

F B C NEWS!



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Pastor's Perspective

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. – Psalm 42:1-2a

If you've been attending First Baptist for more than a few years, you know that we have a strong partnership with Life Action Ministries. We utilize their camp in Michigan multiple times each year for family camp, men's retreats, women's retreats, and father/son retreats. We've had revival teams come here to lead weeks of services every few years as well, which they call a Summit. We were planning on hosting another Summit this month, but due to the situation with coronavirus concerns, we thought it best to reschedule. Hosting the Life Action team has been postponed, but our need and desire for revival/refreshing has not. We are thirsty for God. So, while we might not have nightly worship services led by a team of missionaries, we are still seeking revival. October is full of opportunities to connect with the Lord at First Baptist Church.

Sunday school has been on hiatus since March, but beginning in October Sunday School for all ages will begin again. October 4th is also Communion Sunday at both 8am and 10:15am services, and that same day we will host a prayer and praise service @ 6pm, full of worship and special times of prayer as we seek the Lord for healing and refreshing for our community and nation. The following Sunday 8 families will dedicate their babies to the Lord on October 11th. Please note, Oct. 11th will also be our final Sunday to have worship outdoors at 8am. And we will conclude the month with baptisms on October 25th, and a Harvest Party on October 28th. I know that's a lot to keep track of, so the details can be found in this newsletter.

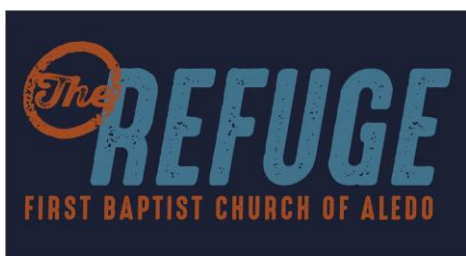
What this all points to is the wonderful working of God's Spirit. We have been through a dry and difficult time, and while it's not completely over yet, we have seen God's faithfulness, and are looking forward to more times of refreshing.

In Christ,
Pastor Luke

September
Giving Details

September Monthly Giving (through Sept 20th)
\$32,869.15

Monthly need to meet budget-\$48,599.33



Refuge High School Gathering! – We will continue to meet on Sunday evenings from 6-7:30pm at First Baptist in the Refuge Room. No need to sign up, just show up!

TACO BELL RUN FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!



*Special note about **Sunday, October 4th**-High School students are invited to go on our **Taco Bell** (Monmouth) run. Students should come to the church at 6pm for our Prayer service, then following the prayer service, we will get in the church bus (around 7pm) and head to Taco Bell. Students will need money to purchase their own food. Estimated return is 9:30pm.

Refuge Jr. High Gathering - Jr. High Refuge meets each Wednesday from 6:30pm-8pm during Wednesday Night Live. Students 6th-8th Grade are invited to come have fun, play games and dive deep into God's word! No need to sign up, just show up! ***No Wednesday Jr High gathering on October 28th.**

Questions about Refuge Student Ministry? Call Pastor Seth Bowker at 309-582-7812.



Sunday School Classes

All classes are opening up Oct., 4th from 9-10am. Families with kids in the nursery through Sr. High School attending Sunday School will need to enter the side lobby door for check-in and go straight to class. A one-time waiver needs to be on file for each family. All minors and volunteers serving minors will get their temp checked at the door. *Those attending Kids Worship after Sunday School will be taken directly to their Kids Worship classes. Pick-up will be following the 10:15am service. Please use back staircases when going upstairs to minimize congestion on main stairwell.



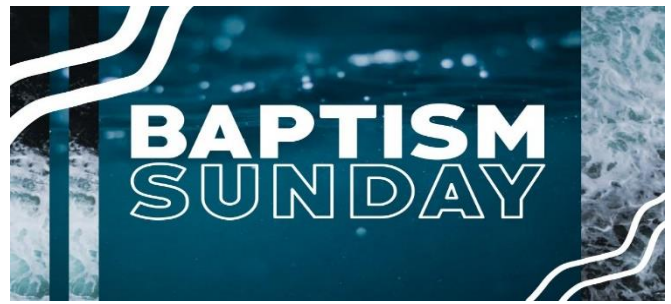
Outdoor Family Harvest Carnival

Mark your calendars for a fun, fall outing on Wednesday, Oct. 28th from 4-6pm in front of FBC. It's free & open to everybody. We're serving dinner, we'll have hayrides, lots of carnival games & candy, and a craft for the kids. Kids are welcome to wear costumes. See you there!





Sunday School for adults and kids begins Sunday, Oct. 4th at 9am. Everyone is invited to join a Sunday School Class. Class list found at firstbaptistaledo.com

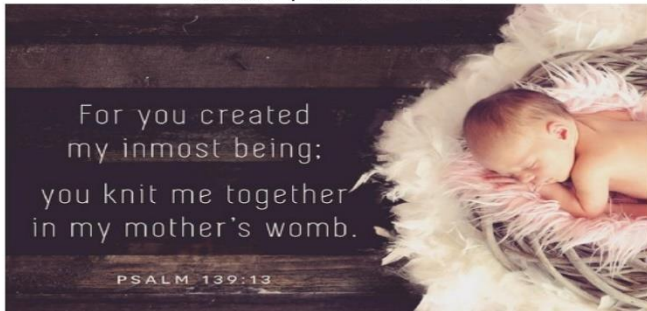


Baptism Sunday will be Sunday, Oct. 25th. Have you made that all important decision to follow Jesus and now, in a step of obedience, you would like to be baptized? If so, call the church office at 309-582-7812 or fill out Sunday's Connect Card at the bottom of the bulletin and turn it in to Pam at the information table in the lobby following Sunday's service. Pastor Seth will be in contact with you about all the baptism details.

