8AM-3PM

@ First Baptist Aledo



## FBC MEN'S MINISTRY

**FREE**  
to attend

**Break Out Discussions,  
Fellowship & Good Food!**

Sign Up On Sunday's Connection Card



### You're Invited to a Baby Shower For Maggie & Abel Castor

Since we cannot gather for a special day, let's shower the family in a different way. Drive by as you wave and beep, then enjoy a curbside treat!

Join Us:

Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> Between 10am-11am  
1002 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Aledo

The couple is registered at:  
Buy Buy Baby & Amazon



### The Church Family Is Invited!

Please help us celebrate Eli Kelly's graduation from Mercer County High School on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 6pm at the Mercer County Intermediate School.



**FBC, Aledo**

## **KidsMin Update: July 2020**

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Dear FBC Families,

We are excited to announce that we are opening the doors of FBC in July and will begin to phase-in our current ministries. We're implementing a temporary plan of action to move forward in a safe and achievable way.

### **Worship, Kids Worship, & Nursery in July:**

- 1) Starting Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, our church will begin indoor Worship Services at 8am & 10:15am. We will not be offering kid's or youth Sunday School classes at this time. We're hoping to begin all Sunday School classes in August. We'll keep you posted!
- 2) During the 10:15am service, we will offer Kids Worship for kids ages **3-4<sup>th</sup> grade** and a nursery for **infants-2 years old**. Children going into 5<sup>th</sup> grade are asked to stay upstairs with their parents. \*In the upstairs hallway, the Enon room is available for a cry room and the room across from the Enon Room is available for a nursing room.

### **Check-in/Health Safety Measures through July:**

- 1) **In July, Family Check-in begins at 10am.** We are temporarily moving Nursery & Kids Worship **check-in outside by the carport.** \*If needed, we will move check-in to the lobby for nursery and downstairs for Kids Worship so we don't crowd the lobby.
- 2) **All volunteers and participants will be given a quick temp check.** Temperatures must be 100 degrees or less to serve or participate in July for Kids Worship & Nursery.
- 3) An adult from each participating household will need to sign their initials acknowledging that the participants nor anybody in their household has experienced Covid19 symptoms in the last 14 days. They will also acknowledge the risk of serving/participating in our children's ministry programs.
- 4) Facemasks will NOT be required at FBC.
- 5) We will continue name tags, pick-up tags, and pagers as usual. An adult must be present at check-in and this adult will need to escort children directly to their locations. In the Kids Worship classrooms, hands will be sanitized at the door of each location.
- 6) Pick-up will be at the same location immediately following Worship. \*If you are able, please use alternate staircases when coming up the stairs before and after Kids Worship to minimize traffic. Stairwells are located behind the kitchen and at the end of the downstairs hallway.
- 7) Our hope is to do our **best to offer sanitized and breathable spaces within our children's ministry and we will limit capacity in each room.** Staff will be sanitizing and locking the Nursery rooms between use. Kids Worship rooms will be sanitized by volunteers & staff between use.
- 8) For Kids Worship, we will not have large group gatherings at this time. Social distancing is not feasible in some areas, but we will do our best to minimize up-close contact, personal touch, and shared items while children are in the classroom.

Thank you for sharing your families with us. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions for concerns.

Mollie Dunn - Children's Pastor - (309)371-6962



## UPDATE 2020 FROM THE FBC REFUGE STUDENT MINISTRY

Hello!

### **Gathering The Youth Questions:**

How are we going to be safe while gathering?

What are we doing to help stop the spread?

Will we continue to meet outside?

### **Gathering The Youth Answers:**

1) Please know that we will respect your choice about gathering. We understand that gathering involves risk in dealing with this virus. Some folks are at high risk and need to continue to stay away. So please know that this is all at your own risk as with everything we attend.

2) We are also being diligent in cleaning. Steramine disinfectant is known to kill this covid virus. We will spray this on the surfaces in our common areas. We are wiping down with disinfectant wipes before and after the event. While gathering we are washing hands and using hand sanitizer.

3) We will also have touchless thermometers and will test each volunteer and student before every gathering.

4) We have moved inside to the air conditioning. We will continue to separate out as best we can. We will only be at half our capacity in the youth areas.

Please call me if you have any other questions or concerns.

Pastor Seth

Phone 309-582-7812

## Other Meetings of Note

### **Church Council & Quarterly Business Meeting**

The Church Council will meet Tuesday, July 14th at 7pm. The FBC Quarterly Business Meeting will be Sunday, July 19th at 11:30am.

### **J.O.Y. Circle**

The ladies of JOY Circle will resume meeting on Tuesday, July 28th at 7pm in the Enon Room. 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 and they raise funds which benefit projects in our church. All ladies are welcome to attend.



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- For all the details about our upcoming events and live streaming Visit [FirstBaptistAledo.com](http://FirstBaptistAledo.com).
- Listen to WRMJ 102.3 at 10:15am on the 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays & at 5:10pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays.
- Download our New Church App by texting *fbcaledo app* to 77977.
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*Love Christ.*

*Love Others.*

*Think Biblically!*