BABY DEDICATION

"Committing Our Children To The Lord"

SUNDAY, OCT 11, 2020
8am | 10:15am



Baby Dedication Sunday

Sunday, Oct. 11th we will have a Baby Dedication Service at the 8am & 10:15am service. Weather permitting, the 8am will be an outdoor service and the 10:15am will be inside the sanctuary. Parents can select whichever service suits their family best. If you are interested in dedicating your baby to the Lord, please call the church office at 309-582-7812.

Mask Wearing Seating Section

Beginning Sunday, Oct. 4th we will have a designated seating section in the sanctuary for those individuals who are mask wearers. The area will be in the new addition and clearly marked. You may also enter and exit the northeast backdoor if you prefer.

8am Service Will Be Moving Indoors on Oct. 18th

We have had a wonderful summer of outdoor worship but the weather is changing so **SUNDAY, OCT. 11TH AT 8AM WILL BE OUR FINAL SUNDAY TO HAVE OUTDOOR WORSHIP.** Beginning Sunday, Oct. 18th the 8am service will be moved back indoors into our sanctuary.



Kids Coat Collection & Giveaway! We are collecting CHILDRENS/TEENS winter coats for the Coat Giveaway. Donations can be left in the Rubbermaid tote at the Maynard's Home-107 SW 12 Street, Aledo thru Thursday, Oct 22nd. The giveaway will take place at First Baptist Aledo in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, Oct. 22nd from 5-7pm and Sat., Oct 24th 9-11am. There are no income guidelines. Items are distributed on a first come, first served basis. Recipients **MUST** be present to receive a coat. No early distribution and 1 coat per person present.



Church Council & Quarterly Business Meeting- The Church Council will meet Tuesday, Oct. 13th at 7pm.

The FBC Quarterly Church Business Meeting will be Sunday, Oct 18th at 11:30am.



Sunday Men's 7am Breakfast is kicking back off on Sunday, Oct. 18th. The men meet downstairs in the Berean Room which can be found by walking through Fellowship Hall and the church kitchen. The FBC Men's breakfast presents an opportunity for fellowship, accountability, prayer and a hot breakfast. Free to attend, donation for the breakfast is welcome. Questions, call Kevin Ricke at 309-235-7999.



Operation Christmas Child will begin soon! O.C.C. uses gift-filled shoeboxes to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world.

Coming soon, you may pick up an empty shoebox with instructions in the church lobby! Return your filled box by Sunday, Nov. 15th along with \$5 for shipping cost (check made payable to FBC with "OCC" in the memo). The Women's Ministry team pays the remainder of the cost. Questions, see OCC Coordinator Lindsay Ricke.



All ladies are invited to the FBC Women's Retreat on Saturday, Nov. 7th from 9-11am at First Baptist. Free to attend. Please sign up online @ firstbaptistaledo.com by Sunday, Nov. 1st. No childcare provided. Snacks will be served. Questions, see Retreat Coordinators-Crystal Clark 309-339-5586 or Peggy Johnson 309-737-8441.

Coming up in November!

Thanksgiving will be here before we know it and it's time to be thinking about and making the Mercer County Initiative Thanksgiving dinner boxes. Due to the uncertainty of grocery availability, this year, we are asking that you personally buy the items for a family (or two) and drop them off at the church for us to pick up and deliver to Keithsburg. All you have to do is take the items list, purchase them and drop them off at the church. We will be accepting and storing those food items from Nov. 1st to Nov 15th. Boxes will be made on the Nov. 15th for distribution on Nov. 20th. We are planning on 75 families minimum. We need your generosity for sure! The normally prepared box contains:

Instant potatoes	1 large or 2 small boxes
Gravy packets	4 packages
Green beans	2 cans
Corn	2 cans
Mushroom soup	2 cans
Jello	2 boxes
Canned fruit	2 cans that would mix with jello
Yams	1 large can
Cranberry sauce	1 can
Pumpkin pie mix	1 can
Graham cracker pie crust	1



In the coming weeks, the shopping list will be available on the Women's Ministry Information board in the church lobby.



Join Us For

Prayer & Praise NIGHT

Sunday, Oct. 4TH

6.00PM - 7.00PM
800 NE 6th Ave. Aledo, IL

CALL 309 582 7812 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Website: www.FirstBaptistAledo.com

Prayer and Praise Night is Sunday, October 4th @ 6pm. 2 Chronicles 7:14 declares: "If my people, who are called by my Name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and forgive their sin and heal their land." First Baptist Church will host a night of prayer and praise as we lift up our nation to the Lord. We will spend time praising God for His goodness and faithfulness, and in prayer as we seek His power and direction for our nation.



A Note From Pam About Pastor Appreciation Month!

In case you have forgotten, October is Pastor Appreciation Month. 2020 has been a tough year for all of us, the FBC pastoral staff included. I can tell you, first hand, that they have worked harder than ever before to keep us all connected and growing in our faith during this difficult time. I encourage you to honor them by sending a card or letter with encouraging words of appreciation.



I am also pleased to tell you that on Sunday, Oct. 25th we will be honoring Mollie for 10 years of service at First Baptist! We look forward to celebrating Mollie's faithfulness to our kids!

Cards can be addressed to: **Luke & Mollie Dunn:** 612 N. College Ave. Aledo, IL 61231

Seth & Denise Bowker: 503 NE 6th Ave. Aledo, IL 61231

Or, you may leave your card or letter with me at the church office and I will get them to our Pastors. ~ Pam

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- Our 8am service will be outside on our front lawn through Oct. 11th. (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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